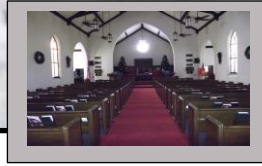


# FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

September 2023



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## *First things first...*

***How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."***

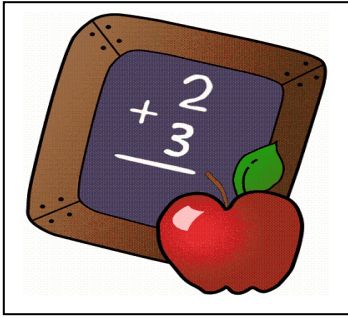
**Isaiah 52:7**

Alys and I recently enjoyed the respite from our day-to-day lives, relishing every moment of a seven day cruise on the inner passage of Alaska. The refreshing temperatures, the beautiful scenery, the might of the sea, the majesty of the mountains: each contributed to the enjoyment and the refreshment of mind and spirit that we enjoyed. It was a first experience for both of us. The cruise ship on which we sailed had so many activities, such excellent cuisine, a helpful and friendly crew such that we could not imagine but one improvement: we wish they had had more elevators. Even though upon returning home we both contracted the COVID virus, we would return in a heartbeat.

Every time I am privileged to see mountains, I think of that verse from Isaiah 52. It is a reminder of the majesty and strength of our God. It reminds me of the very great privilege we each have of being redeemed from sin and death by our Savior and Lord. At the same time, we have the privilege and responsibility of sharing that good news. We bring the peace of God to those who are troubled, lonely, fearful or in any distress of mind, body or spirit. We are called by the Holy Spirit to testify of our redemption. Seeing the mountains rising from the very edge of the sea portrays the power and majesty of God equipping us to tell the gospel at every opportunity. Should we hesitate or lack courage to share the mercy and peace of God in a testimony or prayer, we simply need be reminded of how great and powerful a God we serve. He set the boundaries of the waters and called the mountains from the deep. The Lord is far beyond our understanding. However, in Job 38:1-40:2, God has left us a record of how great He is, how far beyond our comprehension, how awesome He is. Well, we may not live where we can see the mountains, but His Majesty, His Glory, His Power, His Perfection are easily visible all around us if we simply stop and take notice of Him.

Take a moment to seek the Lord while He may be found (Deuteronomy 4:29; 1Chronicles 22:19; Isaiah 55:6; et al). He promises that you will find him when you seek him with all your heart (ibid).

Jesus loves you and so do I! Pastor Grier



# First School And Day Care



The First School is gearing up for our annual Community Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, Oct. 14th starting at 8am. We will have 100 VIP \$25 tickets on sale for the day before, Friday, Oct 13th at 5pm. We are currently looking for sponsors for our event. Please come out and visit and see what it is all about and see how this event impacts our community in a positive way! We would love to see you there!

Thank You,

Bree Joines

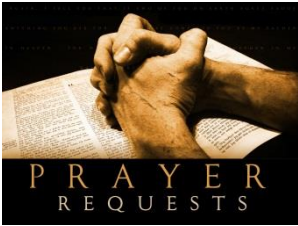
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –  
Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**



## SEPTEMBER READINGS

- 09/03 Exodus 23:1-9, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 15:26-34, Luke 5:1-11
- 09/10 Exodus 23:10-19, Psalm 71:7-11, 1 Corinthians 15:35-41, Luke 5:12-16
- 09/17 Exodus 23:20-33, Psalm 71:12-16, 1 Corinthians 15:42-49, Luke 5:17-26
- 09/24 Exodus 24:1-11, Psalm 71:17-21, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58, Luke 5:27-39



- 09/04 Stanley McMillan
- 09/12 Ty Mathews
- 09/12 Linda Korenek
- 09/19 Will Joines
- 09/20 Luke Langston
- 09/21 Diego Hernandez
- 09/21 Adeleigh Labay
- 09/24 Marilyn Kight
- 09/26 Sawyer Schoenfield

- Our FLC Family**
- Dorothy Atchetee
  - Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
  - Ron Chambles
  - Shirley Chatel
  - Bonnie Jones
  - Marilyn Kight
  - Kim & Larry Ledwig
  - Lloyd Nelson
  - Jimmy Nielsen
  - Ashley Schoenberg
  - Bentley

- Friends of FLC**
- Juana
  - Candace J
  - Phillip U
  - Sherrie Z
  - Gerald R



- 09/07 James Herrington
- 09/12 Jimmy Nielsen
- 09/13 Will Joines
- 09/20 Kim Kainer
- 09/23 Milton Johnson
- 09/23 Luke Langston
- 09/25 Emery Langston

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



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

**WE'RE HERE WHEN YOU NEED US**



- 09/07 Ed & Gloria Campbell
- 09/27 Shane & Heather Langston



OR



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Wed: 8:00am – 12:00pm

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

**Pastor Clyde Grier:**  
Phone: 979-541-6173

## FLCEC Manna Meals Team

Our Manna Meals team will serve on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please check with Cathy Schoenfield to see how you can help.

Thank you to our volunteers who help with this community out-reach effort.

Volunteers are always welcome!



## First School Board

Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m.

## Church Council

Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.  
(Note the change to Monday!)

A = Always

S = Say

A = A

P = Prayer



## LCMC 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Gathering

October 1-4, 2023

## St. Charles Convention Center

St, Charles, Missouri

**Theme: All Hands on Deck**

**Speakers – Focus Groups – Breakout Sessions**

**Fellowship Dinner – District Meetings**

**Recognitions – Exhibitors**

**Learn More About LCMC**

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# September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	11	12	13	14 First School Board Meeting 5:00PM	15	16
17 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	18 Church Council Meeting 6:00PM	19	20	21 Manna Meals 5-6:30PM FLCEC Team serves	22	23
24 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	25	26	27	28	29	30

## September Responsibilities

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Ted Schoenfield

**SEXTON:** Calvin Borak

**USHERS:** Doug Mathews, Ed Campbell

**ALTAR GUILD:** Pat Marek, Ruth Speckels

### READER

3<sup>rd</sup> Ty Schoenfield

10<sup>th</sup> Kirk Marek

17<sup>th</sup> Ted Schoenfield

24<sup>th</sup> Calvin Borak

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



## SEPTEMBER FLOWER CALENDAR

3<sup>rd</sup> Open  
10<sup>th</sup> Open  
17<sup>th</sup> Open  
24<sup>th</sup> Open

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September

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**Join us on Sunday mornings!**

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