***First Evangelical Lutheran Church***

**1206 North St. Joseph - Gonzales, Texas 78629 – 830-672-2057**

**Our Pastor:** **Reverend Ildik****ó Rigney**

**10:30am Worship Service - Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the Month**

**(drive through communion is from 9:30am to 10:00am)**



To Madelynn, Madison and Kelli!

I remember what a life-changing time it is to transition from High school to college. Horizons open. Adulthood is yours. Many questions, and among them: “Can I do this?” The final cutting of apron strings, although you still connect with your family. That knot in your throat during graduation, and as you say your farewell to family and they drive home…The endless opportunities and dreams ahead of you…

As we watch you take your final steps this May, know that we love you, support you, pray for you. We hope you take us with you in your heart, in your memories, and that you will come home to us often to tell us stories of your growth.

We love you,

Pastor Ildikó and your First Lutheran family



**May 4, 2021 Meeting Highlights**

Meeting minutes from the council meeting held on April 6th, 2021 were read and accepted as corrected.  
  
Pastor Ildiko' presented her monthly report.  Pastor is working on a weekday Bible Study. Stay tuned for more updates.  
  
The Christian Education Board reported that Vacation Bible School will be held

July 12th - 15th in partnership with the Episcopal Church and Presbyterian

Church (Presbyterian Church will be hosting).

Plans are being finalized for the High School Senior recognition and Congregational Meal & Fellowship on May 23rd.  I hope everyone will be able to attend. This will be

a catered meal. In order that we plan accordingly, we need to know if you plan to attend. Please; call Peggy at the church, 830-672-2057 by **May 15th**.  
  
The Parish Fellowship board reminded us that the annual church picnic is scheduled for the second Sunday in September **(9/12)** at the Disciples Conference Center. Please put this date on your calendar and make plans to attend.  
  
In Old Business, we have completed the agreement document with Legacy Youth Ranch for the use of 2 rooms in the education wing of the church.  Legacy Youth Ranch will reimburse the church for utilities.  The locks on the building have been modified so that proper security is maintained for both the Church and Legacy

Youth Ranch.  
  
We are planning a congregational meeting following Worship Service on

June 13th.  At that meeting, we will be electing members to the Parish Planning Committee (Church Council).  Your participation in the future of our church is needed.  If you would like to serve on a committee or would like to help on the nominating committee, please contact me at 713-582-0750.  
  
In New Business, a discussion was held regarding a document published on the ELCA website titled:

“HOW STRATEGIC AND AUTHENTIC IS OUR DIVERSITY:

A Call for Confession, Reflection, and Healing Action.

I ask everyone to go to ELCA.org and review this document.  
  
 Thanks,  
 Nathan



**Mrs. Beverly Pirkle will have Sunday School Class for AGES 3-6 on the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall From 10:00am to 10:20am.**

**We Hope to See You there.**

**A drawing of a person

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**June Billie Jo Tieken & Sherry Davis**

**July Sara Schmidt & Need a Volunteer**

**Aug Barbara Hand & Marilyn Neuse**

**Sept Need Volunteers**

**Oct Belinda Walker & Need a Volunteer**

**Nov Ruth Ann Campion & Need a Volunteer**

**Dec Shirley Wolff & Beverly Wegener**

**Please notify Jeanie Noack of any change.**

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**Lay Assistants to the Pastor**

***Please notify Pastor if there is a change***

**May Elgin Heinemeyer**

**June Richard Krum**

**July Karen Fougerat**

**Aug Paul Watkins**

**Sep Richard White**

**Oct Florence Baker**

**Nov Barbara Kuck**

**Dec Paul Watkins**



***Please notify Harold Grauke with questions or change*.**

**May Brian Buesing, Hagen Brown, Walter Marek**

**June Connie Kern, Marjorie Malaer**

**July Richard Krum, Michael Kuck, Nathan Neuse**

**Aug Emmet Baker, Ronald Baker, Brent Baker**

**Sept Bruce Tieken, Stephen Pirkle**

**Oct Harold Grauke, Matt Wolff, Corben Wolff**

**Nov Brian Buesing, Hagen Brown, Walter Marek**

**Dec Richard Krum, Michael Kuck, Nathan Neuse**

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**May Date # Years**

**Wayne & Tammy Hillman 4 36**

**Carlos & Ildiko Rigney 17 27**

**Matt & Le Ann Wolff 20 26**

**Brian & Leslie Buesing 27 20**

**June Date # Years**

**Darrell & Gloria Haug 10 43**

**Kenneth & Sherry Davis 13 23**

**Kenneth & Karen Fougerat 15 36**

**Brent & Robin White 21 13**

**Wesley & Brenda Caldwell 22 26**

**Wayne & Cain Wyatt 24 26**

**William & Connie Komoll 25 33**

**Blake & Elizabeth Mikesh 27 6**

**Dale & Shirley Carleton 29 19**

**July Date # Years**

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| **Richard & Marilyn Krum 6 30** |
| **Richard & Sherrie White 7 48** |
| **Ronnie & Shari Tate 18 40** |
| **Robert & Sandra Wolff 20 58** |
| **Kevin & Carol Oakes 30 27** |
| **Barry & Carol Wiley 31 56** |

**August Date # Years**

**Paul & Grace Watkins 1 34**

**Ron & Sandra Baker 13 49**

**Keith & Sara Schmidt 14 39**

**Kelsey & Tyson Bouler 17 8**

**Steve & Beverly Pirkle 25 60**



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| **May**  **Mallorie Pirkle 5/01**  **Walter Marek 5/02**  **Beverly Pirkle 5/02**  **Mabel Gray 05/03**  **Karen Fougerat 05/06**  **Bradley Danz 05/15**  **James Wolf 05/16**  **Bruce Tieken 05/19**  **Carol Wiley 05/20**  **Gladys Campion 05/29**  **Billie Jo Tieken 05/29**  **Barbara Kuck 05/30** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **July**  **Matthew Wolff 07/07** | | **Kaily Hillman 07/08** | | **Harold Grauke 07/11** | | **Betty Tieken 07/01n** | | **Robert Wolff 07/12** | | **Kimberlee Brown 07/16** | | **Penny Lee 07/19** | | **Brady Oakes 07/26** | | **Imogene Rainey 07/26** | | **Ashley Tieken 07/28** | | |  |

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| **June**   |  | | --- | | **Herb Karnau 06/01** | | **Robin White 06/01** | | **Corben Wolff 06/02** | | **Rebecca Hanscheck 06/04** | | **Brody Danz 06/06** | | **Brittany Walker 06/09** | | **Brenda Caldwell 06/10** | | **John Zavadil 06/10** | | **Justin Komoll 06/14** | | **Carol Karnau 06/15** | | **Joel Meador 06/16** | | **Nathan Neuse 06/18** | | **Melynda Davis 06/23** | | **Gloria Haug 06/25** | | **Shari Tate 06/26** | | **Steve Pirkle 06/29** | | **August**  **Elizabeth Mikesh 08/04**  **Belinda Walker 08/06**  **Jason Campion 08/08**   |  | | --- | | **Florene Braune 08/09** | | **Holly Danz 08/13** | | **Bre Wolff 08/16** | | **Katy Marek 08/18** | | **Carlos Rigney 08/19** | | **Susan Ainsworth 08/20** | | **Erlene Zavadil 08/20** | | **Jeanie Noack 08/21** | | **Barry Wiley 08/21** | | **Kamii Ramos 08/22** | | **Wayne Wyatt 08/24** | | **Adrian Buesing 08/27** | | **James Lehnert 08/30** | | **August** |  |



***When we pray, we are humbling ourselves before God and saying,***

***“I need Your presence and Your power, Lord. I can’t do this without You.”***

***When we do not pray, it’s like saying we have no need of anything outside of ourselves. Praying in the name of Jesus gives us authority over the enemy and proves we have faith in God to do what what His Word promises.***

**Christian Connections by Dayspring.**

**Bereaved Family & Friends of:**

**Jerry Oakes**

**Don Cain**

**Juanda White (R. White’s family)**

**Anelle Shipman (R. White’s family)**

**Alvin (Buddy) Noack, Jr.**

**Recent Prayer Requests**

**Florence Baker Bob Davis**

**Ray Soefje Nancy Stobaugh**

**Please Continue to Pray for:**

**Bruce Baker Bruce Spain (Robin White’s Dad)**

**Dr. Gary Heximer Gloria Muehlbrad (Grace’s Mom) (recovering knee replacement 3/8)**

**Greg Porter & fam (ALS, S. Wolff Family) Maple Remschel (health)**

**Jarred Cook (Grandson of Ronald & Sandra Baker)**

**Shari & Ken Schuett (Billie Jo’s parents) Rhett Meredith**

**Mary Jane Vera-Whalley Kevin Noack**

**Mark & Mary Watkins Misti Cubit**

**Ricky Campion Wayne White (Richards Uncle)**

**Zachary Charanza (Ruth Ann’s nephew)**

**@ Home Florene Braune Sherry Metting**

**@ Romberg House Mabel Gray, 210 Qualls, Gonzales**

**@ The Heights**  **701 N. Sarah DeWitt, Gonzales**

**Evelyn Kocian**  **Pastor Don Vlasak**

**Barbara Wiedner** **Bertha Cuevelier**

**@ The Texan 3423 Moulton Road, Gonzales**

**Guy Moore Carl Zella**



**On Sunday, May 23, First Evangelical Lutheran**

**Church will be honoring our Graduating High**

**School seniors at the Worship Service and will be hosting a “Catered Meal” following the Service.**

**All Are Invited.**

**The deadline for reservations for the meal is May 15 (672-2057).**

**Our Seniors this year are:**

**Madelynn Brown Madison Pirkle Kelli Soefje**

A person wearing a graduation cap and gown

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Please consider donating gently worn shoes, boots, footwear to the:

**Gonzales Noon Lions Soles 4 Souls Endeavor**

Shoes collected will be distributed to People in Countries of Need.We have collection boxes at the

First Evangelical Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall **&** in the Sanctuary. Other collection boxes are located in schools and local businesses.

Our *FELC members Darrell Haug & Elgin Heinemeyer thank each of you that have donated so far. The deadline for this campaign is May 30, 2021.*

**2021 Flower Chart Sign Up**

**The following dates are open to place flowers on the altar.**

**May June**

**16 30 06**

**July August**

**18 25 1 08 29**

**September October**

**12 Picnic ? – No Flowers 3 17 24**

**19 26**

**November December**

**7 All Saints Day (White Flowers) 5 Advent-No Flowers**

**14 21 12 Advent-No Flowers**

**28 Advent 1 – No Flowers 19 Advent-No Flowers**

**24 & 26 (Poinsettias)**



First Lutheran Church Family,

Thank You All for making Administrative Assistant Day

So special for me.

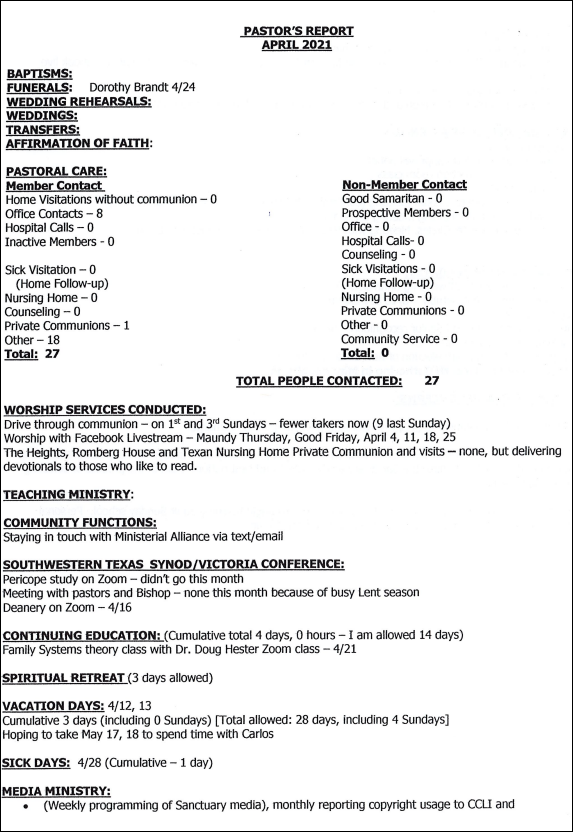
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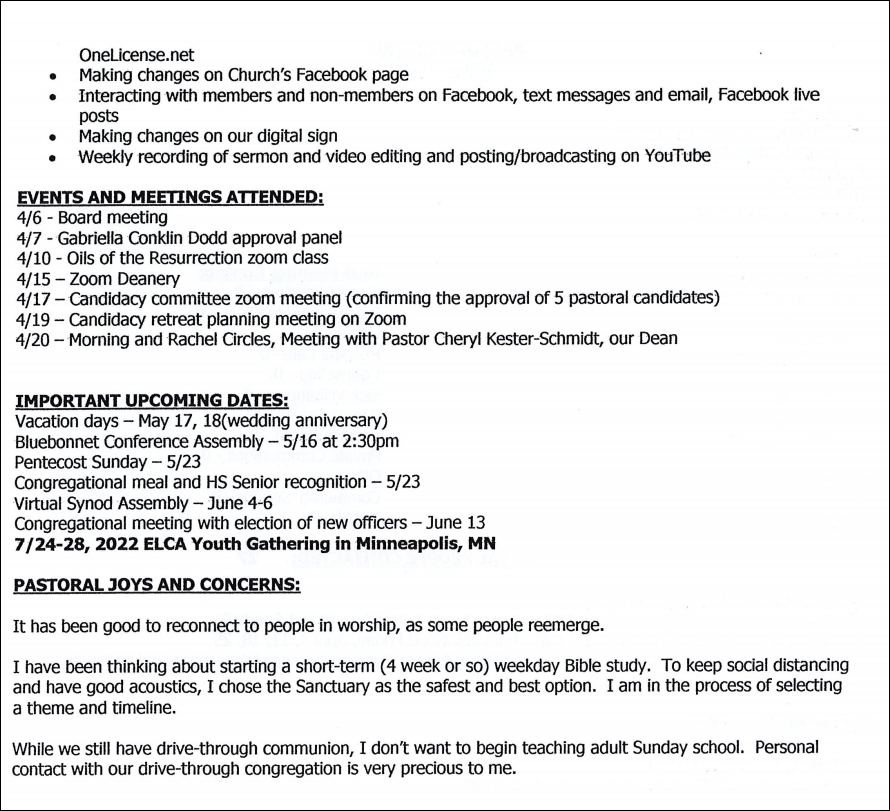
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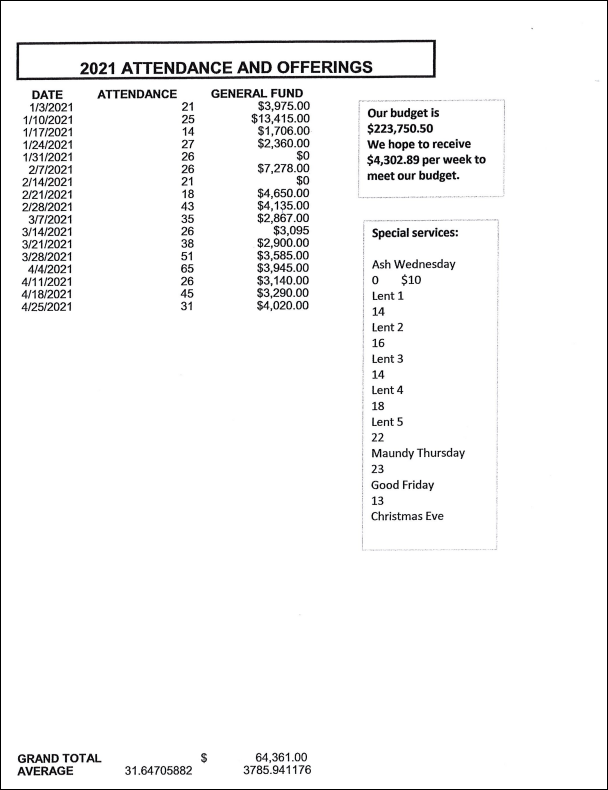


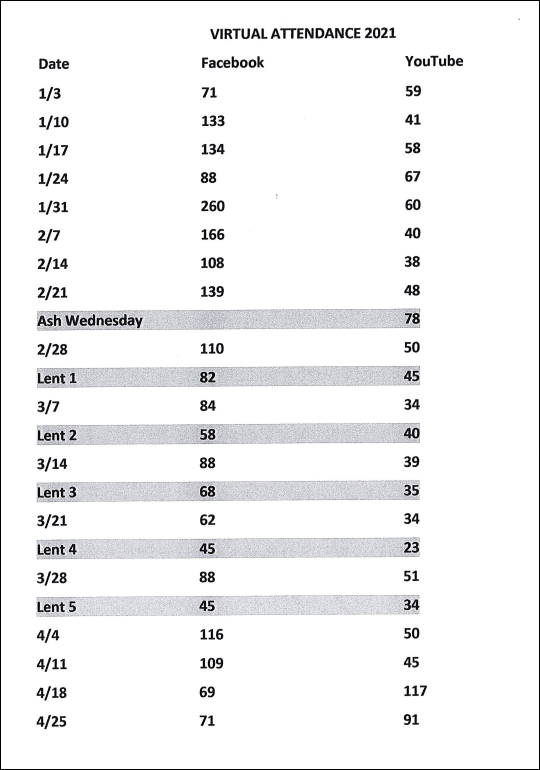
**A Great Big Thank You to the Many Volunteers in our Church. Often, you may not get the THANKS or Recognition you deserve.**

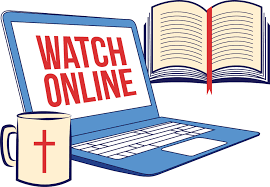
**Bless All of YOU**











**Our Service is live streamed on Facebook @**

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

**Sermon Only is on You Tube,** **Ildikó Rigney**

**Email:** [**firstevangelicallutheran@gmail.com**](mailto:firstevangelicallutheran@gmail.com)

**Web Site:** [**www.felcg.org**](http://www.felcg.org)

**Electronic Giving: Go to Website, Click on Donate, follow the prompts.**

**If you need assistance: Contact the office @ 672-2057**

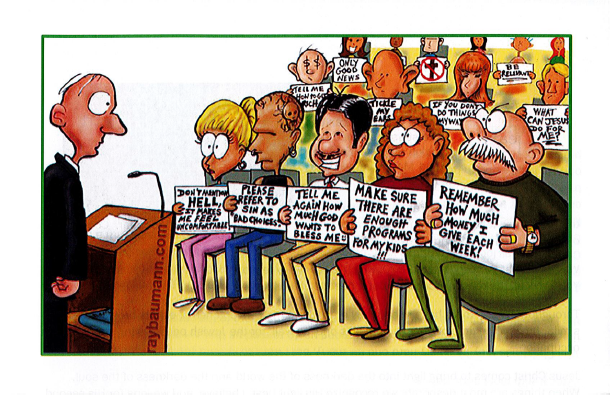
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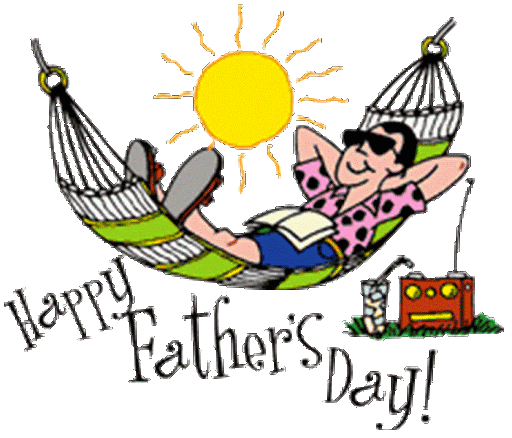
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**And…. How Was Your Week ?**

GOD’S BLESSINGS TO EACH OF YOU AS WE CELEBRATE



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