

March Newsletter 2024



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BCA Principal	David Topp

Pastor's Perspective

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

"So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say

this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?” Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.” Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” Pilate said to him, “What is truth?””

(John 18:33-38)

Our Mid-Week services have been focusing on this theme, *“What is Truth?”*. Without truth, everyone would be walking aimlessly without any purpose or direction. How can you discern truth from falseness? Is there such a thing as absolute truth?

In Christ, there is not darkness at all. He is the light of the world. Light guides us and helps us see things clearly. This is exactly why Jesus came into the world, even though the world did not know him. The world is full of evil and falsities. In fact, many things can be false, but only one thing can be right. The prince of this world offers up so many different ideas about God and humanity. Is God who he says he is? Are humans born into sin? These are questions the devil throws at us, as he did with our first parents.

The scripture readings for our Mid-Week services focus on the truth and the reason why Jesus came into the world. God’s truth is sealed in Jesus Christ. We visibly see that with the crucifixion of our Lord and Savior

Jesus Christ. God speaks and backs his word up with an action.

Jesus is the truth (and the way, and the life). We can trust in him alone for our salvation. It is the reason he rose on Easter, to show us that God is not a liar. He has power over life and death. Has power over the devil. And has power over sin.

The church will always be a place of truth, and where Christ is present in his Word and Sacraments. Since we are of the truth, we listen to our Savior's voice every Sunday.

God bless you during this Lententide.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

Principal's Perspective

“Don't aim for success” . . .

Chapters 22 and 23 in Luke describe the events leading up to Jesus dying for us. Jesus lived out this David Frost quote, “Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.” Jesus, his Father and the Holy Spirit loves us, believes in us and that love was seen with Jesus on the cross. I don't know if Jesus was thinking in terms of success, but his act and commitment to doing the will of his father was very successful. We are reaping the gifts of Jesus' success.

Teaching children does not mean you will see your efforts bear fruit, or put more simply, we don't always see our success. We teach about Jesus because we love doing it and believe that it makes an eternal difference in the lives of our families. BCA is an evangelism tool of First and we are very thankful for the support we receive through prayers and words of encouragement. We are able to touch 101 students each day with the Gospel. Praise God for the opportunities!

David Topp

March Birthdays

Joel Hipp	3/1
Jimmy Savor	3/3
Colleen Schwab	3/4
Christian Dettloff	3/4
Carey Kelley	3/5
Ida Jane Larson	3/5
Frank Streufert	3/5
Paul Parker	3/6
Luke Wilkinson	3/11
Erik Johnson	3/12
Kurt Kappel	3/13
Peggy Moselage	3/15

Claudia Chiaro	3/17
Pastor Welmer	3/17
Ruthie Vinson	3/19
Judy Freer	3/20
Bill Nelson, Jr.	3/21
Pastor Pingel	3/22
Linda Schroeder	3/23
Nancy Gray	3/24
Matt Townley	3/26
Vera Yarman	3/28
Ian Randall	3/28
Tim Vines	3/31

March Anniversaries

Charlie & Cassi Parell	3/6
Stan & Vickie Puterbaugh	3/7
Craig & Teresa Curtis	3/9

David & Ashley Shamblin	3/25
Tom & Sandy Lowe	3/25

Prayer Requests

Members

- Jeff Anderson
- Joan Ashton
- Marian Fretwell
- Thompson Guy
- Ingrid Hall
- Marvin Hall
- Carolyn Kempson
- Melanie Kempson
- Ida Jane Larson
- Karen Lawson
- Walter Meyer
- Peggy Moselage
- Paul Parker
- Teresa Petty
- Pastor Pingel
- David Ratchford
- John Savor
- Zane Sherrill
- Jim & Pat Snyder
- Pat Stroud

Family of Members

- Sherry Emmer (Emmer)
- Bethany Dillard (Johnson)
- Kris Hall (Hall)
- Dusty Martin (Petty)
- Russell McMullen (McMullen)
- Avery Morkert (Morkert)
- Tim Stroud (Stroud)
- Ronnie Walker

Friends of Members

- Jane Amstutz (Streufert)
- Cindy & Mason Brewer (Anderson)
- Kayla Carrol (Griffith)
- DeGroot Family (Welmer)
- Marty Dunagan (Slaten)
- Gene & Faye Edwards (Tyson)
- Jon Freese (Gatlin)
- Charmaine Goines (Petty)
- Stella Kuhn (McMullen)
- Raul & Rosalie Marquez (Stephens)
- Dottie Neuf (Morkert)

Bonnie Blair (Nance)
Curtis Baker (Baker)
Thomas Caines (Lowe)
Sheryl Caylor (Lawson)
Page Dover (Stroud)
Doug Emmer (Emmer)

Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Diane Robinette (Fisher)
Elsie Roessel (Meissner)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel

Wednesday Lenten Services @7:00 PM

Feb. 21 – A Godly Presence (Numbers 23:18-24)

Feb. 28 – Harsh Tone (Galatians 4:8-20)

Mar. 6 – A Proven Shield (Proverbs 30:1-9)

Mar. 13 – A Spiritual Blessing (Ephesians 1:3-14)

Mar. 20 – A Voice (John 18:33-38)

Supper will be served beginning at 5:30 pm prior to each
Lenten Service.

Holy Week 2024

March 25-31

Monday: Noon Prayer Service

Tuesday: Noon Prayer Service

Wednesday: Noon Prayer Service

Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm Divine Service

Good Friday: 7:00 pm Chief Service

Easter Sunday, March 31: Regular Services

No Sunday School or Bible Class, but join us for an

Easter Sunday, March 31: Easter Brunch and
an Easter Egg Hunt between services.

EASTER LILIES

Help decorate our sanctuary for Easter
with your purchase of an Easter Lily
in Honor of, in Celebration of,
or in Memory of a loved one.

\$12 per plant

Part of the proceeds go to the Food Pantry.

You may take your plant(s) home,
following the worship service
on Easter Sunday.

The deadline for ordering is March 10, 2024



Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday:
Children through 6th grade are invited to join in the fun. Please help by donating individually wrapped candy, small toys, change, stickers, etc. All donations must be in by Palm Sunday. For more info please call or text Sheli Baker, 423-580-9922.



CURRENT STATUS 2/23/24

ORGAN RESTORATION PROJECT UPDATE #1

It's a little difficult to see, but a great amount of work has been accomplished on the organ restoration and enhancements project.

From the sanctuary, if you look up to where the pipes used to be, you may notice we currently have a pipeless organ. And if you look on the other side where the organist console was, you will see that it isn't there.

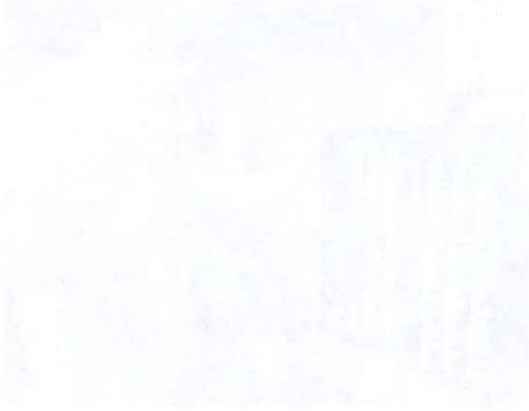
The pipes, in various lengths, types and diameters create that sound that is unique to organs. The individual pipes have been removed and are currently being repaired and cleaned. Devices called



regulators are used to control the air pressure that goes into each pipe. The repairs to the regulators will make the organ tone steady and unwavering.

The pipes fit into wooden air chests which are being cleaned internally and resealed to make them airtight. New, special screws with compression springs are being used to assemble the air chests to compensate for shrinkage and expansion of the wood.

The technicians and designers at Barger and Nix Organs are also working in their shop to assemble new computerized components for the console to bring the technology up to date. Future repairs and corrections will be less frequent and easier to accomplish.



It is currently estimated that the repairs will be complete in early summer. If you would like to contribute to the organ restoration fund, please mail your check to the office (2800 McCallie Ave. Chattanooga, TN 37404) and note "organ repair" on the check.



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

OUTSIDE WORKDAY this Friday, March 2, 9am-1pm. Come help clean up the lower and upper lots. Bring your chainsaws & weeders!



**BCA Inside/Outside Workday
this Saturday, March 2, 9am-1pm.**

**Tasks:
Exterior Pressure Washing
Landscaping
Trimming/pruning
Inside Painting**

**If you have a pressure washer, paint
brushes, weed-eater, trimmer,
etc. please bring them.**

U E Friday Night SOCIAL



CRAFT AXE
THROWING

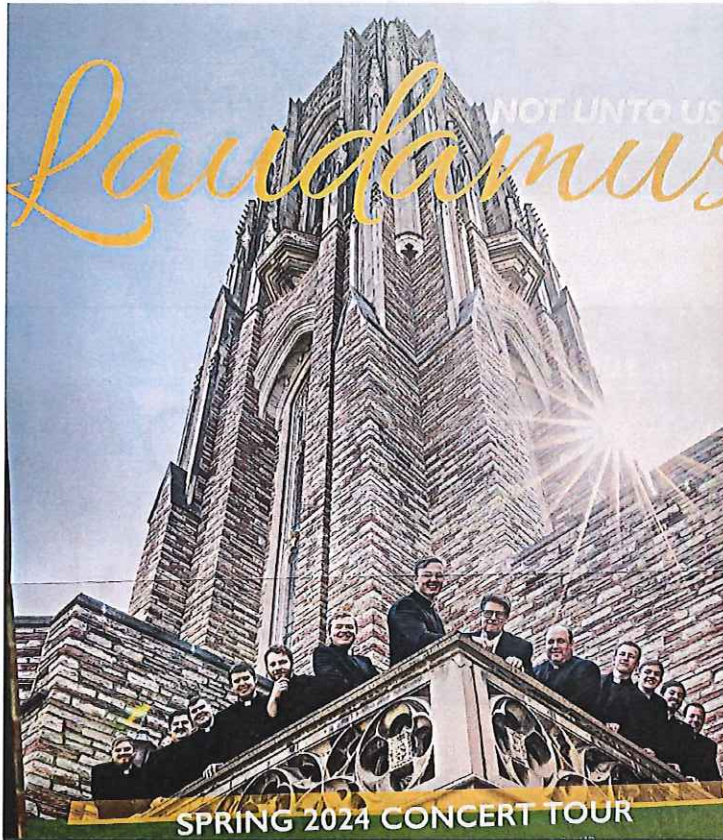
FRIDAY
MARCH 15
7PM

Using axes and other throwing items, take aim at the target and nail the bullseye!
While you play, local craft beers are available at the bar.

\$25 per person for 1-hour of throwing (plus any beverage purchases).

Sign up by **March 10th** in the Narthex

You will pay individually at the venue.



March 17 at 5 PM

The Laudamus
Spring 2024
Concert Tour will be
performing at
First Lutheran.

To Learn more:

CSL.EDU.LAUDAMUS

Ladies Group



Ladies' Fellowship continues
on Thursday, March 21 at
Portofino's Restaurant in East
Ridge. Join us at 6 PM for
good food and fellowship.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship continues
on Thursday, March 21 at Rib
& Loin on Brainerd

Road. Join us at 6:30 PM for
good food and fellowship.

Thursday, March 14 @ 10:00 AM

All women of our congregation are
invited to attend our monthly meetings in
the FLC Fellowship Hall.



**Church Camp Work Day
with Lunch
Saturday, March 30
9:00-3:00**



GRACE
mercy
PEACE



Lutheran Women in Mission
PRAYER SERVICE 2024

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024 ~ 3:00 PM

at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Fellowship, food, and refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

The members of First Lutheran Church have been invited to join in this Lands of Luther Tour. There are flyers in the narthex with more information, or contact Nancy Gray or Pastor Welmer.

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL
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25TH ANNIVERSARY
LANDS OF LUTHER TOUR

11 DAYS: JULY 9 - 19, 2024

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BCA

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BCA February Dates to Remember

Feb. 16 – BCA's 4th Annual Fun Run

Feb. 19 – BCA closed for Presidents' Day

National Lutheran Schools Week

March 4-8

Monday

Neon Day Shine your light and look extra BRIGHT!

Tuesday

Career Day Dress as what you want to be when you grow up.

Wednesday

Wacky Wednesday

Go ALL OUT with clothes in crazy patterns/prints/colors, wacky hair, wild hats - the crazier the better!

Thursday

Art Show - 6-7 pm

Artist Day

Be a painter, musician, or art piece.

Friday

Dress to Impress Day

Grandparents Day Program

11:00 am dismissal



BCA Reached \$26,094 in Total Pledges!

Congratulations to these Top 10 Pledgers for all of their efforts (and their family's efforts!) for helping us raise such an amazing amount!

Alex Roe, 4th grade (\$3,026)

Everly Webb, 2nd grade (\$1,265)

Lucas Barber, 2nd grade (\$1,005)

Jackson Barber, 5th grade (\$985)

Oliver Harr, 5th grade (\$870)

Nyx Lewis, 1st grade (\$851)

Levi Hughes, 8th grade (\$700)

KK Bryson, 1st grade (\$640)


Stratton & Thompson Guy (tied with \$570 each), 7th/8th grade

Brayden Wixom, 3rd grade (\$570)



Food Fight! Top Ten Fun Run Pledgers vs. Principal Topp! So much fun this afternoon with the Fun Run Food Fight! Thank you again, top

pledgers for helping us raise \$25,000! And thank you, Principal Topp, for being such a great sport and food target!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 3rd Sunday in Lent (Oculi) LWML Mite Box 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	4	5 11:00 Food Pantry	6 12:00 Al-Anon 5:30 Supper 6:00 Confirm. Class 7:00 Lenten Service	7	8	9 9-12 Flower Beds Work Day
10 4th Sunday in Lent (Laetare) Easter Lily Order Deadline 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	11 6:00 BCA Board	12 11:00 Food Pantry Meetings: 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Evangelism 7:00 Elders 7:30 Christian Ed	13 12:00 Al-Anon 5:30 Supper 6:00 Confirm. Class 7:00 Lenten Service	14 10:00 LWML	15 7:00 Friday Night Social: Axe Throwing	16
17 5th Sunday in Lent (Judica) 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Voters Meeting 11:00 Divine Service 5:00 Landamus Concert	18 7:00 Church Council Meeting 	19 10:00 Quilters 11:00 Food Pantry	20 12:00 Al-Anon 5:30 Supper 6:00 Confirm. Class 7:00 Lenten Service	21 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin	22	23
24 Palm Sunday Food Pantry Offering 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	25 Monday in Holy Week 12:00 Service	26 Tuesday in Holy Week 11:00 Food Pantry 12:00 Service	27 Wednesday in Holy Week 12:00 Al-Anon 12:00 Service	28 Maundy Thursday 7:00 Divine Service	29 Good Friday 7:00 Chief Service	30 Holy Saturday 9-3 Camp Workday with Lunch
31 Easter 8:30 Divine Service Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 Divine Service			MARCH 2024			

You can also click [here](#) to see what's happening on FLC website calendar or pick up a printed copy at the church.

March Sunday Worship Assistants

[March 3 8:30](#)

Pianist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Frank Streufert
 Jeff Anderson

[March 3 11:00](#)

Pianist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Charlie Simmons
 Assistants Yarman Team

Ushers Tony Seiberlich
David Topp
Altar Team Ted & Janet Ryan
Lector Janice Meissner

Ushers Freer Team
Altar Team Carla Brooks
Lector Susan Johnson
Acolyte Ayhla Powers
Nursery April Gatlin

March 10 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistants Frank Streufert
Jeff Anderson
Ushers Oscar Kelley
Ralph Meissner
Altar Team Connie Uffalussy
Lector Frank Streufert

March 10 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Jordan Halabrin
Assistants Yarman Team
Ushers Freer Team
Altar Team Carla Brooks
Lector Matt Townley
Acolyte Eradesa Stroud
Nursery Sarah Barber

March 17 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistant Jim Post
Elders Steve Kempson
Ushers Tony Seiberlich
Jeremy Miller
Altar Team Connie Uffalussy
Lector Steve Kempson

March 17 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Eric Turner
Assistants Yarman Team
Ushers Freer Team
Altar Team Jodie Hyde
Lector Linda Schroeder
Acolyte Madeline Medeiros
Nursery Chelsea S. Miller

March 24 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistant Jim Post
Steve Kempson
Ushers Oscar Kelley
David Topp

March 24 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Charlie Simmons
Assistants Yarman Team
Ushers Freer Team
Altar Team Gary Tallant
Lector Tina Nance

Altar Team	Ralph Meissner
Lector	David Galik

Acolyte	Audrey Hipp
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller

March 31 8:30

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jeff Anderson Steve Kempson
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich Ralph Meissner
Altar Team	Ralph Meissner
Lector	Ralph Meissner

March 31 11:00

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Freer Team
Altar Team	Gary Tallant
Lector	Tina Nance
Acolyte	Eradesa Stroud
Nursery	Sarah Barber

March Holy Week Worship Assistants

Maundy Thursday
March 28 7:00 pm

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Ushers	Freer Team
Live Stream	Jordan/Adam
Assistants	Yarman Team
Altar Team	Ralph Meissner
Live Stream	Jordan/Adam
Acolyte	Jackson Barber
Nursery	Ashley Shamblin

Good Friday
March 29 7:00 pm

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Jordan/Adam
Ushers	Freer Team
Acolyte	Ayhla Powers
Nursery	April Gatlin



Website

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