

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

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song "Shout to the Lord" ELW# 821

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Prayer of the Day

Financial Update

Psalm Psalm 67

First Lesson: Acts 13: 1-3

Second Reading: Acts 21: 26-36

Gospel: Matthew 28: 19-20

Children's Sermon Missi Abfalter

Faith Formation slides

Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior Read by Buddy Kohlmeier

Hymn of the Day "Go, Make Disciples" ELW# 540

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering

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

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song "Shine, Jesus, Shine" ELW# 671

Chimes and Postlude

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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July 19, 2026

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

Faith Haven Camp starts July 26th
It isn't too late to sign your child up. We are also looking for volunteers to help at camp.
Contact Missi @ 320-333-7461 for full information.



Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Consideration

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

Consideration refers to the act of being mindful and thoughtful towards others, taking their feelings, needs, and perspectives into account when making decisions or taking actions.

Benefits of Consideration: Practicing consideration offers various benefits, such as fostering positive relationships, enhancing empathy, promoting goodwill, preventing conflicts. Encouraging cooperation, and fostering moral growth.

Importance of Consideration: **Consideration** plays a vital role in our interactions with others as it promotes kindness, respect, and understanding. It helps create harmonious environments, allows for effective communication, and strengthens bonds between individuals.

Spiritual aspects of Consideration: From a spiritual perspective, **consideration** aligns with values such as empathy, compassion, selflessness, and love. It reflects the Golden Rule, which encourages treating others as we would like to be treated. By practicing consideration, we acknowledge the inherent worth and dignity of every individual, as well as the interconnectedness of humanity.

Two bible verses that emphasize **consideration** are:

1. *Philippians 2: 3-4 (NIV) - "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of the others."*
2. *Matthew 7:12 (NIV) - "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."*

Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.



Full schedule and details for **Wenonga Days** can be found with this QR code.

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 July giving through 7/16 \$
(Bills paid for the month of June \$ 28,030)

Events Upcoming

- July — Art of the Lakes summer student art classes
- August 5th & 19th — Car Wash and Lemonade Stand
- July 21st, August 4th & 18th — Bookmobile
- July 25th — Wenonga Days — We will be in the parade
- July 26th-29th — Faith Haven Camp
- August 8th — Art in the Park — Visit Men's fellowship booth
- August 10th — Honor Flight Golf — tournament/fundraiser
- August 13th — AOTL Pie Making class

OLE DIED, and Lena went to the local paper to put a notice in the obituaries. After offering his condolences the gentleman at the counter asked Lena what she would like to say about Ole. Lena answered, "You just put 'Ole died' there." The gentleman, somewhat perplexed, said, "That's it? Just 'Ole died'? Why, there must be something more you'd like to say about Ole. If its money you're concerned about, the first five words are free. We must say something more." So Lena pondered for a few minutes and finally said, "All right. 'Ole died. Boat for sale.'"

Mission Jamaica brings hope to communities across Jamaica by sharing supplies, skills, and medical expertise during several mission trips each year.

Mission Jamaica trips combine a week-long service project with time for spiritual reflection and rest. Those serving experience an international mission field close to home while immersed in another culture. You'll love and serve your neighbor, as Jesus taught through His example. First Lutheran will be attending Mission Jamaica in 2027 from January 30 to Feb 6th. Interested in attending? Connect with Pastor Lynn or Jim Gronbeck!



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!

Shout to the Lord

Written by Australian worship leader Darlene Zschech in 1993, "Shout to the Lord" was born during a period of deep personal struggle, financial stress, and the daily pressures of raising a young family. Sitting at her out-of-tune piano, Zschech turned to the Psalms for peace, crafting the song as a personal expression of devotion before it became a worldwide anthem.

Go, Make Disciples

The song "Go Make Disciples" is rooted in Matthew 28:18-20, widely known as the Great Commission, where Jesus instructs his followers to go to all nations, baptize, and teach his commands. The most well-known modern rendition of this title is by contemporary Christian musician J. Brian Craig, which he released on his album *"Be With Me, Lord"* on January 1, 2005.

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Written in 1987 by British worship leader Graham Kendrick, "Shine, Jesus, Shine" is a widely recognized modern hymn of renewal. It was composed as a prayer for spiritual awakening, blending verses on God's holiness with an upbeat, memorable chorus that quickly became an international praise anthem.

The YMCA Food Truck

Any children 18 years old and younger are eligible for free weekly food. Each bag contains food for 7 days worth of breakfast, lunches and snacks.

The YMCA truck will be here at First Lutheran on Mondays from 10:30 am-11 am
86 packages + milk this last week

This means, there were 1,204 meals and 1,204 snacks distributed.



How do we apply it to our daily lives?

Psalm 67 Joy comes from spreading the Good News around the world. How do you spread the Good News?

Acts 13:1-3 We tend to remember early church leaders like Peter and Paul – but forget that many people working together created the early church. Who are the hidden or unrecognized people in our church?

Acts 21:25-36 Paul is compelled by the Holy Spirit to travel to Jerusalem. When have you felt compelled by the Holy Spirit?

Matthew 28:19-20 Who is responsible for making disciples of all the nations? Do you think it applies to you today?

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, July 19th

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee/Fellowship

Monday, July 20th

FLCamp

10:30 a.m. YMCA Food Truck

Newsletter articles due

Tuesday, July 21st

FLCamp

10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

1:45–2:30 Bookmobile

6:00 p.m. Creation Stewardship

Wednesday, July 22nd

FLCamp

10:00 a.m. Good Sam Communion

2-4 p.m. Confirmation

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

Thursday, July 23rd

FLCamp

8:00 a.m. TOPS

AOTL Art Classes

Friday, July 24th

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

Saturday, July 25th

Wenonga Days Parade — Come cheer on our students

Sunday, July 26th

10:00 a.m. Worship/Communion

11:00 a.m. No potluck go support our local Lion's pancake feed

The next potluck is Sunday, August 30. Let the office or Pastor Lynn know if interested in joining. All are welcome!

Sunday, July 12th— 84 Facebook and Youtube service —256

Noisy Offerings

July — People's Church

August — Veterans Honor Flight

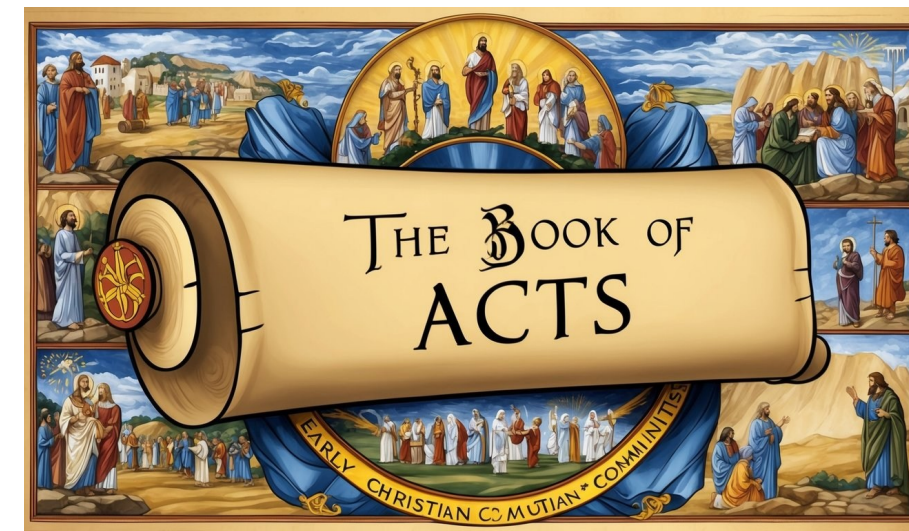
New Member Sundays – August 9 and August 16. Want to join our growing group of imperfect and loving Christians?

Let the office or Pr Lynn know what Sunday works best to join!



Men's Fellowship will have a booth at the "Art in the Park" event. Help is needed to set up on August 7 at 6 pm and during the event on August 8th. Signup sheet is outside the sanctuary.

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



July 19th, 2026

Worship: 10 AM

Presider: Jeri Wilmore

Musicians: Cindy Peterson

Max Mekalson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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July Sermon Series — The Book of Acts of Apostles

August Sermon Series — Bullies of the Bible