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July Newsletter 2026



Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. D.Welmer
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. G. Pingel
Administrative Assistant	Amy Sandy
Director of Music	Justin Hipp
Organist/Pianist	Anna Hipp
Custodian	Denise Topp
President	Adam Weidman
BCA Principal	David Topp

Pastor's Perspective

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

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven..

We have now entered the Trinity Season. During this season, we hear many parables of Jesus as it relates to the church's mission here on earth. Sunday is designed for us to be surrounded in God's presence through Word and Sacrament ministry. It is called Divine Service because it is God doing his work to us, namely forgiving us, enlightening us, strengthening and preserving us.

As we leave the Divine Service, we are then entering back out into the world to focus on our secular vocations. For the next 6 days, the world will bring trials and tribulations, it will bring pain and suffering, and it will throw us curveballs. However, knowing who we are in Christ and what he has done for us through the Cross helps us to persevere with the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Of course, not everyday will be a terrible day. God blesses us with joyful days as well in this world. Seeing our children grow up, getting a promotion in our job, or benefiting from the good investments we have made in the stock market. For this we should always give thanks to God for his love and blessing toward us.

Until the day of judgement, we will have some sorrowful days and some joyful days. Regardless how the day goes, we look to God above all things. We know sin and temptation draws us away from him, but he is faithful towards us and draws us back to him through his Word and Sacrament, hence we come back to Divine Service each Sunday.

Let us always remember that when we are not in church on Sunday but are going about our daily lives during the week, we make sure we understand the teachings of our Lord from last Sunday and inwardly digest them. That our devotions in the home may reflect what we heard from Christ on Sunday.

We are salt of the earth, and the church continues her mission on earth until our Lord returns. How will the rest of the world hear of Christ and his love if they are

not told? What a blessing it is to be taught by our Lord what it means to be his vessel on earth to tell others of the Good News.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

BCA Principal's Perspecive

Celebrating God's Gifts - Using them for His Earthly Kingdom

Romans 11:29-30a ESV
For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy . . .

Preparing for a great 2026/27 school year began months ago and now we are adding the finishing touches. This is what we have in store for our ministry for the 2026/27 school year.

- We will introduce a gifted program that will serve our growth mindset learners..
- We have purchased interactive panels to improve our content delivery and instructional practices.
- We have a grant writer on staff who will help us to generate additional revenue that will be used to enhance God's Kingdom.
- We are exploring opportunities to support home schoolers who could benefit from our intervention program.
- We are looking to partner with 4-H for additional opportunities for student growth
- We will present to our staff our Lutheran belief and the purpose of our ministry.
- We will partner with First Lutheran in presenting sessions from "Life in God's Way" for our parents.
- We have one teacher who is wanting to complete the colloquy program
- Our team will participate in the Mid-South/Southern District conference in October.
- We will continue to ROAR with the character development of our students and the proper application of Law and Gospel for spiritual growth and maturity.

These are exciting times as our parents have expressed an interest in expanding into additional grades. This will take planning and prayers.

Thank you for supporting the ministry of BCA The Lutheran School and our team. Your efforts are making a difference for our families. This was evident with four of our students and one parents being baptized this past year. God is Good!

Serving you and the Master Teacher,

David Topp
Principal BCA

"God's love cannot be undone – that is a promise. It can be rejected, but not undone." – Unknown

FLC May 2026 Financial Report

	May Actual	5/31/26 Year to Date Actual	Budget
Contribution Income	$ 48,508	$251,417	$ 232,917
Other Income	$ 164	$ 14,593	$ 5,000
	$ 48,672	$266,010	$ 237,917
Operating Expenses	$ 50,740	$225,728	$ 260,063
Net Income (Loss)	$ (2,068)	$ 40,282	$ (22,146)

July Birthdays

Cosmo Montgomery	7/1	Laura Douglas	7/16
Zoila Alonzo-Johnson	7/3	Linda Johnson	7/20
Jeremy Miller	7/4	McKinley Tyson	7/20
Kevin Hyde	7/4	Daniel Barber	7/21
Sandra Hemstock	7/4	Phoebe Anderson	7/24
Chance Pacenti	7/6	Kelsey Schoneck	7/24
David Topp	7/6	Ken Pfitzer	7/24
Leilani Montgomery	7/8	Madeline Medeiros	7/26
Karen Lawson	7/8	Hannah Schlie	7/27
Kathy Dolloff	7/8	Pastor Jim Watson	7/27
Robert Campbel	7/9	Mariann Fretwell	7/28
Jessica Powers	7/12	Garet Baker	7/30
Grace Norman	7/12	Sadie Pacenti	7/31

July Anniversaries

Name	Yrs	Anniversary
Jeff & Stephanie Anderson	9	7/4
Joseph & Natalie Alonzo	9	7/9
Harry & Connie Uffalussy	18	7/12
Jordan & Katie Halabrin	6	7/18
Justin & Anna Hipp	15	7/23
Danny & Becky Emmer	55	7/27
Bob & Gwen Meyer	80	7/26
Mike & Claudia Chiaro	27	7/31

Prayer Requests

Members

Lee Smith

Friends of Members

Cari Chittick *(Morkert)*

Reda Watson

Family of Members

Sherry Emmer *(Emmer)*

Lynn Erke *(Randall)*

Rev. Adam Parvey (Morkert)

Gene & Faye Edwards *(Tyson)*

Ava England *(Anderson)*

Charmaine Goines *(Petty)*

Stella Kuhn (*McMullen)*

Jollie Reeves *(Simmons)*

Jennifer Smith *(Hunicut)*

Judge Gary Starnes (Curtis)

Rick Williams *(Williams)*

LONG-TERM

Members: Joan Ashton, Mariann Fretwell, Rose Grob, Ingrid Hall, Carolyn Kempson, Robert & Gwen Meyer, Walter Meyer, Peggy Moselage, Judy Nance, Paul Parker, Pastor Pingel, Stan Puterbaugh, David Ratchford

Non-Members: Robbie & Sue Barnes *(Hyde),* Bonnie Blair *(Nance)*, Thomas Caines (*Lowe)*, Bethany Dillard *(Johnson)*, Marty Gray *(Gray)*, Jeff & Michelle Hale *(Bumgardner),* Kris Hall *(Hall)*, Ashley & Jim Koss *(Schlie)*, Bern Langley *(Bumgardner)*, Mia Marine *(Cox)*, Lloyd Miller *(Uffalussy)*, Avery Morkert *(Morkert)*, John Rhoads *(Galik)*,


Happy
INDEPENDENCE
Day!
CELEBRATING FREEDOM
The Church Office
IS CLOSED
on
JULY 2ND

Memorial Service

for

Caroyln Tanner

(Stephanie Henze-Anderson's mother)



Friday July 3rd
11am

@ First Lutheran Church

Grave side service @
The Old Antioch Cemetery
on Andrews Lane, Chickamauga, GA

Lunch, gathering, and fellowship @
Jeff & Stephanies
following the grave side service.

675 Sourwood Lane, Chickamauga, GA
(Across the street from the cemetery)



Ladies' Fellowship meets at 6:00 on Thursday, July 16, at Portofino's on Ringgold Road.



Men's Fellowship
meets at 6:30 on
Thursday, July 16
at Rib & Loin
on Brainerd Road.



The 2026 LUAU will be fun for the entire family! Enjoy the food, fun, fellowship and festivities. A dinner of chicken and pork will be provided. **Please bring a side dish and/or dessert to share.** A vesper service will be before dinner. Bring your chairs, swim suit and towels to be ready for swimming and water fun. Feel free to bring your boat and fishing poles. If you come early, bring a picnic lunch and stay to play all day. Love offerings will be accepted.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Come in your finest LUAU attire to be awarded **Best Dressed.**

All Day Corn Hole Tournament

2:00pm	Canoe Races	4:30-5:00 pm	Kid's Fishing Tournament
2:45pm	Volleyball		(children up to age 12–bring a rod)
3:30 pm	Hula Hoop	6:00 pm	Awards & Dinner
3:45 pm	Limbo	7-8:30 pm	Enjoy the evening relaxing at the camp
4:00 pm	Horseshoes		

times subject to change

Sign-up by July 19th in Church Narthex
or via email to RobbyTyson@aol.com

Partnerships Domestic Violence Shelter

A Fresh Start Drive

Social Ministry is helping Partnerships Domestic Violence Shelter provide a warm welcome to individuals and families beginning a new chapter.

NEEDED ITEMS:

1. Laundry Baskets
2. Laundry Bags
3. Twin Bed Sheets, Pillows & Blankets
4. Large Bath Towels
5. Cleaning Supplies
   - Dish Soap
   - Multipurpose Cleaner
   - Laundry Detergent
6. Sanitizing Wipes
7. Toilet Paper
8. Paper Towels



Please place donations in the collection boxes located in the Narthex or Fellowship Hall.

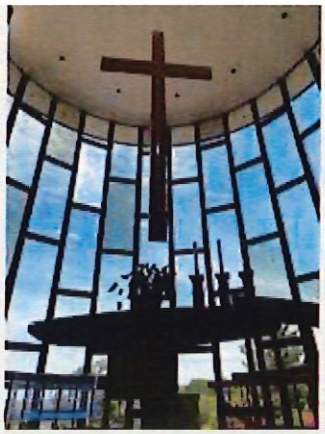
Thank You for Your Generous Giving!

COUNCIL SECRETARY NEEDED

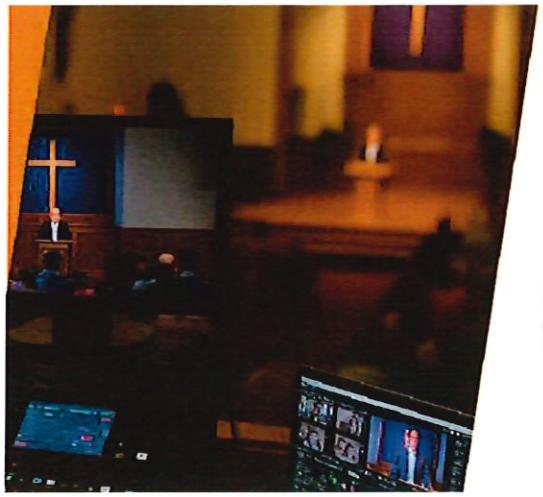
Record meetings

Act as a second signer for legal documents.

PLEASE CONTACT
Adam Weidman



Altar Guild: Can you help with communion set up and clean up? Call or text Carla Brooks at 423-355-8111.



JOIN THE A/V TEAM!

Help needed in the sound booth to run the A/V on Sunday mornings!

Let Adam Weidman know if you are interested.

July Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 *Office Closed*	3	4 **Independence Day**
5th Sunday after Trinity **8:30 Divine Service** 9:45 Sunday School **11:00 Divine Service**	6	7 9-2 Food Pantry 1:30 Bible Class 6:00 Elders Meeting 6:30 Christian Ed Meeting	8	9 10:00 LWML	10	11 10:00 Adult Catechesis
12 *6th Sunday after Trinity* **8:30 Divine Service** 9:45 Sunday School **11:00 Divine Service**	13 6:00 BCA Board	14 9-2 Food Pantry 12:00 Evangelism Meeting 1:30 Bible Class	15 6:30 Church Council Meeting	16 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship at Portofino's on Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship at Rib & Loin in Brainerd	17	18 10:00 Adult Catechesis
19 *7th Sunday after Trinity* **8:30 Divine Service** 9:45 Sunday School **11:00 Divine Service**	20 ***Deadline for August Calendar & Newsletter***	21	22	23	24	25 10:00 Adult Catechesis 12-8:30 Luau at Camp
	Pastor on vacation					
26 *4th Sunday after Trinity* **8:30 Divine Service** 9:45 Sunday School **11:00 Divine Service**	27	28	28	28	28	
	Pastor on vacation					

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