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<u>Week</u>	<u>Counter</u>	<u>Lav Reader</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
November 3	Russ & Delores Knudson	Gary Nerlien	TBD	Solberg family	Ivy Urbatsch Kenly Solberg
November 10	Mike & Judy Stevens	6 th Grade class	TBD	Haberman family	Brekken Haberman
November 17	Randy & Laure Buehrer	Delores Knudson	Severson family	Binnebose family	Tucker Duvall Owen Binnebose
November 24	David & Sharron Petznick	Heather Rheingans	TBD	Kramber family	Hixton Kramber

<u>Communion Set up:</u>	November 3	Megan Gentz
	November 17	Lindsey Severson

Altar Candles: November 3-10 Megan Gentz
November 17-24 Lindsey Severson

<u>Parents:</u>	November 3	Severson/Solberg
	November 10	Petznick
	November 24	Severson/Solberg

PASTOR'S PAGE

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. Colossians 3:16

The Oxford dictionary defines gratitude as the quality of being thanks; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness. And, there is ongoing research in how gratitude impacts mental health and success in programs such as AA/Alanon, WW and other recovery/behavior change programs.

You have heard me say that I believe that gratitude and thankfulness are an important part of our daily life. Some people journal, some include it at their meal or bedtime routines and some people seem to have the ability to live simply and thankfully.

The next two months are full of activities including thanksgiving and our very first joint worship POLKA service. In the church we also celebrate All Saints Day, turn the page on the church year as we enter Advent and celebrate Christmas. For a lot of us these days simply go by and we do our part. But for many people it feels like being on a rollercoaster without the safety bar holding us in.

On Sunday, November 3 we will be celebrating All Saints Day and taking time in worship to pray, grieve, cry, and name the sadness in our own lives (in a meaningful yet personal way). The reality for most of us is that we are on the journey of grief and gratefulness and challenged to embrace both much of the time.

What are you thankful for? What weighs you down? Most of the time I have a song playing on repeat in my head some by other people and some I make up. Here's a challenge: take a few minutes and find or write your own gratitude song that you can play on repeat in your head and in your heart.

What are you grateful for? I give thanks to the Lord for my mother's beautiful voice and the memory of her singing in our home. I give thanks to the Lord for the gift of music which calms my heart and quiets my mind. Can you share your gratitude with your family/friends on Thanksgiving? How about telling them you are grateful that you can share life together.

Always grateful for the privilege to be your pastor.

Pastor Becky

**Join us for a Polka Service on Sunday,
November 24th at 10:00am with brunch and
Fellowship to follow.**



All members, family, and friends of
First Lutheran and Deer Creek Valley are invited!

OCTOBER PASTORAL ACTS

Funeral

10/5/24 Donald Harang

10/25/24 Avis Lehman

Wedding

10/5/24 Michael Waller & Addison Cobb

YOUTH NEWS

Youth lessons this past month focused on 5 Words that describe us and how God has made each one of us completely unique and for a very specific purpose (Romans 12:2). We also had a lesson about Sunscreen and how we need to listen to the advice that those people who are closest to us give us (Proverbs 19:20 + 24:6). One of the lessons was called "I'm Not Alright" and we focused on how sometimes being a Christian isn't the easiest thing to be (Romans 8:18). We started the month with one we call "God Warrior" and we focus on suiting up with the armor of God (Ephesians 6:18 – 20).

We went on a few different haunted house adventures throughout the month. We were able to take groups to Waldorf University, The Rudd Haunted School and even a trip up to the cities. Some of the Confirmation students helped load quilts into the youth van to take up to Albert Lea. It's great to see their willingness to help literally do the heavy lifting portion for our quilters!

The week of Thanksgiving we will be having Senior High Youth on Tuesday (November 27) instead of Wednesday.

Just some early warning for December...

December 20 – Jr High Lock-In (3:30 PM – 8:00 AM)

December 22 – Jr + Sr High Combined Christmas Party (4:30 – 6:00)

December 25 – No Senior High Youth

December 31 – Senior High Youth/Lock-In (5:00 PM – 8:00AM)

January 1 – No Senior High Youth

With winter weather upon us, if we need to change times for events or cancel them – I will let students know on SnapChat as well as posting on Facebook.

Building Christmas

Sunday School Christmas program rehearsal schedule

November 10th – 10:10-11 AM

November 17th – 10:10-11 AM

November 24th – 10:10-11 AM

December 8th – 10:10-11:30 AM



Follow us on Facebook for all the news and announcements happening in the church.

"First Lutheran Church and Sunday School"

2024 Confirmands



Back: Ayden Schutz, Hallie Hanson
Front: Ivy Toresdahl, Maci Smith, Pastor Becky Sogge

Annual Meeting Deadline for Reports

The deadline for all committee reports is Friday, January 3rd. The best way to send your reports is by emailing a word, publisher or excel file. We can also use a printed document but hard copy printed out but it is not ideal and takes more office time to make it work in the report. If you have any questions, please call or email Christa at christa@flcnorthwood.org or 641-324-2984.

2024 POINSETTIAS ORDER

The Worship Committee invites you to help us fill the sanctuary with poinsettias again this Christmas at First Lutheran. You may fill out an order form which you will find in the sanctuary before worship service on Sunday as well as the office.

Orders will be taken in the church office until, **Monday, November 25th**. Plants are priced at **\$15 for a 6.5-inch pot and \$20 for an 8-inch pot**. You may take your plant home after Christmas.

We will print a list of those contributing poinsettias and whom they wish to memorialize or honor so please fill out your order completely.



Congratulations to Michael Waller and Addison Kopp who were married on Saturday, October 5th. God bless you both as you begin the wonderful journey of marriage.

Many blessings to: Kase Bachtle, Nori Flores, Xander Gentz, Brynlee Haberman, Sawyer Ogea, Natalie Patterson (4th grade), Zander Severson, Carter Thofson, Grady Walk, Veda Waller. They were presented with their Bibles during worship on Sunday, October 20th.

Thank you to Laura Burleson and Alyssa Iverson for speaking with us on Sunday, October 20th, about The Side Room Foster Closet. It is the desire at The Side Room Foster Closet to come alongside those who are caring for vulnerable children in the foster care system. They are able to come to The Side Room for clothes, diapers, hygiene products, freezer meals and much more. Free of charge!

Our condolences to the family and friends of Cecil Reyerson who passed away on Saturday, October 19th.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Avis Lehman who passed away on Sunday, October 20th. Her funeral was held at FLC on Friday, October 25th.

Congratulations and many blessings to Hallie Hanson, Ayden Schutz, Maci Smith and Ivy Toresdahl on the affirmation of their baptism which was held during worship on Sunday, October 27th.

The Sunday School children will be singing during worship on November 10th.

Thank you to the First Lutheran Quilters, we are grateful to your church and the hands that assembled the beautiful red blanket that was contributed to the Riverside quilt auction this year.

Please bring your spare change for Noisy Offering on November 10th & 24th. This offering goes to the mission of the month which is Bremwood Children's home.

All Saints Sunday

Join Us on Sunday, November 3rd as we remember...

*Larry Gentz, Arnold Griffith, Wanda Hoffman, Joann Julson,
Avis Lehman, Bob Mills, Phylis Mortenson, Loren Nelson,
Shirley Olson, Cayleigh Pepper, Harold Quisley, Cecil Reyerson,
Kay Reyerson, Duane Thompson, Roger Wagner, Ron Wangen*

Every offering/gift you give to First Lutheran matters. This is true whether you place it in the offering plate, send it in the mail, give electronically once or set it up as your monthly gift. It's easy to look at the financial update in the newsletter and think 'whew, the church survived another month' or 'oh, no, I forgot again!' Here is a basic breakdown of what money comes in and what it covers.

General Fund is the money that comes through the offering / your regular gifts to the church. There are people who give significant amounts once or twice a year. There are people who continue to write weekly checks and put them in the offering plate. Vanco helps many who prefer to do their finances online.

What the General Fund covers are the basics nuts and bolts of First Lutheran without any fluff. You can see in the monthly budget expense that it covers payroll, utilities, basic office supplies and our regular benevolence giving to the synod and larger church.

Noisy Offerings received during worship on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month are designated Mission Projects.

Memorials that are received are given as designated and listed in the newsletter each month.

Once again, every offering/gift you give matters.

Thank you. For those who have not made regular giving a part of your financial life **please** consider giving to First Lutheran. Setting up a regular donation through Vanco simplifies the process for you and it helps regulate the income flow.

What about the **Trust Fund**? This was established many years ago with the gift of someone as they were planning their estate wanting to make money available to start new programs. It is not intended to cover basic ministries of the church. The interest is gifted through the grant process.

Share Shoppe
Saturday, November 2nd

First Lutheran Financial Update

September 2024

Income	\$11,147.26
Electronic Income	\$3,163.50
Expense	\$19,616.41
End of Month	(\$5,305.65)

YTD as of July

Income	\$112,848.11
Electronic Income	\$29,768.57
Inspire	\$295.17
Other Income	\$1,938.04
Use of Church	\$745
Expense	\$176,563.03
End of Month	(\$30,968.14)

September Donations

ELCA	\$149.59
Caring Tree	\$39.21

Mission Project for November

Bremwood Children's Home

September General Budget Expenses

PAYROLL:	\$ 15,829.37
E-GIVING EXPENSE	\$ 47.38
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$ 1,717.57
UTILITIES	\$ 910.49
TELEPHONE	\$ 170.61
OFFICE EXPENSE	\$ 565.99
N. IOWA SYNOD	\$ 375.00

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 19,616.41
INCOME	\$ 14,310.76
NET	\$ (5,305.65)

Regular Council Meeting
September 17, 2024
First Lutheran Church - Northwood

We Assemble in God's Name

Devotion - Kris Kenison

We Celebrate our Past

Presidential Correspondence - Nikkole K.

Secretary's Report - Megan O. - Correction of typo in first line of Secretary's Report. Folding to "Bolding"

Treasurer's Report- Matt J. -Things continue to go down. Our cushion gets smaller and smaller. We are going into the 'big months', but we are going to be in trouble very soon. We have been very very lucky to have our large gifts to get us through the summer, but it is not a long term solution. How do we get people signed up for Vanco? How do we get people in the seats?

Utilizing the QR Code on a laminated card to go in the pews. So that people have something to 'give'.

Put out a 'new' "This is what your money is being used for" for the newsletter. A new way of presenting information.

Honest open communication is key.

Can we get a Venmo? What other ways can people give?

Plastering "Giving": on the livestream, in the pew,

It doesn't matter HOW MUCH you give. It matters that you GIVE. Whether you can give \$5 a month or \$500 a month, you have an IMPACT on this church.

Pastor's Report - Pastor Becky

Alyssa Iverson - The need for Foster Care homes in North Iowa. A few people will be coming on the third Sunday of October 20th to talk about the need and importance of Fostering. As well as the ministry of a church in Mason that assists with supplies and needs of foster families with the emergency placements.

Fall Theological Seminar October 13- Octo 15 in Cedar Falls.

Hoping to take a vacation in November.

New Members/Baptisms/Funerals

Funerals for Loren Nelson , Lois Sola, DCV, Omer Davidson, DCV

Baptisms: September 8- Bohde Haberman

September 15 - Charlee Krotzer

Motion/Vote to accept the reports - Kris K. / Kim K. Approve

We present our Offering

FINANCE - Matt J. - Special Funds - money has been sitting there, lets make a plan.

- Sunday School \$2000 in their account. - They used to vote on what would be done.

- Little Dream House - \$653 in the account. - The project is MANY years old and never went through. **Motion made to move all funds from the Little Dream House account to the General Fund and zero out the Little Dream House Account. Motion made by Gina, Seconded by Judy - Approved.**

- The Decorating Fund - \$2000 - Notify the Worship Committee, as well as Russ and Delores Knutson about the funds. They have been a vital part of the current decorations.

WORSHIP- Kimberly A. - Music set up through October. Next Meeting is Nov 1, 6pm - Choir has started, Sunday School has started.

INSPIRE- Kevin M. - INSPIRE starts October 18. Landon Nelson will be singing, Layla, Kin___ singing, ___ on drums, Kevin on guitar, Nikkole on piano. New songs, lots of excitement! We'd love to have a big turn out! If we can get the families together, we can solve a lot of things. Material used comes from Gleanings from the Father's Field. Short stories with scripture pieces. Many nice topics covered through the year. A grant was given to help with the sound quality, we are waiting on the Audio company to come and update/fix the system.

STEWARDSHIP - Connie K. - Has been working diligently on a few upcoming projects and ideas. Hopefully some helpful resources for the coming months.

YOUTH-Weston W. - Back to 'normal' youth. Jr. high youth (Sundays) numbers are low, 9 or so. Mark has been working on getting more people in the door. Sr. high has been well attended. With early outs it will create a nice opportunity for the younger group.

EDUCATION - Mariah B. - Sunday school is back to a good start. They will sing October 13, and the Christmas Program will be December 15.

Confirmation classes start September 18.

13 - 7th grade

10 - 8th grade 23 kids, four small group leaders. A very nice turn out with the parents' meeting. How do we equip our families to be engaged in this spiritual journey? A great theme to keep going. We should not be a 'replacement' but a supplement. A place where people can come and ask questions. WE WORSHIP TOGETHER. Sermon notes must come 50% from INSPIRE and 50% from Sunday School. Building connections. Building foundations. **We shouldnt be the only people having conversation about faith. About the 'Why's'. Those conversations should start at home and be expanded on here.

CONNECTIONS! Secret 'adopt a confirman' where they feel seen, positive, and connected. How do we make this place feel like home?

How to start - the Worship committee would be a great group of people to start with.

PROPERTY - Kris K. - Next meeting is set for September 23.

MISSION- Gina S. - Will soon be working on the upcoming project for the Foster parent project. Working on updating rotating missions.

FELLOWSHIP-Judy S. - Many ideas about upcoming projects and ideas. A few meals in the future, getting people involved. Confirmation Breakfast. Traditionally the confirmands came together to have breakfast together.

Easter Breakfast.

Kris Quizley has the ham ball recipe. It was a VERY popular project in the past.

Baked Potato Bar. Ham Balls.

What does our "BIG" dinner/event look like?

After the kid's Christmas concert, offering hot chocolate, goodies, and activities.

WCTA Chanel 2 - advertisements for free.

We will meet again on September 25 at 6pm.

What will our "Fun Name" be?

Facebook *Event* posts. Getting the word out about events and current projects.

Could we get a grant for an electronic board for outside?

Bulletin Boards to display kids' projects. As well as a "Famous in a Small Town" board. Highlighting kids and members accomplishments.

Concerns for the Present

Staff transition - Troy will be resigning as Building Manager as of March 28, 2025. He is willing to continue to offer snow and lawn care and assist the new incoming building manager.

A Motion was made - with deep sadness - to accept Troy's resignation by Kris, seconded by Gina - Approved, Reluctantly by the council.

Looking forward - We need to get a realistic job description, to be approved by the council. Then, we'd like to budget in a way that we can have the new building manager and Troy can work together for some time.

New Members/Baptisms/Funerals

Funerals: August 24 – Loren Nelson

August 30 - Lois Sola, DCV

September 7 - Omer Davidson, DCV

Baptisms: September 8- Bohde Haberman

September 15 - Charlee Krotzer

Communion Servers:

October 6 - Kevin, Judy, Kimberly

Bread - The body of Christ given for you." Wine - "The blood of Christ shed for you." What to say to children....(hand on head)....

"Jesus Loves You!"

We Go Out in God's Name

Motion to Adjourn - Kris / Kevin - Approved.

Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: October 15, 6:00PM




Devotions: Mariah Ballantyne

First Lutheran Missions	
<u>September 2024</u>	
Riverside Bible Camp	\$
Good Samaritan Fund	\$ 171.51
Lutheran World Relief & World Hunger	\$ 149.59
Bremwood - LSI	\$ 219.71
Operation Christmas Child	\$
Education Fund	\$ 200.00
Youth Fund	\$ 156.99
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	\$ 119.12
TOTAL	\$ 1,313.52



1. **Stephanie Perkins, Harrisyn Severson**
2. **Erbin Anderson, Gerald Bakken, Nicole Kroneman**
3. **Daniel Schutz**
4. **Michael Brunsvold, Morgan Johnson, Tiarra Walk**
5. **Jennie Christianson, Valerie Foss, Michael Gordon, Skyler Petry**
6. **Gail Read, Jack Wheeler**
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8. **Carolyn Reeder, Gordon Wilder**
9. **John Anderson, Tony Gentz, Kenly Solberg**
10. **Cody Hanson**
11. **Robert Bloomingdale, Eileen Dahlby, Brian Kenison, Lindsey Severson, Ivy Toresdahl**
12. **Erin Kaufmann, Ryder Duvall, Zane Bauers, Harry Kuhlmann, Kyler Varner, Oliver Loken**
13. **Colby Eskildsen, Matthew Midtgaard, Katie Reding, Tyler Thofson, Baylee Walk**
14. **Sara Jacobs, Danny Tenold**
15. **Trudy Capitani, Mary Ann Christianson, Mary Irons, Logan Mix, Zander Severson, Jeannie Tenold**
16. **Andrew Ballantyne, Kenedie Berry, Clay Bauers**
17. **Kail Christianson, Alan Fredericks, Randy Hengesteg**
18. **Kathleen Eilertson, Jim Hanson, Cayson Amundson**
19. **John Adams, Chloe Costello, Hayden Halbach, David Quisley**
20. **Amber Julseth, Chris Quisley, Blane Maher, Buckley Haberman**
21. **Luane Odden, Amaya Rugland, Ashton Trenhaile**
22. **Jacklyn Einertson, Zane Bauers, Paisley Olson**
23. **Kayla VanderKolk**
24. **Cameron Campbell, Lisa Hagen, Brenda Moretz, Randy Sime**
25. **Holly Adams**
26. **Rebecca Hickman, Carson Tufte**
27. **Conner Harris, Jacob Schroader, Jenny Skellenger**
28. **Madison Wright, Brandon Brockman, Quincey Reyerson, Haisley Severson**
29. **Wayde Willand**
30. **Jennifer Costello, Andrea Foley**

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Daylight savings time ends
3 <u>All Saints</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:10am: Sunday School 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 6:30pm: JH. Youth	4 12:30pm: Manna Board 6:00pm: Worship Mtng.	5 Manna Truck 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	6 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	7 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	8	9
10 <u>Pentecost 25</u> 9:00am: Service with N.O. Sunday School will be singing 10:10am: Sunday School 10:30am: DCV 6:30pm: JH. Youth	11 	12 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	13 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	14 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Conference Pastor's Mtng. FLC 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo 7:00pm: Pub	15 	16
17 <u>Pentecost 26</u> 9:00am: Service with H.C. 10:10am: Sunday School 10:30am: DCV with H.C. 3:00pm: LRH 6:30pm: JH. Youth	18	19 Manna Truck 6:00pm: Council Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	20 2:00pm: M. Court Chapel 4:00pm: Confirmation 6:15pm: Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	21 8:30am: Quilting 9:00am: Prayer Gr. 6:30pm: Taekwondo	22	23
24 <u>Christ the King</u> 10:00am: Joint Polka Service with brunch & Fellowship All are welcome! No Sunday School	25	26 11:00am: Staff Mtng. 7:00pm: AA–Al-Anon	27 No Confirmation No Inspire 7:00pm: Choir 7:00pm: SH Youth	28 	29	30