

CALL TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER, 2025

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH SONSHINE ARK PRESCHOOL & DAYCARE
WE ARE A D.O.J.O.Y. CONGREGATION
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES 8:00 & 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15

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Everything Belongs to God

“The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it ” Psalm 24:1

When we talk about stewardship, our minds often jump to what we’re asked to give—our time, our talents, or our treasure. But true stewardship begins with a much deeper truth: **everything belongs to God**. This is our theme for this year’s stewardship season.

From the very first verse of Scripture, we are reminded that “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.” Everything we see, touch, and experience is not ours to own but God’s gift entrusted to our care. Our lives, our abilities, our resources, even the breath in our lungs—all come from the LORD.

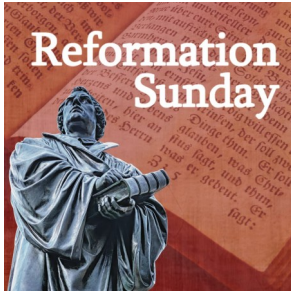
When we recognize this, our relationship with what we have changes. Instead of clinging tightly to what we think is “ours,” we begin to hold things with open hands. We become caretakers, not possessors; givers, not hoarders. The question of stewardship is no longer “How much of my stuff should I give to God?” but rather, “How will I use what already belongs to him?”

Living this way brings both freedom and joy. We are freed from the illusion of control and the anxiety that comes from trying to secure everything ourselves. We are invited into gratitude and generosity—responding to God’s abundant grace by giving of ourselves for his work in the world.

As we enter this season of stewardship, let us remember: **we give not because God needs what we have, but because he has already given us everything**. I hope you take some prayerful time to assess how you plan to invest yourself in God’s work this coming year. If you haven’t already received them in the mail, the stewardship materials should be arriving in the mail soon. Our giving is an act of worship, trust, and love—an acknowledgment that we belong to Him, and so does everything else.

Pastor John





Reformation Sunday, October 26

Red is often understood as a color for martyrs of the Church. Sunday, October 26, is Reformation Sunday, the day we remember with gratitude the contribution of the reformers of the Church. Many died in the faith. Thus, in observance of Reformation Sunday, congregational members are welcome to wear red!

All Saints Sunday, Nov. 2

Sunday, Nov. 2 is **All Saints Sunday**, a day when we remember all those who have gone before us in the faith. As a part of the prayers of the church, we will be lifting up in prayer names of brothers and sisters who have passed since last All Saints Sunday. If you can think of a baptized brother or sister in the faith you would like to be remembered in the prayers that day, please contact the church office.



Change Clocks Nov. 2

Please remember that **Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 2.**
Set your clocks back by one hour prior to worship that day!

Commitment Sunday, Nov. 16

Our stewardship focus will culminate with people bringing in their Time and Talents Sheet, Estimates of Giving and Covenant Forms. A taco brunch will be served between the services.



Floresville Community Thanksgiving Service, Nov. 23

6 PM, Sunday, November 23
Floresville United Methodist Church
1205 B St., Floresville, TX 78114

Women's Thankoffering Service, Nov. 9

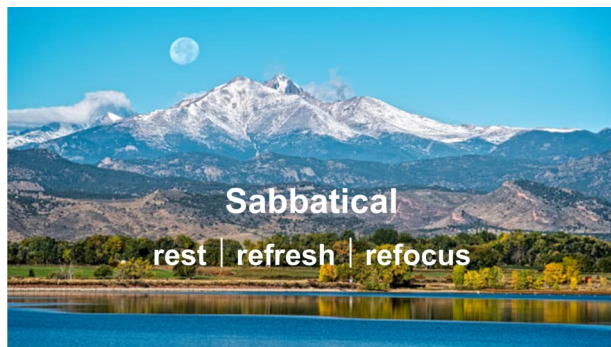
The worship service on Nov. 9 will be the annual women's Thankoffering service, led by the women of FLC. Please join us on November 9th.



Women of the
NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sabbatical Update

Ellen and I are grateful for the opportunity voted for us to take a sabbatical break in 2026. Although all plans are not finalized, it is looking like we will be traveling for 2-3 weeks and then spending the rest of the time in Colorado. Plans are for it to begin after the rite of confirmation, May 17 and conclude three months later. We will keep you posted as things progress.



The Sonshine Ark Focus

During the month of November, we will be talking about yummy foods! Our community helper is the chef, and our concept will focus on manners.

Throughout the month, we will be learning about gratitude and sharing what we are thankful for.

We are excited to celebrate our Thanksgiving Breakfast on Friday, November 21st, from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the church annex. There will be no set time for classes, just come and enjoy breakfast with your child or grandchild.

Please remember, we will be closed for Thanksgiving on November 27th and 28th.

Blessing,
Melissa Recio

The Sonshine Ark Is Hiring Part Time Workers!

If you are (or if you know of someone) 18 years old or older, have a high school diploma or a GED, can pass a background check & a drug test, and love to work with children, please come by the Sonshine Ark and pick up an application. You must use our application as there is a page that you must sign in front of a notary stating that you've not been convicted of any of the felonies listed on that page. Hoping to see you soon.

Summer Camp 2026

Calling all campers! If you would like to attend summer camp next summer, please let us know. If you have any questions please call the church office at 830-393-2747 or email robyn@dojoy.org.

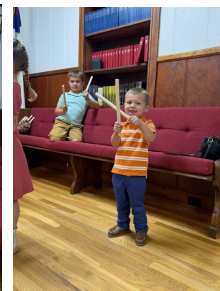
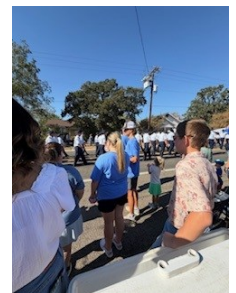
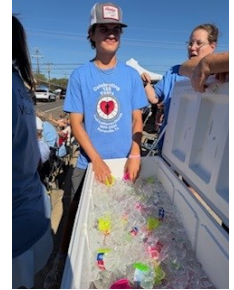
First Lutheran Church will be going to camp June 21st - 26th.

Camp is open to 1st grade thru 11th grade.



SUMMER CAMP

**First Lutheran Church Members at this year's Peanut Festival, 10/11
to hand out water at the parade and on Sunday, 10/19 to have
breakfast and celebrate Staff Appreciation.**



2025 Sausage Dinner Report
Tickets Ordered: 1100 + 50 DoJoy = 1150
\$14.00 a plate

Tickets Purchased:

604 Presale
162 Sold at Door
106 Sold at Drive thru
50 DoJoy

922 Total Tickets Purchased

Tickets Used:

573 Presale (298 picked up meal at drive thru)
268 (162 sold at door in Church, 106 sold at drive thru)
36 DoJoy

877 Meals Served

50 DoJoy Tickets were dispersed and sponsored.

36 DoJoy plates were served.

Deposits:

Prize Drawing	8,632.00
Country Store	1,120.00
Ticket Sales	12,908.00
Sale of Left Overs	249.00
Donations	2,498.00
MIM	<u>350.00</u>
	25,757.00

Paid in Cash

Police (security) 2 x 160 =	\$320
Betty Hill	\$160
Cindy Duppsstadt	\$60
Julia Trevino (set up of SSA)	<u>\$60</u>
	\$600

Expenses:

Bread	Donated
Sausage	Donated
Ice	Donated
Wilson C News/Meal Ticke	149.62
Prize Drawing Ticket	424.00
Wilson County News Ad	250.94
Ben E. Keith Supplies/Food	3,655.02
Photographs by Jim (signs)	<u>1,580.50</u>
	6,060.08

Profit Dispersal:

Youth Camp	45%
SSA	10%
Missions	20%
Flvl Food Pantry	10%

Profit: \$19,696.92

Prayer Requests For Our Members

Bonnie Caisse- Prayers for comfort & complete healing.

Vernon Blocker- Prayers for comfort & complete healing.

John Pantuso Jr.- Prayers for comfort & complete healing, waiting for surgery on left shoulder.

Dorothy Rauch- Prayers for comfort & peace.

Sandra Jandt- Prayers for comfort & healing, cancer treatments.

Olivia Macek- Prayers for comfort & complete healing.

Susan Thompson- Prayers for comfort & healing.

FLC Lawn Crew for November

November 1 (T-1) John Moring, Doug Bielefeld, Pat Caisse, Ray McHorse, Bill Stolle

November 8 (T-2) Charles Ogburn, Charles Koenig, Charlie Glowka, Clay Archer

November 15 (T-3) Danny Curtis, Gunnar Berg, Frankie Dippel, Ryan Schroeder, Kari Schroeder, Harold Heimer

November 22 (T-4) Curtis Holcombe, Leon Johnson, Brad Pfeil, David Pfeil, Justin Pfeil, Bodean Pfeil, Ben Munoz

November 29 (T-1) John Moring, Doug Bielefeld, Pat Caisse, Ray McHorse, Bill Stolle



First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30

The advent wreath will be up! Look forward to seeing you!

Thank You for a Great Staff Appreciation Day!

What a wonderful Staff Appreciation Day! The place was beautifully decorated. The food was fantastic. The cards and gifts were very thoughtful. It's a blessing to be a part of such a wonderful good group of believers. Thank you! - Pastor John and Staff

Reminder

If you have current or recent editions of ***Christ in Our Home*** or ***Portals of Prayer***, we can use them. There is a box under the table by the office.

These are recycled to the nursing homes for their residents to use.

Thank you!

Laveda Thompson



Ruth Circle Bible Study

The Ruth Circle Bible Study will meet on Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 1:00pm in the church annex. We are studying from the book "Portraits of Jesus," Session 3, "I am the Light of the World." Our Study Leader is Evelyn Frank. Janis Schroeder is the Hostess.

Everyone is invited to come and study with us.

Contact Anna Willis (210-722-3410) for questions.