

FLC WEEKLY

September 9, 2026

God is with us as we care for one another.

FLC WEEKLY UPDATES

Please submit any updates no later than **Monday afternoon** so they will be included when the email is sent out each Tuesday morning.

FROM PASTOR JOHN AND ELLEN

It's good to be back! Ellen and I were overwhelmed by the wonderful brunch upon our return. Clearly a lot of work went into that. Thank you! First Lutheran kept being about the Lord's work in our absence. God's kingdom was being advanced. Thanks be to God! With a break after 14 years, it's surprising how relaxed I am. At the same time, I'm ready to go to work. An opportunity such as this has proven to be a good opportunity to refocus and re-energize. I'm grateful to be back with the good people of First Lutheran. We move forward - rejuvenated. Thanks again!

SAUSAGE DINNER HELPERS

Please sign up early as soon as you know when you will be available and where you would like to volunteer. The sign-up sheets are on the easel in the annex. Things always go 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.

SAUSAGE DINNER PRIZE DRAWING – SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

5 chances to win \$75 up to \$1,500 for only \$20.

What a great deal! The enthusiasm is building as we approach our 38th Annual Sausage Dinner which is a month away.

We are giving away \$11,500 in prizes. We are almost halfway to reaching our goal of selling \$18,000 worth of tickets. In order to reach our goal, we ask everyone's participation and support. In addition to purchasing tickets for yourself, take some to sell. Just like you, your relatives, friends, neighbors, co-workers and business acquaintances want to be in on the action to win one or more of our fabulous prizes. Tickets are easy to sell; people are eager and enthusiastic to buy.

The prize drawing will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, September 20. Think about who you know who will buy tickets. Please pick up your Prize Drawing tickets now to be part of the excitement!

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*

CAMP INFORMATION MEETING

There will be a meeting in the annex on **Sunday, September 13, at 9:30am** for families interested in sending their children to camp next summer.

We'll discuss plans for camp, fundraising opportunities, and other details. If you are considering having your child attend camp this coming summer, we encourage you to come and be part of the conversation!

9/11 WREATH LAYING AND PRAYER SERVICE

Honoring Lives. Healing Hearts. Renewing Hope.

Friday, September 11, 2026 at 9:15am at Connally Medical Center, under the flagpole. 499 10th Street, Floresville.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU

On behalf of the entire Archer & Orth family, I would like to express my heartfelt and grateful "thank you" to all the members of First Lutheran Church who demonstrated support, caring and love for my mother, Jeanette Orth Archer's funeral service on Friday, August 28, 2026. I was truly touched by all of your efforts; it meant a lot.

A special shout-out to all the people that made the reception memorable. Also, thank you to Pastor John, Dan Martick, and Manahara Virasinha for all your

efforts. It is heartwarming to be part of such a special congregation at FLC. Rest in peace mother, we love you! Clay Archer

IN LOVING MEMORY OF SYLVIA GADD

We lovingly remember Sylvia Gadd, a cherished member of our church family, who has gone home to be with the Lord.

Funeral services will be held out of town.
Forest Park East
21620 Gulf Fwy
Webster, TX 77598

Saturday, September 19, 2026
Viewing at 1pm, Service at 2pm, Burial at 3pm.

We invite our church family to keep Sylvia's family and loved ones in your prayers during this difficult time. May God surround them with His comfort, peace, and strength. Memorials can be made to "First Lutheran Church" Ethiopia Missions fund, 1406 6th St., Floresville, TX 78114.

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.

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**.

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 (9/13/2026)

Ushers (Team 4)

Early Ushers- Jesse Bryan, Danny & Laurie Curtis, Charles & Nina Koenig

Late Ushers- Rudd & James Rhew, David & Annette Pfeil, Adam & Andrea Carter, Alan Schmidtberger, LoReese King

Live Stream- Britt Benson

Early Sound Tech- Curtis Holcombe

Early Acolytes- Caitlyn Korzekwa and Carol Rutledge

Early Reader- Patty Moczygemba

Late Sound Tech- Doug Bielefeld

Late Acolytes- Allie Rhew and Cline Mangum

Late Reader- Brittani Pruski

Tellers- Melissa Mangum and Liz Scheitle

Flowers-

Music- Manahara Virasinha

Altar Guild (Team 2) Teresa Sisti, LoReese King, Kari Schroeder, Susan Thompson

Lawn Crew (Team 2) Charles Ogburn, Clay Archer, Charles Koenig, Charlie Glowka

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS AND REGULAR WORSHIPERS

Eileen Schuette- Prayers for comfort and complete healing following emergency surgery.

Marcia Drane- Prayers for comfort and Peace.

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

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 from surgery.
Vernon Blocker- Prayers for comfort and complete healing.
Natalie Adams- Prayers for continued healing and wholeness.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NURSING HOMES OR LIVING ALONE

Florence Baumann
Marcella Hartmann
Sherry Lerich

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS & VISITORS

World Peace and Continuing Rain!

Baby Wade and his parents- Prayers, Heart problems. (Mata Orth)
Courtney Chilek- Lords work in shrinking tumors after chemo. (Caitlyn Thayer)
Jennifer Garrett- comfort & healing, Cancer. (Niece of Joyce & Bobby Yosko)
Cindy Mencacci- comfort & healing, cardiac surgery. (Friend of Becky Vinyard)
Family of Jody Albert- Prayers for comfort and peace due to her passing 8/26.
(Glowka Family)
Family of Sylvia Gadd- Prayers for comfort and peace due to her passing 8/25.
Adelee Lahodny- Prayers for comfort and healing from surgery (Niece of Blake
and Bridget Helmke)
Kelly Sleeper- Prayers for comfort and healing from cancer and surgery. (Adelman
Family)
Betty Portillo- Prayers for comfort and healing from a fall. (Adelman Family)
A.J. Peterson- Prayers for comfort and healing from cancer. (Brittani Pruski)
Kiley Cude- Prayers for comfort and healing due to pregnancy complications.
(Russell and Margie Boening)
Carolyn Koening- Prayers for comfort and healing to get better after a hospital
stay. (Randy & Eileen Schuette)
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)
Brian Mora- Prayers for comfort and healing, knee injury. (Becky Vinyard's SIL)
Gloria Katzer- Prayers for comfort and peace in acceptance of illness. (Pantuso
Family)
Courtney Ortiz- Prayers for health & healing. (Pantuso Family)
Karen Lucher- Prayers for comfort and healing. (Russell & Margie Boening)

Jennifer Lohse- Prayers for comfort and healing from Cancer. (Tom Ortmann's niece)

Steve Lisherness- Prayers for comfort & healing (Klepac Family)

Mark Vidal- 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., Sept 8

9:00am	Bible Study LA
10:00am	Bible Study DJH
1:00pm	Care Team Meeting.
6:30pm	Building Design & Cost Review Team

Wed., Sept 9

6:00pm	Confirmation
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Thu., Sept 10

9:00am	Quilting Hands DJH
1:30pm	Veterans Home
2:30pm	Prairie Meadows
3:30pm	FNC

Sat., Sept 12

8:00am	Men's Bible Study
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Sun., Sept 13

8:00am	Early Service
9:15am	Acolyte Training
9:30am	Camp Informational Meeting
9:30am	Sunday School
10:30am	Late Worship

MEMBERS HAVING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Sept 7	Linda Jauer	Sept 8	Beckett Posey
Sept 7	Trisha Moehrig	Sept 10	Randy Schulze
Sept 7	Cody Wehde	Sept 11	Kaydence Orth

Sept 11 Sheryl Quinonez
Sept 13 Ray McHorse

MEMBERS HAVING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

No Anniversaries this week

DAILY READINGS FOR DISCIPLES THIS WEEK

Monday	Sept 7	Matthew 18:21-35
Tuesday	Sept 8	Genesis 50:15-21
Wed	Sept 9	Psalms 103:1-13
Thursday	Sept 10	Romans 14:1-12
Friday	Sept 11	Galatians 3:6-9
Saturday	Sept 12	Galatians 3:10-14