CALL TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2026

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH **SONSHINE ARK PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE**

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

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The Open Door

"The Lord had opened a door for me." 2 Corinthians 2:12b



Ellen and I were having some work done at our house. The man who came in to give us a bid on the work noticed that I was wearing a "First Lutheran Church" shirt. He said, "Are you a pastor?" That was an open door. I could have resorted to my quiet introverted tendencies and said, "Yes", and leave it at that. But this time I saw the opportunity. I felt the Spirit nudging me. So, I said, "Yes. Do you have a church home?"

That's when the conversation really opened up. He had but his experience of a specific church was not positive. They were very harsh and judgmental. It left him feeling beat up because they were always talking about people's sins and how their best was never good enough. The conversation continued. I was able to share that we are not just sinners but "forgiven" sinners. God's forgiveness allows us to live beyond our sin. Yes, confession and forgiveness is an ongoing cycle. Nonetheless, God does not want us stuck and giving up simply because we're not perfect. He gives us the opportunity to live his abundant life and be a part of his kingdom.

The man doing work at our house does not live close by. Being a part of First Lutheran probably wouldn't be very realistic. But I did text him with more than just "Have a blessed day." I texted, "Hope tomorrow is blessed for you, knowing that as far as God is concerned, every time you turn to Him and remember what He has done for you on the cross, you see that He fully loves and forgives and remembers your sin no more. Start out each day turning to Him, and each day is new."

I believe God places people in our lives who need to experience the unconditional love of our Lord. Opportunities to share that love do present themselves. I wonder how many of those opportunities I miss simply because I feel too busy, am focused on something other than the Spirit, or lack the courage to step outside my introverted comfort zone.

Do you ever experience the Lord God opening doors for faith conversations in your daily life?

Pastor John

FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Not only did our kids have a fun time singing for Pastor John and the congregation, but they learned pumpkins and candy have some relations in the Bible!

The Pumpkin Prayer (Poem)

Dear Jesus,
As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind so that I can learn about You; .....(cut the top off the pumpkin)
Take all my sin and forgive the wrong that I do. ..... (clean out the inside)
Open my eyes so Your love I will see; .....(cut eyes shaped like hearts)
I'm sorry for times I've turned up
my nose at what You've given to me. .....(cut a nose in the shape of a cross)
Open my ears so Your word I will hear; ..... (cut ears shaped like a Bible)
Open my mouth to tell others You're near...... (cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)
Let Your light shine in all I say and do!.....(place candle inside and light it)



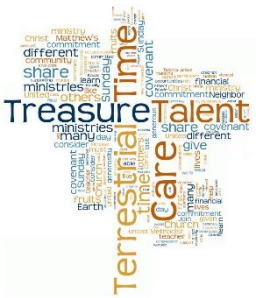



Candy and Bible verses

- Life Savers ➔ Luke 9:24 (*"For whoever wants to save their life will lose it..."*)
- Almond Joy ➔ Nehemiah 8:10b (*"...the joy of the Lord is your strength"*)
- Swedish Fish ➔ Mark 1:17 (*"Come, follow me... and I will send you out to fish for people"*)
- Hershey's Kisses ➔ Proverbs 24:26 (*"An honest answer is like a kiss on the lips"*)
- Skittles ➔ Genesis 9:13 (*The rainbow covenant*)

Mark your calendars for the next activity on **Sunday, November 15, 2026** from 9:15am - 10:00am as we learn about Thanksgiving. We look forward to learning and growing in faith with you!

2026 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE



The annual stewardship drive is upon us! The 2026 Stewardship Committee is excited to announce that this year's theme is ***What Belongs to God?*** Hopefully, this theme will get you thinking about how you can use your time, talents, and possessions to glorify our Father.

Please take the time to pray about ways you can participate at FLC to further His kingdom. You will be hearing more about our annual stewardship drive over the next few weeks, so keep your listening ears ready!

THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH AND DAY!

The people of First Lutheran have truly outdone themselves this year with Staff Appreciation, and we certainly felt the love! From the beautiful decorations and delicious lunches to the thoughtful treats, cards, and countless expressions of kindness, you have made us feel incredibly special.



What a blessing it is to be part of a church family that genuinely cares for, encourages, and supports one another. Please know that the appreciation goes both ways! We are deeply grateful to each of you and feel truly blessed to serve alongside such a loving, generous, and faithful community of believers.

Thank you for making us feel so appreciated and loved. We appreciate you, too!

With heartfelt gratitude, *Pastor John, Dan, Becky, Manahara, Brenda, and Cindy*

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ENDOWMENT FUND

The purpose of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church Endowment fund is to provide a perpetual means for advancing the mission and outreach of Christ's kingdom. The basic goal of the Endowment Fund will be to facilitate tax advantaged giving with resultant assets being invested to produce current income enabling growth for mission and outreach beyond the general operating funds of the church.

The fund is not a part of the general operating fund of the congregation. No part of the fund shall be used for the annual operating budget of the congregation.

By God's grace, the fun continues to grow. Our immediate goal is to reach a minimum balance of $25,000, which will allow us to begin making distributions from the investment earnings while preserving the principal.

Thank you for continuing to remember this fund in your thoughts and prayers, and for your support in helping it grow.

PEANUT FESTIVAL



Genesis 12:2 reads, *"I will bless you and you will be a blessing to others"*. Saturday at the Peanut Festival was a prime example of this scripture. At the annual Floresville Peanut Festival, FLC hosted a hospitality center which provided a friendly welcome, a place for parade participants with restroom facilities, coffee, cold water, light refreshments of cookies, donuts, pigs in a blanket, etc… and a dressing room for those who needed to get ready for the big day! We witnessed the appreciation of so many locals and visitors to our community,



At the end of the parade route we handed out 1,200 bottles of cold water with a scripture on it to parade participants and spectators, again all so appreciative. People sitting around us joined in to help out. God is good!

In addition, our church parking lot was offered to anyone as free parking.

Our congregation is to be commended for giving back to our community with free water, free parking and a free hospitality center for parade goers.

This is such a meaningful event to experience so you are invited and welcome to come join us next year. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped. God Bless you and FLC!

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.

LAWN CREW SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2026



1	8	15	22	29
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	T-4 Brad & Bodean Pfeil, Leon Johnson, Justin Pfeil, Ben Munoz, Brian Trees, Roy & Luke Thayer	T-1 John Moring, Doug Bielefeld, Ray McHorse, Bill Stolle

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



The Instant Church Directory App is still availale for us. 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 (don't be shy!) between the services, or one can be emailed to office@dojoy.org at your convenience. Please see Dan for any assistance with the phone app or online access.

DOJOY WEBSITE



Our website, www.dojoy.org, has been updated with corrected links to the latest **Monthly Newsletter, FLC Weekly, Calendar, and Worship Leader Schedule**. The Sermons page has been updated to direct you to the YouTube channel with the condensed version of the services. They include the Prayer of the Day, the scripture readings, the Children's Message, the Gospel reading, and the Message.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

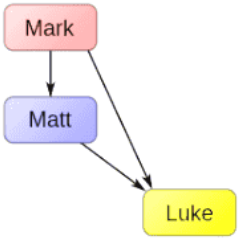
Come and follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul as we study "To Live is Christ; The Life and Ministry of Paul." Our group meets on the **3rd Monday of each month** at Lord's Acres, beginning at 6:00 pm to approximately 8:15 pm. Bring your beverage of choice and snacks as we fellowship, study and learn of how the Apostle Paul risked life and loneliness to take Christ's gospel to the uttermost parts of the world. Contact Nina Koenig at 361-816-6721 for more information or to join our group!



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Now is your chance to get in at the beginning! On the last Sunday in November, we welcome Advent and a new Liturgical Year. It's also the start of the Lectionary Year for the Gospel of Mark, the earliest Gospel and one of the sources for Matthew and Luke.

More than the other Gospels, Mark gives us an understanding of Jesus' humanity/emotions as well as His divinity. It is believed possible that Mark was an eyewitness to the Last Supper, Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Crucifixion. He is also believed to be the John Mark who accompanied Peter and Paul on their missionary journeys.



All are welcome to come learn with us – men and women, Lutherans and others – on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am in the DoJoy House as we look into the Gospel of Mark and the accompanying Old Testament reading for the coming Sunday. Please join us! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Scheitle or Clay Archer.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD TRAILERS



Before you know it, it's going to be that time of the year for a trailer caravan with singing kids and OWL's going through the streets sitting on hay bales. If you are interested in participating, please let the church office know as soon as possible.

QUILTING BUDDIES

Quilting Buddies are a part of the Quilting hands group at FLC. We make these quilts for a school called New Life Residential Center located in Canyon Lake, Texas. All the quilts are blessed by Pastor John. The ladies that play a big part in this group are Sandra Jandt, Laurie Curtis, Susan Popham, Linda Randolph, and Florence Neubauer. On October 8, the Quilting Buddies took eight quilts to the school. The ladies enjoy doing this beautiful work every Thursday of the month at the DoJoy House.





PRAYER REQUESTS FOR MEMBERS AND REGULAR WORSHIPERS



Tom Ortmann- Prayers for comfort and healing.
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

Marcella Hartmann **Sherry Lerich**

MYG STRIKES AGAIN!



Our church youth enjoyed a fun evening of fellowship, pumpkin carving, and Frito-pie at October's Monthly Youth Gathering! Everyone had a great time getting creative with their pumpkins, sharing some laughs, and enjoying a delicious meal together.

We are thankful for opportunities like these to bring our youth together, build friendships, and grow in fellowship with one another. A big thank-you to everyone who helped make the evening special!

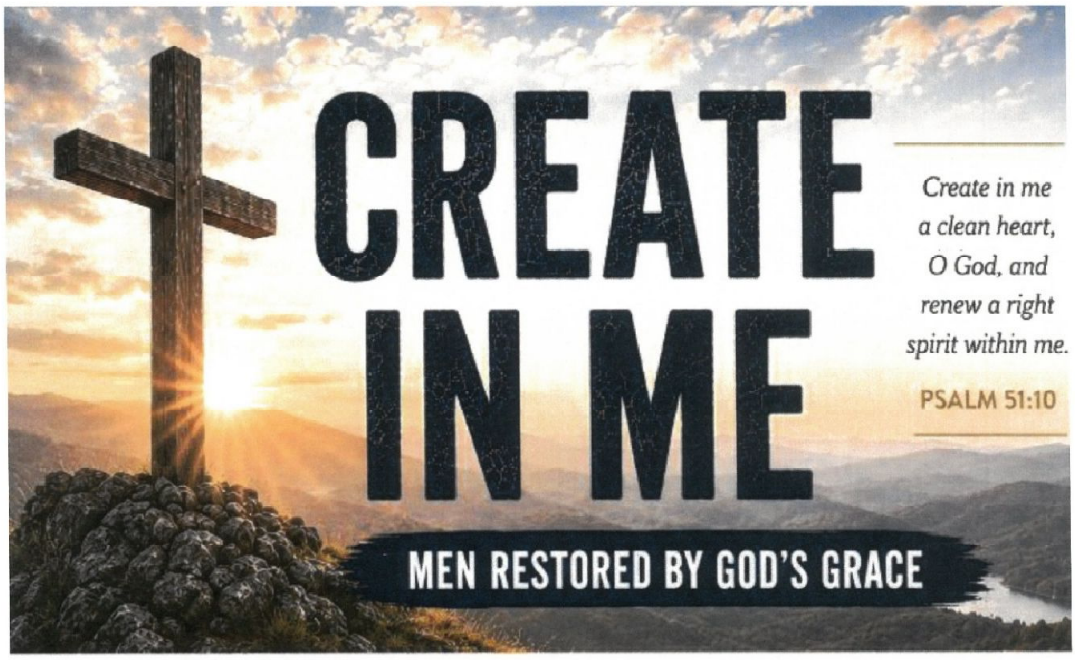
What a fun way to celebrate the fall season with our church family! If you are interested in joining this festive group, contact Brittani: 210-861-5373 or Jaxson: 830-391-4586.











MEN'S GATHERING

EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY, RENEWAL, AND RESTORATION

Join men from across the area for a powerful day in God's Word.
Be strengthened. Be encouraged. **Be restored.**

TOPICS INCLUDED:

- The Discipline of Repentance
- The Assurance of Forgiveness
- The Renewal of a Clean Heart
- The Restoration of Joy and Purpose

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.
Psalm 51:12

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 21
★ 2026 ★

8:30 AM – 2:00 PM

8:30 AM	Check-In & Fellowship
9:00 AM	Sessions Begin
12:00 PM	Lunch Provided
2:00 PM	Closing

LED BY
Pastor Al Jensen,
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