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September Newsletter 2024



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

*The proverbs of Solomon, son of David, king of Israel:
To know wisdom and instruction,
to understand words of insight,
to receive instruction in wise dealing,*

*in righteousness, justice, and equity;
to give prudence to the simple,
knowledge and discretion to the youth—
Let the wise hear and increase in learning,
and the one who understands obtain guidance,
to understand a proverb and a saying,
the words of the wise and their riddles.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 1:1-7

Solomon's words still provide guidance for us today. For us to do well in our vocations, we study to become more learned and wiser. The same should be applied to our faith. How often do we fall into temptation to not say our prayers at night or miss a devotion in the morning?

If we fall into such temptation, then we are despising the word of the Lord. His word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. (Psalm 119:105) God's word leads us to eternal life and salvation. Without it we remain in darkness and stumble in our faith journey.

Thankfully God's word is the same yesterday, today, and forever. It never changes. Even though we may fall into temptation, God's word consoles us with the knowledge that we are forgiven and received back to the Lord in that forgiveness.

The Law shows us our sin, and the Gospel shows us our Savior. God will never misdirect us or deceive us. We can lean on his word everyday of our lives knowing that his word is truth. Christ sets us on the right path

the moment we are baptized. In him alone can we have a right relationship with the Father in heaven.

God has told us and shown to us through Christ that we are saved, redeemed, and forgiven. The psalmist is confident and unapologetic in his confession. *“The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.”* (Psalm 119:160)

In this confession we fear, love, and trust God above all things (1st Commandment). Amen.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

Principal's Perspective

Vision Statement: *Belvoir Christian Academy will exceed expectations in building family relationships, spiritual growth, academic preparedness and servanthood.*

Mission Statement: *Belvoir Christian Academy makes disciples for Jesus, encourages lifelong learners, and values students in a nurturing community.*

The vision for BCA-The Lutheran School has us laser-focused on our mission and has resulted in tremendous progress towards providing value to our families and their children's development. We have endured setbacks and came out stronger than ever due to our conviction of better

things ahead. Dan Rockwell put it this way, "The possibility of progress provides positive energy." That positive energy has been felt by myself and our parents. At our last Helping Hands work day several parents shared with one of our First Lutheran volunteers that they chose BCA because the children seemed "happy" to be there. The following is a summarized list of progress suggested by Rockwell.

Progress:

1. Solve problems - What can we make better today?
2. Confront obstacles - What is holding us back?
3. Streamline processes - What slows down our vision and mission?
4. Encourage new ideas - It is our vision and mission, let's share.

I have been reflecting on this list and smile each time I reminisce about each category. I always end up with the same thought - Thank you Jesus for your divine intervention in promoting your message of words and deeds to a sinful nation through BCA's amazing team.

Praise be to the Triune God,

David Topp

September Birthdays

Levi Kempson	9/1
Rose Grob	9/3
Ed Gray	9/4
Mike Stephens	9/4
Kathy Kulisek	9/6
Bob Meyer	9/6
Carol Simmons	9/9

Lynda	9/13
Stephens	
Kristi	9/17
Ratchford	
Charity	9/20
Norman	
Patty Chewning	9/21

Tom Yarman	9/9
Gwen Meyer	9/11
Kenny Freer	9/12

Craig Curtis	9/23
Dana Streufert	9/23
Gage Baker	9/27
Tony Seiberlich	9/27
Walt Meyer	9/28
Mariann	9/28
Fretwell	
Lisa Adams	9/30

September Anniversaries

Steve & Melanie Kempson	30th	Anniversary 9/3
Ed & Nancy Gray	53rd	Anniversary 9/4
Roger & Ida Jane Larson	47th	Anniversary 9/9
Jason & Elizabeth Medeiros	13th	Anniversary 9/10
Jim & Diane Avriett	59th	Anniversary 9/11
Robby & Jamie Tyson	25th	Anniversary 9/14
Tim & Alicia Vines	12th	Anniversary 9/29
Kevin & Jodie Hyde	34th	Anniversary 9/29

Prayer Requests

Members

Jeff Anderson
 Joan Ashton
 Noelle Beck
 Marian Fretwell
 Thompson Guy
 Ingrid Hall
 Carolyn Kempson
 Ida Jane Larson

Austin Martin (Petty)
 Dusty Martin (Petty)
 Avery Morkert (Morkert)
 Michael Seiferth (Yarman)
 Tim Stroud (Stroud)
 Jo Vail (Vail)
 Ronnie Walker (Musser)

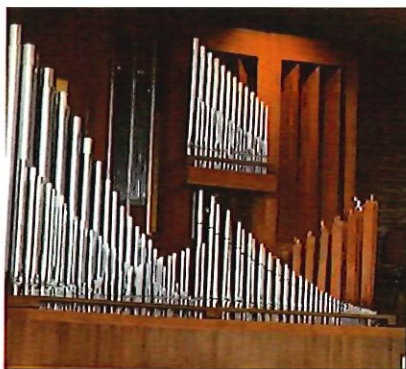
Friends of Members

Karen Lawson
Walter Meyer
Peggy Moselage
Paul Parker
Teresa Petty
Pastor Pingel
Stan Puterbaugh
David Ratchford
John Savor
Zane Sherrill
Pat Snyder
Pat Stroud

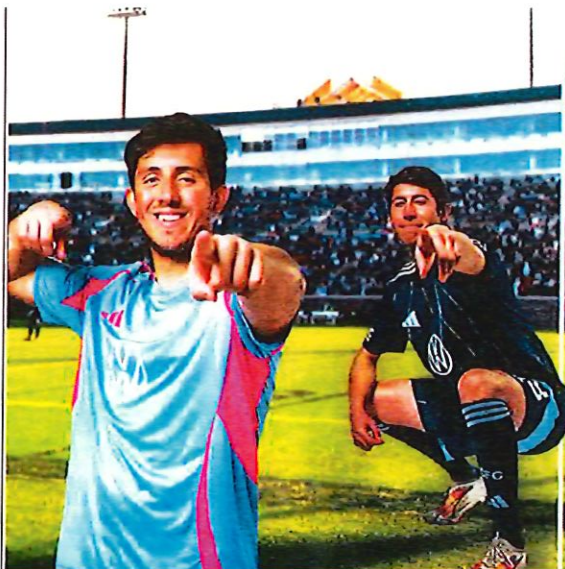
Family of Members

Bonnie Blair (Nance)
Thomas Caines (Lowe)
Sheryl Caylor (Lawson)
Page Dover (Stroud)
Doug Emmer (Emmer)
Sherry Emmer (Emmer)
Bethany Dillard (Johnson)
Freddie Fryar (Harris)
Kris Hall (Hall)
Joe Kybartas (Uffalussy)

Toni Almond (Cox)
Jane Amstutz (Streufert)
Cindy & Mason Brewer
(Anderson)
Kayla Carrol (Griffith)
Bailey Deweansbe (Harris)
Marty Dunagan (Slaten)
Gene & Faye Edwards (Tyson)
Jon Freese (Gatlin)
Gerdes Family (Welmer)
Charmaine Goines (Petty)
Kleinpeter Family (Welmer)
Stella Kuhn (McMullen)
Bern Langley (Bumgardner)
Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Elsie Roessel (Meissner)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Kathy Smith (Bumgardner)
Wallace Family (Curtis)
Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel
Becky Whitfield (Bumgardner)
Kay Wise (Nance)
Ricky Yorkes (Cox)



First Lutheran Church cordially invites you to the rededication of our organ which has been newly rebuilt by Barger & Nix. Please join us on Friday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. for a service with guest organist Paul Thomas. There will be a reception following the service.



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FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | 3 PM
FINLEY STADIUM

FC vs Columbus Crew 2

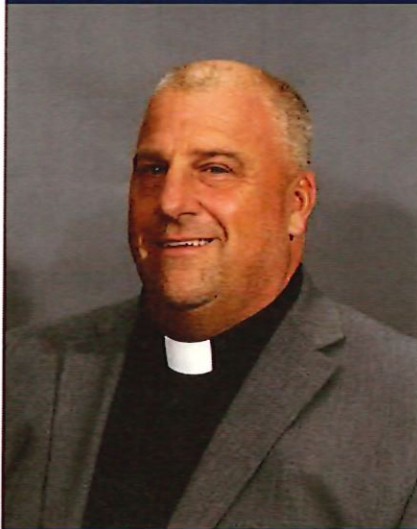
First Lutheran has a few tickets left for only \$10 each.

Please contact the church office Mon-Wed from 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. or Thurs from 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.



CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

Continuing Education Opportunity!



Standing Strong: A Biblical Response to the Present Crisis

Dr. Peter Scaer

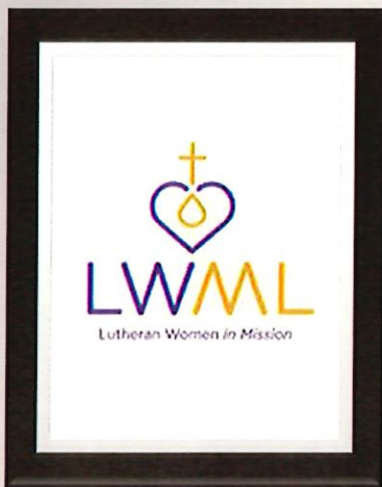
September 26-28, 2024

First Lutheran Church
2800 McCallie Ave.
Chattanooga, TN 37404

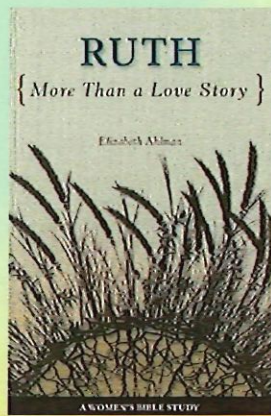
Register Today!

Please [contact Pastor Welmer](#) to register.

Flower Beds Work Day!
Saturday, September 7, from 9-12



**LWML meets the second
Thursday of each month at
10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship
Hall. All ladies of the church
are welcome.**



**PASTOR WELMER'S
LADIES' BIBLE
STUDY:
RUTH
{More Than a Love
Story}**

**Begins Tuesday, September 17, at
6:30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd and 4th
Tuesdays of each month.
Contact the office to register
and to pick up your book.**



Quilting!

The quilters meet at 10:00 on the
3rd Tuesday of every month
in the Fellowship Hall.
You are invited to come help!

Ladies Group



Ladies' Fellowship continues
on Thursday, September 19,
*at Los Potros on Ringgold
Rd.* Join us at 6 PM for good

food and fellowship, and
bring a friend!



Men's Fellowship continues
on Thursday, September 19,
at Rib & Loin on Brainerd
Road. Join us at 6:30 PM
for good food and
fellowship, and bring a
friend!

LWML Mid-South District EAST 2024 Fall Retreat Eagle Rock Camp

7143 Flats Road, Tallassee, TN 37878

www.eaglerockcamp.com

Sep. 27, 4:00 pm – Sep. 29, 10:00 am



Joy in the Journey

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good; for those who are called according to his purpose.
(Romans 8:28)*

Pick up your registration form from the church narthex, or download it
at <https://midsouthlwml.org/retreats/>



**TAKE A MINI-VACATION, HAVE A MEETING,
FAMILY REUNION, TEAM BUILDING OR CHURCH
FUNCTION AT THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
CAMP LODGE AND GROUNDS**

The Lodge

The lodge has a large gathering and dining area. Separate men's and women's sleeping quarters, large kitchen, heat and air conditioning. Bathroom and showers. Sleeps 50 or more people.

What to do

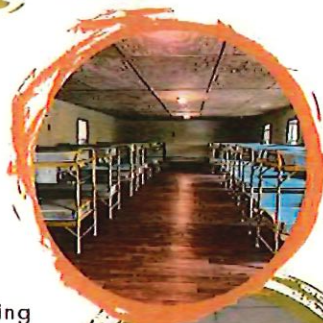
Relax by the water, fish, swim, canoe, play horseshoes, take a nature walk or do nothing.

What to bring

Bedding, towels, toiletries, floats for lake, fishing poles, food...

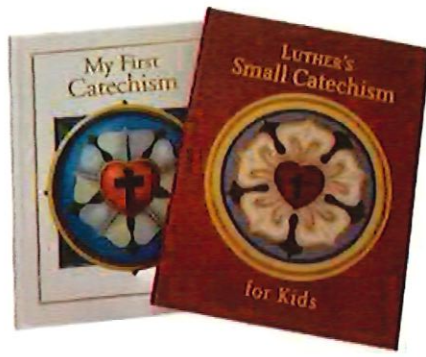
Cost

Starting at \$300 per night.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR DATES:

CALL (423) 503-8438 OR EMAIL ROBBYTYSON@AOL.COM



These two wonderful books are written for your baby or child. *Luther's Small Catechism for Kids* (ages 5+) can be read by the children themselves. *My First Catechism* is for babies and children up to 5 yrs. Please let the office know if you would like one, and which book(s) you would like.

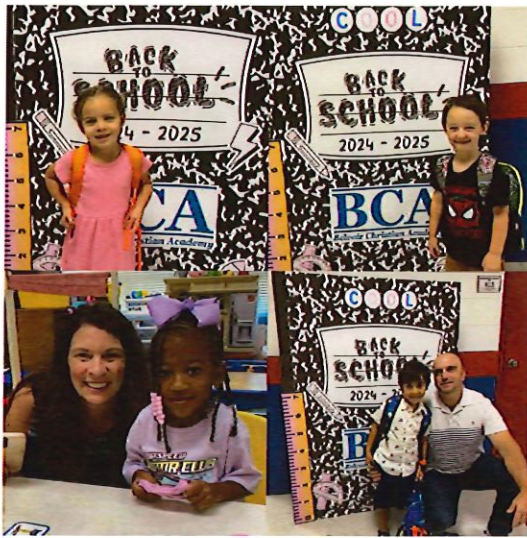
Please consider giving...



... to our Puerto Rico-FORO Mission.

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BCA



Above: Smiling Faces from the First Day of the New School Year!

Below: The new Chess Club for Pre-K3 through 8th grade students. They meet each Thursday afternoon.



The 7th-8th graders enjoyed a back-to-school camp-out at First Lutheran Camp. They had fun working on leadership and team-building skills as well as outdoor activities.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 14th Sunday after Trinity 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 11:00 Food Pantry	4 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	5 12:00 Evangelism Meet.	6 7:00 Organ Rededication	7 9-12 Flower Beds Work Day
8 15th Sunday after Trinity 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 3:00 Faith & Family Soccer Game 6:00 Bowling	9 6:00 BCA Board Meeting	10 11:00 Food Pantry Meetings: 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Elders 7:30 Christian Ed	11 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	12 10:00 LWML	13	14
15 16th Sunday after Trinity 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	16 Newsletter deadline 7:00 Church Council Meeting	17 10:00 Quilters 11:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study	18 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	19 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship, Los Potros, Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship, Rib & Loin, Brainerd	20	21
22 17th Sunday after Trinity 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Voters' Meeting 11:00 Divine Service 6:00 Bowling	23	24 11:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study	25 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	26 9-5 C.E. Course: Dr. Scaer	27 9-5 C.E. Course: Dr. Scaer LWML Fall Retreat	28 9-12 C.E. Course: Dr. Scaer LWML Fall Retreat
29 18th Sunday after Trinity Food Pantry Offering LWML Fall Retreat 9:30 Divine Service 10:45 Sunday School	30			SEPTEMBER 2024		

September Sunday Worship Assistants

September 1 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jeff Anderson
 Frank Streufert
 Ushers Oscar Kelley
 David Topp
 Altar Guild Janet Ryan
 Ted Ryan

September 1 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Eric Turner
 Assistants Yarman Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Team Carla Brooks
 Acolyte Colin Hipp
 Nursery Chelsea S. Miller

September 8 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jeff Anderson

September 8 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Adam Weidman

Frank Streufert
Ushers Tony Seiberlich
Kurt Piepenbrink
Altar Guild Michelle Bumgardner
Linda Cox

Assistants Yarman Team
Ushers Freer Team
Altar Team Jordan Halabrin
Acolyte Ayhla Powers
Nursery Ashley Shamblin

September 15 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
Assistants Steve Kempson
Jim Post
Ushers Ralph Meissner
Jeremy Miller
Altar Team Ralph Meissner

September 15 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Charlie Simmons
Assistants Yarman Team
Ushers Freer Team
Altar Team Sandy Turner
Acolyte Eradesa Stroud
Nursery Jasley Montgomery

September 22 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
Assistants Steve Kempson
Jim Post
Ushers Oscar Kelley
David Topp
Altar Team Michelle Bumgardner
Linda Cox

September 22, 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Jordan Halabrin
Assistants Yarman Team
Ushers Freer Team
Altar Team Gary Tallant
Acolyte Audrey Hipp
Nursery TBD

September 29 9:30

Organist Anna Hipp
Live Stream Eric Turner
Assistants Yarman Team
Ushers Freer Team
Altar Guild Marie Townley

Acolyte	Jackson Barber
Nursery	Janice Meissner



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