



First Lutheran Church

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Worship 10:00 am

Weekly Newsletter

10.23.25

Pastor's Ponderings

An Unexpected Witness

I encourage you to read Genesis 32:22-31. If you scroll down a bit in the newsletter, there is a link that will lead you to these verses. Otherwise, dust off that Bible and open it up!

Jacob wrestles with God and prevails. Not without a limp, sure. But Jacob wrestles with God through the long night, and against Jacob, God does not prevail. Jacob is a wrestler and a survivor - and God changes his name to Israel as a result.

Something for us to ponder - together. Do you ever "wrestle" with God? (I do!) What does wrestling with God look like, sound like, feel like for you? When was the last time you wrestled with God? Who prevailed? Is it even possible to prevail against God? Is that the point of wrestling with God - to prevail? If not, what even is the point of wrestling with God?

I think my answer to most of these questions would change based on the day or even the hour. Nevertheless, I love this story. For lots of reasons, to be sure, but here are two:
1) It gives us permission (and maybe even encourages) wrestling with God. 2) I envision Jacob emerging from a long night of wrestling with God, worn out and limping. But the sun is rising. It is a new day. And Jacob, now Israel, has been transformed and blessed by God. This, to me, is an image of hope.

If you have comments or questions, would like to talk, or desire a visit, please call or e-mail either me or the church office.

Peace,

Pastor Shawn Schneider

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This Week at First

Worship: Reformation Sunday

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel Lesson: John 8:31-36



In-Person Worship

Sunday – October 26, 2025

10:00am - Lutheran Partnership Worship at First Lutheran Church

Tuesday - October 28, 2025

7:00pm - Prayer Shawl Meeting



We are praying for:

Sharon Shirey, Geneva Buchanan, Jean Hayes

Long Term Prayer List: Jack Harpst, Jr., Jack Swartz, Joyce Corwin, Judy Rock, AJ Rinaldi, Kaden Allarding, Linda Kahler, Haylee Lilly, Scott, Sandy Alley, Jean Henry, Tina Fuson, Ed Smith, Bobbie Jo Seighman

Homebound, Assisted Living, or Limited Mobility: Chuck Robinson, Jim Harpst, Phyllis Straka, Jay DeNise, Millie Haas, Brenda Haas, Mary Lou Griebing, Janet Hammermiller, and Fred Watkins.

To add someone to our prayer list or prayer chain, call the church office or email us at pastor@flcgalion.com

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Sharon McNeal - October 26

Joseph Kokiko - November 1

Puzzle of the Week

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Community Breakfast

* Free Breakfast

Every 4th Saturday of the month

9am to 10:30am

All Are Welcome!!!!

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