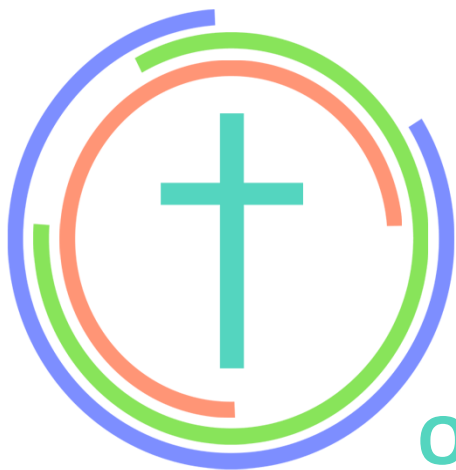




First Lutheran

relationships that transform

October 2025 Newsletter



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5:30 pm—8:00 pm



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11:00 am—2:00 pm
@ Longview Mall



Saturday October 4
at Teague Park
8:30 AM



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From the Mind of Pastor Jeff

For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.
(Romans 3:22b-24)



Annually, I describe October as the busiest month of the year. If you look at our activity calendar you will see that there are activities scheduled nearly every weekend, along with all of the usual stuff that happens during the week. It is busy indeed.

But it is important for us to remember that being busy is not simply about doing stuff. All of those activities that are on the monthly calendar are grounded in our identity for ministry, and our sharing of the Gospel. This is true whether we are talking about connections with people at the Walk to End Alzheimer's, Touch a Truck, or Trunk or Treat. It is also true as we celebrate and support our young people as they are confirmed. We are sharing together in relationship, based in the love of God.

The verse above is part of the assigned reading for Reformation Sunday and it reminds us of this identity that we share. Our identity is grounded in God, not our deeds. This gift is given to us no matter what we are experiencing in life. Jesus redeems us from sin, death and the devil with his holy and precious blood, as it says in Luther's Small Catechism. And that gift shapes the way that we do ministry together, both with one another and with the community around us.

So, as we face this busy month, and all the months ahead, may we be reminded of this gift that God has given us. And may we share God's love with one another in all that we do.

In Christ,
Pastor Jeff

Relationship with
God

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

FRIENDSHIP

CIRCLE

October 7th

and

October 21st

9:30 am

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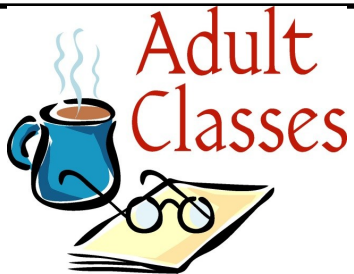
**SATURDAY
MORNING
BREAKFAST**

**October 11 @ 8:00 am
FLC Fellowship Hall**

**DORCAS
CIRCLE
BIBLE STUDY**

October 13th

6:00 pm



**Adult Education on
Sunday Mornings at 9:30**

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Bibles, Buddies & Beverages

Men's Fellowship

October 20 @ 6:00 pm

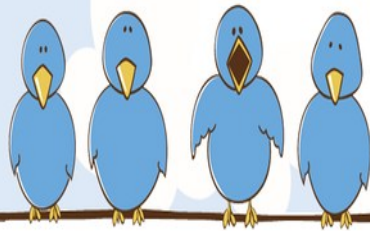
FLC Fellowship Hall



A fund has been established at First Lutheran for those who would like to contribute financially to Tori Bullock's care. Her financial situation will be sorted out over the next few months, in the meantime anything given is appreciated. Prayers are always needed.

Relationship with One Another

Meeting October 7 @ 1:00 pm
at Tia Juanita's Restaurant
1501 East Marshall, Longview



*Birds of a Feather
Flock Together*

Ladies Group

BUNCO NIGHT



Monday, October 20th
@ 6:00 pm
in the Café

Come and join the
First Lutheran

BOOK CLUB

- Meetings monthly on 3rd Tuesday
in the Cafe' @ 6:00 pm
- Discover New books
- Make friends

The next meeting is
October 21st



COME JOIN THE QUILTING GROUP!
WEDNESDAYS @ 10:00 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

EXERCISE CLASS



Tuesdays & Thursdays
4:30—5:30 pm
In the fellowship hall



OCTOBER 18th at the Longview Mall
11:00 am – 2:00 pm
FLC will have a craft booth set up and we
will be promoting our
Trunk or Treat event.
Volunteer Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Relationship with Community

A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY



Stepping into God's will and purpose for your life

TUESDAYS
6:30 PM

Join us in taking steps that can help develop a healthy, peaceful, and harmonious relationship with God, with others, and with yourself.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the one I can, & the wisdom to know that one is Me, Living one day at a time; Enjoying one moment at a time; Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; Taking, as Jesus Christ did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; Trusting that Jesus will make all things right if I surrender to His will. So, that I may be reasonably happy in this life & supremely happy with Him forever & ever in the next! Amen!

SERENITY PRAYER

First Lutheran Church
3901 Bill Owens Parkway
Longview, Texas 75605
(903) 295-7423

Brain Injury Support Group
Of North East Texas

PILOT INTERNATIONAL

- Education
- Awareness
- Support
- Friendship

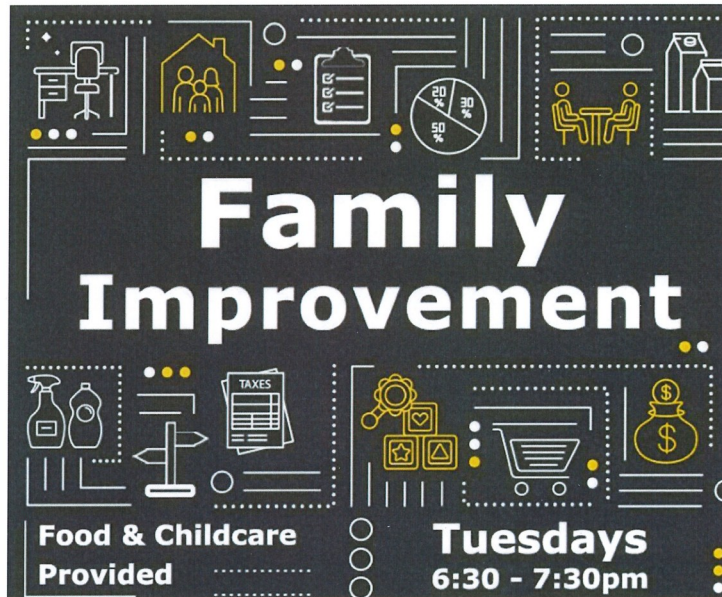
TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY GROUP

Tuesday, October 14th
6:00 pm in
the Activity room

For more information contact
Mary Stuart
903-738-3613



The 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday October 4 at Teague Park with registration starting at 8:30 AM. First Lutheran once again will have a team. New drugs to treat and eliminate plaques have been developed in the last year, giving the first real treatments so far. We do not yet have a cure but that goal is in sight! Now more than ever donations from the Walk to End Alzheimer's are needed to help fund this research and provide support and resources to patients and families dealing with this disease. Members of our Church family have been affected by this disease and a way to honor them is to continue to work to find a cure and support for those suffering from this and their caregivers. **Donations can be made** online at the First Lutheran Church team page (go to 2025 Walk to End Alzheimer's-Longview, click on find a team, type in First Lutheran, click on team and it will bring you to our team page) or by check, Renee Slegeir can accept these. Everyone who donates \$100.00 either by check or on line will receive a walk tee shirt in the mail. Last year our team ranked #6 in amount raised for the Longview walk; let's make the top 5 this year. Together we can beat this disease!



WHAT IS THIS “FAMILY IMPROVEMENT CLASS” ANYWAY??

FLC is offering classes to help families be more successful. Families from the church as well as the community are attending and there are more families registering every week! A recent class was about communicating more effectively. Something EVERY family could do better! There are positive changes happening and we are so excited that God has called **us** to help families in this way!

Classes are on Tuesdays 6:30 pm—7:30 pm.

One of the things that makes the Family Improvement class work so well for families is that we serve them dinner and we provide childcare during class. We have a couple of opportunities for those who would like to help:

1. Would you be willing to help with dinner?

The number of people we are serving change as registrations come in. We are in need of volunteers to provide a meal (no cooking required!) Maybe once or on a regular schedule. Those who are willing to help in this way, please contact the church office or Donna Louvier who is coordinating the meals (903-399-8553) or Donnalouvier@gmail.com.

2. Would you be willing to pray for the families we are serving?

We believe prayer changes things! Would you commit to praying for the Family Improvement participants, as well as our volunteer leaders? It is only through God's direction that we can successfully help change the trajectory of the lives of these families. We really appreciate it!

3. Volunteer to come to the class to support those who are attending.

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Registration forms and Scholarship forms are in the narthex.

For questions contact: Vivian McElligott 315-727-6957 or
Renee Slegeir 903-736-8546



5:30—8:00 pm

Sign-ups in the narthex for:

Decorated Trunks

(Trunk set up is 3:00 – 5:00 that day)

Parking Lot Workers, Game Managers and

Kitchen helpers

(All volunteers please arrive by 4:00 pm)

See Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Report - August 2025

2025 Operating Account						
August Operating Account				Year to Date Operating Account		
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)	Year to Date	Budget	Over/(Under)
Contributions	\$ 62,544	\$ 37,396	\$ 25,148	\$ 325,075	\$ 299,168	\$ 25,907
Expenses	\$ 49,899	\$ 37,400	\$ 12,499	\$ 314,433	\$ 299,168	\$ 15,265
Difference	\$ 12,645			\$ 10,642		

We are looking forward to less humidity and much cooler nights. Children learning and playing and learning to pray. Thank you to all who support the ministry First Lutheran provides for our children and the children in our community.

Playground update

The playground is here, fully installed, being used often and the bill is fully paid.

Deposit paid 8/05/2025 **\$48,945.00**

Savings - Designated Memorials	\$37,145.00
Savings - Interest	\$5,000.00
Savings - FLC Tutoring Center Expense	\$5,800.00

Balance paid 09/15/2025 **\$28,426.00**

Savings - Designated Memorials	\$1,528.00
FLC Men	\$100.00
Operating Misc. Expense	\$26,798.00

Total paid **\$77,371.00**

Let the children come . . . Amen

Ranette Carter
Treasurer

Church Staff		2025 Church Council	
Jeffrey Borgwardt	Pastor	Kyle Lybarger	President
Donna Ashby	Dir. Of Music	Beverly Bell	Vice Pres
John Parsons	Dir. Of Youth & Family	Rachel Grundmann	Secretary
Tina Sewell	Administrative Asst.	Ranette Carter	Treasurer
Karen Smith	Bookkeeper	Jenn Belcourt	Relationship/God
Alex Enich	Maintenance	Johnny Davis	Relationship/Community
		Peri Topel	Relationship/One Another

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE		
	LECTOR 8:15	LECTOR 10:45
10/05/2025	RICK POLAND	RACHEL GRUNDMANN
10/12/2025	CAROLYN RAMIREZ	RANETTE CARTER
10/19/2025	BEV BELL	BELINDA WALENTA
10/26/2025	YOUTH PERSON	BILL ANDERSON
	SET UP: ALTAR GUILD	CLEAN UP:
10/05/2025	CAROLYN RAMIREZ	LUCY MAXWELL
10/12/2025	CAROL & RAY BIRD	TERESA DESHAZER & RANDI MCRAE
10/19/2025	ED BERO	EVA TOUCHSTONE
10/26/2025	GLORIA BERO	LESLIE JENKINS
	OFFERING COUNTERS	
10/05/2025	PERI TOPEL	RACHEL GRUNDMANN
10/12/2025	ARLENE HICKS	RANETTE CARTER
10/19/2025	BILL ANDERSON	JOHNNY DAVIS
10/26/2025	DEB BUTTS	MARY STUART

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 am Quilters 5:00-6:00 pm Dinner 5:45 pm Mentoring Plus 5:45 pm Bell Choir 6:00 pm Confirmation 7:00 pm Youth Group 7:00 pm Choir	2 3:30-5:30 pm Success Center 4:30-5:30 pm Fitness Class	3	4 8:30 am Walk to End Alzheimer's
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