

November Newsletter 2025



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Greetings in the name of the Lord!

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

(Malachi 3:10)

Even in church, there is a budget season. For us at First Lutheran, we will be voting on the budget for 2026 in December. Malachi reminds us of the 1st Commandment. We should fear, love, and trust God above all things.

gives each individual in the congregation, to not misappropriate items or spend needlessly. Rather, we need to make sure we are using our tithes in promoting the Gospel.

All our ministries at FLC have an importance according to the proclamation of the Gospel. Monies go toward what we do on Sunday morning, to the community at large, to our District (Mid-South) to help other churches, to the building we keep, etc.

God is taking care of us here at FLC. Let us not take it for granted but keep praying to the Lord that he directs our path when it comes to setting each new year's budget...that we prepare for both feast and famine.

In this way, our children will be reminded of how to be good stewards as there will come a time when they hold the purse bag and must budget appropriately. The next generation, the little ones we see in the pews, are our future.

May the Lord bless us as we move into 2026. That we may continue to be good stewards of his gifts.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

Psalm 51:12 ESV

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

BCA/Lutheran School is focusing on our ROAR (Respect, Optimism, Accountable, Responsible) theme for character discipling with an emphasis on a growth mindset that incorporates grit and best effort every day using THINK (True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary, Kind) before you speak. Our BCA team daily engages in conversations and guidance with this as our focus.

This month I want to mention "restoration" of mind and body. As we

Devil and the world. With Thanksgiving around the corner a renewed emphasis on how we treat each other with our words and deeds must be centered on a unified heart and mind that demonstrates dignity and respect for others.

BCA/Lutheran School is a place where that is practiced and encouraged and when we fail, it is also a place of forgiveness. Our “Conflict Resolution – Relationship Restoration” that we implement allows us to talk about the POWER of Jesus in the relationships of our team, students, and families. As our spirits are under attack we want to have that growth mindset that we will grow with everything that is thrown at us. Thank you for your prayers for our ministry.

With a thankful heart,
David Topp

November Birthdays

June Kempson	11/1	Luke Gatlin	11/19
David Galik	11/2	Adam Weidman	11/22
Michael Gray	11/7	Eric Turner	11/23
Ayhla Powers	11/7	Hayley Schoneck	11/25
James Cook	11/7	Shiloh Miller	11/25
Caspian Aho	11/11	Diane Cooper	11/28
Rudolff Denzin	11/9	William Baker	11/28
Ransom Aho	11/16	Stephanie Anderson	11/28
David Kulisek	11/17	Leslie Montgomery	11/30

November Anniversaries

Anniversary

Yrs

Date

Frank & Randi Streufert	43	11/20
Matthias & Keely Anderson	13	11/27
Ralph & Janice Meissner	38	11/28

Prayer Requests

Members

Michelle Bumgardner
Karen Lawson
Linda Schroeder
Monty Simmons
Barbara Wright

Family of Members

Carol & Carl Anderson (*J. Anderson*)
Page Dover (*Stroud*)
Doug Emmer (*Emmer*)
Sherry Emmer (*Emmer*)
Lynn Erke (*Randall*)
Joshua Falloon (*Turner*)
Austin Martin (*Petty*)
Dusty Martin (*Petty*)
Valerie McMullen (*McMullen*)
Avery Morkert (*Morkert*)

James O'Connell (*Pacenti*)

Tim Stroud (*Stroud*)

Katie William's Father

Friends of Members

Gene & Faye Edwards (*Tyson*)
Ava England (*Anderson*)
Jon Freese (*Gatlin*)
Charmaine Goines (*Petty*)
Stella Kuhn (*McMullen*)
Mia Marine (*Cox*)
Jollie Reeves (*Simmons*)
Amy Turner, Lilly &
Tabitha (*Turner*)
Becky Whitfield (*Bumgardner*)

LONG-TERM

Members: Joan Ashton, Mariann Fretwell, Ingrid Hall, Carolyn Kempson, Ida Jane Larson, Walter Meyer, Peggy Moselage, Judy Nance, Paul Parker, Pastor Pingel, Stan Puterbaugh, David Ratchford, Pat Stroud

Non-Members:

Eleanor Aramil (*Piepenbrink*), Robbie & Sue Barnes (*Hyde*), Bonnie Blair (*Nance*), Thomas Caines (*Lowe*), Bethany Dillard (*Johnson*), Chris Hall (*Hall*), Ashley & Jim Koss (*Schlie*), Lloyd Miller (*Uffalussy*)



Please submit your name and branch of the service no later than Monday, November 3.





Fellowship and Serve:

We will have our
First Monday Fellowship and Serve
on November 3 from 9-12.

We will do some work around the church, cleaning and repairing, have a short devotion and enjoy a Labor Day lunch together. All are welcome

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORY

We Want You in it!



As many of our members have requested, McKinley Tyson will be taking pictures for an on-line directory November 2 and 9, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Brushes & Bubbles

Friday, November 7, from 6:30-8:30

Kathleen Pacenti will be our guide in painting a picture for Christmas.

Wine and appetizers will be served.

You are welcome to bring an appetizer to share.

PLEASE BRING A BLOW-DRYER!

Please sign up in the narthex.

*Make your check for \$25,
payable to Kathleen Pacenti
and give it to Nancy Gray or
the office by this Sunday,
November 2nd.*





Nursery workers are needed immediately for the second and fifth Sundays of the month. If you can help, please contact Dari Selcer.



Volunteers to run the AV equipment for Sunday morning services are needed immediately. If you can help, please contact Adam Weidman.

Sunday, November 23 is New Members Sunday, with a reception between services. No Sunday School. There will also be a baby baptism at the 8:30 service that day.

Sunday, November 30 is a 5th Sunday. There will only be a 9:30 service that day.



The Church Secretary will
be out of the office
November 20 & 24.
Nancy Gray will be in the
office those mornings.
Please call before coming to
be sure she is here.

ELDER GROUP LIST

Wonder who your Elder is?
Check the notice board in the Coffee Room!

In my
dream
world,
fabric is
free and
quilting
makes you
thin!



Quilting!

*Our quilters
meet at 10:00
on the 3rd
Tuesday of the
month. Why
not join them
and see what
quilting does
for you!*



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

BCA

L: Congratulations to the BCA Elementary and Middle School Cross Country teams!

They finished the season earlier in October with improved times for each runner. We also congratulate Theo, 3rd grade, for placing third place overall in his age group, as well as William, 7th grade, for also placing third overall in his age division! Thank you, Coach Lisa Randall, for the time and effort in coaching this year!



The weather was perfect and made for an amazing time for so many families who came out to enjoy games, crafts, the Cake Walk, grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, S' Mores by the fire and more! The Silent Auction of baskets was a big hit, thanks to the families who asked for donations from local businesses. Proceeds will go to BCA's Parent-Teacher League to fund teachers with classroom supplies, make some campus improvements and to fund future student and family events.

November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 All Saints' Day LWML Mite Box 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service <i>9-11:30 Pictures taken for Church On-line Directory</i>	3 9-12 First Monday Fellowship & Serve w/ lunch	4 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class 6:00 Social Ministry 6:30 Christian Ed Meeting	5	6 11:00 Evangelism Meeting at Armando's, N. Lee Hwy	7 6:30 Brushes & Bubbles Guided Paint Party	8
9 21st Sunday after Trinity 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service <i>9-11:30 Pictures taken for Church On-line directory</i>	10 6:00 BCA Board	11 Veterans Day 9-2 Food Pantry 11:00 Special Church Service to honor Veterans, with Lunch 1:30 Bible Class 6:00 Elders' Meeting	12	13 8:00 Circuit Meeting 10:00 LWML Meeting 6:30 Church Council Meeting	14	11
16 22nd Sunday after Trinity 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	17 Newsletter & Calendar Deadline	18 9-2 Food Pantry 10:00 Quilters 1:30 Bible Class	19	20 Office Closed 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's, Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin, Brainerd	21	18
23 Last Sunday in the Church Year Food Pantry Offering 8:30 Divine Service w/Baptism 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	24 Office Closed	25 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class	26 Office Closed 6:00 Thanksgiving Eve Service	27 Happy Thanksgiving! 	28	25
30 St. Andrew, Apostle 9:30 Divine Service						
Pastor out of town NOVEMBER 2025						

November Worship Assistants

November 2 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jeff Anderson
 Frank Streufert
 Ushers David Topp
 Kurt Piepenbrink

November 2 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Adam Weidman
 Assistants Townley Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Guild Jodie Hyde

Nursery

Ashley Shamblin

November 9 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Frank Streufert
 Jeff Anderson
 Ushers Chris Douglas
 Tony Seiberlich
 Altar Guild Patty Chewning

November 9 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Charlie Simmons
 Assistants Townley Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Guild Carla Brooks
 Acolyte Lucas Barber
 Nursery Vacant

November 16 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Ralph Meissner
 Jim Post
 Ushers David Topp
 Kurt Piepenbrink
 Altar Guild Ralph Meissner

November 16 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Vacant
 Assistants Townley Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Guild Sandy Turner
 Acolyte Eradesa Stroud
 Nursery Jasley Montgomery

November 23 8:30

Organist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Ralph Meissner
 Jim Post
 Ushers Chris Douglas
 Tony Seiberlich
 Altar Team Patty Chewning

November 23 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Eric Turner
 Assistants Townley Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Team Sandy Turner
 Acolyte
 Nursery Dari Selcer

November 26 8:30**Thanksgiving Eve**

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Adam Weidman
 Assistants Townley Team

November 30 11:00

Organist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Adam Weidman
 Assistants Townley Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Nursery Ashley Shamblin

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