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First Lutheran Focus

June 2025

Address Service Requested

| <u>Week</u> | <u>Counter</u> | <u>Lay Reader</u> | <u>Greeter</u> | <u>Acolyte</u> |
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| June 1 | Russ & Delores Knudson | Carolyn Reeder | TBD | TBD |
| June 8 | Mike & Judy Stevens | Gladie Hagen | TBD | TBD |
| June 15 | Stu & Kim Anderson | Megan Ott | TBD | TBD |
| June 22 | Randy & Laure Buehrer | Stu Anderson | TBD | TBD |
| June 29 | David & Sharron Petznick | Myra Harris | TBD | TBD |

Communion Set up:

June 1 Pat Nelson
June 15 Lindsey Severson

Altar Candles:

June 1-8 Pat Nelson
June 15-29 Lindsey Severson

Share Shoppe
Saturday, June 7

PASTOR'S PAGE

"But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us." 2 Corinthians 4:7 NRSV

This is the Bible passage used at my ordination. The sermon that day highlighted the importance of the treasure of faith is a central to who we are and how we live. The apostle Paul's use of clay jar is an easy one for us to picture. We can look around our homes, offices, community and see all size and shapes of clay jars or earthen vessels. In her sermon, Pastor Carol Mork talked about us as earthen vessels that carry the message with us. We are all earthen vessels. Different sizes and shapes. Different colors and designs. She even joked about cracks and chips. There's nothing like hearing that we are a cracked pot. Shortly after my ordination I received a large clay pot full of red geraniums. That has been a great reminder all these years of ministry.

The second part of this verse reminds us that the extraordinary power comes from God and not us. Extra Ordinary. All the things in life that we could never pull off on our own. All those times you showed up when someone needed you. All those times that you helped in situations that were well beyond your comfort zone. We talk about the Holy Spirit walking along side of us guiding, comforting, calming us and kicking us in the seat when we screw up. The Holy Spirit helps us to see and realize that what we do and say matters to those around us.

I enjoy looking back over pictures and remembering the earthen vessels, clay jars that have blessed my life whether they did something huge or simply shared life with me. Many of you are those earthen vessels and all of you are called to live your life sharing the treasure of our faith in all that you say and do.

Consider the verse as paraphrased by Eugene Peterson in *The Message*: "If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us."

Maybe what you could do is grab one of the pots in your home and put a Bible in it to remind you daily of the treasure of faith. Also, keep your eyes open and point out to those around you when you see God's extraordinary power at work.

See you in worship!

Pastor Becky

PASTORAL ACTS

May

Baptism

Charlie Mae Tofson 5-4-25

Payton Blaire Hertel 5-11-25

Ty Allen Moretz 5-18-25

Funeral

Lee Nelson 5-2-25

YOUTH NEWS

Summer is finally upon us, and it's going to be a busy few months for us. Kicking things off will be Youth Olympics on June 1st. That night, all of the kids from the new 7th graders up to current college students will gather in the youth room, form 5 teams, and participate in a bunch of games allowing all the age groups to mix up a bit. We'll start off with a pizza supper, and the Jr. High students will be allowed to spend the night chaperoned by the college students.

The following week, June 9 – 13, Daycamp, and this year's theme is "Camp Chaos". The kids will get to spend time singing, learning about the Bible, praying, and classes for games, arts and crafts, and a science/cooking class. Students will start the day at the church at 9:00 am and will end the day at the elementary school at 11:45. There are yellow sign-up sheets located outside of the church office. Make sure and join us for our DayCamp/Youth service at 10:00 am on Sunday, June 15.

We're setting all our plans for Lifest in motion. This year we have 44 students and chaperones attending the festival in Oshkosh, WI. We'll meet at the church on Wednesday, July 9, and return on Sunday July 13. The kids are getting more excited by the day, and I'm sure we're going to have an amazing time this year.

At the end of July, I'll be taking some vacation time to attend Ragbrai. In the 18 years I've been here as Youth Director, I've never missed two Sunday mornings in a row, but in July I'm going to miss three in a row! We'll still get all of our Youth meetings in, just a few of them will be moved to different nights and times to accommodate my schedule in July.



First Lutheran Church Council
Regular Meeting
April 15th, 2025

We Assemble in God's Name

- Members Present: Kris, Pastor Beckey, Kimberly, Weston, Mike, Connie, and Hayley

We Celebrate our past

- Presidential Correspondence
 - None
- Secretary's Report
 - Mariah Ballantyne will take minutes for today's meeting. Reviewed previous weeks minutes.
 - Correction to Annika's name.
 - Add to minutes council request for audit of bank accounts
- Treasurer's Report
 - No questions. Giving on Easter was good.
- Pastor's Report
 - Several baptisms scheduled over the next several weeks!
 - Pastor Lee Nelson will cover while pastor Beckey is out
 - Lindflott scholarship has come to an end.
 - 14 fifth graders taking their first communion on Maundy Thursday
 - Synod Assembly June 6th & 7th. In Cedar Falls
 - VBS/Day Camp June 9th – 13th.
 - Lifest July 9th – 13th
 - Pastor vacation July 16th -24th.
 - Churchwide assembly July 28th – Aug 2nd.
- **MMSP to approve all reports (Connie/Mike)**

We Present Our Offering

- Worship
 - Weston will check with school to see if they would like old choir robes.
 - FLC new robes will be delivered next month
 - FLC bough bells from Methodist church
- Inspire
 - Re-start inspire on 4/23/25

| First Lutheran Missions | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>April 2024</u> | |
| Riverside Bible Camp | \$ 17.21 |
| Good Samaritan Fund | \$ 274.20 |
| Lutheran World Relief & World Hunger | \$ 2,730.18 |
| Bremwood - LSI | \$ 326.39 |
| Operation Christmas Child | \$ |
| Education Fund | \$ 375.00 |
| Youth Fund | \$ 176.99 |
| Sunday School Fund | \$ |
| Caring Tree | \$ 107.52 |
| Meals on Wheels | \$ |
| Manna | \$ |
| Heifer International | \$ |
| Campers Fund | \$ |
| Dayspring Children's Village | \$ 42.44 |
| Northern Lights Shelter | \$ 69.94 |
| LRH Auxiliary | \$ 228.75 |
| TOTAL | \$ 4,425.32 |

| <u>Donations</u> | |
|-------------------------|---|
| \$109.63 | - LRH Auxiliary |
| <u>Memorials</u> | |
| \$175 | Education Fund – Helen Trenhaile |
| \$145 | General Fund – Helen Trenhaile |

| <u>Mission Project for June</u> |
|---|
| Northern Lights Homeless Shelter |

- Youth
 - No update
- Education
 - End of Sunday School events discussed.
 - Last day of Sunday School is May 11th
- Property
 - Looking to replace TV at front of church with a 70 inch TV. Rec'd generous offering to pay for the TV upgrade.
- Misson
 - No Update
- Fellowship
 - Looking at April 2026 for church anniversary celebration.
 - Easter luncheon postponed due to sickness
 - Avg of 13 ppl attended Lenten services at noon.

Concerns for the Present

- Key: Several old keys were discovered without a home. Council agreed to toss.
- Safe deposit box: NSB has a FLC safety deposit box that has not been accessed since 2017. Need to update current signers. Mostly contains building paperwork. Council agrees to close safety deposit box and move to FLC safe. **(MMSP: Mariah/Corrie)**
- **MMSP to adjourn (Connie/Mike)**
- **Communion Assignments:**
 - **April 20th : Weston, Kevin, Mariah**
 - **May 4th: Connie, Kimberly, Kris**

We Go Out in God's Name

- Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday May 20th, 2025

Devotion: Kim Anderson

First Lutheran Financial Update

April 2025

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|-------------------|--------------|
| Income | \$ 21,634.30 |
| Electronic Income | \$ 3,188.67 |
| Expense | \$17,771.18 |
| End of Month | \$7,051.79 |

YTD as of April

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|-------------------|-------------|
| Income | \$55,612.50 |
| Electronic Income | \$12,103.52 |
| Other Income | \$33,015.50 |
| Use of Church | \$515.00 |
| Expense | \$8,764.83 |
| End of Month | \$13,481.69 |

April General Budget Expenses

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|--------------------|--------------|
| Payroll: | \$ 13,929.50 |
| E-Giving Expense | \$ 44.30 |
| Church Maintenance | \$ 524.36 |
| Utilities | \$ 1,882.46 |
| Telephone | \$ 302.39 |
| Office Expense | \$ 640.41 |
| Worship 1 | \$ 72.76 |
| N. Iowa Synod | \$ 375.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 17,771.18 |
| Income | \$ 24,822.97 |
| Net | \$ 7,051.79 |

A huge thank you to the First Lutheran Quilters who have put many hours and love into these quilts!



From left: Fran Pixley, Christine Weitzel, Mary Jo Senne, Shirley Everhart, Verna Weitzel, Sharyl Ferley, Fran Olson, Lois Hogan, and Elaine Meyer (not pictured)

Congratulations to our graduating seniors: Kyle Buehrer, Colby Eskildsen, Hunter Janssen, Kooper Julseth, Loghan Nelson, and Camden Trenhaile and Levi Wood.



From Left: Levi Wood, Kyle Buehrer, Loghan Nelson, Colby Eskildsen, Hunter Janssen, Kooper Julseth, Camden Trenhaile

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to thank the Lindflott family for their generosity with the Lindflott Scholarship for the last 28 years. The Flip and LaVon Lindflott Scholarship was established in 1996 as a way to help deserving church youth. It brought much joy to Flip and LaVon as they followed the successes of each student.

Congratulations to Tyler & Katelyn Thofson on the baptism of their daughter, Charlie Mae, May 4th. Her sponsors are Kooper Julseth, Mason Thofson, and Carly Hengesteg.

Congratulations to Jackson & Erika Hertel on the baptism of their daughter, Payton Blaire, on May 11th. Her sponsors are Landon & Jess Perkins, and Trevor & Sam Hunt.

Congratulations to Colton Moretz & Paige DeArmoun-Moretz on the baptism of their son, Ty Allen, on May 18th. His sponsors are Ross DeArmoun and Casson Moretz.

The First Lutheran Senior Choir has acquired new robes. I would like to thank Russ and Dolores Knutson for all the work they did to acquire the new robes. They did the research and found a company to get our new robes. Dolores did all the measuring for each choir member. As chairperson of the Worship Committee, thank you for all you did. -Kimberly Anderson

I would like to thank the FLC congregation and quilters for the gifts I received for graduation. The quilt will look great on my dorm room bed. – Camden Trenhaile

DayCamp will take place from Monday, June 9th - Friday, June 13th. Children will meet at FLC at 9:00 AM and get picked up from the Elementary school playground at 11:45 AM. Registration forms are on the table in the Narthex.

Mark Your Calendar! Join us in worship for a party to celebrate DayCamp with our youth on Sunday, June 15th at 10 AM. We will have snacks and Ice cream following worship.

The Side Room Foster Closet would like to thank everyone for the generous donations they have received. On Sunday, June 8th, Alyssa Iverson will be speaking about the needs of the foster children going into the summer.

Donations for Side Room Foster Closet

NEW Sippy cups & water bottles

Sunscreen & Bug Spray

Deodorant for both genders

Gift Cards- there is not a ton of room to store teen clothing and large items, so gift cards are preferred.

NEW Sheet sets – Twin and Toddler

New underwear & Sock packages – Both genders and All sizes

New sandals, Summer shoes- Both genders and All sizes



June 9th-13th


9:00 AM - Noon

The morning will include lots of activities and finish up at the elementary school for the kids to take part in the feeding program available this summer



1. **Eli Mix**
2. **Jayme Van Sabben**
3. **Torin Newell, Brianna Perkins, Danielle Taylor-Carter**
4. **Taryn Fell**
5. **Keith Harmon, Kevin Petznick, Dale Thron**
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7. **Jessica Reyerson, Reid Patterson, Solara Navratil**
8. **Shari Frederickson, Loraine Mix**
9. **Lana Anderson, Angela Shackleton**
10. **Ron Dodd, Jared Magritz**
11. **Linda Einertson, Rosemary Fredericks, Barbara Stricker, Skyler Wright**
12. **Brenda Flatness, Aydan Schutz, Mike Severson, Ethan Thofson, Weston Hopperstad**
13. **Brock Johnson, Foxx Chesmore**
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15. **Timothy Knutson**
16. **Ellie Butler, Reese Wahl**
17. **Stuart Anderson, Henrik Reding**
18. **Dawn Bachtle, Jessica Hanson, Pam Perkins**
19. **Brett Bachtle, Paige Moretz, Peggy Patterson, Sharon Schaub, Ronald Skellenger, Dylan Tews, Garrett Waller**
20. **Mackenzi Klement, Donald Harang, Cody Wahl, Reid Stevens**
21. **Alexia Gentz, Kim Hendrikson, Kimberly Hennigar, Eric Schaefer, Megan Turner, Michael Waller**
22. **Jacob Gentz, Rachel Davis, Jason Weisert**
23. **Jayne Iverson, Dilan Ott**
24. **Kathleen (Larry) Gentz, Tucker Maher**
25. **Cade Hengesteg, Rebecca Houg, Caden Mattern, Darla Otis, Derek LaRue**
26. **Tate Baker, Dean Christianson, Tamara Severson, Paisley Maher**
27. **Alan Myli, Brian Schutz, Harrison Vandell, Jennifer Wahl**
28. **Nicolas Hanson, Abigail Meincke**
29. **EmmaLee Hendrikson, Hannah Hengesteg, DeAnna Katcher, Doug Meyer, Harlow Magritz**
30. **Jorene Gunderson, Harlan Helgeson, Scott Kalvig, Waylon Brandt**

JUNE 2025

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|--|--|---|--|-----------|
| 1 <u>Easter 7</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:30pm: JH. Youth JH Lock In | 2 | 3 Manna Truck 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | 4 7:00pm: SH Youth | 5 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo | 6 | 7 |
| 8 <u>Pentecost</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth | 9 Day Camp | 10 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon Day Camp | 11 7:00pm: SH Youth Day Camp | 12 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo Day Camp | 13 Day Camp | 14 |
| 15 <u>Holy Trinity</u> 10:00am: Service with DCV - H.C. and Luncheon 6:30pm: JH. Youth | 16 | 17 Manna Truck 6:00pm: Council Mtng 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | 18 7:00pm: SH Youth | 19 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 11:00am: Staff Lunch 6:30pm: Taekwondo | 20 | 21 |
| 22 <u>Pentecost 2</u> 9:00am: Service at the Fairgrounds 6:30pm: JH. Youth | 23 | 24 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon | 25 7:00pm: SH Youth | 26 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo | 27 | 28 |
| 29 <u>Pentecost 3</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth Pastor Gone | 30 |  | | | | |

