

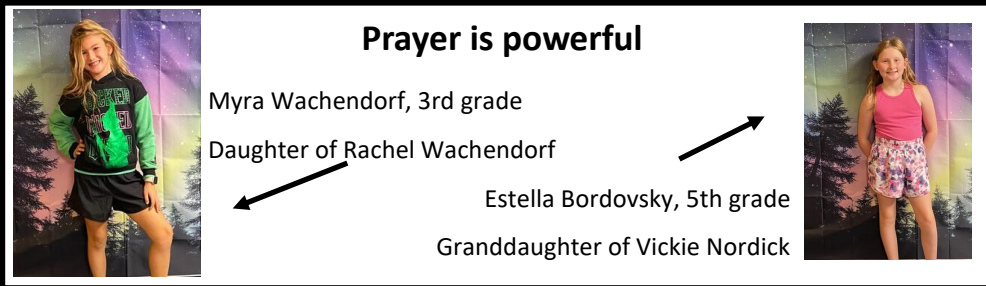
Welcome to First Lutheran Church! May God richly bless our time together through silence, in prayer, song, and in studying God's Word.

Service of Word & Prayer

- Prelude/Chimes**
- Welcome and Announcements**
- Gathering Son** "Let My Heart Be Good Soil" ELW# 512
- Greeting**
- Prayer**
- Psalm** Psalm 119: 9-16
- First Reading** Leviticus 25: 42
- Second Reading** I Corinthians 10: 1-14
- Day Camp Updates**
- Gospel** Matthew 22: 34-40
- Children's Sermon** Pastor Lynn Melchior
- Sermon** "The Lord Alone" Pastor Lynn Melchior
- Hymn of the Day** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ELW# 504
- Confession & Creed**
- Prayers of Intercession**
- Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors**
- Offering**
- Offering Hymn** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" vs 1 & 2 ELW# 686
- Offering Prayer**
- Lord's Prayer**
- Blessing**
- Sending Song** "King of Kings and Lord of Lord"
- Dismissal**
- Chimes and Postlude**

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

Prayer is powerful



Myra Wachendorf, 3rd grade
Daughter of Rachel Wachendorf

Estella Bordovsky, 5th grade
Granddaughter of Vickie Nordick

June 29, 2025 Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 TIMOTHY 4:7)

How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

How Does It Apply to Our Daily Life?

Leviticus 25:42 God freed Israel, His servants, from slavery. Do you consider yourself as a servant of God?

1 Corinthians 10:14 Idols are an offense to God. So why do we continue to have (and worship) Idols?

Psalm 119:9-16 The psalmist lists benefits of obeying God's moral laws. What benefits have you discovered?

Matthew 22: 34—40 "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind." What is one way you do this?

Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Deryl, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Mike, Sean, Cheri, Gerry, Cathy, Karen, Darrell, Jeff, Harold, Jan, Dick, Jeremiah, Dawn, Anne, Jim, Adriel, Keith, Family of Darlene, Family of Alice, Rob, and LaMae.



We need snacks or breakfast supplies for FLCamp. This is the perfect opportunity to be involved with our ministry if you are unable to volunteer. Simply label them "Camp" and place in kitchen. Let Missi or Laurie know so they can be put away. Thank you all for your support of our children's ministry!!



New Members - Get Connected.

Church orientation class is now offered! New and prospective members will have a chance to meet others, learn more about who we are, the activities we offer, and we'll take a tour of our facility. We will be having quarterly of these sessions with any that wish to become members.

Simply email office@blfirstlutheran.org or call 218-864-5686 to sign up so we can have materials prepared.

Noisy offerings:

June — Honor Flight

Thank You For Sustaining Our Ministry!

- *In person – drop in offering plate
- *Scan the QR Code to donate now!



*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>

Money is an important tool in our ministry.

Thank You!

Every penny helps do God's work and live out our Mission of Sharing Hope In Christ!!

2025 June giving through June 26th: \$ 14,701.96

Need \$31,435 a month

Playground installation—Matching funds up to \$20,000.00!!!!

Events Upcoming

- July 2, 16, August 6, 20—Car Wash check the flyers for more info.
- June 29th — 3 pm to 6 pm FLY at Glendalough
- July 11th — FLY to Long Prairie Drive Inn — Jurassic World
- July 12th-13th—Phelps Mill Festival
- July 13th — New Member Sunday
- July 17th — 2orMore Fellowship (All ages welcome) @ Beach Bums — (Righteousness & Mercy)
- July 20th — Children's Mental Health Forum
- July 27th to 30th — Faith Haven Camp (Kindergarten and up)
- July 25-27 — Wenonga Days
- August 14th — 2orMoreFellowship (All ages welcome)—@ ABC Brewery— (Shouting & Silence)

YMCA Summer Food Program is now in Battle Lake! There were over 40 kids served this week. We emptied the truck! No Kids Food July 3rd.

Free 7 days of breakfasts and lunches for children 18 and younger. No eligibility requirements.

Thursdays, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm until August 14th.



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!

Let My Heart Be Good Soil

The song "Let My Heart Be Good Soil" is inspired by the Parable of the Sower, found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In this parable, Jesus describes seeds falling on different types of soil, with only the seed that falls on good soil producing a fruitful harvest. The "good soil" represents a heart that is receptive to God's word, understands it, and allows it to grow and bear fruit. The song is a prayer asking God to cultivate the listener's heart to be like this good soil.

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" is a hymn written by Martin Luther around 1529, inspired by Psalm 46. It became known as the "Battle Hymn of the Reformation" for its powerful message of God's strength and protection during times of spiritual and political upheaval. Luther wrote it amidst the Protestant Reformation, a period of intense change and conflict in the Church. The hymn served as a source of comfort and encouragement for those facing persecution for their faith.

King of Kings

The hymn "King of Kings and Lord of Lords" is a powerful declaration of Jesus Christ's supreme authority and sovereignty, drawing its inspiration from biblical texts, particularly the Book of Revelation. The title itself, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," is a Hebraic superlative, emphasizing God's unique and ultimate power.



Mission Jamaica 2026

January 31 to February 7

Are you interested in attending in 2026? Past attendees, Jim Gronbeck, Margret Dahl, Nancy & Dennis Quam, can answer questions and describe the trip. Pastor Lynn has more information available,

A \$150 deposit holds your space for the 2026 trip.
2026 Costs: (Airfare, hotel, most food, & transportation included)

- Single: \$2,878
- Double: \$2,325
- Triple: \$2,281

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, June 29th

- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:00 am Coffee/ Fellowship/Potluck
- 3 pm—6pm FLY @ Glendalough



Monday, June 30th

FLCamp

Tuesday, July 1st

- FLCamp
- 9:00 am Visioning meeting
- 2:00 pm Song Select
- 3:00 pm Worship & Music

Wednesday, July 2nd

- FLCamp—Car Wash — 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm
- 9 am—2 pm School Blood Drive
- 2-4 pm Confirmation
- 7:30 pm NA@ Sr. Ctr.

Thursday, July 3rd—Office Closed

- FLCamp
- 8:00 am TOPS
- 8:30 am Men's Fellowship

No kids food

Friday, July 4th—Office Closed

- 8:00 pm AA & AI-Anon @ Sr. Ctr.



Sunday, July 6th

- 10:00 am Worship/Communion
- 11:00 am Fellowship

Our next potluck is Sunday, August 31st. No potluck in July as Lion's

Pancake feed on July 27th

Interested in joining? Let Pastor Lynn or the office know!

Attendance for Sunday, June 22nd—10 am— 70

Facebook and Youtube—356

Phelps Mill Festival

July 12th and 13th
Need volunteers Friday, July 11th to help with set up
Need volunteers Sunday, July 13th to help with take down
Need hosts/hostesses to work a 3 hour shift either day. We provide free admittance and will give them a free meal ticket.

We could also use help for the Art of the Lakes kids' activities which run `10 to 2 each day. Again, we will provide free admittance and a free meal ticket.



June 29th, 2025

Worship, 10 AM

Pastor: Lynn Melchior

Accompanist: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Cantor: Kathy Neese

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.