First Things First...

PRAYER FOR THE CONGREGATION

Holy, Almighty and Eternal God, You are glorious and majestic; You alone are worthy of praise; You alone are due my worship. You are gracious and merciful toward me. I bow before Your name in thankful humility.

Father God, I come before You as Your adopted son, a member of Your royal priesthood. I come to You through Jesus, Your only-begotten Son, knowing His sacrifice purchased my pardon and liberty. I ask these petitions only because I have been declared righteous by His blood.

Father, I come on behalf of First Lutheran Church. It is an organ in the body of Christ which needs healing and may be dying. I plead the healing blood of Jesus over the congregation. I ask the Spirit would speak to each of the leaders and each of the members of this church, revealing what needs to be done, guiding all into Your truth and keeping all steadfast in the one, true faith. I ask that the Spirit rise up in this fellowship, overflowing and leading it to new heights, so that First Lutheran can be a source of light and hope to those who are lost and hurting and in need of You. Make all the members instruments of reconciliation to any who have wandered from the faith or from the fellowship. I ask that every member respond positively to the call of Christ’s Great Commission. I ask that all thoughts and teachings that are not in agreement with Your Word be made known, so those false ideas may be removed.

Holy Spirit, You are the same today as You were on Pentecost, and I ask that Your fruit and gifts be expressed through all who choose to worship in this congregation. Fill all, O God, with the compassion of the Savior, may all extend to others the mercy received from You. Fill all with Your Spirit that the story of what You have done may be told to all creation.

In the name of Jesus, the Anointed One, Amen.
First School currently has 66 children and is now enrolling for the fall school year. School is starting earlier this year in August so summer is coming to a halt. That being said, we are excited for our new 2018-2019 school year! I want to thank everyone for your prayers for our Vacation Bible School week! It was amazing! The kids learned so much about the Bible and also prayer. Our school board members, Kim Ledwig and Cindy Matthews, were able to serve these children in love and make a connection with them during that week. The children were asking for Bible School again the very next week and said they missed it. We continued singing the songs and refreshing them on the Bible verses in the weeks following. Their hearts are hungry for the word of God and we plan on extending some of these lessons into the school year! We appreciate your continued prayers for our school!

Many Blessings,
Bree Joines
First School Director

First School Board Meeting –
Tuesday, August 14th, 5:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Several of our women are planning the September monthly birthday party for the residents at Garden Villa. If you are interested in helping please contact the church office. In the past we have needed volunteers willing to provide a cake for the occasion or a small gift for a man or woman. We also need helpers to come out on the day of the party.

August Readings

08/12 Psalm 34:1-8; 1 Kings 19:4-88, Ephesians 4:25-5:2, John 6:35,41-51
08/19 Psalm 34:9-14; Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58
08/26 Psalm 34:15-22; Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69
Our FLC Family
Dorothy Atchetee
Evon & Linda Atchetee
Charles Bard
Billie Jean Bram
Nora Hollingsworth
Jewel Deen House
Harry & Marilyn Kight
John Nelson
Forrest & Norma Newton
Sawyer Schoenfield,
Counselor at Camp Eagle

Friends of FLC
Vanessa
Preston Dornak
Eugene Bard
Rozell Giesie
Debbie Hamman
Peggy Glaze
Verna Roy
Kim Walker
Monica Harris
Riley Sless
Everett Clark
Sherry Morgan
Jeriah Bond
Jamie August

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.

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

Pastor Clyde Grier:
Phone: 979-541-6173

Office hours: Tues & Thurs: 8:00am - 4:30pm
Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

Phone: 979-543-5847
Email: office@firstlutheranec.com

WE’RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US

OR

08/01 Dorothy Atchetee
08/01 Jan Nelson
08/01 Diane Stewart
08/03 David Kight
08/06 Dagny Thane
08/13 Helen Kight
08/13 Ruth Speckels
08/29 Matthew Stewart
08/29 Landon Thane
08/31 Ryan Hanna

08/03 Gaynard Wigginton
08/05 Alvin Yackel
08/05 Larry Young
08/06 Haley Stewart
08/07 Daniela Rodriguez
08/12 Milton Johnson
08/23 Liam Joines
08/27 Nikolas Woodson
08/28 Norma Newton
08/29 Ronald Chambles
08/31 Ryan Hanna
08/31 Heather Langston

08/05 Larry Ledwig
08/06 S J Swanson
08/06 Geraldine
08/06 Annalee Blaha
08/06 Emilee F
08/06 Harris & Newton family
08/27 Joela Johnson
08/27 Jordan Friedberg
08/27 Colbie Luera
08/27 Callie Dujka
08/27 Shawn
08/27 Eric Englund
08/27 Kellie Yarborough

& Family

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“Kist By Grace”
Sunday – August 12th
10:45 a.m.
The group “Kist By Grace” will be with us for a special service on Sunday, August 12th. Please invite your family and friends to come experience their music and message!

Kist By Grace is a Christian music ministry based in Katy, Texas. The members of the band have come together to keep God’s music and word in the public place and produce an experience they hope will appeal to all walks of life.

WOMEN OF THE WORD MEETING
NO meeting in August
WOW Food Drive
Sunday, August 5th

Thank You!
Dear Family at First Lutheran,
The family of William “Bill” Speckels thanks Pastors Clyde Grier and Donna Zipp for the beautiful service. We thank everyone who sent cards, called, prayed and gave memorials during Bill’s illness and death. Thanks also to the Women of the church for the food and helping serve at the reception and to Helen Kight for playing the organ.
THANK YOU! Ruth, Wade, William II, Debra, Braden and Brandi

First Lutheran Youth
Camp Eagle was awesome!! (Ask our youth about their fun time at camp.)
Mark your calendars for next year:
Camp Eagle --- Summer, 2019 (TBA)
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Thank you to Cindy Mathews, Kim Ledwig and Cathy Schoenfield - our volunteers who helped with First School VBS. The children had a great time learning about Biblical “Super Heroes” – through lessons, music, art activities and more.

Prayer Meetings
Wednesdays
August 1st & 15th
5:30 PM

LCMC Annual Gathering
October 7-10, 2018
HyVee Hall
730 3rd Street, Des Moines, IA
Keynote Speakers – Worship – Fellowship – Networking – Service Project
Theme: Growing Up
To Register: Registration forms are available in the church office
For more information and to register online:
www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering
Register by September 1st to receive lowest price!!
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### August Responsibilities

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Daniel Wilfert  
**SEXTON:** Jimmy Nielsen  
**USHERS:** Lynn Talafuse, Ted Schoenfield  
**ALTAR GUILD:** Karen & David Kight

**ACOLYTES**

- 5th<br>  
- 12th<br>  
- 19th<br>  
- 26th<br>

**READER**

- Sheila Herrington  
- Cathy Schoenfield  
- Diane Stewart  
- Helen Johnson

If you are unable to serve on your date, please find someone to take your place.
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*Worshipping Christ and Sharing the Word for over a century.*

*Clyde Grier, Pastor*
*Helen Marie Kight, Organist*
*Christine Richter, Office Manager*
*Bree Joines, Director of First School*

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**A Prayer for Schools**

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, that they may be lively places for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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