



FIRST WORD



2017

ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST SATURDAY, MAY 21

8:45—11:15 a.m.

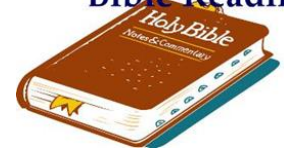
Church Fellowship Hall

Everyone is invited to this special morning event!

Come for great food, fellowship, teaching about prayer, and time to pray for many needs and ministries in our congregation. Call the church office (525-0322) or use your yellow worship card this Sunday to sign up!



Daily Bible Reading



Week 70 – May 1-6, 2017

Monday	Amos 7:1-17
Tuesday	Amos 8:1-14
Wednesday	Amos 9:1-15
Thursday	Obadiah 1-21
Friday	Jonah 1:1-2:10
Saturday	Jonah 3:1-4:11

Week 71 – May 8-13, 2017

Monday	Micah 1:1-2:13
Tuesday	Micah 3:1-4:13
Wednesday	Micah 5:1-15
Thursday	Micah 6:1-16
Friday	Micah 7:1-20
Saturday	Nahum 1:1-3:19

Week 72 – May 15-20, 2017

Monday	Habakkuk 1:1-2:20
Tuesday	Habakkuk 3:1-19
Wednesday	Zephaniah 1:1-2:15
Thursday	Zephaniah 3:1-20
Friday	Haggai 1:1-2:23
Saturday	Zechariah 1:1-2:13

Week 73 – May 22-27, 2017

Monday	Zechariah 3:1-10
Tuesday	Zechariah 4:1-14
Wednesday	Zechariah 5:1-11
Thursday	Zechariah 6:1-15
Friday	Zechariah 7:1-14
Saturday	Zechariah 8:1-23

Week 74 – May 29-June 3, 2017

Monday	Zechariah 9:1-10:12
Tuesday	Zech. 11:1-12:14
Wednesday	Zechariah 13:1-9
Thursday	Zechariah 14:1-21
Friday	Malachi 1:1-2:17
Saturday	Malachi 3:1-3:6

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION!

Even though storms tried to “put a damper” on our Faith In Action Sunday, April 30, once again, our First Lutheran family continued “Being” the church with their over-the-top giving and selfless serving. Here are some of the blessings from this special day.

VBS Prep: Creative volunteers constructed a rocket ship, drew blueprints, painted giant paintbrushes, gears, and more. “Maker’s Fun Factory” will look awesome with these decorations!

Family Life Center Updates: The bathrooms inside the classrooms were beautifully enhanced with green & yellow striping. Also giant “Treehouse” logos were painted on the walls.

Nifty Knitters & Happy Hookers: Eight of our ladies enjoyed knitting beautiful prayer shawls, preemie baby hats, baby blankets, and cocoons for newborns. The prayer shawls are given to people in hospice care. The baby hats, blankets, and cocoons are donated to Change Point for new mothers.

Chaucer Street: Two residents’ apartments were cleaned for upcoming May inspections. All 20 residents were served lunch in their Community Room while being entertained by Don Thompson, a member of the Barber Shop Chorus.

Fellowship Meal: A delicious meal was prepared and served by several ladies in the Fellowship Hall for many of our volunteers before leaving to serve.



Storm Clean-up! This was an unexpected project! Several trees and many branches fell on our property, and volunteers cleaned it all up beautifully!



OUTSIDE PROJECTS THIS SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

Because of storms last Sunday, these projects will take place this Sunday!!!

Hot Springs Middle School: These volunteers are asked to attend the 8:30 Worship Service then gather at the Middle School by 10a.m. to begin work. Lunch will be served there on the project site by the school. They will be mulching flower beds, staining picnic tables, and building a roof over the pergola.

Oaklawn Elementary School: This project consists of replacing flower beds with golden river rock. Volunteers will eat lunch here at the church then be at the project site by 1:00 pm. The principal, Jason Selig, will be working with our men.

Yard work at Lewis & Juanita Reynold’s Home: Lots of routine yard clean up will be done! Volunteers will eat lunch here then be at the Reynolds by 1:00 pm.

To God be the glory for allowing us to serve our church and community!



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Ministry Highlights!

Are you ready for the changes? May is often filled with transitions. The school year is coming to an end and the summer schedule is about to begin. Some people are getting ready to retire. Others are getting ready to see their children off to college. We are all about to transition into our summer clothing. Some families are getting ready for vacation mode. Others are gearing up for work mode with all the yard work and projects around on the house to get done! No matter what stage of life, you are probably going to experience some changes this month. My prayer is that we will adjust well and embrace the changes that are coming because change is a part of life. You can't escape it so you might as well embrace it!

One of the great things about all this change is the truth that our God does not change. He is with us in *all* the change! That means that we can trust Him to hold us secure in our ever-changing world. Because God is with us in all the changes, He will help to get us to the other side stronger, wiser and better than we were before! The reason God allows change to happen is because He wants us all to continue to grow and mature in our faith in Him throughout our entire lifetime. He never wants us to sit back and take Him and His place in our lives for granted. That's why He often challenges and tests us through change so we can grow closer to Him before we experience the biggest change of all, our transition out of this life into our eternal home with Him in heaven!

Wonder why we experience so much change here at First Lutheran? Our Lord is keeping us on our toes so we are ready to go where He sends us and do what He calls us to do. Here's some of the changes this month....

New Opportunities! There's new ministry with the YMCA using our Life Center this summer for their daycamp. Kroger has begun giving us produce and deli items every other Wednesday that we've been able to give away to families and individuals as a show of God's love. We recently received an invite to help with a back to school party at the Hot Springs Middle School this August. CHI St. Vincent has recently turned to us to help drive patients home after surgery who live alone. We are hoping to get the Next Level Sports Ministry off the ground this summer with the YMCA kids! As the Lord keeps opening these doors to new ministries we get to experience the blessing of loving others in His name and the joy of growing in our faith and life in Him.

New Challenges! As I pointed out last month, we have been challenged financially in the first two

months of 2017. Challenges like this help us to change within as we step up to the challenge in faith and in gratitude for what God has done for us. March was a good month financially and April looks promising too. We are also being challenged to find new volunteers for new opportunities we've been given. We often try to do more with less but sometimes God allows these challenges to come so more people will step up in faith and begin to experience the joy of giving and serving. When God opens a door He provides all that is needed to walk through it. That's why we do all the things we do. And we are blessed every time!

New Relationships! A side benefit to these changes is that we get to meet new people and our lives become richer for it. Our God is all about relationships. That's why He made us! He wants us to learn to love others as we live to express the love He has poured into our hearts through His Son Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

May our Lord bless us all in the changes that come our way this month as we embrace the journey, step out in faith as He leads, and love one another and all the new people we meet! If I can be of help, please let me know. I would love to join you in prayer about it!

Pastor Jon

On May 2, FLC volunteers formed a Thrivent Action Team to provide lunch to the staff of Hot Springs Middle School on Teacher Appreciation Day!



SAVE THE DATE: "ALL FOR JESUS"
LCMS LUTHERANS IN BLACK MINISTRY
FAMILY CONVOCATION JULY 12-16
Theme: "Know Him, Confess Him, Serve Him!"
Phil. 3:7-11

Registration goal is 1,000 attendees for this special convocation—a celebration of 140 years of Black Ministry in the LCMS and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. This event will be held at the Sheraton Birmingham Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama. First Lutheran hopes to send a group of students & adults to this event. Both Pastors Jon and Amos will be presenters. Flyers with registration information can be found in the church narthex.

May Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries!



Jones, Henry	5/1	Siegerdt, Warren	5/19
McClendon, Cynthia	5/1	Sitzenstock, Patricia	5/19
Richter, Annetta	5/1	Smith, Grace	5/20
Langford, Paisley	5/3	Thompson, Carrie	5/23
Selman, Jariah	5/5	Byers, Devin	5/24
Looney, Jason	5/6	Steven-Assheuer, Samuel	5/24
Martin, Lisa	5/7	Pirozzolo, Dee Dee	5/25
Smith, Laurie	5/7	Williams, Julie	5/25
Williams, Joey	5/8	Collier, Jady	5/26
Looney, Angela	5/9	Hanson, Jim	5/27
Reininger, Lyle	5/11	Wilson, Bobby	5/27
Nelson, Joni	5/12	Grisby, Shalanya	5/29
Reynolds, Jianna	5/12	Schaffer, Ken	5/30
Fehmel, Jewels	5/13	Williams, Liam	5/30
Pruett, Sharon	5/13	Williams, Logan	5/30
Echols, Robby	5/14		
Fehmel, Erich	5/14		
Reynolds, Liala	5/14		
Roberts, Paul	5/14		
Hanson, Marvin	5/15		
Shelor, Grace	5/15		
House, Dianne	5/18		

Dick & Joy Martsching	5/3	37 yrs.
Joe & Charlene Lampinen	5/7	40 yrs.
Erich & Jewels Fehmel	5/12	4 yrs.
Clyde & Wilda Hughley	5/14	19 yrs.
Justin & Stephanie Bailey	5/16	15 yrs.
Leo & Lois Gustafson	5/22	52 yrs.
Joe & Debbie Lijewski	5/24	20 yrs.
Stacey & Mike Steven-Assheuer	5/25	21 yrs.
Richie & Wendy Kitkoski	5/27	28 yrs.
Phil & Cheryl Benton	5/30	22 yrs.

NEED A GREETING CARD

This month there are Birthday, Get Well, Encouragement, Sympathy, etc. available in the narthex. Priced individually for \$1 or Boxed Cards as marked. The Altar Guild appreciates your support!

April—OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN SERVICE

CHURCH ELDERS
Bradley De Bow 501-547-6744
 thedebow@hotmail.com

David Rosamond 501-282-1959
 djrosamond@att.net

Mark Dillard 501-767-5122
 Corey.dillard35@yahoo.com

Anthony Johnson 501-282-9938
 Keithj72570@hotmail.com

Casey Wilson 501-693-6114
 caseywilson81@msn.com

Robert Thompson 870-995-9021
 miaswalk@att.net

Brian Shelor 501-282-0338
 jbshelor@cablelynx.com

Robert Snider 501-538-7393
 sniderathome@sbcglobal.net

Will Williams 916-812-1697
 mail.williams@gmail.com

Eric Taylor 501-318-2047
 etayl11@searshc.com

8:30 Worship Service

READERS
 5/07 Don Thompson
 5/14 Nancy Baker
 5/21 Carrie Thompson
 5/28 Ken Anderson

USHERS Mark, Becky & Bryan Rosburg

ELDER Bob Thompson

Guest Services
 5/07 Sally Kassaw
 5/14 Cheryl Rosborough
 5/21 Carrie Thompson
 5/28 Lillian Vail

Sunday Office
 5/07 Joy Martsching
 5/14 Peggy Brockett
 5/21 Lillian Vail
 5/28 Joy Martsching

ALTAR GUILD Elaine Lienemann

PRAYER PARTNERS
 5/07 Ilse Stritzke
 5/14 Wayne Rowland
 5/21 Wilhelm Richter
 5/28 Uta Brace

11:00 Worship Service

READERS
 5/07 Brad De Bow
 5/14 Debbie Byers
 5/21 Will Williams
 5/28 Tykira Danner

USHERS Tom Bennett, Odis Burroughs, Michael Kelly & Brian Shelor

ELDER Brian Shelor

Guest Services
 5/07 Wanice Pitts & Debbie Byers
 5/14 Jennifer Shelor & Gwendel Ellis
 5/21 Jackie Johnson & Anthony Johnson
 5/28 Marvin & Maxene Hanson

ALTAR GUILD Juanita Metzler



APRIL ATTENDANCE			
	8:30	11:00	Total
4/2	127	156	283
4/09	129	182	311
4/16	216	243	459
4/23	113	166	279
4/30	124	160	284
Maundy Thurs.—	97		
Good Fri.—	98		

FIRST WORD is online! Find the link on our church's website www.flchs.com. Haven't been to our website lately? There's a whole library of past sermons & videos to watch! And you can register to give your offerings online!



Kids Church Lessons in May

5/7 *Jesus Talks with Peter*

5/14 *The Great Commission*

5/21 *The Parable of the Good Samaritan*

5/28 *Jesus Heals a Bleeding Woman & Restores a Girl to Life*

Each Sunday morning during the worship services children, age 4-4th grade will be learning awesome stories from Jesus' life! They'll grow in faith and excitement to be true followers of the Savior. Don't miss a Sunday!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

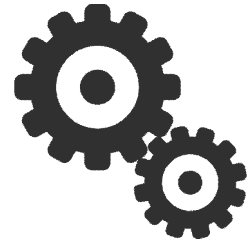
— Evenings- June 25-30!

Supper @ 5:30pm. VBS @ 6-8 pm.

This summer we will create a buzzing workshop where curious kids become hands-on inventors—and discover they're lovingly crafted by God and built by Him for a purpose!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Adult & youth can be leaders of stations and small groups! Sign up by the BIG GEARS this Sunday!

VBS Registration begins May 21!



THE LUTHERAN CAMP ON PETIT JEAN ...SUMMER 2017!!

The second annual **Women's Retreat at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean** is scheduled for **May 19-20**. For details or to register, visit the Lutheran Camp website: lutherancamp.org.

Summer camp registration is open at the Lutheran Camp on Petit Jean. The camp theme is "Created," based on the theme verse, Ephesians 2:10 – "For we are God's handiwork, CREATED in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

The newest camp session is **Arts Camp** for students entering grades 3-9 in the fall of 2017. Arts Camp, July 16-21, is a joint project of the Lutheran Camp and the Little Rock School of the Arts, a ministry of Christ Lutheran, Little Rock. Arts Camp will explore why we create Sessions will be divided into three areas of creativity: visual arts, performing arts and literary arts. Family Camp (especially for families with children too young for other sessions), and traditional camp sessions for students entering grades 2-12. Parents can register their children at the Lutheran Camp website: lutherancamp.org, or request an application by email: director@lutherancamp.org.



CONGRATULATION TO OUR COLLEGE GRADUATES!!!

Many of our college students are living away from home and we don't see them much in church but they have worked hard to accomplish successful college careers. God bless all of you in your career choices as you continue to give glory to God in all you do!

Kevin Archer—Juris Doctorate, UALR William H. Bowen School of Law, Little Rock Kevin will take the Bar exam this summer!

Lauren Barthel—Bachelor in Nursing from Arkansas Tech University, Russellville

Emmi Kitkoski—Bachelor in Psychology from U of A, Fayetteville

Will Kitkoski—Bachelor in Architecture, Faye Jones School of Architecture, U of A, Fayetteville

Krisa McCollough, Bachelor of Science, Biology from UCA, Conway

Alyssa McDonald—Assoc of Science—Nursing, National Park College, Hot Springs

Austin Rowland—Bachelor of Arts in History, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia

Greyson Teague—Bachelor Degrees in both History and Political Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

Greyson has been admitted to the PhD program at Ohio State University, starting this fall!



LWML—Lutheran Women in Mission

All women are invited to our meeting on Monday, May 8 @ 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Come for Bible Study, fellowship, and dessert!



Prayer Shawl PLUS Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has officially changed their name to Prayer Shawl Plus Ministry. The requests for additional items has increased from various hospitals and organizations. These ladies now make baby blankets, cocoons for newborns, and premie hats, in addition to prayer shawls. Most of the work goes on in the homes of these volunteers. As they knit, they pray over each piece and when they come together and bring their finished products, they lay hands on them and pray for whomever will receive these articles of love. Thank you notes pour in as people are blessed from their servant efforts.

This ministry recently received a note from Change Point telling a story about one of their families who had been coming in for parenting classes. Their oldest child was a 5 year old little boy. His infant brother had been given a blanket and a cocoon, along with other useful baby items. The big brother loved the blanket and said he wanted one too. Ms. JoAnn Carter, director at Change Point, had an extra blanket and was able to give it to him. He left with a big smile and Ms. JoAnn had a happy heart for being able to make his day.

Anyone wishing to join this group of ladies, please call Nancy Reininger@ 501-520-2373 for meeting times. They are always excited to teach beginners also!



Send your mom a card on her special day! Mother's Day, Graduation, and Confirmation cards are also available for \$1/each from the Altar Guild.

In Support of Tammy Backus

Thanks to everyone who gave a love offering for medical expenses for Jerry & Tammy Backus, as Tammy battles cancer. Jerry has returned to Tanzania with their four adopted children. Here is Tammy's address to send a card.

Cancer Treatment Centers of America
Guest Quarters North
2414 Sheridan Rd
Zion, IL 60099
Attn: Tammy Backus

Thank You!

Our **Spring Blood Drive** was a success on April 23. Twenty-six donors tried, twenty-one donors gave 24 pints successfully to save up to 78 lives! Our next blood drive will be on August 13.



CHRISTIAN MATURITY THROUGH PRAYER

The lives of the disciples and other Christians who have been mightily used of God through the centuries to reach their world for Christ all testify to the necessity of prayer. They are examples of obedience to our Lord's command to pray. Someone has wisely said, "Satan laughs at our toiling, mocks our wisdom, but trembles when he sees the weakest saint on his knees." Prayer is God's appointed way of doing God's work.

Prayer meets the heart's needs

1. According to 2 Corinthians 3:5 what is the source of the Christian's sufficiency? How do you tap into that source?
2. Read Psalm 63. Note the elements of worship and write down the word or phrase that describes how we should worship God; include references (for example, "My soul thirsts for you—Psalm 63.1")

Life Application:

1. What conclusions can you now make concerning your relationship with God in prayer?
2. Begin a prayer list. Keep a record of the things for which you pray. In that way you will be able to see the effectiveness of your prayers.

Maxene Hanson, FLC Prayer Ministry



NEW BENCHES FOR THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Thanks to Marvin Hanson's carpentry talents, we have new sitting benches at the entrances to the Life Center. Marvin constructed these durable benches from recycled lumber from Ken & Barb Benck's deck. These benches will be a blessing to youth and adults waiting for rides or enjoying some fresh air.



SMALL GROUPS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER!

Small groups meet for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship during the week.

Get connected to Christ's body at FLC!

- † **Bible Buddies**—Odis & Lorene Burroughs, Leaders 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30p.m. at Burroughs Home
- † **Mustard Seeds**—Ken Benck, Leader Meets twice/monthly at church—2nd & 4th Mondays 6:30 pm.
- † **Searchers**—Bob Kunstman, Leader Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at various homes 5:30pm.
- † **ChicChat**—Caren Knabe, Leader Meets 2nd & 4th Thursdays 5:30 p.m. at Kay Helmich's home
- † **Enlighteners**—Lyle & Nancy Reininger, Leaders Meets 1st & 3rd Monday 2:00 p.m. at Church
- † **Men's Breakfast**—Jerry Edgin, Leader Meets Thursdays 6:00a.m. at English Muffin Café
- † **Wednesdays in the Word with Jackie**—Meets Wednesdays @ 9:00 a.m. at church

If you would like information on joining a small group or starting a new group, contact the Church Office!



COLLECTION DAY — May 28

Leave items by your car when you come to church!

Jackson House: canned meats, or tuna, Spam, ravioli, other canned products with meat; rice, beans, pasta
Samaritan Ministries: coffee, sugar, creamers, tea bags, and men's white socks.

Potter's Clay: toilet paper, dish soap, laundry detergent, and women's items—shampoo and deodorant.

Change Point: Baby wipes, shampoo, oil, 4-5 size diapers, diaper bags



In memory of Huston Metzler, grandson of Juanita Metzler: Musical Instrument by Juanita Metzler;

In memory of Kay Helmich Parents: General Fund by Kay Helmich;

In memory of Bonnie Wilson: General Fund by Bob Wilson;

In memory of Evelyn Higelmire: Bereavement fund by Hazel & Stu Erickson

BIBLE BUDDIES RESTORE LAWN FURNITURE...AND DONATE IT!

The Thrivent project of working to provide more outdoor furniture to Heritage of Hot Springs Nursing Home at 552 Golf Links Rd, Hot Springs culminated with a presentation of the furniture on Tuesday April 11th. 19 people participated on the project and 8 were present for the 11:30am presentation to staff of Heritage of Hot Springs. Mara Kuhn of the Sentinel Record came and took some photos and information to publish in the Sentinel Record to let others of the community know how they can partner with Thrivent Financial on a community service project. The idea of need for more outdoor furniture for resident and guests to have more places to sit and visit outside, was presented to the Bible Buddies Bible home study group to see if they wanted to participate. After Bible Buddies voted "yes" on the project, the project plan was presented to Thrivent Financial for their partnership which includes a Visa preloaded gift card for \$250.00 of "seed Money" to use to get the project up and going. Thrivent approved the project for partnership.

Outdoor furniture was donated by church members and refurbished, painted etc for use. Some new chairs, small table and outdoor chair cushions were purchased to help complete and coordinate seating groups. We thank all who helped to provide this community service in honor of Jesus.

By God's grace and provision, we were able to add about 60 square feet of paved area for seating, 4 wrought iron chairs with cushions and small tables, a semicircular bench with small table, a aluminum table with a beautiful handmade and varnished wooden top made by Marvin Hanson, and 4 aluminum chairs to match. Hallelujah and Amen! **Cheryl Benton**




Statement of Income & Expense 1/1/17 Thru 3/31/17

	Church Total	
INCOME	\$	126,581.07
EXPENSE	\$	138,091.00
Gain (Deficit)	\$	(11,509.93)



MAY



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Boy Scouts Meeting 6 p.m.	3 9:00 Bible Study 3:00 After School 6:00 Lifehouse 6:00 JAM Club	4 6:00 Men's Breakfast National Day of Prayer— Prayer Vigil	5 	6 8 a.m. Just for Men
7 7:30 Choir 8:30 Communion 9:45 Classes 11 Worship	8 LWML Meeting 12:30 pm	9 Braille 10:00 a.m. Boy Scouts Meeting 6 p.m.	10 9:00 Bible Study 3:00 After School 6:00 Lifehouse 6:00 JAM Club	11 6:00 Men's Breakfast	12	13 8 a.m. Just for Men
14 7:30 Choir 8:30 Worship 9:45 Classes 11 Communion Mother's Day	15	16 Boy Scouts Meeting 6 p.m.	17 9:00 Bible Study 3:00 After School 6:00 Lifehouse 6:00 JAM Club	18 6:00 Men's Breakfast	19	20 Prayer Breakfast 8:45-11:15
21 7:30 Choir 8:30 Communion 9:45 Classes 11 Worship Senior Honors Dinner	22	23 Braille 10:00am Boy Scouts Meeting 6 p.m.	24 9:00 Bible Study Prayer Shawl 2:00 3:00 After School 6:00 Lifehouse 6:00 JAM Club	25 6:00 Men's Breakfast Braille 10:00am	26	27 8 a.m. Just for Men
28 7:30 Choir 8:30 Worship 9:45 Classes 11 Communion Collection Sunday	29 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	30	31 9:00 Bible Study			

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Members:

Pete Foelker	Ken Schaffer	Nancy Reininger	Debbie Chaney	Ernestine Neighbors
Pastor Roy Jacob	Dorothy Brennan	Jim Hanson	Don Sanders	Beverly Coulombe
Pat Bennett	Richard Van Gelder	Len Ellul	Alice Wright	Lewis & Juanita Reynolds
Barb Meiners	Shalanya Grigsby	Robby Echols	Ilse Stritzke	Lyle Reininger

Family and Friends

Steven Swanigan (Johnson)	Pultz & son Jake (House)	J. C. Cloud (Richter)
Elayne Moore (Noack)	Natalie Kelmer (Taylor)	Barbara Cutler (Slebodnik)
Colleen Hufford (Slebodnik)	Billy Taylor (Taylor)	Olive Jean Donath
		Noah Campean (Benck)
		Sissy Jones (Richter)