



First Lutheran Church - ELCA

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THE VOICE

of the First Lutheran Congregation

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This summer we were challenged to notice where we see God in our world – in nature, at work in others, speaking to us in new ways. I know many of us saw God in different ways and places, but never filled out and/or turned in the postcards that were given out in May. However, I did receive some postcards back, and I wanted to share where some folks saw God this summer.

I saw God

- ◆ The Holy Spirit gave me words to forgive someone.
- ◆ At summer Bible camp
- ◆ During the Lord's Prayer and church
- ◆ At preschool
- ◆ A helpful employee at Hanks assisting someone in a motorized cart to find items in the freezer aisle, then helping them to their car
- ◆ At a baptism
- ◆ In the beautiful rainfall
- ◆ When I see crops looking great

I would encourage you to think back to where you saw God this summer! I would love to hear about your God-sightings or God-encounters, whether it is over a cup of coffee/tea, on the way into or out of worship, through a phone call or text or visit in my office, etc.



God IS around in many ways – keep your eyes open!

See You in Church!

Pastor Ann



Thrivent promotes Generosity

THRIVENT
FINANCIAL®

We have had Thrivent members designate their Choice Dollars to First Lutheran, for which we are grateful. But Thrivent also has a program called **Thrivent Action Teams**, where Thrivent members can receive one or two \$250 Action Team Grants per year, depending on what kind of Thrivent account(s) you have. What can these grants be used for? Service Projects, fundraisers, and educational activities, such as:

- * Getting items for School Kits and Personal Care Kits
- * Buying food or supplies for the Meatball Supper or Fair Stand
- * Filling Harvest Bags
- * Advertising for the project, fundraiser, activity
- * Purchasing quilt batting to make donated quilts
- * Putting up a Little Free Library
- * Helping pay for a food packing experience
- * Car wash fundraiser
- * The options are limitless!

In the last 10 years, Thrivent members have led more than 1.2 million projects, including more than 16 million volunteers, and raised more than \$1.9 billion to support causes they care about!

How do Thrivent Action Teams work?

Gather a volunteer team to put on a fundraiser, educational event or service activity. Thrivent will provide the resources you need to get started, including up to \$250 in seed money.

4 simple steps to project success

1. Apply to lead a project

Log into your Thrivent account to complete your application.

2. Get your Thrivent Action Kit

We'll send you a package of resources to support your project, including the seed money card, and t-shirts.

3. Take action

Rally your team to bring your community project to life.

4. Share your success story

Tell us about your project's positive impact so we can celebrate your success.

Talk to Paul Henriksen to find out more information on how they work and what projects at First Lutheran may be options!

The Covering of Love by Mary Atwood

Our current culture is not grounded in a social structure of forgiveness. It seems as though the Biblical truth of mankind's sin and its remedy of forgiveness by the Creator is not on many people's radar. For example, if someone in the political arena is discovered to have said something offensive recently or in years past, they are pounced upon and condemned as a bad person. The "cancel culture", on the left and right, stand ready at the guillotine with a cry of "Off with their heads!" Slips of the tongue, unintended snubs, as well as truly inappropriate comments are all thrown together into the bubbling cauldron of offenses. Even if the guilty party apologizes, it's not enough.

Why is there such a loud outcry for punishment if a public offense has been committed? Perhaps the answer lies in a lack of awareness of grace. If the majority of a people don't believe they are sinners yet they see sin in others, someone must be punished and it ain't gonna be them. There is also a lack of awareness of redemption. There is an assumption that the offender will always behave in the same way. This cynical world view arises from a lack of experience of forgiveness and grace.

The gospel of the world seems to be –

"Not all have sinned and fallen short, (Some of us are perfect. It's always the other guy.) and there is no glory of God. We have to be perfect because there is no cover for sin. We must have a scapegoat so that the sin of the evildoers is gone."

On the other hand, the Gospel is –

"All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. God's love covers a multitude of sins. Sin is wiped away by the blood of Jesus."

Ahh! what a breath of fresh air to hear that:

- ♦ "Love keeps no record of wrongs." 1 Corinthians 13:5.
- ♦ "Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered." Romans 4:7

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, God covered their sin and shame with animal skins and thus there was the first shedding of blood.

Let us humble ourselves and know who we are – sinners in need of a Savior.

"Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Highlights from September 10th, 2025

- ♦ MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cristy Appel, Nicole Weber, Robert Baerenwald, Pastor Ann Zastrow, Danielle Ossefoort, Thad Reinert, Sarah Meyer & Marit Sterud
ABSENT: Kristy Henriksen, Karen Boehm, Al Hollingsworth
- ♦ TREASURER'S REPORT: Table payment to SW MN Synod, pay Chaulsett's (lawn mowing), Progress & Computers and Beyond with the "Building Fund" money. Motion made, seconded, passed.
- ♦ PASTOR'S REPORT: Working on health insurance options and on pulpit supply for October 19th when pastor is on vacation.
 - ♦ Congregational Life: Football at the Three Maidens on October 3rd
- ♦ Youth: Bussing for The Banquet - driver will be donating their time, Also looking in to having a group go to the Stampede Game for a winter activity.
 - ♦ LIFT: 50 kids, 4 classes & 11 teachers!!
- ♦ Worship: First Contemporary service will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8th at 6:15pm and led by Kristen Brockberg.
 - ♦ Misc: Training for the new coffee maker will be on Sept. 23rd.
- ♦ Outdoor service was indoors and attendance was good for the bouncy houses, etc. in the park after worship.
- ♦ Holy Buzz (coffee fellowship) will be on the 2nd Sunday of each month, committees are encouraged to signup also.
- ♦ Looking for donations for the Harvest Bags for our local farmers. Goal is to make 100.
 - ♦ Meatball Supper will be on Tuesday, November 11th.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 8th, 2025 @7:30pm



Noisy Offering for September was collected for:
The Banquet

The total amount collected was: **\$65.34**

Noisy Offering for October will go to Good Gifts.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.

September 2025 Offerings

Monthly Offering needed:	\$21,150.00
Weekly Offering – week 1	
Weekly Offering – week 2	
Weekly Offering – week 3	
Weekly Offering – week 4	
MONTH-END TOTAL:	

Needed / week:

4-week month = \$5,288/week

5-week month = \$4,230/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 call Pastor Ann or contact the Church office @ 825-5837. Please remember the following First Lutheran Church members in your prayers, send them a card, or stop to visit them.



*Remember
Our Homebound Members*

Joyce Kunz	Good Samaritan Communities, Pipestone
Darrell Foss	Good Samaritan, Sioux Falls
Kay Dubbelde	The Lodge Assisted Living - Mankato, MN <u>Send any letters or cards to: Kay Dubbelde</u> Mankato Lodge Senior Living 1360 Adams St Rm 410 - Mankato, MN 56001



Our thoughts and prayers to Mildred Carstensen and her family on the passing of her sister, Boots Merrill.
May you find peace in comfort during this difficult time.



Dear First Lutheran,

Over the past year, you have generously supported the Pipestone Veteran's Memorial - The American Legion Post 6 - Beyond with a charitable donation. It is very much appreciated! We are providing you with this giving summary of cash contributions of:

<u>Contribution</u>	<u>Date of Contribution</u>
\$1397.33	Fr 14-25

*Thank
You*



ROOTED IN FAITH

Fresh Paths for Youth
and Family Ministry

Equipping Congregations Day
Saturday, Nov. 8th
8:30am - 2:30pm
Peace Lutheran, New London MN

**Congregations of every size and context can
nurture faith, create welcome, and embrace ministry
with youth and young adults.**

Keynote Speaker: Rev. Todd Buegler
Senior Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Owatonna MN

Featuring: the **SYNOD YOUTH BAND**

Lunch catered by Qdoba!

Register online at www.swmnelca.org/event/ecd2025
\$30 per person.

Attend your choice of 2 out of 6 Workshops!
Workshop descriptions will be posted online at www.swmnelca.org.



HELP WANTED

Meals On Wheels deliverers needed

*Please contact Dennis Lundblad for
more details if you would be willing to
help deliver meals for home-bound
people.*

*Dennis's cell:
507-690-8123*

Food Shelf Volunteers Needed:

We will need volunteers from First Lutheran for the food shelf when we serve on Thursday, October 23rd. We will need to be there by 1:30 for orientation. Please call Sarah Meyer (507-215-7401) and leave a message if you can help. We need 6-7 volunteers. Thanks to all who helped at our last work day in July - it was a great success! Sarah



Let's Make Lefse!



*It is approaching that time of year, the
time to make **lefse!***

*If you are interested in learning how to
make lefse, let Kristy Henriksen know.
Once we know who is interested, we will
find a date & time to meet.*

*If you are interested in joining the group, even if
you are a veteran lefse maker, let Kristy know, too.
We have all the supplies & we have a good time,
too!*



F.L.C.W News & Activities

October 2025



Kristy didn't have a letter for this month but she did have some announcements to share with everyone!

- * Those who are interested in learning the art of LEFSE making, let Kristy know by Monday, October 13th.
- * Group Circle will be on Tuesday, October 21st at noon for a luncheon. Please bring a dish to share!
- * We are in need of volunteers to help prepare the meal at The Banquet on Wednesday, November 5th. Please let the church office know if you can help out. More details to come!
- * Our annual Kaffi Ti is set for Saturday, December 13th. Please start planning now on what you would like to bring. The more, the merrier - that goes for food and people!

That is all for now! Have a blessed fall season!

Kristy

Shetek Happenings

October 2025



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

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Come join us for a FUN Fall event!

Wish List

- Adding Machine
- Office Supplies – Dry Erase Markers, Paper
- Spark Bibles
- Board Games
- Volunteers
- Extra Refrigerator



Hiking Club October 12

Octoberfest - October 17-18

Fall Quilt & Craft Retreat - October 20-23

Confirmation Retreat November 7-8

Hiking Club November 16

Owls in the Night November 22

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!



FOOD • FUN • FRIENDS
OCTOBER 20 - 23, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES PRIVATE HOUSING, MEALS & SNACKS. YOU PROVIDE THE PROJECTS AND CREATIVITY

CONTACT JEAN @ 507-763-3567 OR JEAN@SHETEK.ORG
 SHETEK LUTHERAN MINISTRIES, 14 KEELEY ISLAND DR.,
 SLAYTON, MN 56172



Quilt & Craft Retreat
October 20 - 23, 2025

You provide the projects and creativity!

ARRIVAL:

Monday, any time after 1:00 or arrive
 anytime on Tuesday

TUESDAY – Brunch @ 9:30, Supper @ 5:30

WEDNESDAY – Brunch @ 9:30, Supper @ 5:30

THURSDAY – Brunch in the Lakota
 No set time for departure

Register online at www.shetek.org or complete the registration form below.

Name _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Primary Phone#: _____ State: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Email _____ Zip: _____

CIRCLE ONE

Private Room: \$230 (Mon – Thur), \$200 (Tue – Thur)

Semi-private Room: \$210 (Mon – Thur), \$180 (Tue – Thur)

Registration fee includes private or semi-private housing, meals, snacks and retreat leadership.
 Please mail your registration & \$50 non-refundable deposit by October 1, 2025 to:
 SLM, 14 Keeley Island Dr. Slayton, MN 56172

As a participant in an SLM Retreat Program, I agree that the camp or its personnel
 will not be held responsible for accidents arising while at camp. I also give
 permission for the use of photographs, videos, and electronic images of myself.

Participant Signature: _____

Date _____





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 wel-
come to join!

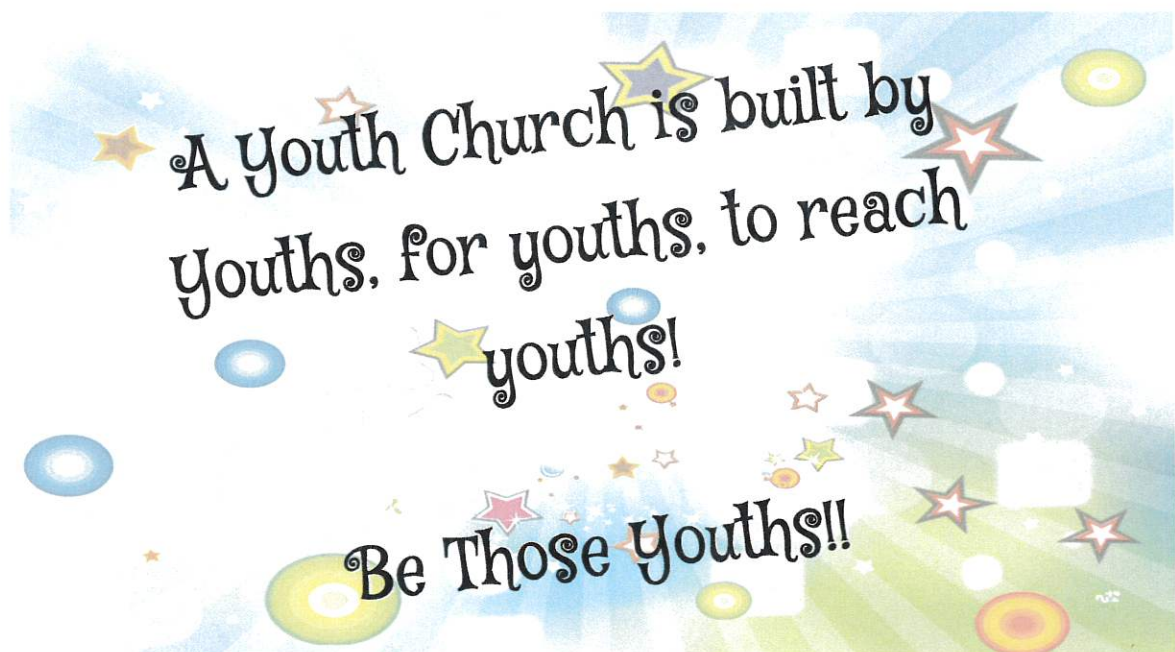
Cade Thompson Concert

*This fun group all attended the Cade Thompson concert in Luverne on
Wednesday, Sept. 17th. It was a GREAT concert, and everyone had a fun
time!!!! Thank you to all of our drivers and chaperones!*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ Friday, October 3rd - S'More Arrows Tailgating Party at the Three Maidens fire ring.
- ⇒ Sunday, October 5th - 9th grade confirmation students meet with Pastor Ann after worship (10:30am)
- ⇒ Wednesday, October 8th - Contemporary Service 6:15-6:45pm in the Fellowship Hall, followed by LIFT & Confirmation until 7:15pm.
- ⇒ Wednesday, October 15th - **NO** LIFT/Confirmation (MEA break)
- ⇒ Friday, October 17th & Saturday, October 18th - OctoberFest at Shetek (see the next page for registration info if you are interested in going).
- ⇒ Wednesday, November 5th - FLC serves at the Banquet in Sioux Falls, SD (stay tuned for more details)



OCTOBER
17-18,
2025

OCTOBERFEST



Welcoming all 3rd-6th graders to join us for a fun fall retreat!

Starts at 6:00pm Oct.17 and concludes at 6:00pm Oct. 18.

Come and learn about God's love, partake in fun fall activities, enjoy a s'more, and being outdoors with other youth!

For more information visit www.shetek.org or call 507-763-3567!

Details: For 3rd-6th graders, October 17-18

What to bring: Follow information including what to bring and health form will be sent once your registration is received.

Cost: \$55

Name: _____ Grade in School: _____
Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____
Parent/Guardian Phone: _____ Email: _____
Congregation: _____ Cabin Mate Request: _____
Parent/Guardian Signature for Participation: _____

Register online at www.shetek.org OR complete the above information and send it in with a \$20 deposit by
October 3rd, 2025

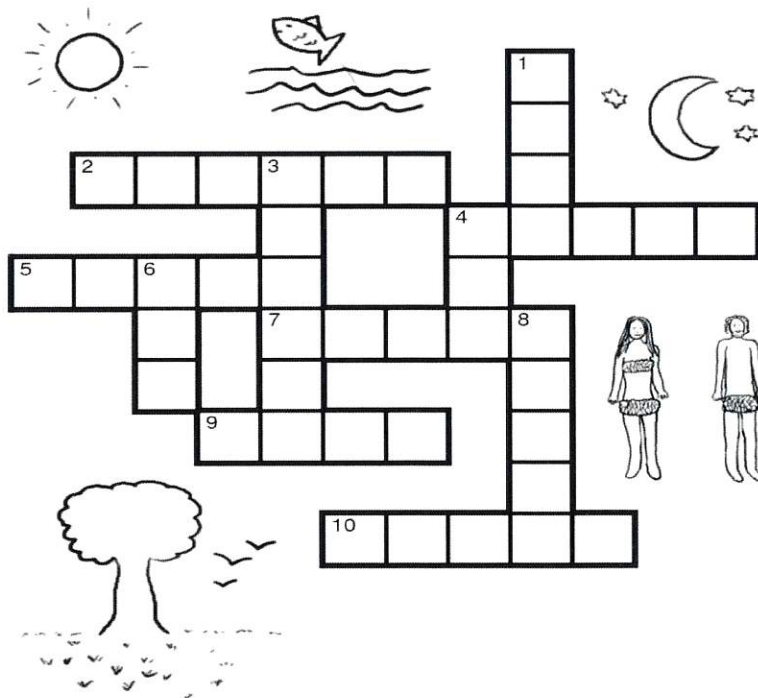
Shetek Lutheran Ministries/14 Keeley Island Dr./Slayton, MN 56172

Kidz Korner

Every Child is designed
by God to be a

Creation Activity Worksheet

by SundaySchoolResources.co.uk



Across

- 2 God created the moon on this day (6)
- 4 The earth was this before the creation (5)
- 5 God created these on the 5th day (5)
- 7 God created these on the 3rd day (5)
- 9 The name of the Garden the man and woman lived in (4)
- 10 God created this on the 1st day (5)

Down

- 1 The name of the man that God created (4)
- 3 God did this on the 7th day (6)
- 4 The name of the woman that God created (3)
- 6 God created the woman by taking this from the man (3)
- 8 God created land creatures on this day (5)

ANIMALS
BEGINNING
CREATION
EARTH
GARDEN
GOD
HEAVENS
LIGHT
MAN
PLANTS
SEA
STARS
WOMAN

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



October 2025

Worship Assistants

Date	Worship Time	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
10-5-2025 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Nancy Johnson	.	Nancy Johnson	*Gregg Johnson (cpt) ~Cody Heidebrink family ~Bob Taubert family ~Rustin Petersen	Jason Weber
10-12-2025 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Tami Stevens	Connor Ilse / Kynlee Ilse	Tami Stevens	*Gregg Johnson (cpt) ~Cody Heidebrink family ~Bob Taubert family ~Rustin Petersen	Mark Zinnel
10-19-2025 Pastor gone	9:30 a.m.	Lori Ilse	.	_____	*Gregg Johnson (cpt) ~Cody Heidebrink family ~Bob Taubert family ~Rustin Petersen	Ryan Wielenberg
10-26-2025 Confirmation Day	9:30 a.m.	Dave Dulas	Connor Thode	Bryer Evans & Aubrey Brockberg	*Gregg Johnson (cpt) ~Cody Heidebrink family ~Bob Taubert family ~Rustin Petersen	Neil Johnson

Communion Assistants, Lesson Readers and
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 to
the right >>>.





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

October 5th Mike & Ashley Dwire	October 8th Craig & Tami Stevens Cole & Marah Lytle	October 9th Cory & Jessica Chaulsett
October 14th Scot & Glenda Carstensen	October 15th Nik & Audra Wade	October 17th Wade & Deb Smith
October 18th Jordan & Kiley Houselog	October 20th Brian & Jaime Danks Creighton & Tanya Schroyer	October 24th Jon & Teri Klosterman
October 25th Jim & Darla Hartke	October 28th Arvid & Michelle Maschino	October 29th Mick & Chris Hollingsworth

A
Perfect Marriage
is just two
imperfect people
who refuse
to give up on
Each Other

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October

BIRTHDAYS

Oct 1	Scott Rudie Augie Sterud	Oct 16	Ken Boehm Cody Heidebrink Erin Mastbergen
Oct 2	Ron Hellie	Oct 17	Marit Sterud Nick Weber
Oct 4	Nora Johnson	Oct 19	Karla Carstensen
Oct 6	Tami Stevens Ryan Wielenberg	Oct 20	Steve Hartke Morgan Hazelton
Oct 7	Kate Muller	Oct 22	Evan Johnson
Oct 9	Darrell Greenhoff Derek Ilse Mark Muller	Oct 24	Mike Straw Evelyn Wielenberg
Oct 12	Cynthia Portz Avery Wagner	Oct 26	Pam Thies
Oct 14	Stella Burkard Taya Burnett	Oct 27	Jacklyn Christensen Mick Hollingsworth
Oct 15	Dwight Horton	Oct 31	Coral 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!

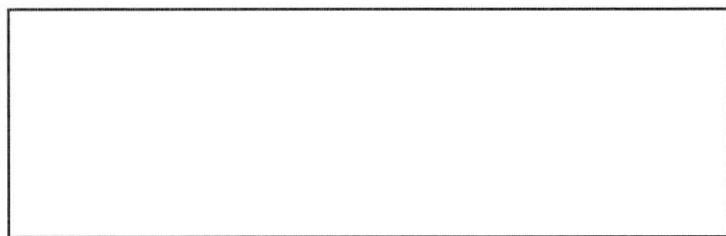
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*We are all one body, one spirit,
compelled by Christ to share His
Word and the promise of salvation.
~Matthew 28*

Worship schedule:

- ♦ 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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**First Lutheran Church Council meets on the
second Wednesday of each month
@ 7:30 p.m.**