

August Newsletter 2024



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Custodian	Denise Topp
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BCA Principal	David Topp

Pastor's Perspective

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,*

*nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;
but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.*

*He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.*

In all that he does, he prospers.

*The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.*

(Psalm 1)

The very first Psalm in the book of Psalms reminds us of those who are righteous and those who are wicked. The righteous act a certain way, or desire to act a certain way. The wicked choose to continually dwell in sin and act in disobedience to God's Word.

We know that God's Law is good and holy, but we break it. This is why someone perfect had to fulfill God's Law, and that could only be the one begotten of the Father before all worlds, Jesus Christ. He never broke it. He calls out those who are wicked and upholds those who seek true righteousness, which is only found in him.

When we repent of our sins on Sunday morning through Confession and Absolution, we are acknowledging that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. But in

Christ, we are forgiven. He has freed us from sin and wickedness. In this repentance, we understand how beautiful God's Law is and that with a contrite heart we acknowledge how we have broken it, but sincerely desire to do good by the power of the Holy Spirit. We pray that the Holy Spirit never departs from us but renews a right spirit within us. You are blessed because of your Baptism into Christ. You are forgiven, and because of Christ can freely do works of the Law through the one who died on the Cross for our salvation. You shall not perish but have eternal life.

Your Servant In Christ,
Pastor Welmer

Principal's Perspective

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value. ~Albert Einstein

What is a man or woman of value?

How do we live out what we value?

In Psalm 51 I believe value is stated this way: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." Understanding the need for a pure heart - a heart that is true to do the will of God is essential for value adding. The psalmist continues with the needed connection with the triune God: "Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me." Without God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit we cannot add value to sharing Jesus. Then, knowing we will fail, the psalmist asks that God "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit,

to sustain me.” He needs forgiveness so he can carry on with doing God’s will. That value to an individual brings us to BCA- Lutheran School and its mission of “making disciples.”

The psalmist completes the thought with “Then I will teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.” This is what we do when the school mission of First Lutheran supports BCA-Lutheran School through prayer and actions. We want our students to know Jesus, know they sin, know they are forgiven, and know that his or her salvation is secure in Christ’s promises that he demonstrated on the cross, for them, for us. Praise be to Jesus that we have daily opportunities to share this message of hope, love and forgiveness with each and every one of our students. Thank you for supporting BCA-Lutheran School in prayer and deed.

Serving the Master Teacher,
David Topp

August Birthdays

Mike Chiaro	8/3
Stan Puterbaugh	8/4
Mabel Jo Tallant	8/6
Pat Snyder	8/9
Janice Meissner	8/10
Logan Parell	8/10
Chris Douglas	8/10
April Gatlin	8/11
Alyssa Medeiros	8/14
Gary Tallant	8/15
Arthur Halabrin	8/16

Chris Brooks	8/16
Robby Tyson	8/16
Ted Engel	8/16
Larry Harris	8/17
Sean Randall	8/18
Rachel Townley	8/20
Jeff Fisher	8/24
Abbie Johnson-Redman	8/25
Kealoha Montgomery	8/31



August Anniversaries

Chris & Carla Brooks	25	8/1
Justin & Lisa Randall	16	8/2
Chuck & Mariann Fretwell	11	8/3
David & Jo Ratchford	47	8/6
Bill & Barbara Wright	60	8/9
David & Lynda Galik	45	8/11
Kenny & Lisa Freer	35	8/18
Gilbert & Linda Pingel	61	8/24

Prayer Requests

Members

Jeff Anderson
 Joan Ashton
 Noelle Beck
 Marian Fretwell
 Thompson Guy
 Ingrid Hall
 Carolyn Kempson
 Ida Jane Larson
 Karen Lawson
 Walter Meyer
 John Moselage
 Peggy Moselage
 Paul Parker
 Teresa Petty

Austin Martin (Petty)
 Dusty Martin (Petty)
 Avery Morkert (Morkert)
 Michael Seiferth (Yarman)
 Tim Stroud (Stroud)
 Jo Vail (Vail)
 Ronnie Walker (Musser)

Friends of Members

Toni Almond (Cox)
 Jane Amstutz (Streufert)
 Cindy & Mason Brewer
 (Anderson)
 Kayla Carrol (Griffith)
 Bailey Deweansbe (Harris)

Pastor Pingel
Stan Puterbaugh
David Ratchford
John Savor
Zane Sherrill
Jim & Pat Snyder
Pat Stroud

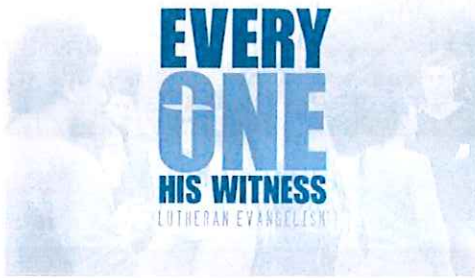
Family of Members

Bonnie Blair (Nance)
Thomas Caines (Lowe)
Sheryl Caylor (Lawson)
Page Dover (Stroud)
Doug Emmer (Emmer)
Sherry Emmer (Emmer)
Bethany Dillard (Johnson)
Freddie Fryar (Harris)
Kris Hall (Hall)
Joe Kybartas (Uffalussy)

Marty Dunagan (Slaten)
Gene & Faye Edwards (Tyson)
Jon Freese (Gatlin)
Charmaine Goines (Petty)
Kleinpeter Family (Welmer)
Stella Kuhn (McMullen)
Ben Langley (Bumgardner)
Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Elsie Roessel (Meissner)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Kathy Smith (Bumgardner)
Wallace Family (Curtis)
Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel
Mike & Becky Whitfield
(Bumgardner)
Kay Wise (Nance)
Ricky Yorkes (Cox)

**Saturday, August 3, from 9-12 is
Flower Beds Work Day!**





All Christians are called to share their faith and God's Word, but sometimes we are unsure how to do that.

The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a one-day training program, "Every One His Witness," to increase our ability and comfort in fulfilling the commission.

Pastor Watson will lead the workshop Saturday, 8/17/24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., with lunch provided for those in attendance. Please sign up in the narthex by July 31. For more information, contact Matthew Townley, Pastor Watson or Robert Campbell.



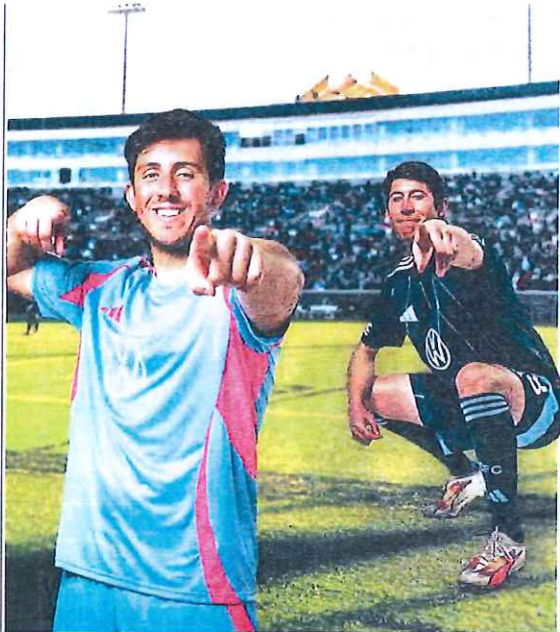
NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

BEGINNING ON RALLY DAY

AUGUST 18

1. Grades K-2
2. Grades 3-5
3. Middle School

In the downstairs classrooms off
the Sunday School Hallway.



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FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

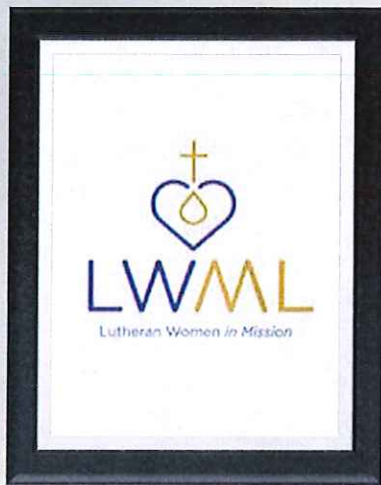
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 | 3 PM
FINLEY STADIUM

VISIT CHATTANOOGAFC.COM FOR TICKETS

FC vs Columbus Crew 2

FLC has tickets available for \$10 each.

Please contact Nancy Gray or the Church office.



LWML meets the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies of the church are welcome.

At our last meeting, we the ladies of LWML donated from our monthly Love Offering \$200 to Pastor Lehman' mission in Puerto Rico, and \$200 to the Chatt. Foundation (the former Community Kitchen).



Quilting!

The quilters meet at 10:00 on the 3rd Tuesday of every month in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to come help!

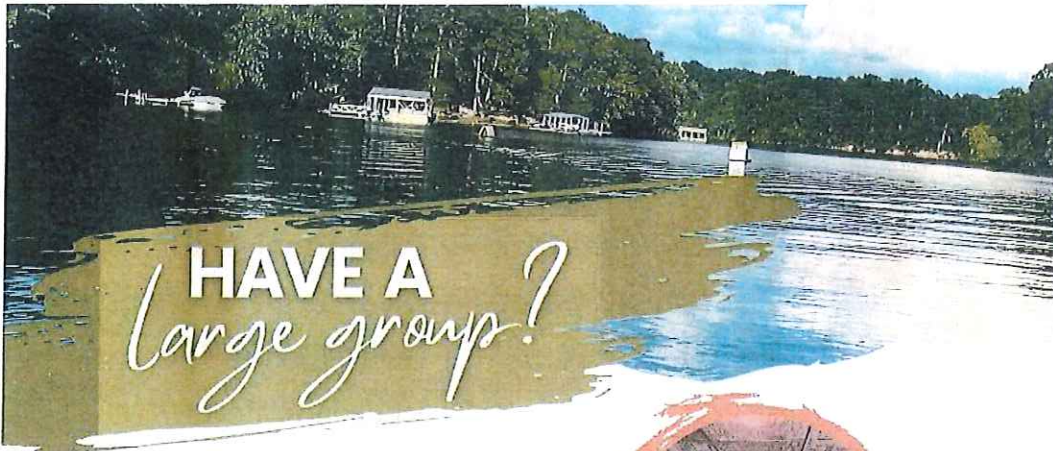
Ladies Group



Ladies' Fellowship continues on Thursday, August 15, at *Los Potros on Ringgold Rd.* Join us at 6 PM for good food and fellowship, and bring a friend!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship continues on Thursday, August 15, at Rib & Loin on Brainerd Road. Join us at 6:30 PM for good food and fellowship, and bring a friend!



HAVE A
Large group?

**TAKE A MINI-VACATION, HAVE A MEETING,
FAMILY REUNION, TEAM BUILDING OR CHURCH
FUNCTION AT THE FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
CAMP LODGE AND GROUNDS**

The Lodge

The lodge has a large gathering and dining area. Separate men's and women's sleeping quarters, large kitchen, heat and air conditioning. Bathroom and showers. Sleeps 50 or more people.

What to do

Relax by the water, fish, swim, canoe, play horseshoes, take a nature walk or do nothing.

What to bring

Bedding, towels, toiletries, floats for lake, fishing poles, food...

Cost

Starting at \$300 per night.

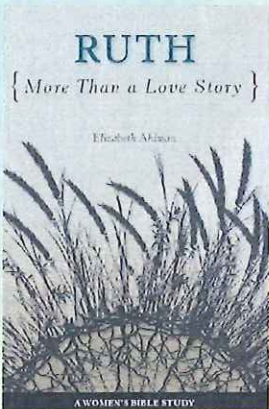


**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK YOUR DATES:
CALL (423) 503-8438 OR EMAIL ROBBYTYSON@AOL.COM**



Plan on joining us at 7PM on Friday, September 6 for the rededication of our beautifully refurbished organ. Paul Thomas, formerly Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga, will be playing. He comes to us from Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, SC, where he serves as the Director of Music and Organist.

A reception will follow.



**PASTOR WELMER'S
LADIES' BIBLE
STUDY:
RUTH
{More Than a Love
Story}**

**Begins Tuesday, September 17, at
6:30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd and 4th
Tuesdays of each month.
Contact the office to register
and to pick up your book.**

LWML Mid-South District EAST 2024 Fall Retreat Eagle Rock Camp

7143 Flats Road, Tallassee, TN 37878

www.eaglerockcamp.com

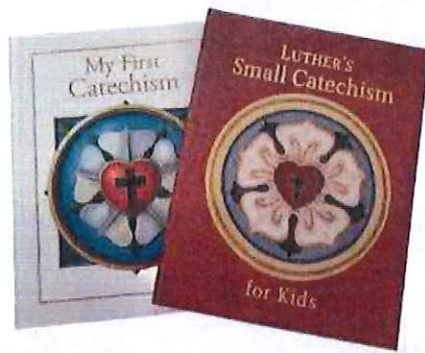
Sep. 27, 4:00 pm – Sep. 29, 10:00 am



Joy in the Journey

*And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good; for those who are called according to his purpose.
(Romans 8:28)*

Pick up your registration form from the church narthex, or download it at <https://midsouthlwml.org/retreats/>



These two wonderful books are written for your baby or child. *Luther's Small Catechism for Kids* (ages 5+) can be read by the children themselves. *My First Catechism* is for babies and children up to 5 yrs. Please let the office know if you would like one, and which book(s) you would like.

Please consider giving...



... to our Puerto Rico-FORO Mission.

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BCA

BCA Welcomes Two New Teachers!

BCA prayed for amazing teachers to be presented as the search for a new kindergarten teacher and first grade teacher began earlier this summer. We are happy to announce that two wonderful teachers have been hired and will start the new school year with us.

Please read more about Mattie Dollar, our new kindergarten teacher, and Victoria Payne, our new first grade teacher, and welcome them to the BCA

family. We're excited to see all that God will have these two Christian educators do this year as they teach your children the love of Christ and equip them with the academic skills they need to succeed upon each step of their education.

[Learn More!](https://conta.cc/3xMsrvh) (<https://conta.cc/3xMsrvh>)

BCA Dates to Remember

Aug. 7 - First official day of the academic school year

Aug. 11 - BCA Sunday in the 11 a.m. service. BCA faculty and staff will be recognized and prayers for a blessed school year.

Pre-K Spots Still Available

Families who are interested in enrolling their child for Pre-K3 or Pre-K4 are encouraged to reach out the Belvoir Christian Academy to schedule a tour and learn more about these pre-kindergarten readiness programs! A few spots are available in Pre-K3/4. Contact Emily Patton in admissions via text at 423-443-6270 to learn more and set up a tour!

BCA School Board News

Belvoir Christian Academy welcomes two School Board members from First Lutheran - Matthew Guy and Tony Seiberlich. Matt and Tony have previously served on the School's Board of Directors, and they are a welcome re-addition to the team. We also thank Janice Meissner and Alicia Vine for their service to the Board for their most recent term of volunteer service to BCA. We appreciate the insight and expertise from each member of the Board, past and present.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AUGUST 2024				1 12:00 Evangelism Meet	2	3 9-12 Flowerbed Workday
4 <i>10th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 5:00 Camp Service 6:00 Bowling	5	6 11:00 Food Pantry	7 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	8 10:00 LWML	9	10 9-1 BCA Work Day
11 <i>11th Sunday after Trinity</i> BCA Sunday at 11:00 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 5:00 Camp Service	12	13 11:00 Food Pantry Meetings: 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Elders 7:30 Christian Ed	14 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	15 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship, Los Potros, Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship, Rib & Loin, Brainerd	16	17 9-4 Evangelism Workshop with Lunch
18 <i>12th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 12:00 Rally Day 5:00 Camp Service 6:00 Bowling	19 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 7:00 Church Council Meeting	20 10:00 Quilters 11:00 Food Pantry	21 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	22	23	24
25 <i>13th Sunday after Trinity</i> <i>Food Pantry Offering</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service 5:00 Camp Service 6:00 Bowling	26	27 11:00 Food Pantry	28 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	29	30	31

August Sunday Worship Assistants

August 4 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jeff Anderson
 Frank Streufert
 Ushers Tony Seiberlich
 Jeremy Miller
 Altar Guild Michelle Bumgardner
 Linda Cox

August 4 11:00

Pianist Anna Hipp
 Live Stream Charlie Simmons
 Assistants Yarman Team
 Ushers Freer Team
 Altar Team Jordan Halabrin
 Acolyte Ahyla Powers
 Nursery Chelsea S. Miller

August 11 8:30

Pianist Anna Hipp
 Assistants Jeff Anderson
 Frank Streufert

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 Live Stream Jordan Halabrin
 Assistants Yarman Team

Ushers	Ralph Meissner
	David Topp
Altar Guild	Ralph Meissner

Ushers	Freer Team
Altar Team	Jodie Hyde
Acolyte	Eradesa Stroud
Nursery	Ashley Shamblin

August 18 8:30

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Steve Kempson
	Jim Post
Ushers	Oscar Kelley
	Kurt Piepenbrink
Altar Team	Michelle Bumgardner
	Linda Cox

August 18 11:00

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Eric Turner
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Freer Team
Altar Team	Sandi Turner
Acolyte	Audrey Hipp
Nursery	Jasley Montgomery

August 25 8:30

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Steve Kempson
	Jim Post
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich
	Jeremy Miller
Altar Team	Patty Chewing

August 25 11:00

Pianist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Freer Team
Altar Team	Gary Tallant
Acolyte	Jackson Barber



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