

The Friendly Visitor  
First Lutheran Church  
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## Message from the President

Dear Friends,

August is upon us and that means HEAT and the State Fair. I don't know about you but I have always loved the Kentucky State Fair. I will be there every evening this year, working in one of the information booths. Feel free to come by and say hello.

The Fair is probably the biggest gathering of people from across the Commonwealth. From our information booths we see all kinds and I enjoy watching and talking to everyone. This is a big and complicated world that God has created. Even in the heat and mugginess of August we can celebrate this world and people made by God.

Have a blessed August and stay hydrated.

Sharon Lillie,

Council President

## Food Pantry Report

The Food Pantry is delighted to announce that we will be having FOOD FIGHT volunteers on site on September 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. These are volunteers from a local business that will spend the morning on a project designed to improve the pantry. This year they will be painting our workroom. I am hoping to get another grant to replace the light fixtures, several of which have broken covers. If anyone would like to join us on September 12, or provide breakfast pastries for our volunteers, please contact the office or Sharon or Vicky.

In other news, our pantry has received a grant for \$500 from Dare to Care!

## New Office Administrator!

Tim Hall is now the new office administrator at First Lutheran. He attended the University of Kentucky and has a background in banking and corporate accounting and management consulting. He says, "I enjoy reading, running, spending time with my beautiful family and, most of all, serving the Lord."

Welcome, Tim! We look forward to working with you and we hope you enjoy your time here!

## The Blessings of Backpacks

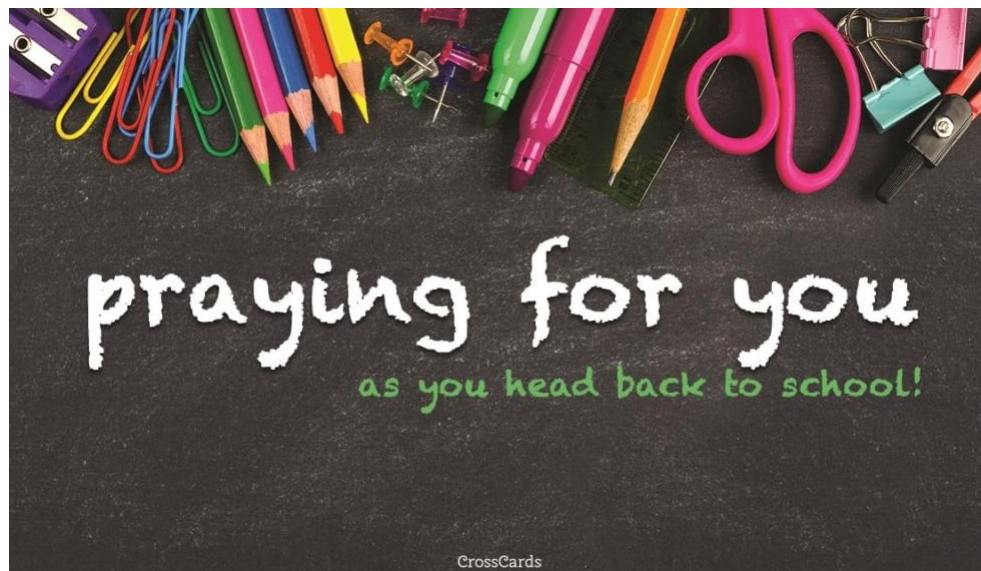
On August 10, we encourage students of all ages to bring their backpacks, books, laptops and other school items to morning worship to be blessed. May all our students have a happy, successful year!



At First Lutheran Church we believe that God delights in the diversity of all creation. As a Reconciling in Christ community, we welcome all into fellowship; recognizing the dignity of every human being regardless of gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ability, economic status, race, or any other identifier. You are accepted and welcome here, no matter where you are on your spiritual journey.

If you need to contact one of the church's committee chairs, here is a list of all the committees and their chairs. Please let them know if you have any problems, suggestions for improvements, or compliments.

Building Users	Vicky Frank
Christian Education	Lori Caron
Endowment Funds Subcommittee	Harley Butler
Finance	Drew Wartschlager
Food Pantry	Sharon Lillie
Membership	Vicky Frank
Property	Paul Nellis
Social Ministry	Stephanie McCoy
Vision and Outreach	Paul Nellis
Worship and Music	Nancy Brian



## THE FRIENDLY PUZZLER

Find the underlined words amongst the letter grid at the bottom.

The remaining letters will reveal a hidden message.

Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the **Egyptians** attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of **Jericho** fell after they had been **encircled** for seven days. By faith **Rahab** the prostitute did not perish with those who were **disobedient**, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of **Gideon**, Barak, Samson, **Jephthah**, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith **conquered** kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of **weakness**, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by **resurrection**. Others were **tortured**, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others **suffered** mocking and **flogging** and even chains and **imprisonment**. They were stoned to death; they were **sawn** in two; they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, **persecuted**, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains and in **caves** and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were **commended** for their faith, did not receive what was **promised**, since God had **provided** something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are **surrounded** by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with **perseverance** the **race** that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the **pioneer** and perfecter of faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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## August 2025

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