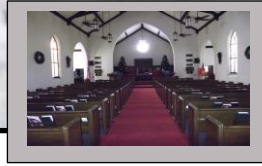


FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

June 2022



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First Things First...

Daily Devotionals

by Peter Kennedy:

Devotional - The Peace We Seek

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.” – John 16:33

The seal of the president of the United States is used to mark correspondence from the president of the United States to the U.S. Congress, and is also used as a symbol of the presidency itself. The central design, based on the Great Seal of the United States, is the official coat of arms of the U.S. the presidency and also appears on the presidential flag.

The presidential seal developed by custom over a long period before being defined in law, and its early historia remains obscure. The use of presidential seals goes back at least to 1850, and probably much earlier. The basic design of today's seal originated with Rutherford B. Hayes, who was the first to use the coat of arms on White House invitations in 1877. The precise design dates from 1945, when President Truman specified it in Executive Order 9646. The only changes since were in 1959 and 1960, which added 49th and 50th stars to the circle following the admissions of Alaska and Hawaii as states.

In the center of the Seal of the President of the United States is a dominant likeness of the American Eagle. A bundle of arrows, a symbol of strength and war, is clenched in the Eagle's left claw. An Olive branch is held in the Eagle's right claw, signifying peace.

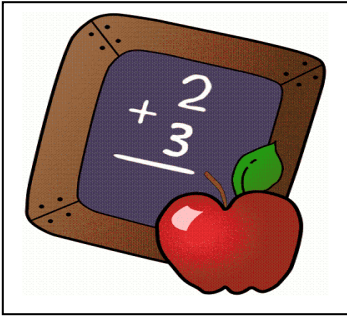
Today the Eagle's head is turned to his right with an intense focus on peace. Prior to the term of President Harry S. Truman, the Eagle's head was turned to his left with a focus on war.

Our focus needs to be on the person who gives peace – Jesus Christ. Today in prayer, praise the Lord that we have peace in Him because we trust that He died for our sins.

“Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart?” – Gerard Majella

God’s Word: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” – John 14:27

Posted by **Peter Kennedy** on **Monday May 23, 2022** under
DEVOTIONS IN Gospel of John



First School And Day Care



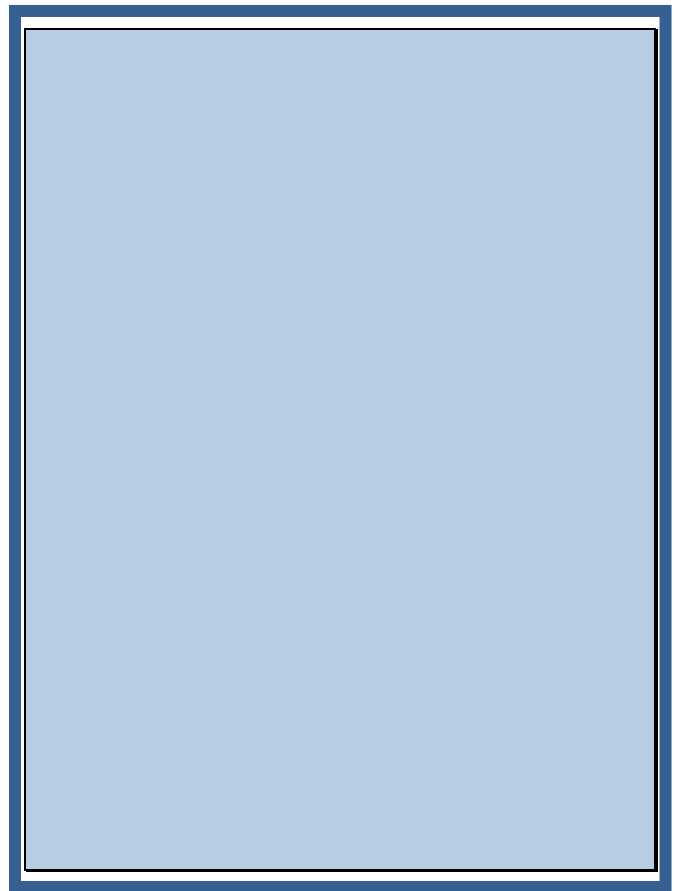
The First School has 124 children and a waiting list. We are excited about how well our Preschool graduation ceremony went! There was such a great turn out and hearing the children sing about our Lord and Savior is so inspiring!

Our summer VBS this year will be from July 18th – 21st starting at 9am-12pm. This year we will have a fun tropical theme, "Discovery on Adventure Island!"

Discovery on Adventure Island invites school age children to arise and shine because the light of God's love has come and is shining on them! The children will be empowered by exploring ways God shines great light in the world and by learning how they can also shine God's light by reflecting what they've learned. Through stories in the Old Testament and the New Testament, this program will show students how connection with God brings the invitation to shine God's light in a world that needs it now more than ever!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –
Tuesday, June 14th, 5:00 p.m.**



JUNE READINGS

- 06/05 Exodus 4:14-17, Psalm 51:7-13, Romans 12:3-8, Mark 9:38-50
- 06/12 Exodus 4:18-26, Psalm 51:14-17, Romans 12:9-16, Mark 10:1-12
- 06/19 Exodus 4:27-31, Psalm 51:18-19, Romans 12:17-21, Mark 10:13-16
- 06/26 Exodus 5:1-9, Psalm 52:1-4, Romans 13:1-7, Mark 10:17-27



- 06/09 Judy Bezdek
- 06/09 Asa Lundy
- 06/09 Diane Stewart
- 06/10 LeAnne Lundy
- 06/12 David Kight
- 06/15 Ashlyn Hanna
- 06/20 Helen Kight
- 06/22 Ruth Speckles
- 06/27 Kirbie Woods



- Our FLC Family**
- Dorothy Atchetee
 - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
 - Charles Bard
 - Ron Chambles
 - Shirley Chatel
 - Lynda Christenberry
 - Nora Hollingsworth
 - Marilyn Kight
 - Larry & Kim Ledwig
 - Lloyd & Diane Nelson
 - Jimmy Nielsen
 - Odis Newton
 - Becky Sample
 - Ashley Schoeneberg

Ruth Speckles
Bentley

Friends of FLC
Kim S
Albina Joines



List will be cleared on the 1st in January, April, July and October. Please help us stay current; call the office with changes or additions.

- 06/09 Colton Labay
- 06/09 Adeleigh Labay
- 06/16 Nerissa House
- 06/16 Kyle House
- 06/21 Thomas Hernandez
- 06/30 Ellis Lundy



**PRAY FOR
ALL WHO
SERVE IN
THE US MILITARY**



WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US



OR



- 06/09 Joshua & Sarah Barosh
- 06/17 Kevin & Cori Koudela
- 06/27 Chris & Ryan Hanna

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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 16th
6:00 p.m.

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our FLCEC Manna Meals Team will serve on Monday, June 27th. Please check with Cathy Schoenfield to see how you can help.

A Summer Prayer

Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank You for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all
around me and for the opportunity to
be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I
have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray no matter
where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of
Your presence, and light my path with
Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
Amen.

---Author unknown

WOMEN OF THE WORD

WOW Food Drive
Sunday, June 5th

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



LCMC Texas District Gathering

July 29 - 30, 2022

(5:00 p.m. Friday evening – 3:45 p.m. Saturday)
Victoria, TX

Theme: Pray earnestly

Keynote Speakers: Jeremy Walloch

Mike Bradley

Tickets: \$65 thru 6/29, \$75 after 6/29

To Register: Forms are available in the church office
Or register online:

www.lcmctexas.org/annual-gathering

Pre-Gathering Seminar:

(To explore theme more deeply)
Seminar begins Friday, July 29th, at 1:00
p.m. To attend add \$15 more.

**Youth Gathering & Lock-In for
Grades 6-12 held concurrently!**

June 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	13	14 First School Board Meeting 5PM Newsletter Items Due	15	16 Church Council Meeting 6PM	17	18
19 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	27 Manna Meals 5-6:30 PM FLCEC Team <i>serves</i>	28	29	30		

June Responsibilities

ASSISTING MINISTER: Pat Marek
SEXTON: Doug Mathews
USHERS: Ted Schoenfield, Gaynard Wigginton
ALTAR GUILD: Cathy Schoenfield,
 Billie Jean Bram

READER

5th Diane Stewart
 12th Helen Johnson
 19th Ty Schoenfield
 26th Kirk Marek

If you are unable to serve on your date,
 please find someone to take your place.



JUNE FLOWER CALENDAR

5th Kirk & Pat Marek
 12th Open
 19th Open
 26th Open

**BIBLE READING SCHEDULE
JUNE 2022**

Date	Reading	Date	Reading
1	Song of Songs 2	17	Isaiah 7
2	Song of Songs 3	18	Isaiah 8
3	Song of Songs 4	19	Isaiah 9
4	Song of Songs 5	20	Isaiah 10
5	Song of Songs 6	21	Isaiah 11
6	Song of Songs 7	22	Isaiah 12
7	Song of Songs 8	23	Isaiah 13
8	2 Timothy 1	24	Isaiah 14
9	2 Timothy 2	25	Isaiah 15
10	2 Timothy 3	26	Isaiah 16
11	2 Timothy 4	27	Isaiah 17
12	Isaiah 1	28	Isaiah 18
13	Isaiah 2	29	Isaiah 19-20
14	Isaiah 3	30	Isaiah 21
15	Isaiah 4-5		
16	Isaiah 6		

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Join us on Sunday mornings!

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m
Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.