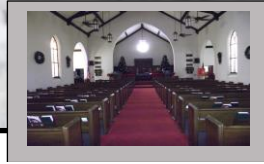


# FIRST FRUITS

WE GIVE OUR FIRST FRUITS

BECAUSE HE GAVE US HIS ONLY SON

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*First Things First...*

***This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.***

**John 15:12**

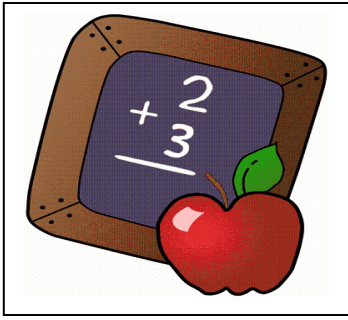
First things first: Jesus loves you and so do I!

As easily as those words can be spoken, they create a powerful dilemma. When that simple sentence is first spoken, it can feel awkward, uncomfortable, even embarrassing. A comfortable and joyful experience in the utterance comes through repeated and prayerful use of the phrase. I find great joy and encouragement from hearing the words each time they are spoken. I wonder: do any of you greet anyone other than me with these words? I pray you do and that you find much ease in using them. Speaking and hearing the simple truth contained in these words can increase our love for each other.

The importance of repeatedly declaring love for each other can be seen in conjugating the Greek forms of the word love (*agape*) as Jesus spoke. The mood of the word when speaking about His love for us relays a simple statement of fact. He loves you and me, and that's a fact! However, His "commandment" to love one another is in a mood conveying that something may or may not happen. Some of His disciples will love as He loves, others will not. Some of His disciples (here you can read as you and I) may love as He loves on some days but not on other days. Having the same love for each other that Jesus has for us requires a deliberate choice to love each other. That love must not be left to chance. That kind of love needs nurturing encouragement. Whatever can be done to strengthen and deepen our love for each other should be done. The more we say it, then the stronger our love for each other will grow!

Last things (definitely not the) last: Jesus loves you and so do I!

Pastor Grier



# First School And Day Care

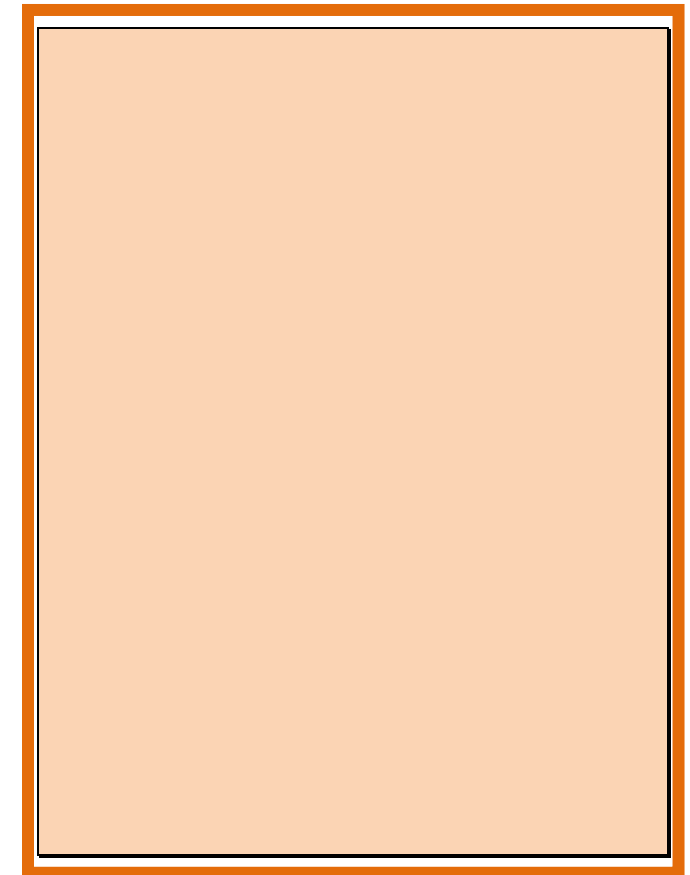


The First School has 120 children and still has a large wait list. With parents calling every day in need of care for their young children, we are trying to continue to expand. We recently had a vote with the congregation on adding a new daycare building on the vacant lot. The vote passed, so we will go forward and continue our plans to expand. The building will be a long process, but a worthwhile one! We are so grateful for most of everyone's support and prayers! Please continue to keep us in prayer during this process.

Also, I wanted to invite everyone to our first annual Community Pumpkin Patch in Evans Park on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>! We are looking forward to it and we hope to see you there!!

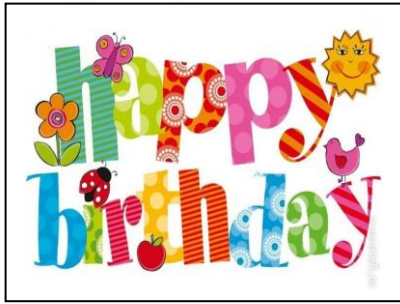
Many Blessings,  
Bree Joines  
The First School Director

**First School Board Meeting –  
Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m.**



## OCTOBER READINGS

- 10/02 Exodus 9:13-21, Psalm 57:1-5; 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Mark 12:41-44
- 10/09 Exodus 9:22-26, Psalm 57:6-11; 1 Corinthians 2:1-10, Mark 13:1-8
- 10/16 Exodus 9:27-35, Psalm 58:1-6,10-11; 1 Corinthians 2:11-16, Mark 13:3-5,9-13
- 10/23 Exodus 10:1-6, Psalm 58:3,7-11; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Mark 13:3-5,14-23
- 10/30 Exodus 10:7-11, Psalm 58:12-17; 1 Corinthians 3:10-17, Mark 13:3-5,24-31



- 10/02 Michael Barosh
- 10/02 Sharon Nielsen
- 10/04 Teagan Stewart-Gallegos
- 10/05 Claudia Wilfert
- 10/08 Kirk House
- 10/14 Cheryl Young
- 10/19 Grace Moulden
- 10/25 Sarah Barosh
- 10/29 Lori Cykala
- 10/29 Lynette Hernandez



**Our FLC Family**

- Dorothy Atchetee
- Harlo & Rhonda Atchetee
- Charles Bard
- Ron Chambles
- Lynda Christenberry
- Nora Hollingsworth
- Marilyn Kight
- Kim & Larry Ledwig
- Lloyd Nelson
- Odis Newton
- Jimmy Nielsen
- Becky Sample

- Ashley Schoeneberg
- Ruth Speckels
- Bentley

**Friends of FLC**

- Albina Joines
- Linda M
- Amanda Sampkle



- 10/06 Loretta Johnson
- 10/06 Odis Newton
- 10/09 Asa Lundy
- 10/11 Ronald Chambles
- 10/11 Everly Orsak
- 10/18 Sawyer Schoenfield
- 10/23 Gloria Campbell
- 10/25 Liam Joines
- 10/25 Emma Moulden
- 10/25 Grace Moulden
- 10/27 Ty Mathews

*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**



OR



- 10/23 Jimmy & Kathleen Joines
- 10/26 Evon & Linda Atchetee
- 10/30 Kirk & Pat Marek

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**COUNCIL MEETING**  
Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 p.m.

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

**LCMC Annual Gathering – October 2-5,  
2022**

**THEME: Discipleship**

- Explore the importance of discipleship through keynote presentation
- Connect with other pastors, leaders, and church members in LCMC through fellowship and networking activities
- Take part in breakout sessions
- Meet mission and ministry exhibitors
- Join together in worship, prayer, and Bible study with others from across the association

**David Wayne Kight  
Service of Ordination**

**October 29, 2022  
10:00 a.m.**

The congregation is invited to a Service of Ordination for David Wayne Kight on Saturday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m. at First Lutheran.

A luncheon will follow the service and members are also invited to join David & Karen and family for this meal.

**WOMEN OF THE WORD**

**WOW Food Drive**  
Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

**A = Always**

**S = Say**

**A = A**

**P = Prayer**



**Manna Meals**

Our FLCEC Team will serve on  
Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

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**THEME: Discipleship**

**The Annual Gathering will be live streamed.  
(Please note: If you plan to tune in, all times  
listed on the LCMC home page/events will be  
local time for Lakeville, MN.)**



# October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion WOW Food Drive	3	4	5	6 Manna Meals 5-6:30 PM FLCEC Team serves	7	1/8 Pumpkin Patch 10/7 & 10/8
9 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	10	11 First School Board Meeting 5PM	12	13	14	15
16 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM w/Communion	17	18	19 Newsletter Items Due	20 Church Council Meeting 6PM	21	22
23 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	24	25	26	27	28	29 David Kight Ordination Service 10AM
30 Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship Service 10:45 AM	31					

## October Responsibilities

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Kirk House

**SEXTON:** Kirk Marek

**USHERS:** Will Joines, David Kight

**ALTAR GUILD:** Sheila Miller, Sharon Nielsen

### ACOLYTES

2<sup>nd</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup>  
16<sup>th</sup>  
23<sup>rd</sup>  
30<sup>th</sup>

### READER

Calvin Borak  
Cathy Schoenfield  
Diane Stewart  
Helen Johnson  
Ty Schoenfield

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



## OCTOBER FLOWER CALENDAR

2<sup>nd</sup>

Open

9<sup>th</sup>

Open

16<sup>th</sup>

Open

23<sup>rd</sup>

James & Sheila Herrington

30<sup>th</sup>

Kirk & Pat Marek

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**Christine Richter, Office Manager**  
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**Sunday School – 9:30 a.m**  
**Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.**