

September Birthdays

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|-------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Gail Williams | 9/01 | Holden Heidrich | 9/15 |
| Zachary Depine | 9/02 | Parker Koenig | 9/15 |
| Ollie Flowers | 9/02 | Laura Thigpen | 9/16 |
| Sandy Thigpen | 9/03 | Clarence Heinold | 9/16 |
| Karen May | 9/04 | Debbie Webb | 9/16 |
| Pat Wolter | 9/05 | Kinsley Tomanec | 9/17 |
| Susan Krause | 9/05 | Zachary Taylor | 9/17 |
| Evalie Singer | 9/05 | Danielle Garcia | 9/18 |
| Tim Hodges | 9/06 | Gary Westbrook | 9/20 |
| Gary Childress | 9/06 | Randy Muegge | 9/20 |
| Bob Moncrief | 9/06 | Barbara Speed | 9/22 |
| Elaine Malina | 9/07 | Lori Foester | 9/23 |
| Margaret Dentler | 9/09 | Brian Heinold | 9/23 |
| Sloane Koenig | 9/09 | Cody Shedd | 9/24 |
| Jane Tinsley | 9/10 | Jennifer Karl | 9/25 |
| Darlene Butler | 9/11 | Doug Newbern | 9/25 |
| Cheryl Heil | 9/12 | Kathy Ahlstrom | 9/28 |
| Florence Kirkland | 9/12 | Faye Maroney | 9/28 |
| Harvey Geffert | 9/13 | David Ballard | 9/29 |
| Jeff Rideout | 9/13 | Jean Tuch | 9/29 |
| Savannah Depine | 9/14 | Bryan Dentler | 9/29 |
| Sheri Merklinger | 9/14 | Mark Stumfoll | 9/30 |

Happy Birthday



September 10, 2023

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY!



October deadline is
Monday, September 18, 2023

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

September 2023

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COME BE PART OF FELC'S MUSIC MINISTRY!



Combine your love of music with fun and friends!
We would love to help you experience the joy we have ringing, singing, and socializing... and not necessarily in that order!

WEEKLY REHEARSALS BEGIN:

Chancel Choir.....Wednesday, Sept. 13.....7:00 p.m.

Come share your vocal talents with those who share your love of music!

Singing is FUN and Good for You!

Come sing for the HEALTH of it!



Handbells.....Wednesday, Sept 13.....6:15 p.m.

It's not necessary to read music, but if you can count to four, this group is for you!

We ring for the Congregation once a month.

COME JOIN US...we're saving a place just for YOU!

Questions? Call **Barbara Jo Reinhardt**, Music Director
(361) 575-3623 (Church office) or (361) 550-6344 (cell)

I was reminded this morning of the KISS concept about “keep it simple.” It was a small but not so obvious oversight to fix something that has been plaguing me for weeks. When I figured out the simplest of solutions, I felt stupid but also very pleased that it was off my plate.

I wonder sometimes if we do that it our faith journeys as well. We make things so complicated and difficult instead of simply remembering that this is all about one thing.

JESUS.

Israel had done it for years and years leading up to Jesus. And the truth is they had taken the opportunity to make faith very difficult. Jesus came and simplified the whole process for them and for us.

“One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important? “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:28-31

Keep it simple. Love God. And when you have the opportunity, which is daily, love others. I know it sounds simplistic but sometimes it is the very thing that we need to make it work. It is what Jesus said do. All we need to do is listen and obey. Keep it simple.

In His arms,
PC



KAIROS – Have you heard of Kairos Prison Ministry? Please stop by the table in the Narthex for more information.



Worship Schedule

| Date/Time | Worship Assistant | Lay Readers | Communion Assistant | Deacons |
|----------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 9/3 8:00a | James Reinhardt | James Reinhardt | Vickie Spann | Jeff Sproles |
| 9/3 10:30a | Al Reinhardt | Dee Harper | Dee Harper Tracy Hermes | James Janak |
| 9/10 8:00a | James Reinhardt | Jackie Schlinger | Jackie Schlinger | Aaron Muegge |
| 9/10 10:30a | Mary Gail Moody | Kathryn Reynolds | Kathryn Reynolds Debbie Moncrief | Jim Hartman |
| 9/17 8:00a | James Reinhardt | Emily Koenig | Emily Koenig | Alton Johnston |
| 9/17 10:30a | Al Reinhardt | Gary Childress | Gary Childress Doris Childress | Marty Foss |
| 9/24 8:00a | Ginger McGill | Ginger McGill | Rachel Sizemore | James Janak |
| 9/24 10:30a | Mary Gail Moody | Bridget Swoboda | Bridget Swoboda Kathleen Sproles | Jeff Sproles |

Thank you

- Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. It is so amazing to have such a loving and caring church family and I appreciate all of you. Love always, **Margaret Dentler**
- Thank you for all your prayers, cards, kind words and memorials given in memory of Brandy Schrade. Our family would like to thank Pastor Chip for a beautiful and touching service and Friendly Service for a wonderful and exceptional luncheon. We truly appreciate everyone's love, support and Kindness during this very difficult time. Brandy was a beautiful Christian woman who loved our Lord and she will be dearly missed . **Family of Brandy Schrade**
- We would like to thank our FELC Church family for all the prayers, get well wishes and lovely cards during our recent surgeries and recovery. Also thanks to the Good Cheer for the goodie bags that were delivered. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated! Blessings to you all!
Lois, Franklin and Allison Elles.
- Thank you ALL for the AmAZInG support of our Youth at Rally Day! We had a wonderful turnout from breakfast and games and the Butterfly Release was the perfect way to end our Celebration! FELC Board of Education and Board of Youth are in awe of the generosity and support we always receive from the members of this congregation!

FIFTY AND FUN - Will meet **Thursday, September 14**, in Felger Hall at 6:00p. Serving Chicken fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Price is \$7.00 a plate. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

CONGRATULATIONS – To Peggy Harper and Emery Smith who were married Saturday, August 26, 2023.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*A.J. & Judy Carter
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*John & Vivian Dobbins
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*Ed & Carrie Hendrix
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*Wes McGinnis
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*Chris & Sarah Schrade
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*Mark & Dawn Stumfoll
Hayden, Cullen, Ellasyn &
Emerie
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*Kylee Wickliffe
585 Reeves Ranch Rd.
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**See bulletin board in the
Narthex for pictures**

Sunday Services Attendance

| Date | 8:00a Attendance & Offering | 10:30a Attendance & Offering |
|----------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 7/23 | 56 | 170 |
| 7/30 10:00a | | 226 |
| 8/6 | 78 | 214 |
| 8/13 | 58 | 210 |
| 8/20 | 68 | 198 |
| 8/27 | 83 | 195 |

Our Love and Sympathy to the family of:

- Brandy Schrade
- Louis Montgomery
- Beth Sievers (mother of Mark Sievers)

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Geralene Schulte, Lillian Lau, Debra Baros, Bill Kelly, Debbie Maxwell, Laken Dawdy, Zac Koenig, Florence Kirkland, Johanna, Kathy, Dan, Jim Richmon, Jay Thigpen, Sandy Muegge, Susan Friedrichs, Les Schatz, Sarah Simons, Kelly Carroll, Matthew Church, Pat Trapp, Connie Prukop, Arlen Hilbrich, Charlene Balfanz, Annabelle Pagel, Rusty & Jennifer Reininger, Melvin & Peggy Koenig, Dana Shields, Those struggling with illness; Our Country, troops & families, law enforcement, first responders, and all people in need.

September Tellers

5 - Elles/Kucera (Tues)
 11 - Maroney/Westbrook
 18 - Muegge/Hiller
 25 - Malina/Kelly

September



8/19 - 9/1 — Steve Nelson
 9/2 - 9/15 — Carol Turley
 9/16 - 9/29 — Kathleen Sproles
 9/30 - 10/13 — Jackie Schlinger



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FAITH STUDY – Every Tuesday evening 6:30p – 8:00p in Felger Hall please join us as we dive into War Room Bible Study. This is a 5 week series. A new study will begin September 26.

CALLING ALL PARENTS OF 3RD GRADE AND ABOVE

FELC would like to present all 3rd grade students with a bible highlighted by their parent/guardian/loved one.

If your child is older, and has not been presented a bible we would love to provide them one.

When: October 1, following late service in the Youth Room

FELC will provide the bible or bring yours if you like. A list of verses will be read and highlighted, we will pray over the bible, and you will present the bible to your child(ren) Sunday, October 15th ****Highlighters provided****

Sign up in Narthex - Contact Julie with any questions.

FELC Youth and families would like to say THANK YOU to Atzenhoffer and ALL of the people in the church and community that purchased pork chop plates! We were blessed to raise over \$6,000 this year! Lots of fun and memories were made making and serving over 500 plates.

God is good ALL the time & ALL the time God is good!



GROWTH FUND UPDATE: Thank you to everyone who has and continues to give to the Growth Fund. The cost of this project is estimated to be between \$300,000.00 and \$400,00.00 with Construction Completed December, 2023. As of the end of August the account is up to **\$27,622.28** due to your generosity.