



# CALL TO WORSHIP

June 2026

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

SONSHINE ARK PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE

WE ARE A D.O.J.O.Y. CONGREGATION

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## Faithfulness that Doesn't Miss a Sunday

*"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

Last March, our Council was reviewing the financial report from the previous month, and something stood out right away. Giving in February had been unusually strong. As we took a closer look, the reason became clear. The last Sunday in January had been bitterly cold, and only a small handful of people were able to attend worship. Naturally, the offering that morning was minimal. But the following Sunday—in February—people continued to support the work of the church and made up for what had been missing.



I find that deeply encouraging. It's a powerful witness to the faithfulness of the people at First Lutheran. Even when some were unable to be present, they did not forget God. Their faith was reflected in their generosity. God has been faithful to us, and we are able to respond by living generously, regardless of circumstances.

The same is true when we are sick or away on vacation. Even if we are not present, God remains present. He does not grow weary or step away. His work continues. The needs of the church continue as well—those responsibilities don't simply pause.

As you look ahead to the summer, perhaps making special plans to travel or spend meaningful time with family, remember the faithfulness of our Lord. Remember, too, the ongoing work of God's kingdom carried out through First Lutheran: caring for those in need, raising up leaders within the church, supporting brothers and sisters across the wider Church, helping provide clean drinking water, assisting those facing financial hardship, and so much more made possible through God's people.

And in that remembrance, continue to live generously. What you do truly makes a difference.

## LOOKING AHEAD FOR RAINFOREST FALLS VBS



Things are shaping up and we are getting ready for a **WILD ADVENTURE** with the kids at VBS this summer! Be looking ahead for donation lists to begin the week of June 1. The lists of donations that we will gladly be accepting will help us put on our 3-day VBS program. We will also accept any donations for this community program prior to VBS, if this is something that you feel you would like to donate towards.

As a way for the kids to make donations, we will be asking them to bring daily during VBS, any monetary and/or gardening items, to donate and support the "Stomping Grounds Adult Day Services" which is new to Wilson County and surrounding areas.

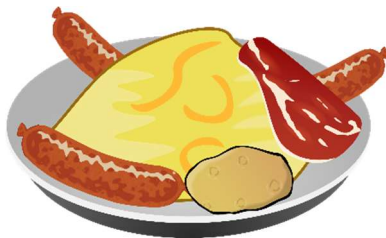
The Stomping Grounds Adult Day Services program offers structured skill-building, hands-on activities and community outings that help build confidence and independence for adults with intellectual disabilities. We are looking forward to a wonderful & wild adventure with surprises coming for VBS!



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## SAUSAGE DINNER PRIZE DRAWING

Plans are underway for our sausage dinner prize drawing. We have a team of seven congregation women collecting prizes. They are Teresa Sisti, Laveda Thompson, Lisa Baumann, Laura Lange, Kim Pruski, Loretta Carter and Laurie Curtis. A team member will be contacting you requesting donations. If you would like to donate or if you have contacts with a business who would like to donate, let one of us know. Please prayerfully consider how you can support our sausage dinner prize drawing.



We are collecting prizes in May and June. We will go to press early July for printing of tickets to be distributed for sale July 19th. We are excited to offer three top prizes to be announced. As we celebrate our 38th annual sausage dinner, prize #38 on our list will be something special. Our team thanks you in advance for your support! God bless you all!

## LAWN CREW SCHEDULE JUNE 2026



JUNE	7	14	21	28
<b>Lawn Crew</b>	T-4 Brad Pfeil, Leon Johnson, Justin Pfeil, Bodean Pfeil, Ben Munoz, Brian Trees, Roy Thayer	T-1 John Moring, Doug Bielefeld, Ray McHorse, Bill Stolle	T-2 Charles Ogburn, Clay Archer, Charles Koenig, Charlie Glowka	T-3 Danny Curtis, Frankie Dippel, Kari & Ryan Schroeder, Harold Heimer, Curtis Holcombe

## FLCW QUILT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER – May 17th-June 21st



Come one, come all to get your tickets and a chance to win a beautiful handmade quilt generously donated by the FLC quilting group. We will also be raffling off a handmade Quillow donated by Jenny Johnson. It is a quilt that can be folded and tucked into a pillow which is perfect for keeping the kids comfy on those long summer road trips. **1 ticket for \$5, 5 tickets for \$20!** Come find us at a table in the annex starting on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Drawing will be on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. **GOOD LUCK!**

## NALC DISASTER RESPONSE COLLECTION



We are currently asking for the items to fill 3 five-gallon buckets. These items include: 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or equivalent), 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil), 1 roll paper towels, 2 rags, Comet or scouring cleanser, Pine Sol or liquid cleaner, handheld scrub brush, 3 pairs of gloves (1 pr rubber, 1 pr leather, 1 pr cotton) size L or XL preferred.



Currently we have 3 buckets with lids that we are asking for the above supplies to fill them. Once those are filled, we will be asking for more buckets with lids and more supplies to fill those buckets.

We are still collecting Bibles, Bible stories, Bible Studies, etc. Thank you for your support. Please see Ann Martick with any questions. Note: They no longer accept store gift cards directly. They do accept online donations at:

<https://thenalc.org/en-us/our-work/equipping-disciples/disaster-response/>

## AUDIT BOOKS

All 2025 ministry books need to be submitted for audit to the Church Office by Sunday, May 31, 2026. Thank you!



## RUTH CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY

The Ruth Circle Bible Study will have their Outing on Thursday, Jun 4, 2026. We will gather at the Wildflour Pantry, 313 S. Sports St., Poth, TX 78147 by 11:30am. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 31st to Anna Willis at 210-722-3410.



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## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



It's been a while since we began using the Instant Church Directory online/phone app. Our families have undergone a lot of changes. Let's get it updated so we all can have a current directory (with photos).

Using the Church Communication Card, please provide any updates (cell phone numbers, email addresses, mailing/physical address) if anything has changed. An updated photo can also be taken if needed. You can also use this card to be added to the Daily Words of Encouragement list! Please see Dan for any assistance with the phone app or online access.



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## FLORESVILLE FOOD PANTRY

Help us feed Wilson County! The Floresville Food Pantry is currently in need of canned tomato sauce, canned meat, peanut butter, canned vegetables, pork and beans or canned beans. Donations can be placed in the shopping cart in the Annex or dropped off at the Floresville Food Pantry on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8-10 AM at 1201 A Street (behind the old gym). Every can, every jar, and every donation helps put food on the table for someone in our community. Thank you for your generosity! Please contact Vickey Zeithammel at 830-391-0750 if you have questions or need additional information. Website: [www.floresvillefoodpantry.org](http://www.floresvillefoodpantry.org)

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## PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS AND REGULAR WORSHIPERS

**Pastor John and Ellen Conrad** – Safe travels, peace, and restoration.  
**Sherry Lerich** – Prayers for healing after fall & surgery. Broken hip.  
**Sandra Jandt**- Prayers for comfort and healing, cancer treatment.  
**Susan Thompson**- Cancer treatment, comfort & healing, good test results.  
**Bonnie Caisse**- Prayers for comfort & complete healing.  
**Vernon Blocker**- Prayers for comfort & complete healing.  
**Natalie Adams**- Prayers for continued healing and wholeness.  
**Voncille Bielefeld** – Prayers for comfort & complete healing.



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## PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR LIVING ALONE

Florence Baumann  
Sylvia Gadd

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**Tate Michael Boening was baptized 4/26/2026**



**Eliska Renee Bergey was baptized 5/3/2026**



**Tucker Jameson Walls was baptized 5/17/2026**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FOUR CONFIRMANDS:**

**Ainsley Krause, Jocelyn Carter, Elly Kosub, Cline Mangum**



“Stir up the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.” (ELW, *Affirmation of Baptism*)

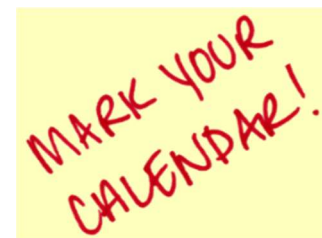
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**HAPPY SUMMER, SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILIES!**

As the school year winds down, we want to wish you all a wonderful, safe, and fun-filled summer ahead! We have loved learning and growing in faith with your children this year.

Please take note of these important dates and updates for our Sunday School program:

- Summer Break Begins: **Sunday, May 24** (No regular classes until August)
- Summer Activities: Check the bulletin board! We have placed fun activity sheets there for the kids to enjoy throughout the summer.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS): Mark your calendars for **June 29 – July 1**. We can't wait to see everyone there for an amazing week!
- Classes Resume & Rally Day: **Sunday, August 9**. We will celebrate Rally Day together and kick off the new year.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Have a blessed summer, and we look forward to seeing your smiling faces in August!



**SSA GRADUATION 5/15/2026**

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, our hearts are full. Graduation was a great success, and it was especially meaningful to pay tribute to both Mom and Dad. Watching these children grow and taking their next steps fills us with pride and excitement for all they will become.



Now we look ahead to June, which is always such a fun and exciting month! We have so many activities planned, including field trips, water days, ice cream days, and lots of summer fun for the children to enjoy.

We are truly grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and contributions to Sunshine Ark Preschool & Daycare. We look forward to all that is still to come!

With Appreciation,  
Melissa Recio

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISIT, PASTOR JORDAN LONG**

Pastor Jordan Long from South Sudan in Africa was visiting 5/3/2026 and took part in our worship service.

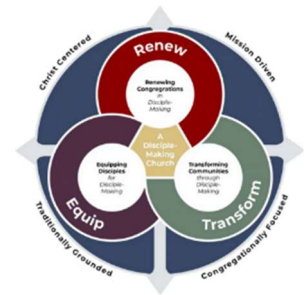


## 2026 NALC TX-OK FAMILY REUNION

The "early bird" registration period for the 2026 "Family Reunion" of the NALC Texas-Oklahoma Mission Region has passed, but registration continues! Registration is still available at a low price -- only \$45 -- which includes dinner on Friday, July 31st, and lunch on Saturday, August 1st. The regular registration period closes on June 30th, so please register within this window to take advantage of the best available rate.



The Rev. Dr. Amy Little, General Secretary of the NALC, will speak to us about the NALC's Renew-Equip-Transform initiative and give us some tools to take back to our congregations. Additionally, the Rev. Carol Fryer, the NALC's Director of Mission, will lead a discussion with representatives from the three mission sending agencies of the four Global Workers recommended to our Region by the NALC. They are:



- Spiritual Orphans Network (SON) -- Denis & Ela Shallari (Albania)
- Awakening Lives to World Mission (ALWM) -- Rev. Dr. Thomas Thorstad (Laos & Thailand), Dr. Hang (Vietnam)
- World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) -- Jon & Vee Gowin (Gambia)

The "Family Reunion" will take place from 3PM on Friday, July 31st, through 2PM on Saturday, August 1st, at Welcome Lutheran Church in Brenham. **Please see the church office for the registration form.**

