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Church Statistics for 2026 (and what they mean for Today's Church)

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The Church in 2026 is not the same as it was even a decade ago. New data reveals shifts in attendance, giving, and generational engagement that every church leader should pay attention to. Some of these trends are encouraging. Others are challenging. All of them reveal where the Church is heading next. Here are six of the most important church statistics for 2026—and what they actually mean.

1. Gen Z Churchgoers Are the Most Consistent Attenders

One of the most surprising insights today is coming from Gen Z. Among those who attend church, Gen Z is now the most consistent generation—averaging **1.9 times per month**, compared to:

- Millennials: 1.8 times per month
- Gen X: 1.6 times per month
- Boomers: 1.4 times per month

This doesn't mean Gen Z is the most religious generation overall. It means something more specific—and important.

Those who *are* engaged are deeply committed.

What this means: Churches have a strong opportunity to disciple Gen Z believers who are already showing up and ready to grow.

2. Only 20% of Americans Attend Church Weekly

Weekly church attendance has declined significantly.

Today, only **20% of Americans attend church every week**.

For many people, attending church once or twice a month has become the norm.

This shift is driven by real-life factors:

- Busy work schedules
- Youth sports and weekend commitments
- Changing cultural priorities

What this means: Attendance alone is no longer a reliable measure of spiritual health. Churches need to think in terms of **engagement, not just presence**.

3. The Gender Gap in Faith Is Shrinking—But Not in a Good Way

For years, women have been more engaged in faith than men. That gap is now narrowing—but largely because fewer women are staying engaged.

Between 2007 and 2023:

- Women identifying with religion dropped from **86% to 72%**
- Men declined from **79% to 67%**

Other indicators—like daily prayer and belief in God—also declined more sharply among women.

What this means: This is a major cultural shift. Since women have historically played a key role in shaping family faith, this decline could impact future generations.

4. Non-Churchgoing Young Adults Still Want a Meaningful Faith

Even among young adults who don't attend church, the desire for faith hasn't disappeared.

Research shows that many people ages 18–30 are looking for a faith that:

- Feels relevant to everyday life
- Makes a real, global impact

This is significant.

In a culture often labeled as skeptical or disengaged, there is still a clear hunger for something real and meaningful.

What this means: The issue isn't faith interest—it's the search for authenticity. Churches that offer purpose and real-life connection will resonate more strongly.

5. There's a Major Gap Between Tithing Claims and Reality

Giving is another area where perception and reality don't match.

- **42% of practicing Christians say they tithe**
- But only **10–15% actually give 10% consistently**

That's a significant gap. Some people may misunderstand what tithing means. Others may overestimate their giving habits.

What this means: Churches need clearer teaching on generosity—not just for financial health, but for spiritual growth and discipleship.

6. Millennials Are Now the Most Faithful Weekly Attenders

Another surprising trend: Millennials are leading in weekly attendance.

About **39% of Millennial churchgoers attend weekly**, which is higher than older generations.

This challenges the idea that Millennials are leaving the Church in large numbers.

Instead, many are:

- Raising families
- Building community
- Stepping into leadership roles

What this means: Millennials are no longer the “next generation” of the Church—they are the **current foundation** of many congregations.

Final Thoughts: The Church Is Changing—Not Disappearing

These church statistics for 2026 reveal a clear pattern:

The Church is not declining as much as it is **reshaping**.

Here's what stands out:

- Fewer people attend weekly, but committed believers are highly engaged
- Younger generations are not absent, they're just selective
- Cultural Christianity is fading, but intentional faith is growing
- Authenticity matters more than ever

The opportunity for churches today is not to go back to old models, but to respond wisely to what's happening now. Because behind every statistic is a person searching for meaning, community, and truth.

Leaving a Legacy

by Dr. Joe Pettigrew

A good person leaves an inheritance for their children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous.

Proverbs 13:22

We often think about legacy in terms of bank accounts, family heirlooms, or the impressive achievements written on a tombstone. We work hard to leave something tangible behind, hoping our loved ones will remember our success long after we are gone. Yet, the most powerful legacy we can ever pass down has nothing to do with money or earthly accomplishments. It lives in the quiet moments we choose faith over fear, the times we extend grace instead of judgment, and the genuine love we pour into the people around us. These small, faithful choices shape the hearts of future generations far more deeply than any inheritance ever could.

Think about the people who shaped your own walk with God. Perhaps it was a grandmother whose prayers seemed to fill every room, a friend who carried you through a difficult season, or a mentor who simply lived out their faith with quiet consistency. They likely never

realized the enduring mark they were leaving on your life. In the same way, you are building a legacy right now, whether you notice it or not. Every kind word, every act of patience, and every prayer plants a seed that can grow long after you have moved on.

Building a faith-filled legacy does not require fame or fortune. It requires intentional love. It means showing your children what trust in God looks like during hard times. It means encouraging a discouraged coworker, serving your community with humble hands, and treating others with the same compassion Christ showed us. Your character speaks volumes, and the people watching you will carry those lessons forward into their own lives.

Take a quiet moment today to consider what you are truly leaving behind. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you invest in the things that last beyond this life.

"The church thrives not by numbers but by faith."

— Anonymous

Council Meeting Highlights for June 10th, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Meyer, Jim Hartke, Thad Reinert, Nicole Weber, Robert Baerenwald, Karen Boehm, Danielle Ossefoort, Cristy Appel, Al Hollingsworth

Absent: Marit Sterud

- ♦ **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Addendum to be added to May Council minutes: *Pastor Ann's plans have changed to a 7-day rental with the same per day charge. She will exit the parsonage on May 31st, 2026. The difference between the moving package and the rent is to then be paid at the time of her departure.*
- ♦ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion made to pay Progress & Wee's Cleaning Service LLC out of the Building Fund. Remainder of bills to be paid thru the General Fund. Motion made and passed. Funds are to be moved from the reserve fund to the general account to cover bills and expenses as the general fund is dwindling.
- ♦ **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Received a letter from the Penitentiary Ministry Group. They would like to speak to the confirmation kids as some point. Sarah would also like them to speak during a church service. She will contact them and see if dates can be secured. Also received a name for an interim to interview. That process has begun.
- ♦ **Congregational Life & LIFT:** Faith & Family Night w/the Canaries baseball game on Wednesday, June 17th - tickets are still available. Carpooling is available also.
- ♦ **Worship:** Pulpit supply for the summer is all lined up through the summer with a good variety of people. People are encouraged to give feedback on what they like.
- ♦ **Property Management:** Walker Bros will begin work on the bell tower in about 2 weeks as long as there is no rain. Kitchen floor grout was cleaned and floors sealed. All AC units have been cleaned. Small area in the parsonage kitchen floor needs to be fixed. Motion made to explore the market value of the parsonage vs what a new pastor may want. Motion made and carried.
- ♦ **Adult Education:** Robert is looking for suggestions to spark members' interest for a Bible study. Attendance to those has been poor at the after-service events.
- ♦ **NEW Business:** Fairstand bills and fees for 2026 will come from the Youth account as was done last year, suggestion to get the sign-up for shifts posted. Requirement for confirmation students to help at the food stand, Pastor Heather and Kristen Brockberg have discussed curriculum for this Fall - volunteers to help teach, assist, etc are always welcome. A new water softener will likely be needed for the parsonage at some point in the future and non-essential utilities have been turned off for now.
- ♦ **NEW BUSINESS:** Some church computers need to be upgraded or purchase newer equipment- will look in to what the cost of those would be for future reference.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 8th, 2026 @6:00pm (please note the time change!)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Meeting Highlights for July 8th, 2026

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Meyer, Jim Hartke, Thad Reinert, Nicole Weber, Robert Baerenwald, Danielle Ossefoort, Al Hollingsworth

Absent: Marit Sterud, Karen Boehm, Cristy Appel

- ♦ **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Motion made to pay Progress & Kale Mastbergen out of the Building Fund. Remainder of outstanding bills plus Church Mutual & real estate taxes are to be paid out of the general fund.
- ♦ **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Letter from the Synod for the 2026 donation was received. Sarah will make contact with endowment for details on payment. Two new members are seeking membership and were approved: Mary Lou Bjugan from Jasper & Pastor Mary Sacco from Flandreau, SD.
- ♦ **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Discussion with a member about an area pastor to consider.
- ♦ **Congregational Life & LIFT:** Faith & Family Night w/the Sioux Falls Canaries on June 17th - had good attendance.
- ♦ **Worship:** Outdoor Community Service was well attended and great! Many local churches attended.
- ♦ **Property Management:** Bell tower was repaired; some roof repairs are needed and will be looking for someone to do that also.
- ♦ **Unfinished Business:** Bell tower has a 20-yr warranty with the repair. It was determined that there are other areas of leaking from around the flashing/shingles on the sloped part of the roof. The food stand work signup is in progress for the fair—ALL ages are needed to help!
- ♦ **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) Discussion on the parsonage - a private assessment was done on the parsonage to determine a possible market value if we were to consider selling. An in-person congregational meeting would need to be held with at least 70% of the total church membership present to vote. Item was tabled.
 - b) Potential interim Pastor Gary - round table discussion held. Both likes and concerns were voiced about applicant. Motion made to pass on applicant
 - c) Extra ice cream from Father's Day ice cream social will be used for either a possible event at the fairstand OR for the LIFT kickoff in the fall.
 - d) Pipestone County Food shelf - Sarah is seeking a replacement for her position with the food shelf. Our next service dates are August 6th & November 5th, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 12th, 2026 @6:00pm (please note the time change!)

Note to the congregation: We ask for your patience as we begin the process to finding a new pastor. We are working on finding pulpit supply for the fall/winter or until we find a new pastor.



Noisy Offering for June was collected for:
PAS Senior/Kinder Buddy Program

The total amount collected was: **\$76.15**

Noisy Offering for July was collected for:

PAS Wellness Room

The total amount collected was: **\$117.00**

Noisy Offering for August will go to the The United Way & September will go to The Banquet.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.

June/July 2026 Offerings

Monthly Offering needed: \$17,505.53	June	July
Weekly Offering – week 1		
Weekly Offering – week 2		
Weekly Offering – week 3		
Weekly Offering – week 4		
MONTH-END TOTAL:		
Difference from Budget amount needed:		

Needed / week:

4-week month: \$4,377/week

5-week month: \$3,502/week

There are now THREE METHODS to use Simply Giving:

- 1) Your church offerings can be made weekly, every other week (bi-weekly) or monthly automatically through electronic funds transferred from your checking or savings accounts or by using your credit card.
- 2) To the right (>) is a Quick Response (QR) code. When you scan the QR code image with a smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of the church's Vanco/Simply Giving offering site. Just follow the directions on your screen.
- 3) Be watching for other options as they become available.
- 4) Good ol' offering envelopes - they are tried and true still today!!



Church News, Events & Happenin's

VISITATIONS

If someone is ill or in need of a Pastoral visit, please contact the Church office @ 825-5837. Remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.



*Remember
Our Homebound Members*

Vera Newgard	734 W Church Av - Apt 2, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls
Kay Dubbelde	The Lodge Assisted Living - Mankato, MN <i>Send any letters or cards to: Kay Dubbelde</i> <i>Mankato Lodge Senior Living</i> <i>1360 Adams St Apt 103 -</i> <i>Mankato, MN 56001</i>

*Congratulations
it's a boy!*



CONGRATULATIONS...

To Cole & Marah Lytle on the birth of their newest addition, Cortland!
Cortland was born on July 3rd, 2026 (3 weeks early).
Cortland joins his sister, Emersyn. Larry Harkema is Cortland's great-grandpa.
Blessings to the Lytle family!!!!

*Prayers of comfort go out to these families who have lost their
loved ones in the past few months:*

† Theresa & Terry Swenson on the passing of Theresa's mom,
Alice Hansen on June 18th, 2026.

† Julie Steffan, Brittany & Cody Heidebrink and Gavin & Lauren Smidt on the
passing of their dad and grandfather, Ed Smidt on Sunday, June 28th, 2026

† Cristy Appel and her family on the passing of Cristy's mother,
Joyce Kunz on Saturday, July 11th, 2026



In God's Hands

"Through the shadows of loss, may you discover the light of remembrance."

Welcome to our New Members

We are happy to announce that First Lutheran received 2 new members over the summer!!

- Reverend Dr Mary Sacco - Mary has been one of our guest pastors this summer. She is originally from Chicago but is currently retired and living in Flandreau. WELCOME MARY!!!!
- Mary Lou Bjugan - Mary Lou comes from Jasper ELCA Lutheran in Jasper. Mary Lou has visited First Lutheran a few times and decided to join our church family. WELCOME MARY LOU!!!!

We are SO EXCITED and blessed to have you both be a part of our church family here at First Lutheran.



DID YOU KNOW:

That the office sends out informational emails?
Please check your emails often to stay in 'the loop'!!
Make sure to check in your spam or junk mail too!

Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers & Acolytes are needed!!!



If you are able to help us out, **please** sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex OR you can sign up online by using the QR code down on your <<<left.

PS - DID YOU KNOW that you can also check to see when you are signed up by just scanning the code!!

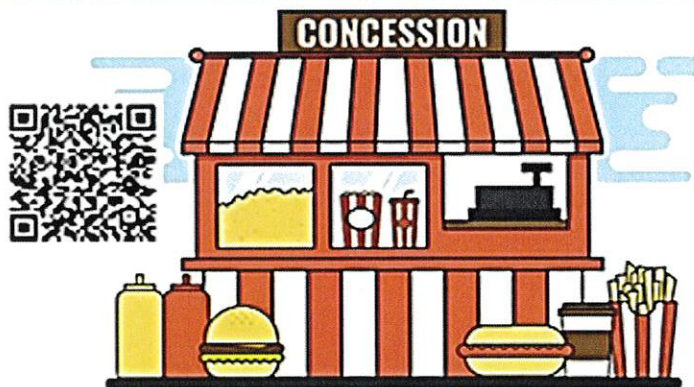


THANK YOU to all of the families and individuals who have already signed up to help with the fairstand!

But we still have several openings to fill that are listed below.

Our fairstand is a GREAT way to do something as a family, have some fun (dress-up days if you want to add a little extra fun!), make some life-long memories and to do something not only for your church, but your community!!

**FAIRSTAND 2026 @ the Pipestone County
Fair August 5th - 8th, 2026**



Check your calendars for August 5th thru the 8th and get signed up to help out at the FLC Fairstand! It's as easy as scanning the QR code above and signing up online.

We can't do it without you so if you can help out in anyway, PLEASE DO!

Contact the church office if you have any questions.

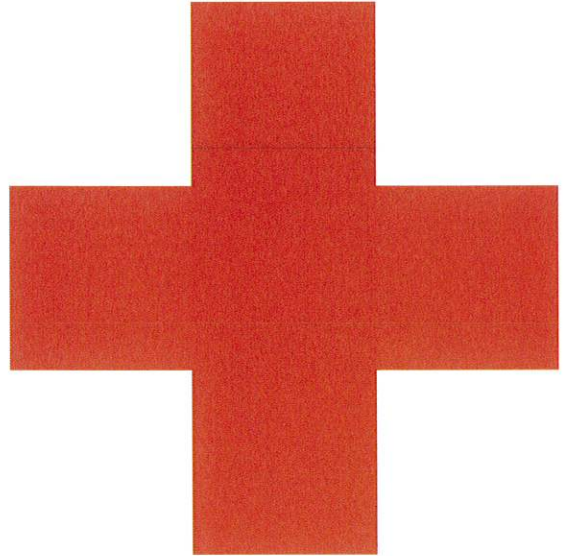
THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!!

- **Wacky Hat Wed.** -
Wednesday, August 5th – 7-10pm shift
- **Tie-Dye Thurs.** - Thursday, August 6th – 7-10pm shift
- **Farmin' Friday** - Friday, August 7th – 11am-3pm shift (few slots still open)
 - Friday, August 7th – 3-7pm shift
 - Friday, August 7th – 7-10pm shift (few slots still open)
- **Sunny Hawaii** - Saturday, August 8th – 11-3pm shift
 - Saturday, August 8th – 3-7pm shift

American Red Cross

Every 2 seconds, someone
in the U.S. needs blood.

*Give blood.
Help save lives.*



Blood Drive **Pipestone Community** **First Lutheran Church**

Social Hall
401 7th Ave SW
Pipestone, MN 56164

Tuesday, September 15, 2026
12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: PipestoneMN to schedule an appointment.



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**The American Red Cross and Hello Kitty are releasing
exclusive NEW merch! Come give blood Sept. 1-20 for a
super-cute Red Cross x Hello Kitty collectible item,
while supplies last!**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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F.L.C.W News & Activities



FLCW Activities For August/September 2026

School Supply Collection Has Begun for 2026



Stores have begun their school supply sales and we have started collecting school supplies for our annual school supply drive. If we all work together, we can supply ALOT of kids with some very precious school supplies this year so grab a couple extra supplies and bring them in!

- ~4 - 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college-ruled; 8"x10 1/2" (no loose-leaf paper)
- ~1 - 30-centimeter ruler or ruler w/centimeters & inches.
- ~1 - pencil sharpener
- ~1 - box of 16 OR 24 count crayons
- ~1 - blunt scissors (safety scissors w/embedded steel blades work best)
- ~5 - 5 unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers, bundle together with a rubber band.
- ~5 - ballpoint pens (NO gel), secure together with a rubber band.

Outreach and Mission Noisy Offering for August:

Pipestone United Way

More about the Pipestone United Way: Your contribution to United Way of Pipestone County is an investment in our community. It is about creating lasting changes right in Pipestone County (Pipestone, Ihlen, Woodstock, Holland & Ruthton).

<https://business.pipestoneminnesota.com/list/member/united-way-of-pipestone-county-147>

Outreach and Mission Noisy Offering for September:

The Banquet in Sioux Falls

More about The Banquet: The Banquet meal ministry began in 1985 with a simple mission — to provide nourishment and fellowship for those in need. What started with just one meal per week has grown into a thriving program that now serves 16 meals every week across two locations in Sioux Falls.

First Lutheran donated items to the Shetek Quilt auction held in June at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. They raised a total of \$48,725.55!! The items donated by First Lutheran brought in almost \$300.

Shetek Happenings

August 2026



14 Keeley Island Drive
Slayton, MN 56172
507-763-3567
camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Thank you for all the beautiful items that were donated and your amazing support for camp!



Thank You for a Great Summer!

Wish List

- New Vacuum
- Children's Books
- Spark Bibles
- Office Supplies-Dry Erase Markers, paper
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Washing Machine

Upcoming Events

August 1 Hiking Club

August 12-15 See us at the

Murray County Fair

September 9 Quilting Day

Register online at Shetek.org
or Call 507-763-3567

**Help send kids to
Camp...Become a Pelican Club
or Timber Society member
today. Pelican Club members
support the ministry with a gift
of \$100 - \$499 a year and
Timber Society members give
\$500 or more a year. Thanks
for your support!**



Remind

The REMIND app is used here at
First Lutheran for our Youth activities!

To join, send a text to 81010 with the message:
@8728964

OR

Visit: <https://www.remind.com/join/8728964>

It's a GREAT way to see opportunities for First Lutheran Youth in grades 6-12! Both students & parents are welcome to join!

Parents and Confirmation Kids (gr 6-9)

As we look forward to the 2026-27 Confirmation year, we are working on updating and getting a plan put together. We will send out detailed information through a letter and will also post some information on our FB page, so please keep your eyes peeled for that information!! If you do not receive the letter, please contact the church office.

PARENTS: If you are willing to help out in some way throughout the year, please contact the church office or leave a note with your contact information in the Youth mailbox. We are in this together as a church family—to help each other grow in our faith.

Youth Kids -

What things would you like to see happen this year?

Movie nights, Bible studies, group activities, service projects?

Let us know - leave a note in the office mailbox or the youth mailbox. Be involved in your own faith journey - to truly know and understand that God will be there with you for all of life's ups and downs.

We've got this - all of us together!

Kidz Korner



Every Child is designed
by God to be a
leader!!

Hey there LIFT kids and parents! we hope you all have had a wonderful summer so far! we can't wait to hear about all of your summer adventures when we see you again this fall!!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information to be posted once plans are in place for a LIFT Kick-off. Information will be posted on the website, Face Book page and in the bulletin. Enjoy the rest of your summer and we will see you again in a few weeks!!!!

Fruits of the Spirit

Word Search

Galatians 5:22-23

Find the Fruits of the Spirit in the puzzle below.
Circle each word when you find it!

L	L	D	V	E	R	T	P	E	A	C
F	G	R	T	P	E	A	C	E	C	E
J	O	Y	K	I	N	D	N	E	S	S
G	O	O	D	N	E	S	S	X	Z	Q
F	A	I	T	H	F	U	L	N	E	S
G	E	N	T	L	E	N	E	E	S	W
P	A	T	I	E	N	C	E	Q	R	T
S	E	L	F	C	O	N	T	R	O	L
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	Z	K
R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control

Can you find and circle G. ()

Jesus , Spirit Galatians

Which fruit of the Spirit do you want to grow this week?

AuGust 2026

Worship Assistants

Date	Time	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers	Sound Room
August 2nd Worship w/Pstr Mark Jamison Music/Organist: iPad	9:30 a.m.	Nancy Johnson		_____	*Robert Baerenwald (cpt) ~Creighton Schroyer ~Scott Rudie ~Brandan Alfson	Mark Zinnel
August 9th Worship Ingrid Wielenberg Music/Organist: iPad	9:30 a.m.	Wielenberg family		_____	Robert Baerenwald (cpt) ~Creighton Schroyer ~Scott Rudie ~Brandan Alfson	Mark Zinnel
August 16th Worship w/Pstr Mark Jamison **Holy Communion Music/Organist: iPad	9:30 a.m.	READER NEEDED!!!		ASSISTANT NEEDED!!!	Robert Baerenwald (cpt) ~Creighton Schroyer ~Scott Rudie ~Brandan Alfson	Neil Johnson
August 23rd Worship w/Pstr John Dalen Music/Organist:	9:30 a.m.	READER NEEDED!!!		_____	Robert Baerenwald (cpt) ~Creighton Schroyer ~Scott Rudie ~Brandan Alfson	Jason Weber
August 30th Worship w/Mark Carlson Music/Organist:	9:30 a.m.	READER NEEDED!!!		_____	Robert Baerenwald (cpt) ~Creighton Schroyer ~Scott Rudie ~Brandan Alfson	Ryan Wielenberg

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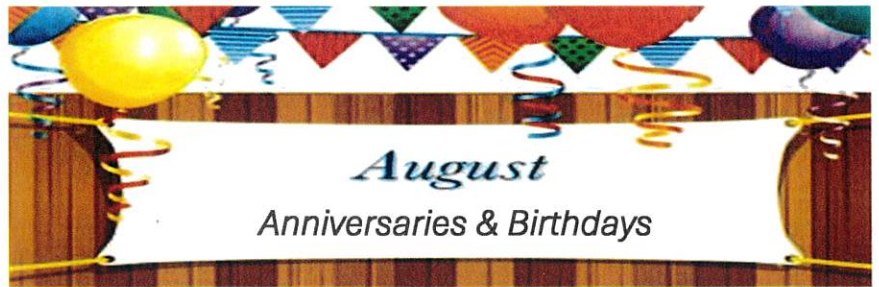
Worship Assistants

****Worship leaders for September will be posted once they have been scheduled. THANK YOU for all of your patience and understanding!!**

Date	Time	Reader	Acolyte	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers	Sound Room
Sept 6th Worship w/ Music/Organist:	9:30a.m.	READER NEEDED!!!		Will need help with Communion on the Sunday we have communion!!!! ↓	*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Eric Ossefoort	Jason Weber
Sept 13th Worship w/ Music/Organist:	9:30 a.m.	READER NEEDED!!!			*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Eric Ossefoort	Neil Johnson
Sept 20th Worship w/ Music/Organist:	9:30 a.m.	READER NEEDED!!!			*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Eric Ossefoort	Mark Zinnel
Sept 27th Worship w/Ingrid Wielenberg Music/Organist:	9:30 a.m	READER NEEDED!!!			*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Eric Ossefoort	Ryan Wielenberg



May God's love continue to
shine
upon your marriage, filling
your hearts with joy and
peace!



August 1st Lance & Tammy Oye Mike & Jen Thode	August 5th Chuck & Dorie Sendelbach	August 10th Scott & Gail Barduson
August 11th Dale & Jenny Mathews Dan & Mari Wagner	August 12th Bob & Tami Taubert	August 13th Harold & Sarah Meyer
August 22nd Terry & Theresa Swenson Brad & Erica Hazelton	August 23rd Al & Linda Hollingsworth	August 24th Dave & Ellen Dulas Dave & Jill Boucher
August 26th Jerry & Gaile Brockberg	August 28th Daniel & Kristen Lee	August 30th Nic & Taylor Paulsen



August 1	Sheila Horton	August 17	Oliver Sterud
August 2	Marj Christensen Jenn Weber	August 18	Kaitlyn (Maschino) Kennedy Maschino
August 3	Pat Clark	August 19	Keaton Kirlin
August 4	Shannen Muller	August 20	Rita Hazelton
August 5	Kynlee Ilse	August 21	Patti Peterson Brianna Woodbury Amy Willey
August 6	Ellie Mastbergen Ryan Woodbury	August 22	Titan Burnett McKenna Musch
August 7	Brad Willey	August 23	Jerry Brockberg
August 8	Rysley Borman Tristin Dunn Jason Weber	August 24	Boyer Heidebrink Craig Thies Hailey Thode
August 11	Rollie Wolff	August 25	Bob Taubert
August 13	Mason Gunnink	August 26	Jim (Rusty) Hartke LaDonna Myers
August 14	Jaime Danks Matt Dulas Arvid Maschino Thad Reinert Tanya Schroyer	August 27	Kale Mastbergen
August 15	Dorie Sendelbach Silas McCorquodale	August 30	Ron Ahlers Christopher Hollingsworth
August 16	Morgan Maschino	August 31	Molly Dengler

On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also
be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!



On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!



1st	Lynne Dalen Robert Petersen	18th	Wyatt Ossefoort Jon Kozlowski Berit Wickland
2nd	Steve Sneller Russ Legler Ava Muller	19th	Terry Swenson Brad Hazelton
3rd	Steph Alfson	21st	Zack Sneller
5th	Christopher Hollingsworth	22nd	Veronica Newgard Barb Rieck
6th	Brandon Willey Kayla Schulze	23rd	LaVonne Lorang
9th	Carol Veen	24th	Mark Zinnel
10th	Deanna Ahlers Taylor Paulsen	25th	Ed Hansen Matt McCorquodale
12th	Diane Leslie Dale Mathews	27th	Charles Sendelbach
13th	Jill Boucher	29th	Sailor Houselog Jameson Carpenter Jon Klosterman
15th	Gail Barduson		

May God's love continue to shine
upon your marriage, filling your hearts
with joy and peace!



September 1st Robert & Audrey Hubner		
September 2nd Brandon & Jen Prouty	September 14th Derek & Kyleen Ilse	September 15th Russ & Lon Legler Jon & Shelly Kozlowski
September 17th James & Jen Skyberg Dave & Karli Buffington	September 27th Rollie & Kim Wolff	September 28th Josh & Megan Watts



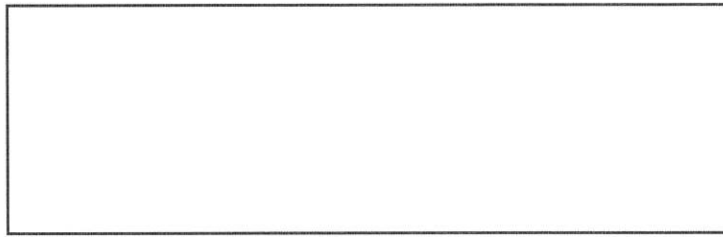
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2 ~9:30am - Worship w/ Pastor Mark Jamison	3	4	5 ~7:00pm - Church Committee mtgs	6 ~1:30pm - First Lutheran helps @Food Shelf	7	8
9 ~9:30am - Worship w/Ingrid Wielenberg	10	11	12 ~6pm - Council mtg	13 ~9:30am - Quilting	Lori gone - vacation >>>>>	
16 ~9:30am - Worship w/ Pastor Mark Jamison *Communion	17	18	19	20	Lori gone - vacation >>>>>	
23 ~9:30am - Worship w/ Pastor John D.	24	25	26	27 ~9:30am - Quilting	28	29
30 ~9:30am - Worship w/Mark Carlson	31	SEPTEMBER		3	4	5
6 ~9:30am Worship	7 	8 1st Day of School 	9 ~6pm - Council mtg	10 ~9:30am - Quilting	11	12
13 ~9:30am Worship	14	15 ~12:30p - 6:30pm -  Blood Mobile	16	17	18	19
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Word and the promise of salvation.
~Matthew 28*

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- ♦ 9:30am Sundays at Church & live-streamed on Facebook
- ♦ Radio Worship Broadcast: 10:30am Sundays on KLOH 1050AM
- ♦ TV Public Access: Wednesdays @12pm & 5pm on Channel 3

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