

Welcome to First Lutheran Church! May God richly bless our time together through silence, in prayer, song, and in studying God’s Word.

Prelude/Chimes “Bright Wings (Psalm 55:6) Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song “Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus” Vs. 1-3 ELW# 389

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Psalm Psalm 36

Intro to Bullying

First Lesson: Job 22: 1-11

Second Reading: Job 42: 7-10

Gospel: Matthew 12: 46-50

Children’s Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day “Goodness is Stronger Than Evil” X2 ELW# 721

Confession of Faith and Failings

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering “Deep River” Steven Scott

Offering Hymn “We Give Thee But Thine Own” Vs. 1 ELW# 686

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Congregational Voices

Sending Song “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” ELW# 860

Dismissal

Chimes and Postlude “Allegro from Sonata No. 5” Benedetto Marcello

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Cheri, Karen, Jeff, Jan, Jeremiah, Anne, Jim, Keith, Linda, Justin, Doug, Ray, Bev, Chris, Delores, Boston, Lynda, Rob, Vera, Sharon, Cherie, and family of Harold.



August 30, 2026

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, “Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.” We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Forgiveness

This week, we will focus on the **Spiritual Principle of Forgiveness.**

Forgiveness refers to letting go of feelings of resentment, anger, or thoughts of revenge toward someone who has caused harm, regardless of whether they deserve it.

The **Benefits of Forgiveness** include emotional healing, inner peace, reduced stress and anxiety, improved relationships, and overall mental and spiritual well-being.

Forgiveness is important because it allows us to release negative emotions and move forward, promotes empathy and understanding, and fosters compassion and love.

Examples of **forgiveness** include **forgiving** a friend for a hurtful comment, **forgiving** a family member for past conflicts, or **forgiving** oneself for past mistakes.

Spiritually, **forgiveness** aligns with the principles of compassion, empathy, and love, and it reflects the belief in the connection of all beings and each one’s internal worth.

Bible verses about **forgiveness** include: *Matthew 6: 14-15, which states, “For if you **forgive** other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also **forgive** you. But if you do not **forgive** others their sins, your Father will not **forgive** your sins.”*

*Ephesians 4:32 says, “Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving** each other, just as in Christ God **forgave** you.”*

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

Naomi Circle is once again collecting school supplies for school kits which we donate to Lutheran World Relief. We are hoping to fill at least 75 backpacks. It is a great time to shop for these items during back-to-school sales.

Today we need: 70 8X10 1/2 notebooks (70 sheets, no loose leaf)
172 ballpoint pens (no gel ink), retractable is best.

Please place your donations in the box near the front entrance. We thank you for your support.

A great big shout out to Missi, Jess, Logan, Buddy, Hannalou, Annalie and Joan for all your hard work this summer with FLC Camp!!! Thank you also to those that drove for activities for the kids.

Great Job!!! You made a difference in the children’s lives!

Offering Options:

- *In person – drop in offering plate
- *QR code
- *Mail a check – Send it to:
505 W Holdt St,
Battle Lake, MN 56515
- *Use your banks “bill pay” option



*Direct Giving - <https://blfirstlutheran.org/simply-giving> and we have this QR code that can be used also. Thank you for your generous giving.

Your offerings support our Building, Pastor, Staff and our valuable ministries to the community.

2026 August giving through 8/27 \$ 21,955
(Bills paid for the month of July \$27,867)

Events Upcoming

Reminder for Annual reports by the end of August

- September 6th — Lion’s Pancake Feed
- September 8th — First Day of School
- September 10th — Yard Cleanup
- September 11th — Meet & Eat
- September 12th— Faith Haven Golf Fundraiser
- September 13th — Blood pressure clinic during fellowship
- September 16th — WAFL and Confirmation start
- September 18th — FLY Game Night
- September 20th — New Member Sunday
- September 26th — 542 Taste, Toast and Traditions Fundraiser
- September 27th — Annual Meeting
- September 28th — Rural Edge Meeting
- September 28th — Movie Night
- October 4th — SWOT during fellowship

We have a mission: *Sharing Hope in Christ*. How do we implement that? What should our focus be? We can’t be everything to everyone.

Two important events that are coming up that will help determine our future:

1. Our **2026 Annual Meeting** is September 27th after our worship service. It will give us an idea of how and what we have accomplished in the past 12 months.
2. On October 4th, during fellowship, council will conduct a **SWOT analysis** using YOUR input. (SWOT = Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats). Once we have a list, we can put together areas to grow, safeguard and ponder. YOU are the church. Your input is needed. So please take some time and think about where God is leading us. What opportunities shall we pursue? Or not pursue?

Welcome!

We are glad you are here. Join us as we worship God and love our neighbors. Those who are mobility challenged are welcome to remain seated while others stand.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee fellowship after service. To learn more about our ministries, visit our website at www.blfirstlutheran.org or grab a copy of our newsletter at the Kiosk near the entryway.

If you are visiting, introduce yourself to Pastor Lynn – she would love to meet you!

Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus

This hymn was written in 1858 in Philadelphia by George Duffield Jr. following the tragic death of his close friend, young evangelical minister Dudley Tyng. Shortly after preaching to a crowd of 5,000 men, Tyng suffered a fatal farm accident when his arm was caught in a mule-driven threshing machine, leading to a fatal infection. As he lay dying, Tyng was asked if he had a final message for his fellow revival workers and young men. He answered: “Tell them to stand up for Jesus.”

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

The song "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" comes from a 1995 prayer originally titled "Victory Is Ours" written by South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, which composer John Bell later turned into a short, popular congregational hymn.

I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

“I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me” is a traditional African American spiritual born out of the oral traditions of enslaved and oppressed people who found strength, comfort, and hope in their faith

Why to join a church? Contact Pastor Lynn or the church office if you would like to be a part of our congregation

1. Spiritual accountability

2. Formal establishment of what Pastor shepherds you.

3. You get to vote on congregational matters.



How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Job 22:1-11 Job’s friends make incorrect assumptions about him and it hurts Job. Have any of your friends make incorrect assumptions about you? Or you them?

Psalm 36 Despite our fallen condition, God pours out His love on those who follow Him. Do you feel God’s love?

Job 42:7-10 God sees bullies in action and does not let them get away with it. However, it is God’s timing, not ours. Is it hard to live by God’s timing?

Matthew 12:46-50 Defining family is difficult in our culture. Do you think in terms of a spiritual family being as binding as physical ones?

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, August 30th

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Fellowship/potluck

Tuesday, September 1st

Teacher’s Breakfast @ Bethel

1:00 p.m. WELCA Gather Study

2:00 p.m. Worship & Music

Wednesday, September 2nd

1:00 p.m. WELCA Board

7:30 p.m. NA @Sr. Ctr.

Thursday, September 3rd

8:00 a.m. TOPS

8:30 a.m. Men’s Fellowship

Friday, September 4th

7:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center

Sunday, September 6th

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:00 a.m. Fellowship

Lion’s Pancake Feed

The next potluck is Sunday, September 27th.

All are welcome!

Sunday, August 23rd— 83 Facebook and Youtube service —293

August Sermon Series — Bullies of the Bible

Noisy offerings

September— Love Inc.

October — Humane Society

November — Matthew & Barbara House

December — God’s Global Barnyard

The First Lutheran Bell Choir is gearing up for another great year of practices and performances. We are looking for additional ringers. The only requirements are: have at least 2 years of musical experience and be age 16 or older. The choir rings both bells and chimes. We are an 8 member, 2 octave choir. Practices will begin around the middle of September. If you are interested in joining this dynamic group, please see or call Ringleader Gail Nelson at 763-302-9760.

It was brought to our attention that we need a little weeding and pruning around the church. Please join us September 10th at 9:30. Bring your gloves and garden hand tools. See you there!



August 30th, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Musicians: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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Pastoral Visits: If you would like a visit, especially if you are to be or are hospitalized or are having health issues, please contact the church office at 218-864-5686 or you may contact Pastor Lynn on her cell, 218-298-0396