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The First Christian Church Caller
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you! I pray that this newsletter finds you well.

As I pray for our congregation with our included list, I am drawn to the words of the Apostle Paul as he begins his first letter to the church in Corinth:

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (1 Cor. 1:1-5, 7-9)

Despite the bad and good times that come with doing life together as a community of faith, Paul wants his fellow Christ-followers to know upfront and remember that he is always thankful for them, they have been enriched in every way in Christ Jesus, they do not lack any spiritual gift, they will be kept firm until the return of Jesus, and God is faithful. Wow!

I want you to know that these things also hold true for us. I want you to know that I am incredibly thankful for all of you. I want you to know that you have been enriched in every way in Christ. I want you to know that you do not lack any spiritual gift. I want you to know that God will keep you firm to the end. I want you to know that God is faithful.

I want you to know that we have already been gifted in Jesus Christ with everything that we need, despite anything that seems the contrary. What truly matters is what Christ has done and will do in us. Everything else that comes along is simply a speed bump that we can overcome together. Because of the grace given us in Christ, we can faithfully respond to the call he has placed on our lives. May Jesus more fully open our hearts and minds to these truths.

Please note: If you have an update for prayers and praises, please contact the church office 837-4760 or email: churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org

Prayer is an important part of our congregational life. We would like to be more intentional about those we place on our "prayers & praises" list by refining the list each month. Beginning each month, we will ask for your feedback if those we are praying for need to be continued. We will add or refresh the list each month. Please use the white Welcome Card in the pew pocket to add names of those you would like included to our prayer & praise list and place the card in the offering plate, or call the church office.

PRAYERS & CONCERNS –August

Shawn Hughes and Deana's sister Rhonda all are having health struggles; **Debbie** diagnosed with leukemia; Jenni's husband, **Dave** has a new job in Nevada; Joe Hoffman's cousin Kim home and his neighbor **Tim's** health; prayers for **Julia Schwartz's family** following the death of her brother; **Lesley Shaffer** that procedures go well; Joan Maddax brother in law, **Gene** health struggles; **Aric Sinclair** broke his leg; **Reno's** cousin Mark Osmundson passed away; **Betty Reed's** health; **Ken & Mary Asher** and **Chalen Reed** at the passing of Tom Reed; Amy Allen's **friend** needs a job; **Joan Maddax** to get approval for diabetic pump; **Mary Asher** getting knee injections; **Peg Irwin** having tests; **Gary Brown's** health; **Chalen Reed** to have foot surgery; Reno's cousin **Sharon** finished chemo and her Aunt Carol passed away; Ottawa flooding; **families** affected by the tragedies in El Paso and Dayton; Chris Niebrugge's sister, **Heather** and her **family** moved to DC; **Joe Hoffman's** Aunt Mary passed away; Ron Smith's brother **Jack** and brother in law **JT** health concerns; **Chalen Reed** following the death of her husband, Tom; **Johnny Hendrickson's** health; Jack Kline's friend **Priscilla Myers'** mother passed away; **Anna Niebrugge** as she prepares for college; Paul & Brenda's **family members (Steven, Katie & Pepper)** that moved to St. Louis; **students and teachers** returning to school; Reno's granddaughter, **Dana** and Sandy's friend, **Jessica** successful surgeries; **Sarah Armour's** health; **Gary Brown's** health; **Zoey** as her arm heals; Sue borderline diabetic; Dean Eslinger's friend **Jerry Jantz's** son passed away; **Betty Reed** had choking spell; Joe Hoffman's cousin, **Kim** has tests coming up; Sandy Morgan's niece's father, **John Ryder** in hospice and non believer; **Tom Reppell** finished his chemo; **Reno's** upcoming surgery; **Mary's** having tests; **Pat Miller** (Denise Ward's mother) moving to a new home;

PRAISES Linda's sister, Cathy had good MRI report; Amy Allen thankful that her parents accident wasn't worse; Maurine and her sister had good trip to Baltimore; Pastor Justin thankful to David for fixing his car; Julia thankful for being at FCC a year; Frank & Sandy celebrated 47 year wedding anniversary July 15; Aric Sinclair got his cast off and Rachel feeling better; Nancy's friend, Jane starting to recover; Chalen went back to work following foot surgery; Reno's cousin Sharon finished chemo and doing well; preschool going well for Zoey;

Continuing PRAYERS & CONCERNS – Our Nation; our church; Dixie Forney; Ruthie Boles; Helen Hootz; all of our missionaries, the **Pronins, Barkers & McKnights; John Barker; Bob Jester; Denise Ward; Shane Aldridge;** Bill & Reno Shaffer's granddaughter **Lesley Shaffer** and all those who give care!

Remember our shut-in friends: Winona Hornbuckle; Pauline Truman; Myrtle Lee Reed; Anna McConnell; and our friends in the Philippines, Marilee Barker and her family.

Serving In September

Elders

Offering

8:30 a.m.— Nancy Kline

10:30a.m.— Frank Morgan

Communion

10:30a.m.— Mary Asher

Lay Worship Leaders

8:30am 10: 30am

Sept. 1	Chris Niebrugge	Maurine McLellan
Sept. 8	Eslingers	Frank Morgan
Sept. 15	Dan Cook	Sue Raines
Sept. 22		John Mowen
Sept. 29	Nancy Kline	Joe Hoffman

Greeters: 8:30am. Worship

Sept. 1	Dean & Heather Eslinger
Sept. 8	Dean & Heather Eslinger
Sept. 15	Dan & Karen Cook
Sept. 22	Paul & Brenda Genova
Sept. 29	Jack & Nancy Kline

Greeters: 10:30am. Worship

Sept. 1	Frank & Sandy Morgan
Sept. 8	David & Karen Lien
Sept. 15	Sue Raines
Sept. 22	Alan Niebrugge
Sept. 29	Ron & Cathy Kooser

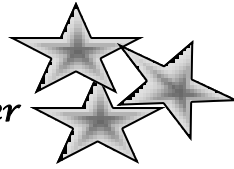
Children's Messages

Sept. 1	Frank Morgan
Sept. 8	Jackie Dellinger
Sept. 15	Julia Schwartz
Sept. 22	Brandon Stecklein
Sept. 29	Frank Morgan

Birthdays

in

September



If your birthday does not appear on our list and you would like it to, please send your birth date, **only day and month**, to Jean at the church office, or call 837-4760. Also, please let us know if we have made an error in recording your birthday.

1	Jacob Arnett
3	Claudine Harper
	Curtis Thompson
4	Brooke Willey
5.	Jessica Nelsen
6	Betty Reed
	Maurine McLellan
7	Donald Aye
10	Jack A. Ward
10	Jill Niebrugge
11	Scott Leikam
	Dean Eslinger
15	Maryetta Wilke
18	Ali McKiearnan
20	Jaden Brittingham
21	Raymond McLanahan
	Aric Sinclair
22	Bob Kohlenberg
23	Bob King
24	Casey Lathrop
25	Paul Genova
26	Nanette Jones
	Tripp Harris
	Hazel M. Rogers
27	Jamie Garza
28	Shelly Arnett
29	Anna Niebrugge





Yarn Yakkers

will resume

Thursday, September 12

Worship Attendance

	8:30a.m.	10:30a.m.	Total
August 4	19	39	(58)
August 11	21	50	(71)
August 18	24	59	(83)
August 25	21	62	(83)

Avg. attendance for August 2018—87

Avg. attendance for August 2019—74

Financials

Balance on hand—	July 18	\$61,649.86
Receipts (budget & non-budget)		\$11,260.61
Expenditures (budget & non-budget)		\$12,970.55
Net Change in Encumbered Funds		65.88
Balance on Hand—	August 15	\$60,005.80



Our Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 15 after second worship service followed by a potluck luncheon.



Join us on
Sunday, September 8
Sunday School promotion
 and
Teacher appreciation

Reading & Discussion Group

Everyone is invited to join us

Led by Pastor Justin.

Book title: Flannery O'Connor –
The Complete Stories.

Schedule: We will continue to meet
 Wednesday night each week @ 7:30pm.

**Best Choice UPC Labels and Auburn
 Pharmacy pill bottle caps are being
 collected. A box is located on a table at
 the back of the sanctuary**

Our Fall Annual Bazaar is coming soon. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, November 9**. Start planning now for your homemade items to bring.

Craft parties for making bazaar items are being held on Saturday, September 14 at 1pm and on Friday, October 11, at 1pm.

Stocking kits will be provided. You can bring anything else you want to work on and enjoy the fellowship.

Contact Kate Stecklein 913/708-0156



Join us for
donuts and
fellowship on
Sunday,
September 29
9:30am.



Children's church during the 10:30
worship is available.

For more information, please
Contact Kate Stecklein
913-708-0156



Operation Christmas Child

Shoe boxes will be located in the narthex with an item list included. Please pick one up as you leave worship. Boxes need to be returned by **Dec. 8**

If you prefer to buy shoe size plastic boxes, there are gift idea sheets on the table in the narthex. If you would like to just donate money, it will go for postage. This is a great opportunity to witness to families to accept Jesus.

City Union Mission

We will be serving lunch
September 7.

We will serve again on
December 7.

Volunteers will be needed to prepare and bring food to church. We also need volunteers to take food up to the mission and serve it.



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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Our next newsletter
will be published
the week of
September 23

Please have items into the church office
no later than Friday, September 20

The Sunday News is published each week to
insert into the worship bulletin.

Announcements for the Sunday News may be
emailed or handwritten and given to the
church office **no later than Wednesday noon**
each week. Announcements may also be
e-mailed to:

churchoffice@fclouisburgks.org

The Church Board meets on the
3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

The next Board Meeting is
Thursday, September 19 — 7 p.m.

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Facebook page at
facebook.com/fclouisburgks



**The Louisburg
Community Choir**

will begin rehearsals on
Thursday, September 5 at 7pm.

It will be hosted by Louisburg United
Methodist Church. Rehearsals will be
held every Thursday evening at 7pm at
UMC except on Thanksgiving. Contact

Tom Cole 913/660.8690 or email
tommycolehome@gmail.com for more
info. If you like to sing, **come join in.**



Join us for our
weekly Bible Study
Thursday mornings
10-11am.

We are studying
1 Timothy

Snacks, fellowship, and the Bible;
It doesn't get better than this!

Pastor Justin Schwartz Contacts

pastor@fclouisburgks.org

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Youth & Family Director

Welcome **Julia Schwartz** as our new
Interim Youth & Family Director.

Contacts

Cell: 913-271-6934

Email: julia.diligence@gmail.com

Julia's Schedule

Sunday: Worship & Sunday School

Tuesday & Thursday: Office
12:15-2:45pm

Wednesday: Youth group 5-7pm

Monday & Friday: Unavailable

Saturday: Personal development &
events.

September 2019

First Christian Church of Louisburg, KS MONTHLY PLANER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School at 9:30am	2 LABOR-DAY—OFFICE CLOSED	3	4 Youth Group 5:30-6:30 <u>Family Game Night</u> Reading & Discussion Group	5 10 a.m. - Bible Study	6	7 Serving lunch at City Union Mission Leaving church at 10am
8 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School at 9:30am Sunday School promotion and teacher appreciation Sunday	9	10	11 All Youth Group meet 5:30-6:30pm Reading & Discussion Group 7:30pm	12 10 a.m. - Bible Study Yarn Yakkers 11:15am	13	14 1 pm. Craft Party in preparation for Bazaar in Nov.
15 Congregational Meeting after 10:30 worship Potluck dinner after congregational meeting	16 Bingo at Nursing Home 2:30-3:30pm	17	18 6th-12th grade meet 5:30pm Reading & Discussion Group 7:30pm	19 10 a.m. Bible Study Yarn Yakkers 11:15am Board Meet 7pm	20 <u>Newsletter Items Due in Church office TODAY</u>	21
22 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School at 9:30am	23 	24	25 6th-12th grade meet 5:30pm Reading & Discussion Group 7:30pm	26 10a.m. Bible Study 11:15a.m. Yarn Yakkers	27	28
Jean Liedtke-Davis out of office		Christa McLanahan won't be available Sept. 25 thru Sept. 29				
29 Worship 8:30 & 10:30am Sunday School at 9:30am 1:30pm. Shut-in communion. Vintage Park & Care Center 9:30am Donut Sunday	30	Boy Scouts meet every Monday evening at 7pm. Louisburg Community Choir will practice every Thursday beginning on September 5 at 7pm at the United Methodist Church				

Youth & Family Calendar

September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 9:30-10:30am	2	3	4 Youth Group 5:30-6:30pm FAMILY GAME NIGHT	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:30-10:30am Promotion Sunday	9	10	11 Youth Group 5:30-6:30pm ALL YOUTH	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:30-10:30am	16	17	18 Youth Group 5:30-6:30pm 6th-12th Grade	19	20	21
22 Sunday School 9:30-10:30am	23	24	25 Youth Group 5:30-6:30pm 6th-12th Grade	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:30-10:30am Doughnut Sunday	30	<p>Julia's Hours <i>Sunday:</i> Sunday School & Worship <i>Thursday:</i> Office 12:15pm - 2:45pm <i>Monday:</i> Unavailable <i>Friday:</i> Unavailable but for School Events <i>Tuesday:</i> Office 12:15pm - 2:45pm <i>Saturday:</i> Personal Development & Events <i>Wednesday:</i> Youth Group 5pm - 7pm</p>				

Julia's Contacts

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