

FLC WEEKLY

August 18, 2026

God is with us as we care for one another.

FLC WEEKLY UPDATES

In order to keep the FLC Weekly update current for the week, please submit any updates no later than **Monday afternoon** so they will be included when it is sent out each Tuesday morning.

WELCOME HOME!

The countdown is on! 5 more days for the day we have long-awaited. Join us Sunday, August 23, to celebrate the return of Pastor John and Ellen. We will host a **potluck** brunch beginning at 9:15 AM. No RSVP necessary! **Please bring your favorite brunch item**, come enjoy the food and fellowship. Hope to see you there as we rejoice at the return of our shepherd to his flock and welcome Pastor back with a big Texas reception!

SAUSAGE DINNER PRIZE DRAWING – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

\$8,640 worth of Sausage Dinner Prize Drawing tickets have been distributed to sell which is almost 1/2 of our \$18,000 goal. WOW! How exciting!

We thank you, our congregation, for being motivated and supporting our prize drawing by selling tickets. There are five weeks before sausage dinner and it will be here before we know it. If you have not picked up your tickets to sell yet, please do so, be a part, help us reach our goal. Reminder, you do not have to pay for tickets now, you can pay when you return stubs.

Our prizes range from \$75 - \$1,500 in value. Tickets are very easy to sell and people appreciate the opportunity to buy chances to win one or more of these fabulous prizes. We have received one more prize (which will be given away as a bonus prize) so our fabulous prizes total almost \$11,500.00. The top 10 prizes are posted on the bulletin board by Pastor's office with the remaining to follow.

Tickets are available every Sunday after each service in the annex. We thank you again for taking as many tickets as you can sell and supporting our 38th Annual

Sausage Dinner Prize Drawing. God Bless You! *Teresa, Kim, LaVeda, Lisa, Laura, Loretta & Laurie*

SAUSAGE DINNER HELPERS

Sign up lists will be posted in the Annex beginning on Sunday, August 9. Please sign up early - as soon as you know when you will be available and where you would like to volunteer. Things always go more smoothly when we are well prepared and organized! Thanks for making our 38th Sausage Dinner the best one yet!

THE COUNTRY STORE UPDATE

The Country Store will be selling baked goods, homemade canned goods, and handcrafted items. It will be in the annex. Eileen Schuette is heading up this year's Country Store and would greatly appreciate donations of homemade items to sell. We can use homemade jellies, jams, candy, breads, canned sauces, knitted or crocheted items, baked goods, potholders, quilts, bird houses, painting, etc. Please give Eileen a call at (956) 358-1708 or Ann Martick at (512) 968-1438 for more information.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please submit all articles for the September newsletter to the office at office@dojoy.org before the deadline of **Wednesday, August 19**. Thank you.

STUFF THE BUS WITH PRAYERS

Please stop by the Annex to share a prayer on the pencils for our kids and educators returning to school. There are glue dots to hang your prayer on the table. Thanks for sharing your prayers with us!

WELCOME NOLAN HENRY KRAUS!

Nolan was born Wednesday, August 6, to Mason and Michelle Kraus. Ruby and Jake now have a little brother!

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Are you tall enough to light the candles? If you answered yes, then becoming an acolyte might be something to consider! Anyone from around 9 years of age and older can become an acolyte, with some training. Two training sessions will be

offered: Sunday, September 6, and Sunday, September 13, at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Come to one or both if you are interested in serving as an acolyte. If you have questions or concerns, text or call Carol Rutledge, 830-391-5819.

CONFIRMATION FOR GRADES 7-8

All youth, grades 7-8, are invited to be a part of First Lutheran's Confirmation Ministry Program. Classes will be held 9:15-10:15am on Sundays and 6-7pm on Wednesdays (with exceptions on occasion). There will be an orientation for youth and their parents in the Annex at **6pm, Wednesday, August 26**.

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO REMEMBER FLC IN YOUR GIVING, AS YOU ARE ABLE. We have options available for online giving and text-to-give. They are easy to use and secure! You can give a gift of support online at <https://dojoy.org/give> or give via text message by texting the amount you would like to give to **830-420-0747**.

WANNA JOIN A TEAM?

Would you be interested in joining a team of inspirational leaders? Yes? Then join the group who will be developing and leading a Family Sunday School starting in August. Want to know more about this fun, prayerful activity? Please contact Jenny Johnson at jenny98aggie@hotmail.com or 979-324-0239

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's been a while since we began using the Instant Church Directory online/phone app. Our families have undergone a lot of changes since then. 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 between the services, or one can be emailed to Dan at office@dojoy.org at your convenience. Please see Dan for any assistance with the phone app or online access.

DAILY WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

If you have not signed up for the Daily Words of Encouragement, you may do so by letting the office know. These links via text are scheduled daily at either 6 am or 12 noon Mondays through Saturdays.

SERVING AT WORSHIP SERVICE (8/23/2026)

Ushers (Team 1)

Early Ushers- Britt Benson, Pat Caisse, Dan Johns, Joyce Yosko, Gunnar Berg

Late Ushers- Russell & Margie Boening, Charlie & Ginny Glowka, Sherman Posey, Matt & Brylee Kraus, Sophia Hassman

Live Stream- Carol Rutledge

Early Sound Tech- Jeff Rutledge

Early Acolytes- Bodean Pfeil and Ben Munoz

Early Reader- Curtis Holcombe

Early Communion Bread- Danny Curtis

Early Communion Wine- Laurie Curtis and Patty Moczygamba

Late Sound Tech- Doug Bielefeld

Late Acolytes- Pheona Valenzuela and Emily Trees

Late Reader- Alan Schmidtberger

Late Communion Bread- Scott Boening

Late Communion Wine- Diane Boening and Kambri Angle

Tellers- Patty Moczygamba and Elizabeth Scheitle

Flowers- In Memory of Leonard Orth and Rufus Ticken; and in Honor of Heath Orth's Birthday by Mata Orth

Music- Manahara Virasinha

Altar Guild-(Team 1) Nina Koenig, Kim Pruski, Ann Martick, Michelle Gay

Lawn Crew- (Team 3) Danny Curtis, Frankie Dippel, Kari & Ryan Schroeder, Harold Heimer, Curtis Holcombe

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS AND REGULAR WORSHIPERS

Pastor John and Ellen Conrad- Safe travels, peace, and restoration.

Linda Ogburn- Thank you for the Prayers!! Doing Well!

Marcia Drane- Prayers for comfort and Peace.

Olivia Macek and Family - Prayers for complete healing and wholeness.

Curtis Holcombe- Prayers for comfort and complete healing.

Ginny Glowka- Prayers for healing and recovery from a medical procedure.

Sherry Lerich- Prayers for healing after fall and surgery.

Sandra Jandt- Prayers for comfort and healing, cancer treatment.

Susan Thompson- Cancer treatment, Prayers for comfort and healing.

Bonnie Caisse- Prayers for comfort and complete healing.

Vernon Blocker- Prayers for comfort and complete healing.

Natalie Adams- Prayers for continued healing and wholeness.

Voncille Bielefeld- Prayers for comfort and complete healing.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR LIVING ALONE

Jeanette Archer

Marcella Hartmann

Florence Baumann

Sherry Lerich

Sylvia Gadd

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS & VISITORS

World Peace and Continuing Rain!

Sita Virasinha- Prayers for comfort and healing due to falling. (Mother of Manahara Virasinha)

Kiley Cude- Prayers for comfort and healing due to pregnancy complications. (Russell and Margie Boening)

Carolyn Koenning- Prayers for comfort and healing to get better after a hospital stay. (Randy & Eileen Schuette)

Family of Frankie Guerrero- Prayers for comfort and peace due to Frankie passing away. (Father of Melissa Recio, SSA Director)

Family of Elmer Lee Lenz- Prayers for comfort and peace due to passing away 8/3/26. (Ruby Kolenda)

Luke and Kelly Sisti- Prayers for answers and strength as they deal with pregnancy complications. (Teresa Sisti)

Merle Gipe- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Russell & Margie Boening)

Virginia Verstraete- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Marvin and Voncille Bielefeld)

Brian Mora- Prayers for comfort and healing after a knee injury. (Becky Vinyard)

Rebecca Futchel- Prayers for comfort and healing due to health problems. (Mata Orth)

Josephine Bridges- Prayers for comfort and peace for being at peace with her Lord. (Mata Orth)

Alan McCormack- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Doug and Patricia Bielefeld)

Madalin Islet- Prayers for comfort and peace. Mother-in-law is now in hospice. (Doug and Patricia Bielefeld)

Tiffany Hill- Prayers for comfort and healing on new diagnosis of Stage 2 Breast Cancer (daughter of Ms. Betty Hill at SSA)
Peggy Lindley- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Russell & Margie Boening)
Nadia Castro-Vogtlin- Prayers for comfort and healing recovering from gall-bladder surgery. (Klepac Family)
Gloria Katzer- Prayers for comfort and peace in acceptance of illness. (Pantuso Family)
Courtney Ortiz- Prayers for health & healing. (Pantuso Family)
Robert Taylor- Prayers for comfort and healing from surgery (Moring Family)
Karen Lucherk- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Russell & Margie Boening)
Jennifer Lohse- Prayers for comfort and healing from Cancer. (Tom Ortmann)
Steve Lisherness- Prayers for comfort & healing (Klepac Family)
Mark Vidal- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Klepac Family)
Keli Oliveira- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Klepac Family)
Jennings Johnson- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Klepac Family)
Cindy Pilgrim-Banhart- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Klepac Family)
Steve Plata- Prayers for complete healing from cancer (Klepac Family).

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Tue., Aug 18	9:00am	Bible Study LA
	10:00am	Bible Study DJH

Wed., Aug 19 **NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE**

Thu., Aug 20	9:00am	Quilting Hands DJH
	9:00am	Bereavement LA

Sun., Aug 23	8:00am	Early Service
	9:30am	Sunday School
	10:30am	Late Worship

MEMBERS HAVING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Aug 17	Jan Schellhase	Aug 20	Leon Johnson
Aug 19	Charlie Glowka		

MEMBERS HAVING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Aug 17	Tom & Michelle Gay	Aug 22	Dan & Ann Martick
Aug 19	Scott & Teresa Sisti	Aug 23	Travis & Frances Ehrlich

DAILY READINGS FOR DISCIPLES THIS WEEK

Monday	Aug 17	Matthew 16:13-20
Tuesday	Aug 18	Isaiah 51:1-6
Wed	Aug 19	Psalms 138
Thursday	Aug 20	Romans 12:1-8
Friday	Aug 14	Galatians 1:11-17
Saturday	Aug 15	Galatians 1:18-24

COMMUNION SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST

Sunday, Aug 23	Service of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, Aug 30	Service of the Word

Holy communion will return to the normal schedule in September.