

May Newsletter 2024



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BCA Principal	David Topp

Pastor's Perspective

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

*For everything there is a season, and a time for every
matter under heaven:
a time to be born, and a time to die;
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
a time to kill, and a time to heal;
a time to break down, and a time to build up;
a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones
together;
a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
a time to seek, and a time to lose;
a time to keep, and a time to cast away;
a time to tear, and a time to sew;
a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
a time to love, and a time to hate;
a time for war, and a time for peace.*

(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Solomon shows us here that nothing stays the same in this world. The pendulum always swings. We learn that there are times of Feast, and times of Famine. When everything is going well, we tend to take it for granted and then the season changes for the worse. When things are not so great, we

anxiously wait for the season to change for the better.

We know that God never changes. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). When things are not so good in this world, we look to God and pray unceasingly that he works things out for good. When things are going great, we give thanks to God for his blessings. Because he is constant, we can trust in him above all things.

We know that our Lord Christ suffered, died, and rose from the dead at the appropriate time and season. Through him we have eternal life which is a season that lasts forever when this world passes away.

Until the day of the resurrection, we remember the petition of the Lord's Prayer, "*Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*" As we are in the Easter Season, we look forward to our Lord's return and our own resurrection.

May the peace of the Lord be upon you always.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Welmer

Principal's Perspective

**Psalm 119:105 ESV Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.**

Improvement comes in many forms and this past month BCA/Lutheran School completed a year long self-study about what we do, how we do it and our facilities. Our ministry team earned a score of 2.85 up from our 2.71 score 5 years ago. This does not seem like a big improvement, but it is. We have also seen growth in our student population from the 64 student body 5 yrs ago to 102 students we have today. God has blessed BCA/Lutheran School in so many ways.

Elbert Hubbard made this statement: “Pray that success will not come any faster than you are able to endure it.” and that is my prayer. We want God’s word to light our path as we move forward with intention and deliberate steps. Our next step is looking at our successes and areas of improvement, using this information to map out our path for the next 5 years.

Sharing Christ's light is our primary mission and guides us in making disciples, exercising conflict resolution and promoting relationship restoration with our team, students and families. We are excited with the support of First Lutheran in this vital mission of our church.

Shine Jesus Shine,

David Topp

May Birthdays

Beth True	5/1
Teresa Curtis	5/2
Matt Guy	5/4
Deb Fuhrman-Smith	5/4
Michelle Bumgardner	5/6
Lynda Galik	5/6
Karen Savor	5/11
Nathan Schlie	5/14
Jeff Anderson	5/15
Ralph Meissner	5/15
Jo Ratchford	5/15

Cassi Parell	5/16
Nicole Miskel	5/16
Brystol Kilberg	5/17
David Shamblin	5/18
Jason Medeiros	5/21
Debbie Pfitzer	5/23
Carla Brooks	5/24
Kaelin Ledding	5/25
Katie Seiberlich	5/30
Jamie Tyson	5/30
Ed Vinson	5/31

May Anniversaries

	Yrs Married		
Rick & Dari Selcer	25	Anniversary	5/1
Scott & Sarah Stroud	26	Anniversary	5/2
Oscar & Ann Kelley	52	Anniversary	5/6
Charlie & Sonja Shamblin	50	Anniversary	5/18

Josh & Leslie Lewis	3	Anniversary	5/19
David & Kathy Kulisek	48	Anniversary	5/22
Robert & Gwen Campbell	51	Anniversary	5/26

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

Bonnie Blair (Nance)

Austin Martin (Petty)

Dusty Martin (Petty)

McMullen Family

Avery Morkert (Morkert)

Tim Stroud (Stroud)

Jo Vail (Vail)

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)

Lisa Hearn (Cox)

Kleinpeter Family (Welmer)

Stella Kuhn (McMullen)

Mia Marine (Bumgardner)

Raul & Rosalie Marquez
(Stephens)

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

Dottie Neuf (Morkert)
Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Elsie Roessel (Meissner)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel
Mike & Becky Whified
(Bumgardner)



INSIDE/OUTSIDE
CHURCH WORK DAY
Saturday, May 4
beginning at 9:00 a.m.

**First Lutheran's family outing at
Finley Stadium is Saturday,
May 4 at 5:00 pm.**

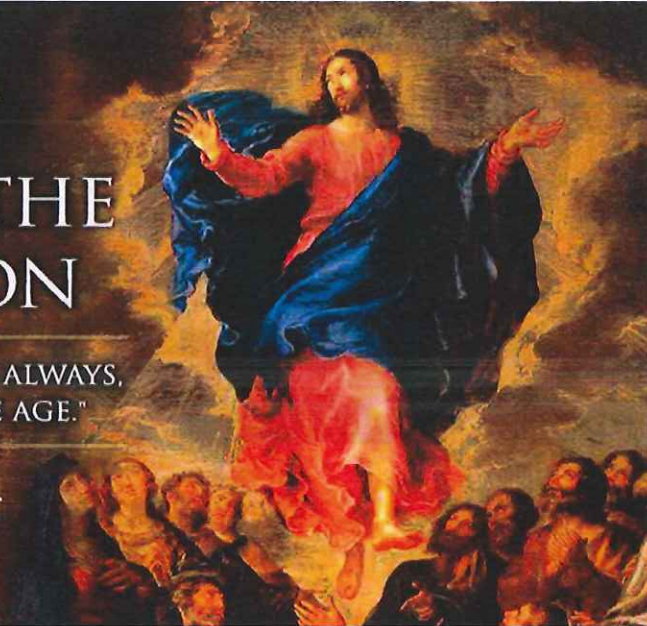


May 9, 2024

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

Join us at 6:00 pm for
our Divine service.



**Saturday, May 11 from 9-12 is
Flower Beds Work Day!**



Ladies Group

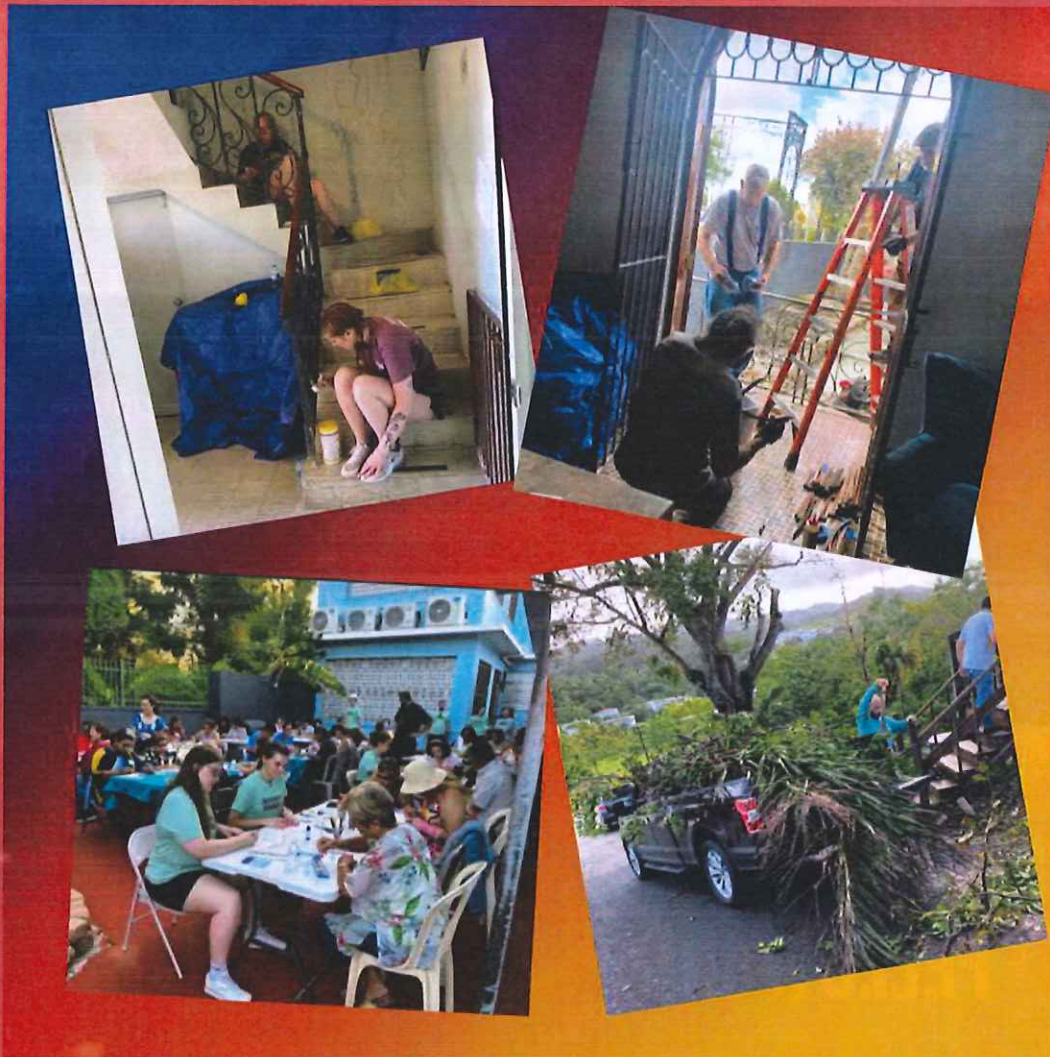


Ladies' Fellowship continues on Thursday, May 16 at Portofino's Restaurant in East Ridge. Join us at 6 PM for good food and fellowship.

**MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP**

Men's Fellowship continues on Thursday, May 16 at Rib & Loin on Brainerd Road. Join us at 6:30 PM for good food and fellowship.

Informational Meeting Tuesday, May 21 at 6:30
with Pastor Welmer for those interested in our Short
Term Team (STT) mission trip to Puerto Rico March
19-26, 2025. Please let the office know you are
coming. office@first4u.org or sign up on the sheet in
the narthex.



As you are aware, we help support the LCMS mission churches in
Puerto Rico. You can follow them on Facebook at:

Iglesia Lutherana Fuente de Vida Ponce (aka Fountain of Life)
Iglesia Lutherana Cordero de Dios Bayamon (aka Lamb of God)
Iglesia Lutherana Principe de Paz Mayaguez (aka Prince of
Peace)

Save the Dates!

Fun Day at Camp

Sunday, June 2, after the second service.

FNS (Friday Night Social)

Friday, June 14 at 7:00 at the Lookouts Game

Please consider giving...



Teaching Music Classes



... to our Puerto Rico-FORO Mission.

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BCA

Serving Infants - 8th grade in Chattanooga since 1887.

www.bcalions.org

Dates to Remember ~ May 2024

- May 1 - 3 - Middle School trip to Memphis (5th - 8th grade)
- May 6 - 10 – Teacher-Staff Appreciation Week
- May 21 - PK4 Graduation - 9 a.m. – BCA gymnasium
- May 22 - Field Day for PK3 - 8th grade
- May 24 - 8th grade Graduation at Good Shepherd
Lutheran Church

Weekly STEM class with Mrs. Randall - "Pollen Collectors" - The second and third graders constructed a handheld pollinator to see how they can transfer the most pollen to a flower, constructed with coffee filters, Kool-Aid mix and other common items to help them be creative!



Budding Authors! Mrs. Sara's Pre-K4 and Mrs. Wares' kindergarteners created special keepsake books, complete with their own words and illustrations.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 2024			1 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	2 12:00 Evangelism Meeting at Armando's on Lee Hwy	3	4 9:00 Outside Workday 5:00 Chatt. FC vs Orlando (Soccer)
5 <i>6th Sunday of Easter (Rogate)</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	6	7	8 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	9 <i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> 10:00 LWML 6:00 Divine Service	10	11 9-12 Flower Beds Work Day
12 <i>7th Sunday of Easter (Exaudi)</i> Happy Mothers' Day! 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service with Baptism 6:00 Bowling	13 6:00 BCA Board Meeting	14 10:00 Quilters 11:00 Food Pantry <u>Meetings:</u> 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Elders 7:30 Christian Ed	15 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	16 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin	17	18
19 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>New Member Sunday</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service w/New Members & Reception following 6:00 Bowling	20 <i>Pentecost</i> <i>Monday</i> <i>Jane Newsletter</i> <i>deadline</i> 7:00 Church Council Meeting	21 <i>Pentecost Tuesday</i> 11:00 Food Pantry 6:00 <u>Short Term</u> <u>Team Meeting</u>	22 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	23	24	25
26 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> Food Pantry Offering 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28	29 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study 6:00 Confirm. Class	30		

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

May Sunday Worship Assistants

May 5 8:30

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jeff Anderson Frank Streufert
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich Jeremy Miller
Altar Team	Connie Uffalussy
Lector	Janice Meissner

May 5 11:00

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Jordan Halabrin
Assistants	Freer Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Altar Team	Jordan Halabrin
Lector	Susan Johnson
Acolyte	Audrey Hipp
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller

May 12 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistants Jeff Anderson
Frank Streufert
Ushers Ralph Meissner
David Topp
Altar Team Ralph Meissner
Lector Frank Streufert

May 12 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Erik Turner
Assistants Freer Team
Ushers Townley Team
Altar Team Jodie Hyde
Lector Matt Townley
Acolyte Jackson Barber
Nursery Ashley Shamblin

May 19 8:30

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

May 19 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Adam Weidman
Assistants Freer Team
Ushers Townley Team
Altar Team Jordan Halabrin
Lector Linda Schroeder
Acolyte Ayhla Powers
Nursery April Gatlin

May 26 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
Assistants Steve Kempson
Jim Post
Ushers Oscar Kelley
Kirk Pacenti
Altar Team Connie Uffalussy

May 26 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Charlie Simmons
Assistants Freer Team
Ushers Townley Team
Altar Team Gary Tallant
Acolyte Eradesa Stroud
Nursery Sarah Barber

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