

November Newsletter 2024



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

“After that whole generation had also been gathered to their fathers, another generation rose up who did not know the LORD or the works that He had done for Israel. And the Israelites did evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals. Thus they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and they followed after various gods of the peoples around

them. They bowed down to them and provoked the LORD to anger, for they forsook Him and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.

Then the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of those who plundered them. He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, whom they were no longer able to resist. Wherever Israel marched out, the hand of the LORD was against them to bring calamity, just as He had sworn to them. So they were greatly distressed.”

(Judges 2:10-15)

God had delivered his people out of slavery from Egypt, helped them in the wilderness during the time of Moses, and even conquered a whole nation of people with the leadership of Joshua. Then that generation that remembered those things dies, and a new generation rises up who didn't know God as they should.

They turned to false gods and worshipped them. So, God handed them over to their enemies, and they became oppressed, and God swore to be against them. Thankfully God raised up Judges to watch over the people and save them from their misery when they called upon his name in repentance.

Sound familiar? We as human beings are no different from the Israelites. More so when it comes to the body of Christ. There are times when the church loses its way, and God chastises her for being disobedient. But in his chastisement, the church is brought to repentance and receives forgiveness. This is why confession and absolution are so important.

God is faithful to us even when we are unfaithful. This is why his Son, Jesus Christ, came down from Heaven and was crucified for us. So that in him alone, we can turn to God in prayer and ask for forgiveness when we lose our way. God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The armor of God is so important. It helps keep us steadfast in the one true faith and strengthens us with the knowledge that in our Baptism we are God's own children equipped to live in this creation without fearing sin, death, and the power of the devil.

We fear God alone. Thanks be to Christ our Lord for giving us those petitions we need to pray each and every day... *“and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.”* We know it is hard to resist temptation, and we can't deliver ourselves from evil. Only in Christ can we be kept free from falling into perpetual misery and oppression.

Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Welmer

Celebrating a Thanksgiving Heart

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 ESV

As you read this passage, what stuck out to you? For me it was the connection between sufficient grace, perfect weakness, resting power, and contentment. Wrap this up in a pre-Christmas bow we have

Thanksgiving. Not the holiday celebration, but a celebration of belonging to, and understanding Christ. That celebration permeates the soul and affects your inward thoughts and outward actions.

When we teach our children about focusing on Christ it changes everything. They can recognize sin, ask for forgiveness, grant forgiveness, strive for reconciliation, and be thankful for all situations, even those we don't understand. Being rooted in Christ, weakness becomes a strength, and the power created by the Holy Spirit allows our students to care for those around us.

Thankful in Christ,
David Topp

November Birthdays

June Kempson	11/1
David Galik	11/2
Juliana Medeiros	11/2

Hunter Skyles	11/20
Adam Weidman	11/22
Eric Turner	11/23
Hayley Pearson	11/25

Michael Gray	11/7
Ayhla Powers	11/7
David Ratchford	11/17
David Kulisek	11/17
Luke Gatlin	11/19
Derek Kilberg	11/19

Shiloh Miller	11/25
Diane Cooper	11/28
William Baker	11/28
Stephanie Anderson	11/28
Leslie Lewis	11/30

November Anniversaries

Tony & Teresa Seiberlich	29	11/4
Ken & Debbie Pfitzer	31	11/14
Frank & Randi Streufert	42	11/20
Matthias & Keely Anderson	12	11/27
Ralph & Janice Meissner	37	11/28

Prayer Requests

Members

- Jeff Anderson
- Joan Ashton
- Noelle Beck
- Kathy Dolloff
- Marian Fretwell
- Thompson Guy
- Ingrid Hall
- Carolyn Kempson
- Ida Jane Larson

- 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)

Karen Lawson
Walter Meyer
Peggy Moselage
Grace Norman
Paul Parker
Teresa Petty
Pastor Pingel
Stan Puterbaugh
David Ratchford
John Savor
Zane Sherrill
Pat Snyder
Pat Stroud
Bonne Vinson

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)

Jane Amstutz (Streufert)
Cindy & Mason Brewer
(Anderson)
Kayla Carrol (Griffith)
Bailey Deweansbe (Harris)
Marty Dunagan (Slaten)
Gene & Faye Edwards (Tyson)
Ava England (Anderson)
Jon Freese (Gatlin)
Gerdes Family (Welmer)
Charmaine Goines (Petty)
Alta Hook (Schroeder)
Kleinpeter Family (Welmer)
Morgan Family (Nance)
Stella Kuhn (McMullen)
Bern Langley (Bumgardner)
Ollie Reeves (Simmons)
Elsie Roessel (Meissner)
Les Seibert (Anderson)
Kathy Smith (Bumgardner)
Pastor Ralph & Sue Wetzel
Becky Whitfield (Bumgardner)
Kay Wise (Nance)
Ricky Yorkes (Cox)
Amy Zeleny, Lilly and Tabitha
(Turner)



Revel in Revelation Knowledge

Please plan now to join us for a study of the Book of Revelation.

The Big Reveal will begin Sunday, November 3, when the two adult Bible classes will be combined for the next several weeks.

Because of the importance of this revelation, we have arranged with the Time and Frequency Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, United States Department of Commerce, to revert to Eastern Standard Time on that date.

This will give you an extra hour of rest before the first session so you can be fully alert and, if appropriate, heavily caffeinated, for the study. Some may refer to this clock change as “falling back,” but in this case it is an extra hour to prepare to push forward into God’s Divine Revelation for your life.

The importance of the Book of Revelation will be revealed in this study, led by Pastor Welmer and Robert Campbell.



**HONORING
THOSE WHO
SERVED**

Please let us know if you are a veteran (and what branch of the service) so we can honor you.



**DAYLIGHT
SAVING TIME ENDS**

FALL BACK

Set Your Clocks BACK an Hour
Sunday, November 3,
2024



*Join us for a Thanksgiving Eve
Divine Service at 6:30 on
November 27.*





Gobble Gobble To All!

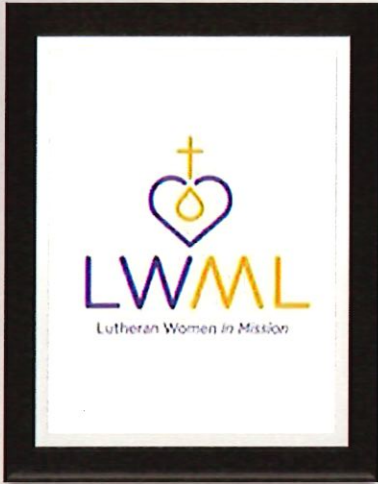
**Everyone is Invited to a Thanksgiving gathering
hosted by the Savor Family on Thanksgiving Day 2024
First Lutheran Camp Lodge
1621 Lee Pike
Soddy Daisy, TN 37379**

**12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Hors d'oeuvre will be served
4:00 pm – Thanksgiving Dinner will be served where
Turkey & Ham will be provided. Please bring a side
dishes to share.**

Enjoy food, fellowship and football!

**RSVP the number of attendees and what side dish will
be brought via text or call to
Cindy Savor (423) 618-5484**

OFFICE CLOSED FOR
Thanksgiving
HAVE A GREAT HOLIDAY!



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

RUTH
{ More Than a Love Story }
Elizabeth Ahlman

Led by Pastor Welmer, this Ladies' Bible Study is at 6:30 on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays of each month.

A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The image shows a book cover for 'RUTH: More Than a Love Story' by Elizabeth Ahlman. The cover has a textured, light-colored background with a dark silhouette of grass at the bottom. The title 'RUTH' is in large, bold, dark letters, and the subtitle is in a smaller, italicized font. The author's name is centered below the subtitle. A black banner at the bottom contains white text about a Bible study, and the words 'A WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY' are printed in small, bold letters at the very bottom.

QUILTING!

In my dream world, fabric is free and quilting makes you thin!



Our quilters meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., downstairs off the Fellowship Hall.

Why not join them and see what quilting does for you?

(If you can tie a knot, you can quilt!)

Ladies Group



Ladies' Fellowship continues on Thursday, November 21. Join us at 6 PM for good food and fellowship, and bring a friend!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men's Fellowship continues on Thursday, November 21 at Rib & Loin on Brainerd Road. Join us at 6:30 PM for good food and fellowship, and bring a friend!

The Board of Evangelism with The Camp Board Presents:



The Third Annual
Men of First Lutheran
Friday Free-for-All



B.Y.O. BASH!!!



Bring Your Own:

- ✓ Sleeping bag and pillow (The lodge will be open for overnight guests, or you can rent the apartment - book with Robby Tyson 423-503-8438)
- ✓ Overnight bag (change of clothes, toothbrush, comb, shampoo, soap, etc.)
- ✓ Favorite bottle of adult beverage to share
- ✓ Favorite cigars to share (for those who want to participate)
- ✓ War stories and happy memories to share



What's Provided:

- ✓ Food (snacks, dinner and breakfast for those who stay overnight)
- ✓ An encouraging lesson from Robert Campbell (Like on Third Thursdays)
- ✓ An opportunity to grow together with your brothers in Christ



- ✓ New memories to share at future gatherings
- ✓ Time to reflect on God's goodness, mercies & blessing that are uniquely yours

Location: First Lutheran Church Camp - 1621 Lee Pike Soddy Daisy, TN 37379

RSVP to Matt Townley 423-322-0660 or iluvmywife4ever@yahoo.com

Friday November 8th any time after 5:30 pm. Dinner is at 6 PM. Please RSVP by Friday November 1st indicate if you are staying overnight to ensure there is enough food for everyone.



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

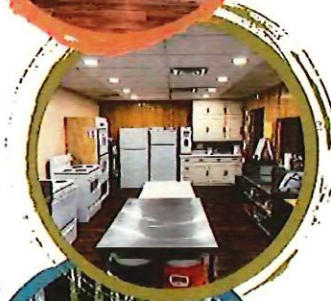
Relax by the water, fish, swim, canoe, play horseshoes, take a nature walk or do nothing.

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**

BCA



Several members of the East Ridge Fire Department visited BCA in October for National Fire Prevention Month. They ate lunch with the students and showed them all around the fire truck, explaining the different tools and how they work to save people from fire emergencies.



New BCA Flag Patrol Assembly - An assembly was recently held to introduce the basics of a Flag Patrol and how 3rd - 8th grade students can become involved and the required training.

Members of the East Ridge High School Jr. ROTC/Color Guard along with representatives of the Tennessee National Guard attended the Flag Patrol assembly to present the Colors and demonstrate proper folding procedures for the U.S. flag. Twelve students will be chosen to lead efforts for the remainder of the school year. We look forward to teaching this long-standing U.S. tradition to students.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOVEMBER 2024					1	2 10-11 a.m. Annual Altar Guild Meet.
3 <i>All Saints' Day</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	4	5 9:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study	6 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	7 12:00 Evangelism Meet.	8 5:30 Camp BYO Basl	9
10 <i>24th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	11 Veterans' Day <i>Office Closed</i> 6:00 BCA Board 6:00 Parish Fellowship Board	12 9:00 Food Pantry <i>Meetings:</i> 6:00 Social Ministry 6:00 Elders Meeting 7:30 Christian Ed	13 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	14 10:00 LWML	15	16
17 <i>25th Sunday after Trinity</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	18 <i>Newsletter deadline</i> 7:00 Church Council Meeting	19 9:00 Food Pantry 10:00 Quilters 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study	20 12:00 Al-Anon 1:30 Bible Study	21 6:00 Ladies' Fellowship, Pettolino's, Ringgold Rd. 6:30 Men's Fellowship, Rib & Loin, Brainerd	22	23
24 <i>Last Sunday of the Church Year</i> <i>Food Pantry Offering</i> 8:30 Divine Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Divine Service	25	26 9:00 Food Pantry 6:30 Ladies' Bible Study	27 OFFICE CLOSED 12:00 Al-Anon 6:30 Divine Service	28 OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY 12-3p.m. Thanksgiving Gathering at Camp	29	30

November Sunday Worship Assistants

<u>November 3 8:30</u>	
Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jeff Anderson Frank Streufert
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich Jeremy Miller
Altar Guild	Ted Ryan Janet Ryan

<u>November 3 11:00</u>	
Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Adam Weidman
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Altar Guild	Sandy Turner
Acolyte	Jackson Barber
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller

<u>November 10 8:30</u>	
Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Jeff Anderson

<u>November 10 11:00</u>	
Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Charlie Simmons

	Frank Streufert
Ushers	Oscar Kelley
	David Topp
Altar Guild	Michelle Bumgardner

Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Altar Guild	Jordan Halabrin
Acolyte	Colin Hipp
Nursery	Ashley Shamblin

November 17 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Ralph Meissner
	Jim Post
Ushers	Tony Seiberlich
	Jeremy Miller
Altar Team	Ted Ryan
	Janet Ryan

November 17 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Jordan Halabrin
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Altar Team	Jodie Hyde
Acolyte	Shiloh Miller
Nursery	Jasley Montgomery

November 24 8:30

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Ralph Meissner
	Jim Post
Ushers	Oscar Kelley
	David Topp
Altar Team	Michelle Bumgardner
	Linda Cox

November 24 11:00

Organist	Anna Hipp
Live Stream	Eric Turner
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Altar Team	Gary Tallant
Acolyte	Ruthie Vinson
Nursery	Chelsea S. Miller

November 27 6:30 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service

Organist	Anna Hipp
Assistants	Yarman Team
Ushers	Townley Team
Acolyte	Eradesa Stroud



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