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YOUTH MINISTRY MOVIE & DINNER! "THE FORGE"

Saturday, February I @ 6 pm

Join us for an evening of inspiration, fellowship, and community as we screen 'The Forge'', a powerful movie about resilience, faith, and discovering purpose in the face of life's challenges. After the movie, enjoy dinner and a meaningful group discussion where we'll reflect on the film's message and how it applies to our own journeys.

Who's Invited? All youth ages 14-20 are encouraged and welcomed to attend. This is a free community event, so bring a friend! We can't wait to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE : VBS 2025

Monday, June 16—Thursday, June 19 5:30-8:00 p.m. "True North—Trusting Jesus in a Wild World Join us on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. We'll trek the tundra and explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Jesus is a faithful friend we can always trust! He is our "true north".

Put this date on your calendar! Contact Karen Beyer if you'd like to help with decorations or leading a station. Start praying for God to use our Vacation Bible School to help many children grow in their love for Jesus!

FALCO'S CHILDREN'S VILLAGE- TANZANIA NEWS: Jerry and Valerie Backus will be staying with the Beyers for a few days in mid-February. Little Tommy has a medical appointment in Little Rock, and then they will be traveling to Detroit for another eye surgery Tommy needs to improve his chances for good eyesight. We plan to have a fellowship lunch with them, so stay tuned for the date and time! If you are willing to help lerry & Valerie with travel and medical expense, please donate through First Lutheran Church or mail it to: Falco's Children Africa, Inc. P.O Box 14 Sapulpa, OK 74067

You can give online at www.FalcosChildrenAfrica.org You can sponsor a child for \$40/month at www.hishandsfortanzania.org You can email Jerry for more information or to encourage him! Jerry@FalcosChildrenAfrica.org

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY: We are in the final phase

of getting a photo directory completed for FLC. Please check your address and phone information at the "Check-In" table at each worship service this month. We want your current information on file! If you can't attend in person, we'll check in with you. Thanks!





First Lutheran Church - LCMS 105 Village Road, Hot Springs, AR 71913 501-525-0322 E-mail: office@flchsar.com Website: www.flchsar.com Worship Services—Saturdays @ 4 p.m. Sundays @ 8:30 & 11 a.m.

2025





Today's Light Bible Reading

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Ministry Highlights

One of the most important questions in life is this: "Where am going?" If you don't know where you are going, then how can you know the way? This was Thomas'

response to lesus in John 14 when lesus told the disciples he was preparing a place for them in heaven and would come back to take them there. Jesus said to them, "You know the way to the place where I am going." Jesus knew where he was going and the steps it would take to get there, going to the way of the cross. But the disciples had no clue. That's why they had to ask lesus for the answer. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." What he was saying was, "If you are going to heaven, then the only way there is through me, through faith in me, through the grace I will provide by my suffering, death, and resurrection, and through my advocacy for you on the day you come, that I truly knew you in this way." This is really good news! We're going to heaven. That's where we're ultimately going and lesus is the way for us to get there.

But there are also other places we are going before we get there. We are also going to the day when we will stand before lesus and give an account of everything we have done while in this body (2 Cor. 5:10). If we know that is where we are going, then we will want to follow the way that will get us there to stand before lesus as good and faithful stewards of all he has entrusted to our care. As a church we want to provide some ways to help you get there so you will hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful steward!" Katrina is here to help you discover your spiritual gifts so you can understand your part in the body of Christ (I Cor. 12:12-20) and the good works he has prepared for you in advance for you to do (Eph. 2:10). Pastor Anthony and I are here to prepare you for your works of service and to help you to grow to full maturity in Christ, attaining the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16). Standing before Jesus is another place where we are going and He has given us the Church to help us get there so we can hear him say, "Well done!"

A more specific question I have for you is: Where are you going in 2025? How do you want your life to be different a year from now than it is today. Do you want to lose weight, learn a new skill, travel to a destination you've never been to before? Whatever it is, it all starts with today. Where are you going to do today toward that end? And how are you going to get there? What path will you take each day to ensure you arrive safely where you want to go? I wanted to ask this question because if you want to get closer to lesus, grow in your faith, and live out your kingdom calling more, if that's

where you want to go in 2025 then how are you going to get there? Where are you going today toward that end and what path are you going to do to ensure that you will arrive where you want to be?

If this is where you want to go in 2025, then allow me to suggest a few things to help you along the way. Here are some positive steps to take...

Read the Word Every Day! Today's Light Bible readings are a great place to start. You can get one at the church office. Being in the Word opens your heart and mind to the ways of God in what He is saying to you and how He is leading you in life to where you want to go. It will open your eyes of faith to everything going on around you every day.

Spend time in Prayer Every Day! Prayer is what will draw you closer to lesus. It is meant to be a time of intimacy between you and him. You can ask him questions. You can ask him to move in your life and lead you closer to him. You can ask him to bless you and others. You can just sit and rest in him where He will refresh your soul.

Get connected to kingdom people and

kingdom ministry! Katrina can help you with finding your spot and connection here at First Lutheran. Living out your faith every day in service to God and others will definitely bring you closer to where you want to go.

Make an appointment to come see me! I would love to talk to you about where God is leading you and what paths you might consider taking to get there. I would also love to pray with you and for you toward that end.

I believe 2025 is going to be a great year for us at First Lutheran. As we all take that next step toward where God is leading us, we will live to see lives transformed, people healed and made whole, relationships restored, and God's kingdom come and his will being done, right here, right now! This is what happens whenever God leads his people to where they need to go. This is what is going to make 2025 a great year for us all. Can't wait!

Pastor Ion

PRAYER CLASS TO STARTS UP AGAIN!

Last fall we began a journey in prayer learning about what to pray, how to pray, what hinders prayer, and much more. We are continuing this class on Tuesdays starting Tuesday, February 4. Get ready to go deep in this wonderful gift called prayer where you will experience greater intimacy with the Lord and powerful results as God hears and answers your prayers. If you have any questions, just let me know. Pastor Ion



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| Shannon Collier |
| Chris Wilmoth |
| Andy Guin |
| Rick Turner |
| Alex Fehmel |
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Thank you, First Lutheran Church, for all the Christmas cards and greetings we received! We were so elated to hear from every one. Merry Christmas and the best New Year! In Jesus' Name, Bob & Jane Kunstman

Dear First Lutheran, I would like to thank all of the church family for cards, holiday greetings and all the love! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Della Jones-Smith (friend of Kateena Walker)

Dear Friends at First Lutheran, May the Lord's great love bless you this Christmas! I celebrated my 98th birthday in November and still live in my own apartment. I still miss Hot Springs but I have wonderful family here in Wisconsin. Love Jan Rinderle (former church member)

I wish to thank my First Lutheran Church family for remembering me during this Christmas season with cards and the caroling group. It made me feel loved by you all. Doris Schaffer "In everything give thanks." I Thess. 5:18

Dear First Lutheran Family, Thanks to everyone who sent Christmas cheer in the form of a card filled with heavenly love! Wishing you the blessings of peace and joy throughout the new year! Angle Burris & Mystica and family

To my church family, May the true meaning of Christmas light your year with joy! Thank you for all the cards and especially the prayers. Many blessing to you all. Love, Ray Price



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THANKYOU'S

your Bible and join us!

LUTHERAN WITNESS MAGAZINE

information, contact the Church office.

WOMEN'S MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

please contact Katrina Watkins. Let's use these benefits to bless others!

IUNIOR WORSHIPERS PLAN FOR A YEAR OF PRAISE & DANCE!

Mondays starting January 20 6:00—7:15 pm. Location: Church Narthex (Lobby)

FIRST WORD

All women are invited to study God's Word together on Monday evenings. Our study will be a 6-part series

"Perfect Love– A Study of the Song of Solomon" by Lisa Harper. You can access this study on RightNowMedia.org

This study takes Christ-centered approach to illustrate how this ancient love story is relevant to our life and relationship with lesus today. Join us for this 6-week study, led by Karen Beyer in the church narthex. Sign up sheet is by

the Refreshment Table this weekend, or text Karen Beyer 501-318-8632 if you'd like to be part of this study. Bring

This monthly magazine is produced by the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and has articles about worship and

\$15/year. Checks should be made payable to First Lutheran Church. Subscriptions are due on February I. For more

ATTENTION THRIVENT MEMBERS: The benefits that come from having Thrivent financial products are such

a blessing for our congregation. Members can lead two Action Teams each year to serve our church family or people

in the community. "Choice Dollars" are given to each member and can be designated to the charity of their choice.

If you would like to lead an Action Team in 2025 and need ideas for service projects our congregation can work with,

We have a great year planned of performing worship dances at our church services throughout 2025. We are

working on several fundraisers as well as a Praise Explosion event, where we will invite other churches' dance groups

to perform and fellowship with us! We invite any child or teenager who likes to express their faith in creative ways

to join our group. We practice most Sundays @ 2 pm. Contact Jessica Ellis @ 501-385-2979 for information!

doctrine, issues in society, and ministries in our church body. If you would like a yearly subscription, the cost is

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Scripture Readers

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& Community Growing I can't help but reflect on the incredible journey we've had at First Lutheran Church. This season has been filled with opportunities to welcome, connect, and grow in faith together. One of the most rewarding aspects of serving as Assimilation Director is witnessing the joy of new faces becoming familiar ones. Whether it's through our Faith 101 class, where new and long-time members explore what it means to be Lutheran, or through fellowship events like Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat, the heart of our church remains strong in its mission: to make everyone feel at home in Christ's love. We also focused on **deepening discipleship** through studies like The Chosen and our youth program, One Eighty. Seeing young people engage with God's word in a real and meaningful way reminds me why we do what we do. It's not just about programs—it's about people, and how God is shaping lives through our church family. Our service to the community has also been a highlight. From supporting Jackson House to rallying together for special projects, we continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus beyond our walls. Each act of service is a reminder that we are not just a congregation—we are a **family on a mission**. As we look ahead to 2025, I encourage each of you to find new ways to get involved. Whether you've been here for years or just walked through our doors, there's a place for you at First Lutheran. If you are not sure where to start, consider taking the spiritual gifts assessment to see what direction you may want to start in. My prayer is that we continue to welcome, grow, and serve together, trusting that God is leading us into ngs. Thank you for being part of this journey.

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Scripture Writing for January & February -Join us in writing Bible verses each day!

JANUARY 2025 SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN 1) Hebrews 6:17-20 17) Psalm 71:1-3 18) Psalm 71:4-6 2) Psalm 32:6-7 3) Psalm 46:1-3 19) Psalm 71:7-9 4) Psalm 57:1-2 20) Psalm 94:19-23 5) Psalm 9:7-10 21) Catch-Up Day 6) Psalm 143:7-9 22) Psalm 118:8-9 7) Catch-Up Day 23) Psalm 5:11-12 8) Psalm 18:1-3 24) Psalm 11:1-4 9) Psalm 31:14-15 25) Psalm 34:8-10 10) Psalm 31:14-15 26) Psalm 91:1-3 11) Psalm 31:19-20 27) Psalm 91:4-6 12) Psalm 144:1-2 28) Catch-Up Day 13) Psalm 59:16-17 29) Psalm 36:7-9 14) Catch-Up Day 30) Psalm 17:6-9 15) Psalm 61:1-4 31) Deuteronomy 33:27-29

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| 3) Luke 15.17-19 | 12) Psalm 103.8-10 | 22) 1 John 3.16-18 |
| 4) Luke 15.20-21 | 13) Psalm 103.11-12 | 23) Luke 6.32-34 |
| 5) Luke 15.22-24 | 14) Psalm 103.13-14 | 24) Luke 6.35-36 |
| 6) Romans 5.6-8 | 15) 1 Timothy 1.12-14 | 25) Matthew 5.7 |
| 7) Romans 5.9-11 | 16) 1 Timothy 1.15-17 | 26) Luke 10.30-32 |
| 8) Titus 3.1-3 | 17) 1 Peter 1.3-5 | 27) Luke 10.33-35 |
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FIRST WORD OUR CHURCH FAMILY IN SERVICE

February

Scripture Readers

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- 2/22 Caren Knabe

8:30 Worship Service

- 2/2 David Steele 2/9 Jackie Johnson 2/16 Carrie Thompson
- 2/23 Cindy Gage

11:00 Worship Service

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Altar Guild

Elaine Lienemann/Peggy Brockett

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In Christ, Katrina, Assimilation Director



CHURCH ELDERS

8:30 SERVICE Randal Brockett Eric Taylor Fred Lienemann **Jimmy Hackelton** Eric Roe

11:00 SERVICE Jason Byers Clyde Hughley Jack Crosby Mark Dillard Jason Looney

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Contribution envelopes can be found in the mailboxes by the church offices. If you give online you will not receive a box of envelopes. If you would like to begin giving your offerings online, contact the church office.

FIRST WORD

Enjoying this Journey by Jackie Johnson

Life is like a journey, and for many of us, our faith and that personal relationship with lesus spills over into acts of service as the compass that guides us through. We use our gifts and talents to glorify God in the earth. Yet even the most dedicated of us can find ourselves in a season where the flame of faith feels dim, the once-refreshing streams of connection run dry,

and the path seems uncertain. This is spiritual burnout, a quiet yet profound exhaustion that can leave us questioning everything we hold dear.

Spiritual burnout doesn't always announce itself with dramatic signs. Instead, it often creeps in through subtle shifts in our thoughts and emotions:

Apathy: Once-meaningful practices like prayer, meditation, or worship feel like chores.

Irritability or Frustration: Minor inconveniences during spiritual activities weigh heavily.

Disconnection: A sense of distance from the divine, your faith community, or even yourself.

Doubt and Cynicism: Questions that once inspired deeper understanding now fuel skepticism.

Take a moment to reflect. Have you noticed these feelings surfacing in your life? Could it be time to pause and reassess your journey? The sources of burnout can vary, but here are some common culprits:

Overcommitment: Saying "yes" to every opportunity to serve can lead to exhaustion, leaving little space for personal renewal.

Perfectionism: The constant pressure to "get it right" can create a fear-based rather than love-based relationship.

Neglected Self-Care: Spiritual growth isn't just about giving; it's also about receiving nourishment-physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

Unrealistic Expectations: The journey of faith is not always mountaintop experiences; valleys and plateaus are part of the landscape.

Matthew 11:28-30 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Spiritual burnout is not a sign of failure but an invitation. It's a call to pause, to listen, and to realign. In the quiet moments, you may rediscover the beauty of the journey-not in its perfection but in its authenticity. So, as you read this, take a deep breath. Place your hand on your heart and ask yourself: How am I really doing? What do I need to let go of? What small step can I take today to nurture my spirit? Remember, the journey is not just about reaching the destination. It's about finding joy, meaning, and connection along the way. You are not alone on this path, and every step forward is a testament to your resilience and hope.

JOIN ME IN PRAYER: Loving Creator, in this moment of stillness, we come before You, weary and in need of Your gentle touch. You see the burdens we carry, the doubts we wrestle with, and the weariness that clouds our spirit. Help us to release the weight of overcommitment and the pressure of perfection. Remind us that Your love is not earned, but freely given.

Jackie Johnson

SMALL GROUPS BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER

Small groups meet for Bible Study, prayer, and fellowship during the week.

Get connected to the body of believers at FLC and meet some new friends by checking out our small groups!

Bible Buddies—Odis & Lorene Burroughs, Leaders 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 6:30 pm at Burrough's home +

- ChicChat— Sharon Echols, Leader 2nd Wednesdays, 5:30 pm @ Sharon Echol's home. +
- Enlighteners—David & Linda Steele, Leaders Ist & 3rd Monday 1:00 pm at church +
- + Men's Breakfast—Jerry Edgin, Leader Thursdays 6:00 am at English Muffin Café
- Wednesdays in the Word Jackie Johnson, Leader Wednesdays 9:00 am Fellowship Hall
- **† Men Living Free**—Pastor Jon, Leader Saturdays 8 am Church Fellowship Hall

BIBLE STUDY ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION CONTINUES:

The Thursday morning study of this important book meets each week at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We have made it to Chapter 6 and we are learning so much about God's sovereignty and grace! Join us in the journey!

MEMORIALS GIVEN

In memory of Margaret Chambers: General Fund by Michael & Joann Stone



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LWML—Lutheran Women in Mission

All ladies are welcome to our Bible Study/Meetings in Fellowship Hall.

Monday, February 10 12:30 pm

Bring a Valentine card to our February meeting! We are starting to plan to host the Zone LWML Spring Ra on Saturday, April 26. Around 80 ladies from area Lutheran Churches will attend this special rally at our church. Come and use your gifts to help us prepare fo this event!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

- Wednesday, January 15 I pm (Fellowship Hall)
- Wednesday, February 18 I pm

Calling All Crocheters, Knitters, **Quilters and Sewers!**

The Prayer Shawl ministry is seeking new members to join us in sharing the gift of love warmth and comfort t so many patients who are sick or in the Hospice or nursing care. We would love to see you become a pai of our team. All you need is time and "talent"! All yar is provided by generous donors or through Thrivent Action Team money. There will be no cost to you for supplies. We meet in the Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Wednesday at I p.m. each month. If interested please come join us or give Linda Colley a call @ 501-760-15



Opening Car Doors at Langston School:

We open doors for students each school morning at 7:15. We welcome anyone with a smiling face to join Contact Pastor Anthony for more information.



Our ministry on Wednesday afternoons is going great! We invite students, 5th—12th grade to join us! We of fer snacks, recreation, Bible study and a nutritious dinr each week. We start again on January 22. If you'd like to contribute healthy snacks or desserts, contact Pasto Anthony. We are watching episodes of "The Chosen" with our students and having meaningful discussions following each episode. The students are really getting to know the heart of Jesus through these episodes!



FIRST WORD

| the | Thank You's: Many thanks to the congregational members who blessed me with Christmas cards in the mail during December. They brought so much joy to my heart! Uva Breckling |
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| lly or | I really appreciated all the Christmas cards I received from church members. God bless you all in the New Year! Sincerely, Stan Ellis (Katrina Watkins' Dad) |
| | Thank you for all the lovely Christmas cards I received this past month. I wish I could thank you individually because they were so beautiful! In Jesus' love, Edith Skinner |
| | Thank You! You light up my day just by being a part of it! Thank you for the beautiful Christmas cards—you are so amazing and thoughtful! Love, Dee Michaelis |
| rt n | Dear Friends at First, Greetings from Wisconsin, thanks for the cards and especially for keeping me up to speed with the monthly newsletter! We are doing well. I would love to come see you again but that probably won't be possible. Love in Christ, Uta Brace Christensen |
| 47. | PROVIDING ALTAR FLOWERS Providing the Altar flowers for our worship services is a wonderful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or honor a special occasion. The January—April Sundays have many openings. The Flower Calendar is lo- cated in the church office hallway. |
| us! | GOOD NEWS CLUB: A group from First Lutheran goes to Langston Elementary school once a month to do a Bible lesson and craft with children in their after-school program. God has blessed us with this open door, and the children (K-6th grade) really love learning and sharing God's love with us! Our first club is Thursday, Jan. 16. We also are now presenting the Good News Club at the YMCA after-school program once a month! If you are interested in joining our team, contact Lin Carnahan (479) 283-1727. |
| f- ier e or | SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP TRINITY It's time to plan ahead for summer! Camp Trinity has its summer schedule available now for kids camps and family camps. This year's theme is "Light and Truth". Registration is open and scholarship money is available. |

ive your children an amazing, faith-building experience. There are also openings for camp counselors (college age) and Junior counselors (high schoolers work 1-2 weeks). Check out all the news and events at Camp Trinity at www.lutherancamp.org.