



## **HYMN SING SUNDAY**



**THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**5:00 P.M. & 10:00 A.M.**

**AUGUST 31 & SEPTEMBER 1, 2019**

**Called by the Spirit, we serve Christ, sharing God's love with all.**

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**WE WELCOME** all who worship with us today! We extend a special greeting to our visitors and invite you to worship with us again soon. Please make yourselves known to our pastor and people.

**COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP TIME BEFORE AND AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Gather in the Nave Lounge to enjoy refreshments, talk with fellow worshippers, greet people you don't know, make new friends, enjoy your time at First and share the love of Christ.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** Lutheran Christians believe that in the sacrament of Holy Communion, by the power of God's Word and Holy Spirit, we receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ, along with the bread and wine, for our forgiveness and salvation. If you share in this belief, you are welcome to participate with us. Non-communing children and adults may come forward to receive a blessing. White grape juice is available, as well as gluten free wafers. If you desire to receive communion at your pew, please alert an usher during the prelude.

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** First Lutheran Church welcomes children of all ages to be a part of our worship services. Children's Bibles are located in the pews and a number of items are available on a cart in the Nave Lounge to help them (and you) have a pleasant worship experience. We hope you enjoy these activities in church and at home!!

**CHILDCARE:** If you prefer, you may leave your preschool children in our well-equipped, staffed nursery during the service. Or, if you need to take a walk with your child, our speaker system provides audio of the service in the Nave Lounge and Library.

**WHEELCHAIR** available in the north entranceway or in the church office.

**EARPHONES** for the hearing impaired and **LARGE PRINT BULLETINS**.

**PLEASE, NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE MAIN WORSHIP CENTER.**

# THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## HYMN SING WORSHIP SERVICE

### HOLY COMMUNION, EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING TEN

*Before worship, talk to God. During worship, let God talk to you. After worship, talk to your fellow worshipper.*

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**PRELUDE** “*Voluntary*”

(*J. Stanley*)

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**CHIMES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

C: **O Lord, my God, how great you are.**

P: Lord, you have granted us so many gifts, out of the greatness of your love for us.

C: **We offer our words of praise and thanksgiving, and seek to follow them with our deeds of love and mercy.**

**856** GATHERING SONG “*How Great Thou Art*”

Stanzas 1, 3 & 4

**GREETING**

P: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

**289** HYMN OF PRAISE “*Angels We Have Heard on High*”

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

*Congregation shall sit.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# WORD

*God speaks to us in scriptures read, sung, and preached.*

## **FIRST READING: Proverbs 25:6-7**

*The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.*

<sup>6</sup>Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; <sup>7</sup>for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 112**      *(Spoken Responsively with Lector)*

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD and have great delight in God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

<sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

<sup>4</sup>**Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>**For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>**Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## **SECOND READING: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

*The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."

<sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. <sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

## 574 GOSPEL HYMN “Here I Am, Lord”

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

*Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.*

<sup>1</sup>On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. <sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation shall sit.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** “Day by Day”

Ladies Summer Chorus

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

### **LITANY OF UNITY**

P: There is one Christ, therefore one church, but many different responsibilities.

**C: God has made us to be different people, but with one faith to serve our Lord.**

P: We celebrate our unity in Christ, and our diversity in ministry, that all kinds of people may be brought into our Lord's saving grace.

**C: Praise God for the many different gifts with which he has endowed his church, united as the body of Christ.**

P: United as the body of Christ, we confess our faith with the Apostles Creed.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,**

**suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of peace, we pray for the leaders, teachers, and preachers who fearlessly share your word and who reveal you through humble sacrifice. Uphold and sustain all who seek to live in a way that is pleasing to you. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of generosity, we pray for crops growing ripe in the fields and fruit becoming ready to harvest. Grant safety to workers who will gather this bounty, and bless the yield to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of power, we pray for humility, kindness, and generosity to be instilled in the leaders of all nations. Inspire them to become models of servanthood, and to work for worldwide peace and prosperity. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of love, we pray for all those who are forgotten or pushed aside; for those who are suffering from poverty, neglect, physical or emotional trauma; and those who are homeless or are without a homeland (*especially - see bulletin page 9*). Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*The Assisting Minister offers additional prayers.*

A: God of grace, we pray for students of all ages and disciplines, teachers and professors, teaching assistants and aids, substitute teachers, and administrators. Provide safety in travel and in the classroom, so that a spirit of learning is fostered for all. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of mercy, we remember those you love who now rest from their labors. Grant all your beloved saints a place at your eternal banquet table. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE** P: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: **And also with you.**  
*The ministers and the assembly may greet one another with a gesture of Christ's peace,  
and may say these or similar words: Peace be with you.*

*Congregation shall sit.*

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

**OFFERING** *Please place attendance form in the offering plate.*

**OFFERING VOLUNTARY** *"Flute Piece"*

*(T. Thorley)*

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

**884 OFFERING SONG** *"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

**OFFERING PRAYER**

A: God our provider,

C: **we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**413** *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"*

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

P: This is God's table and you are God's people. Come and be fed.

*Congregation shall sit.*

### **336** COMMUNION SONG “*Lamb of God*”

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**COMMUNION VOLUNTARY** “*St. Anne*”

*(H. Willan)*

*Congregation shall stand or sit, as able.*

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, bless and keep you in His Grace.

**C: Amen.**

#### **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

#### **BLESSING**

P: Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.  
Almighty God † bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **543** SENDING SONG “*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*”

#### **DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “*Trumpet Tune*”

*(R. Lau)*

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**MANY THANKS** to *Ann McConkey, Parish Ministry Associate* for being Worship Leader this weekend.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by *Pastor Elwyn & Kris Luber* in honor and thanks for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Ordination, September 1974 and by *Carolyn Olson* in honor of the mission work done by *Women of the ELCA and What-Sew-Ever*.

**ETERNAL CANDLE FOR SEPTEMBER** is given by *Martha Donohoe* in memory of her dear mother,  
*Maxine Larrick*.

**PARENTS'** take this bulletin home for a fun game with your kids! Have them search through the bulletin and circle or highlight **this week's word: SING**.

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:**

Phillip Sanders (home), Barb Bangert (home), Tahira Schmidt & baby Ryland (home & Stormont-Vail Hospital), Martha Donohoe (home), Betty Nelson (Lexington Park Rehab), Mark Fuller (home), Twila Zeigler (home), Ann Sanders (home), Rob Peterson (home), Breck Edds (home), Ann Johnson (Kelly House), Vera Pearce (home), Ken Sherbert (home), Charlotte Weddle (CDO Teacher), Julie Bradley (Caring for Kids 1<sup>st</sup> Director), Helen Call (Maureen Krumins' mother), Brennan Soukup (Julie Bender's cousin), Carlotta Ullman (Trudi Myers' great niece), Vicci Livgren (friend of Anita Wolgast), Sharon Treptow (Jill Loomans' stepmother), Susan Berry (co-worker of Dick Schaeffer), Shirley Taylor (Linda Harold's cousin), Jerry Manning (friend of Nancy Sherbert), C.A. Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' father), Ken Buch (Verla's son), Micah Ewing (friend of the Lubers), Joan Stahlman (Joyce Koenig's sister-in-law), Lynette Kottas (Eileen Caspers' mother), Pete Godlove (Michelle Black's father), Dan Lykins (cousin of Nancy Sherbert), Nancy Isley Wolfe (friend of the Wolgasts), Ben Beery (friend of Haden Roark), Jerome Gutierrez (Dolores Ussery's nephew), Heather Roesch (Tracy's sister-in-law), Norm Stahl (friend of Carolyn Olson), Katelynn Herring (Jeanie Schuler's great-niece), Bob Avery (friend of Carolyn Olson), Robin Michael (daughter of friend of Nancy Vaughn), Mary Lou Brunkhorst (Ann Sanders' mother), Linda Myers (Trudi's daughter-in-law), David Metzenthin (Bud & Lois' son), Annika Lundgren (friend of the Engelhardts).

**THANK YOU** everyone for your prayers, sweet encouraging cards, notes, uplifting phone calls, welcomed visits, hugs, prayer booklet, beautiful flowers, family, Pastor Jenny and Lucas' visit - they were all rays of sunshine! I thought my total knee replacement surgery was going to be a simple, a little uncomfortable time in my life, not knowing I was going to get cellulitis and return to the hospital with IV's. Much later I had a small stroke. It has been a lengthy recovery but God has covered me with love and mercy and wonderful church friends. *Thank you - I am so grateful. Jeani Anderson*

**PLEASE SEE THE SIGN UP SHEETS IN THE NAVE LOUNGE FOR  
OCTOBER THRU JANUARY LAY MINISTERS AND COFFEE HOSTS**

<b>LAY MINISTERS TODAY</b>	<b>LABOR DAY HYMN SING 10:00 am</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Ann McConkey, PMA
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	John Hanna
<b>Lector</b>	Lowell Chellberg
<b>Acolyte</b>	Allison Montague
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Richard & Judy Price
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Ted & Elna Ensley
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Joe Montague
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy Besta, Mary Fobes
<b>Ushers</b>	Ruth Denno, Kevin Eaton
<b>North Door Greeter</b>	Robert Hanna
<b>South Door Greeter</b>	Carolyn Olson
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Penny & Marvin Boleski
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Randy Debenham, LaVerne Engelhardt
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Hope Krug / Nancy Sherbert / Hope Krug
<b>Stephen Minister 9/2-8/2019</b>	Carren Reed

## LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT WEEK

<b>September 8<sup>th</sup> – Thirteen Pentecost</b>	<b>RALLY DAY 10:00 am</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Robert Hanna
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Montague
<b>Candlelighter / Crucifer</b>	AJ Hamby / Haden Roark
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	David & Patricia Drake
<b>Presenting the Gifts</b>	Einck Family
<b>Council Member Team</b>	Bill Barker / Bill Barker
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Patricia Drake, Nancy Vaughn
<b>Ushers</b>	Ted & Elna Ensley
<b>North Door Greeters</b>	Nancy Besta, JoAnn Stanley
<b>South Door Greeters</b>	Glenn & Eileen Caspers
<b>Coffee Host</b>	JoAnn Stanley
<b>Bus Driver &amp; Host/Hostess</b>	Marvin & Penny Boleski
<b>Saturday Lector / Altar Guild / CA</b>	Dick Nelson / Nancy Sherbert / Tina Lewis
<b>Stephen Minister 9/9-15/2019</b>	Joyce Mark



## ✠ IN THE FIRST PLACE THIS WEEK ✠

*Children's Day Out Preschool (CDO) schedule: M, T, W & F 9am-3pm Thursday 9-11:30 am*

### TODAY

### TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

### HYMN SING SUNDAY

### LABOR DAY SUNDAY

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion & Hymn Sing

11:15 a.m. – Youth & Family Ministry

### Monday, September 2

### LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

### OFFICE CLOSED

### Tuesday, September 3

12:30 p.m. – Staff Meeting

6:30 p.m. – Cub Scout Pack 175 (PH)

7:00 p.m. – Stephen Ministry Supervision (202)

### Wednesday, September 4

9:00 a.m. – What-Sew-Ever

11:30 a.m. – Finance Committee

6:00 p.m. – Read, Pray, Sing Gathering (Chapel)

7:00 p.m. – Worship Committee



### Thursday, September 5

11:45 a.m. – CDO Staff Installation

6:30 p.m. – Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal

7:30 p.m. – Senior Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, September 6

Pastor Jenny's Day Off

### Saturday, September 7

5:00 p.m. – Holy Communion (Chapel)

DOORSTEP CINNAMON ROLLS AND TAMALES SALES

### Sunday, September 8 RALLY DAY

### THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

8:40 a.m. – Adult Education

9:00 a.m. – Youth Bell Choir Rehearsal

9:30 a.m. – Children's Choir Rehearsal

9:40 a.m. – Senior Choir Warm-up

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion

11:15 a.m. – RALLY DAY POTLUCK &

ALPHA WORSHIP

4:00-8:30 p.m. – Parish Hall in Use

### **LESSONS SEPTEMBER 7 & 8**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

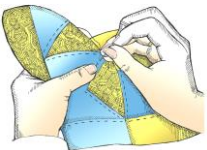
Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

## PARISH NOTICES

**THE 2019 PARISH DIRECTORY IS AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY CHANGES OR ADDITIONS.**



**WHAT-SEW-EVER** has work sessions **EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING (9:00 a.m. to Noon)** to increase **PRODUCTION OF THE QUILTS** created for Lutheran World Relief (shipped out in November) and other service agencies in Topeka. You are welcome to join in the fun while providing warmth for those in need. If you have questions, call Carolyn Olson at 272-6428.

## Strangers No More

When we look around in worship, we see a gathering of people knitted together as a community through Christ. Claimed in baptism, each one of us is a member of a community of faith that extends beyond the boundaries of church walls and national borders. Called and empowered saints, we each belong. Claimed by Jesus, we are each sent to share the good news. It may be easy to recognize this community of faith in our worshipping community. But who else is out there? Who are we missing?

Today we hear the call to look beyond the familiar, to look around the edges of our known community and beyond our comfort zones. We are called to deliberately seek out the overlooked. We are called to look directly into the eyes that others avoid. Maybe that person is someone you would typically avoid because you don't agree with them politically. Maybe it's the person next to you in worship who attends every week but doesn't feel like they belong.

When we live into this call from God, surprises abound! After all, the blessings of living in God's community are discovered in all the varied people who are part of it, not just in our corner of it. As God opens our eyes and hearts to those ignored by the world, or to those we would choose to avoid, our assumptions are shattered—and the strangers in our midst are recognized as angels (Heb. 13:2).

The Christian community isn't about us, and it isn't up to us. In truth, if it depended on us, we ourselves would never belong. We were all on the fringe until God reached out to us in baptism, joining us to a community that never stops growing. We were all outsiders until Christ died to give us life and form us into one body. How could we ever keep that abundant life to ourselves?

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# September 8<sup>th</sup> is RALLY DAY

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:40 Adult Education

10:00 Worship

11:15 RALLY DAY POTLUCK!



Following the worship service, Let's Eat!!! and celebrate the start of another year of Faith Formation in the church. **People with last names A - G bring a salad, H - P bring a dessert, and Q - Z bring a protein dish to share.** There will be games for kids AND adults.

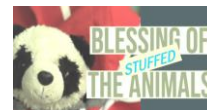
## SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

We will meet at 11:15, following worship for faith formation and fun.

**Classes will begin September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

Sunday School is offered for children in Preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

On the first Sunday of each month, we will have **ALPHA**, Children's Worship. Children and youth will gather in their regular class and then go to our indoor or outdoor chapel, weather permitting. **Our first Alpha will be October 6<sup>th</sup> with a stuffed animal blessing.** Kids can bring their favorite stuffed animal and one (or more) to give away to kids in our community.



### NEW ADULT EDUCATION CLASS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

Starting on Rally Sunday, George Bales will lead an adult Bible study called **"Responding to God's Grace"**. The goals of this study are to help participants reflect on God's intentions in creating the world, human beings, and the human community and to consider what it means to be created "in the image of God". **Classes will be held in Room 204 starting at 8:40 a.m.**



**On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>,** a second class will start using the book **"WHY? Making Sense Of God's Will"** by Adam Hamilton. It will be **offered at 8:40 a.m. in the Chapel.**

## We look forward to another year of growing together in faith!

**NEW MEMBER CLASS: "You Belong"** September 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:15, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m., and October 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:15. We welcome all who are interested in joining First Lutheran's church family to participate in this 3 session class. We will explore the Lutheran faith, the ministries at First, and how your Spiritual Gifts are needed in this Body of Christ. Please contact Pastor Jenny (633-3985) if you plan to attend. Christ welcomes us and we welcome you.



**Pastor Bob Dealey** is offering a six-session class entitled “**AN OVERVIEW OF THE OLD TESTAMENT**” on **Monday mornings**, from 10:00–11:30 a.m., beginning **September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Class participants will receive a general overview of the Old Testament and some Bible study resources to encourage more in-depth study.

If you are interested in exploring your sense of vocation as a Christian, you are invited to attend an eight-session class entitled “**ON A MISSION FROM GOD**”, which will be offered on **Tuesday nights**, beginning **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Class members will also explore different ways in which they can live out their faith throughout their daily lives.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER**, please contact Pastor Bob Dealey by phone at (785) 272-5302 or by email at [Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Rtdealey@sbcglobal.net). Thank you.

**CAMP TOMAH SHINGA QUILT AUCTION Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

Camp Tomah Shinga, 7821 E Lyon Creek Road, Junction City, KS

**11:00 a.m. Quilts on Display 12:00 p.m. – Lunch is Served 1:00 p.m. – Auction begins**

All are welcome to come for an afternoon of fun, fellowship, and supporting outdoor ministries!

Additional info and RSVP at [tomahshinga.com](http://tomahshinga.com)

Please see the Welcome Center for paperwork on donating a quilt.



Blooms of red, orange, yellow, white, pink, and violet **MUMS** will be available for pickup on **Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 and 11:30 AM** in the Parish Hall at FLC. The price per pot will be **\$6.50**. **Place your order with Cindy Lear** at [cwlear@prodigy.net](mailto:cwlear@prodigy.net) or call 271-0140 by **September 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Thank you for your continued support of the **BETHANY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**.

**SEASONAL EFFECTS BY MARK LAMANTIA** began providing our altar and pulpit flowers as of August 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark has been a floral designer for more than 40 years in Topeka. After many years at the same cost, we also had a **price increase to \$25 per vase and \$50 for pulpit flowers**. If you have previously committed to providing flowers but no longer wish to do so because of this increase, please contact Jeanie Schuler 785-845-7964 as soon as possible.