

# WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

(THE LUTHERAN CHURCH--MISSOURI SYNOD)

*We are First a family of God, providing a foundation for all to thrive and grow.*

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FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER  
MAY 15, 2022



**FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE: Easter V** – Only the grace of God could supply as supreme a blessing as a mother’s company and comfort. In the same way (John 16:7b), the Holy Spirit gives life and saves life even and especially when sorrow fills the heart (John 16:6). Indeed, the Word of forgiveness, joy, and hope He implants redeems both hopeless situations and helpless souls for everlasting celebration (James 1:21). *Ever-present Redeemer, embrace us with Your Spirit until we trust Your truth, follow Your way, and enjoy Your life. Amen.*

**ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND...Issues, Etc.** is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week’s topics include: Why the Public Square Needs Christianity, The Natural Family, The Ascension of Christ, The Hippocratic Oath, The Lord’s Supper, Planned Parenthood and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

## LIFECARE BABY BOTTLE COLLECTION



It’s simple your change can save a life! Grab a baby bottle from the narthex that can collect your spare change (cash and checks also welcome!) The collection is from Mother’s Day May 8<sup>th</sup> to Father’s Day June 19<sup>th</sup>. One bottle filled with \$28 of change pays for an ultrasound for an expectant mom. Which may be the deciding factor in choosing life for her baby! While they may not miss it, your spare change will help change the lives of men, women and children across. Here is a little bit about LifeCare Center, it’s a faith-based, non-profit pregnancy and parenting resource center in Ottawa, KS dedicated to protecting life and preserving families. The mission is to empower parents to choose life and to make healthy, God-honoring life choices for themselves and their families.

Some of their free services include:

- Pregnancy tests
- Ultrasounds
- Prenatal, childbirth and parenting education classes on more than 200 topics
- Resource assistance through the nationally acclaimed Earn While You Learn program
- Post abortion assistance
- Medical and adoption referrals
- Classes just for men
- Lay counseling

**EVANGELISM** Hey guys! The Easter Eggstravaganza was a total success! We had over 100 kids and the volunteering and help was overwhelming. From the Evangelism committee, please know that we appreciated everyone who attended and helped at the event. If you

have any suggestions on improving the event for next year, please pass them onto [pattonjoseph@hotmail.com](mailto:pattonjoseph@hotmail.com). Also, if you have ideas or ways how the Evangelism committee can be of help, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any member on the team. We are looking forward to our Parents Night Out (PNO) on May 14<sup>th</sup> which will be the last one before we take our summer break. Let's make this one a huge success. We will resume PNO in September after the summer break. God bless!

**First Lutheran's Communion Statement**

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in our worship service today. In this supper, our Lord Jesus Christ graciously feeds the humble sinner with His true Body and true Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith (Matt. 26:26-28; Heb. 10:19-25). Scripture clearly teaches that anyone who eats and drinks without believing in and publicly confessing that the bread and wine are Christ's true Body and Blood receives condemnation from God rather than forgiveness, life, and salvation (1 Cor. 11:27-29). Therefore, out of a Christian concern for souls, we require a thorough instruction in the teachings of the Lutheran Church before participating in this Sacrament (See Luther's Large Catechism VI). Participation at the altar is also a testimony of unity of faith with all others who partake (1 Cor. 10:16-22). Since unity at the altar demonstrates unity in teaching and practice (Acts 2:42) and out of Christian love and concern, we request that only those who are in confessional fellowship with the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod attend.

Please know that we look forward to having you at the Lord's Table soon. We sincerely invite you to visit with Pastor Schultz about the joys of the Lord's Supper.

**OUR ACTIVITIES FOR CHRIST THIS WEEK**

Today	9:00 am	Divine Worship Service
	10:15 am	Bible Study
	10:15 am	Sunday School
Tuesday		District Pastor's Meeting
Wednesday	6:30-8 pm	Youth Group
Saturday		LERT Training
Next Sunday	9:00 am	Divine Worship Service
	10:15 pm	Bible Study
<b>Elder of the month</b>		<b>Gregg Lewis</b>

**OUR LOVE FOR CHRIST**

**MAY 8, 2022**

Attendance:	76
Bible Study:	10-15
Offering:	\$2630.00
Online Offering:	\$20.55
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>\$2650.55</b>
<i>Weekly Budget Needs:</i>	<i>\$5769.23</i>

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**LSB 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Easter 5 – Cantate)**

The Latin name for today – Cantate – means “Sing!” Edward Perronet's (1726-1792) hymn calls on every creature, in turn, to join “the everlasting song.” Angels (st. 1), martyrs (st. 2), true Israelites (st. 3), heirs of David (st. 4), sinners (st. 5), and finally all creation join in the song. How and why do we sing? We sing to God's glory. We sing to proclaim what God has done and to “let this be known in all the earth” (Is. 12:5). We sing because this is the response of thankful hearts to all that God has done in Christ Jesus.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

Kathy Courtney	May 15	Brian Lofing	May 15
Virgil Lyons	May 15	Richie Sinclair II	May 15
Brielle Garcia	May 19	Nick Forsberg	May 20

**ANNIVERSARY:**

Schultz, Christian & Magdalena May 20



**PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH** Merciful God, we humbly implore You to cast the bright beams of Your light upon Your Church that we, being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, may walk in the light of Your truth and finally attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

**You're Invited!** The parents of Alex Kamprath, Christopher Lohaus-Fast, Logan Sobek, and Gentry Blanck, are cordially inviting you to come and join us for a special celebration of our graduates Saturday, May 21, 2022! We are hosting an open house-style party from 2-4 pm in the church basement with plenty of cake and graduates! We hope to see you there.



LWML will be collecting Layette and Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train. This collection is for the May mission of the month! Grab the content and assembly instructions from the crib in the narthex. Then after shopping for your supplies simply drop your items back off in the same crib. Thank you in advance for supporting LWML and OGT.

### ***Senior Moments Newsletter***

In April 2021, the Older Adult Ministry Committee launched *Senior Moments*, a new quarterly newsletter intended to encourage and help establish enhanced Older Adult Ministry throughout the Kansas District. The publication is being produced at Trinity, Mission and Shawnee and mailed to congregations from the District Office. You can access a digital copy here. <https://kslcms.org/caring-ministry/older-adult-ministry/>