



Church Staff

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Pastor's Perspective

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

“Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.” So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.””

(Ezekiel 37:5-10)

This is the day the Lord is preparing for us, the day of the Resurrection. It is a day where we will stand with the patriarch Job and proclaim with him, that “I know that my Redeemer lives.” (Job 19:25). Are we excited for it? Do we prepare for it on a daily basis?

Our earthly lives are consumed by sin, and it is hard to keep focus on our Resurrection Day. We get distracted by the cares of the world, but make no mistake, the Resurrection is coming. It is a day we move closer to each day we get up in the morning.

One day we will stand as an exceedingly great army of the Lord. Our physical bodies will be perfected and glorified. The breath of eternal life

shall enter us. Thanks be to God that Christ has provided his physical body for our redemption. He let his body be pierced for our transgressions on the cross. And it is his physical body that arises on Easter.

Ours will rise too. We have our reward of eternal life in Christ. The rattle of our bones arising from the grave on the last day will be a joyous noise for the angels in Heaven. Until then, we come to the Lord on Sunday morning to keep us steadfast in the one true faith through his Word and Sacrament. This is how we stay prepared for the day of the Resurrection.

May you have a happy Easter Season!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Welmer

April Birthdays

Noel Wilkinson	4/2
Janet Ryan	4/3
Jim Avriett	4/4
Christine Post	4/4
Barbara Wright	4/4
Bill Wright	4/7
Jim Post	4/9
Lucas Barber	4/10
Michael Galik	4/10
Kathy Fisher	4/11

Josephine Weseloh	4/15
Vickie Puterbaugh	4/17
Miriam Schlie	4/18
Ingrid Hall	4/20
Luke Barber	4/20
Robert Hyde	4/21
Shari Kappel	4/22
Madeline Gatlin	4/23
Nancy Morkert	4/24
Jodie Hyde	4/25

Connie Uffalussy 4/12
Leland Dettloff 4/12
Stratton Guy 4/15
Oscar Kelley 4/15

Edeltraud Parker 4/26
Paula Tallant 4/28
Eradesa Stroud 4/29

April Anniversaries

Eric & Sandy Turner 4/3

Rick & Debbie Sparks 4/25

Prayer Requests

Members

Jeff Anderson
Joan Ashton
Scott Bumgardner
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

Sherry Emmer (Emmer)
Bethany Dillard (Johnson)
Tom Eichenberg Family
Kris Hall (Hall)
Joe Kybartas (Uffalussy)
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)

Pastor Pingel
David Ratchford
John Savor
Zane Sherrill
Jim & Pat Snyder
Pat Stroud

Family of Members

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

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)
Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Elsie Roessel (Meissner)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel
Kay Wise (Nance)



LWML Christian Life Workshop

April 20, 2024 9:30a

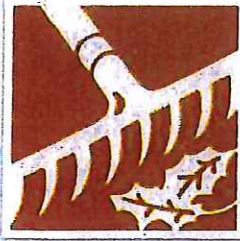
**2800 McCallie Ave,
Chattanooga, TN**

Spring

The LWML Chattanooga Zone's Spring Event will be hosted by First Lutheran of Chattanooga this year. Please join us at 9:30am for coffee and registration, meeting starts at 10am with devotions. Our speaker is Mr. Stan Jones from The Chattanooga Rescue Mission. "It is their goal to share God's saving grace with their guests." They find "there are needy individuals who come to the Mission door but do not stay with us. Sharing a snack bag with them may be the first step in making a positive impact on their lives." We will be assembling 360 Blessing Snack bags for the Chattanooga Rescue Mission's Food Bag Ministry. Lunch to follow.

Sponsored by the
LWML Chattanooga
Zone and Thrivent





WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

OUTSIDE WORKDAY Saturday, April 6, 9am-1pm. Come help clean up the lower and upper lots. Bring your chainsaws & weeders!

FIRST LUTHERAN BOWLING LEAGUE!

Sundays from 6-8 PM, beginning April 7, for 8 weeks
Sparetime on Brainerd Road
\$70 check or cash to First Lutheran due by April 7



Contact Nancy Gray to
sign up your team of 4!
423-298-3418

Ladies Group

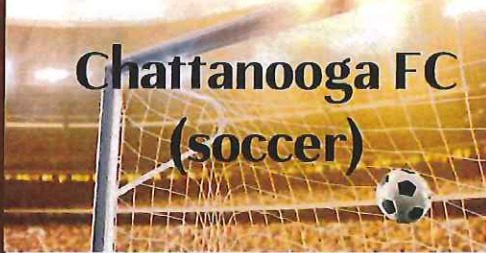


Ladies' Fellowship continues
on Thursday, April 18 at
Portofino's Restaurant in East
Ridge. Join us at 6 PM for
good food and fellowship.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

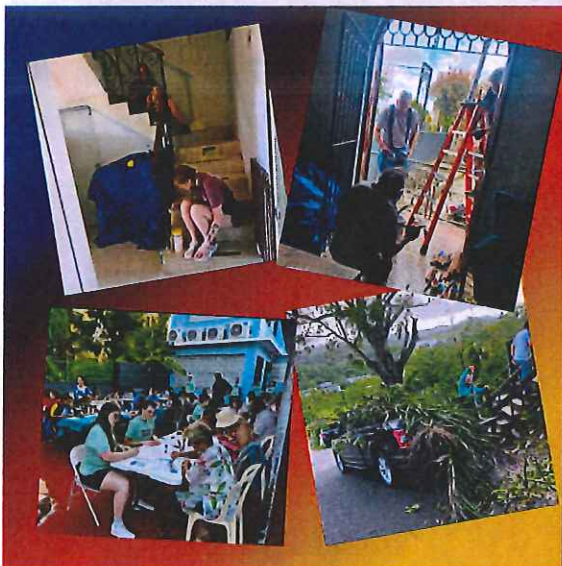
Men's Fellowship continues on Thursday, April 18 at Rib & Loin on Brainerd Road. Join us at 6:30 PM for good food and fellowship.

Chattanooga FC (soccer)




Join First Lutheran for a family outing at Finley Stadium on Saturday, May 4 at 5 pm with fan experience for kids!

Limited tickets, \$5 each. Cash/check to First Lutheran with "Congregational Activities" in memo line. Deadline to register and pay is Sunday April 21. Contact Nancy Gray with any questions.



As you are aware, we help support the LCMS Mission churches in Puerto Rico. We will be sending a short Term Team next March. For more information [click here](#).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Easter Monday</i>	2 <i>Easter Tuesday</i> 11:00 Food Pantry	3 <i>Easter Wednesday</i> 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	4	5	6 9-12 Flower Beds Work Day
7 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	8 6:00 BCA Board	9 11:00 Food Pantry <u>Meetings:</u> 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Elders 7:30 Christian Ed	10 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	11 10:00 LWML	12	13
14 <i>Third Sunday of Easter (Misericordias Domini)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	15 7:00 Church Council Meeting 	16 10:00 Quilters 11:00 Food Pantry	17 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	18 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin	19	20 9-3 Camp Workday w/Lunch 9:30 LWML Spring Christian Workshop
Pastor Welmer on vacation						
21 <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)</i> Food Pantry Offering 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	22	23 11:00 Food Pantry	24 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	24	26	27 4:00 Brooks/ Montgomery Wedding
Pastor Welmer on vacation						
28 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter (Cantate)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	29	30		APRIL 2024		

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

April Sunday Worship Assistants

[April 7 8:30](#)

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jeff Anderson Frank Streufert
Ushers	Oscar Kelley Kirk Pacenti
Altar Team	Ted & Janet Ryan
Lector	Janice Meissner

[April 7 11:00](#)

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Jordan Halabrin
Assistants	Townley Team
Ushers	Yarman Team
Altar Team	Carla Brooks
Lector	Kirk Pacenti
Acolyte	Madeline Medeiros
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller

April 14 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistants Jeff Anderson
Frank Streufert
Ushers Ralph Meissner
Jeremy Miller
Altar Team Marie Townley
Lector Joyce Enloe

April 14 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Erik Turner
Assistants Townley Team
Ushers Yarman Team
Altar Team Carla Brooks
Lector Sarah Barber
Acolyte Audrey Hipp
Nursery Ashley Shamblin

April 21 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistants Steve Kempson
Jim Post
Ushers Tony Seiberlich
David Topp
Altar Team Ralph Meissner
Lector David Topp

April 21 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Adam Weidman
Assistants Townley Team
Ushers Yarman Team
Altar Team Jodie Hyde
Lector John Moselage
Acolyte Jackson Barber
Nursery April Gatlin

April 28 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistants Steve Kempson
Jim Post
Ushers Oscar Kelley
Kurt Pacenti
Altar Team Connie Uffalussy
Lector Lynda Galik

April 28 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Charlie Simmons
Assistants Townley Team
Ushers Yarman Team
Altar Team Gary Tallant
Lector Lisa Randall
Acolyte Ayhla Powers
Nursery Sarah Barber