

First Lutheran Church - ELCA

September 2024

The Voice

of the First Lutheran Congregation

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As the Summer recedes..

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Summer is receding in the rearview mirror, with memories of time outdoors, sports, family and friends, perhaps vacation and time in a lake or pool. Church has continued to meet weekly, greeting friends and visitors alike. I did a summer sermon series on King David, and beginning September 1, we will be back in Mark, walking with Jesus, hearing him preach and teach, and see him do amazing things, as his disciples did.

September begins the "program year" at church, with confirmation and LIFT resuming, and adult ed Bible Study returning. Please keep an eye on First Lutheran's facebook page and website for updates and announcements as fall activities roll out!

As the temperatures and dewpoints fall, as the leaves start to lose their summer luster and turn color, as the school year starts up again, please don't forget about your church family! We are excited to welcome you (back), hear about your summer adventures and activities, and continue to share the love of Christ – together.

See you in Church!
Pastor Ann



Noisy Offering for June & July was collected for:
The Pipestone County Hospice

The total amount collected was: **\$223.29**

Noisy Offering for August went to Lutheran Disaster Relief and the total collected for that was: **\$338.65**

Noisy Offering for September will go to The Banquet
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.

July/August 2024 Offerings

Monthly Offering needed: \$21,265.00	July	August
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 = \$5,316/week

5-week month = \$4,253/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.
- 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 of some other options as they become available.
- 4) Good ol' offering envelopes.



THANK YOU for all you give to First Lutheran and it's ministries!

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Highlights from July 10th, 2024

- ♦ Members in attendance: Pastor Ann, Ingrid W, Cristy A, Karen B, Nicole W, Thad R, Mike S, Robert B, Marit S, Kristy H, Lori I. ABSENT: Craig T.
- ♦ We are still waiting on the ERC (CoVid Relief) check. This is a government check for about \$11,000 that we qualified for in August of last year.
- ♦ Money that is 'designated' for the building fund can be used as needed for building up-keep expenses.
- ♦ Pastor Ann will be gone on vacation July 13th—20th. Worship Team & Mark Carlson will lead the service on July 14th (with communion being moved to July 21st). Pastor will also have Continuing Ed August 6-9th in Sioux Falls and Zoom meetings on August 13th, 20th & 27th from 10am—1pm.
 - ♦ Congregational Life planning a campfire & s'more night at the Three Maidens.
 - ♦ We have not yet received a bid from Tinklenberg Construction for the bell tower repair.
 - ♦ A Venmo account will be setup to have available for the fairstand, Meatball Supper, offering, etc.
 - ♦ Giving statements for the first part of 2024 will be sent out by August 1st.
- ♦ Free meal, pie and ice cream cone tickets for members for the fair can be picked up as well as free ride tickets.
 - ♦ Extra concrete was poured at the fairstand.
 - ♦ Rally Sunday dates were discussed
 - ♦ Meeting adjourned

Council Highlights from August 14th, 2024

- ◇ **Members present:** Pastor Ann, Nicole W, Ingrid W, Mike S, Craig T, __Robert B, Lori I, Kristy H, Karen B. **Absent:** Cristy A, Marit S, Thad R
- ◇ **Treasurer's Report:** Council will request a list of all the auto-payments to be included with monthly financial reports to get a more accurate amount of what is paid each month automatically. SW MN Synod bill was again tabled.
- ◇ **Pastor's Report:** Pastor attended a conference that included pastor's from 7 states. Community Thanksgiving service will be held at Peace United Methodist this year.
- ◇ **President's Report:** American Legion asked if we would like to work an omelet breakfast. We would earn \$350 if we furnish workers.
- ◇ Adult Ed will have another Bible Study in September. Bad Girls of the Bible, part 2.
 - ◇ Trees along the south side of the parking lot need to be trimmed.
- ◇ Bonfire and S'mores at the Three Maidens and listening to the Arrow Football game on September 13th. All are welcome!
 - ◇ Proceeds from this year's fairstand will be donated back to the church.
- ◇ We now have Venmo available to use for future fundraisers (ie: Meatball Supper, Fairstand, Kaffi-Ti) as well as another giving option for members/visitors.
- ◇ Discussed taking a collection to make a donation in memory of Pastor Steve Martens. Item was tabled.
 - ◇ Discussed forming a Fairstand Committee for next year's fairstand.
 - ◇ Meeting was adjourned

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

July 4th



*First Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your words of
support during this difficult time
in the loss of Dan (Johnson). Thank
you for the "prayer square". I will
keep this in my purse where it is
handy.*

*eln Christi Lane,
Jan*

July 19, 2024

Dear Friends of First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your Congregation gift of \$302.60 to Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Without your generosity, Shetek Lutheran Ministries simply could not continue its mission of providing year around opportunities for Christ centered renewal and learning for all ages. You are truly making a difference in the faith building experience for the youth and families coming to SLM.

Sincerely,

Marvin Nysetvoid

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Executive Director

Thank you for your gift and prayers!

Watertower Parade 2024

The annual Watertower Parade had a new entry this year. For the very first time, First Lutheran participated in the parade to let Pipestone know that we aren't all about just Meatballs & Kaffi-ti! Paul and Carol Johnson came along for the ride as the Meatball King and the Kaffi-ti Queen complete with a crown and 'sceptors' (also known as a rolling pin & a potato masher)!! This was A LOT of fun! We hope we can make this a yearly activity!



School Kits for 2024



The school year is starting and we have been busy collecting school supplies here at First Lutheran. We hope to meet our goal of filling all 60 bags by the time this VOICE goes out. As you can see, we

are well on our way to that goal. If you still would like to donate supplies, please drop them off at the church. What supplies don't get used this year, we will use for next year! Thank you to all of you who have donated so far!





The Pipestone County Fair has come and gone for 2024, but I can't say THANK YOU enough to all of you who stepped up and helped out at our Fairstand again this year! It is such a great way to get to know our fellow members on a whole different level all while serving the communities of Pipestone

County and having a little fun in the process.

Once again, we had a great turnout and a very special THANK YOU to Hanks Food, Pepsi & Dari King for providing the food as well as Gorter's Clay & Dairy for the free ice cream cones and tent & BioAg for the use of their canopy over the grills. We had numerous others who donated their time and other items to the fairstand as well. Without everyone working together we wouldn't be able to even open our fairstand so again, **THANK YOU ALL SO, SO VERY MUCH!!!!**

Lori

Fairstand Statistics

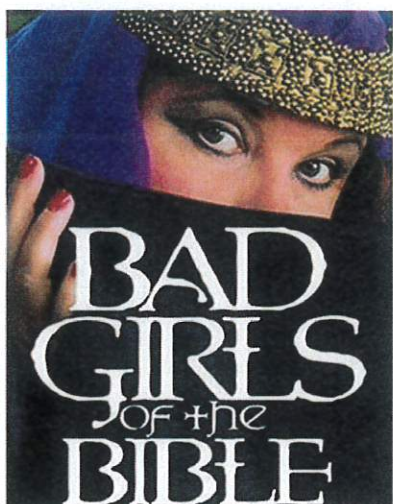
	# sold
Hamburgers, cheeseburgers & double burgers	1150
Hot dogs/chili dogs	223
BBQ's	51
Walking tacos	365
Bags of chips (3 varieties)	419
Bottles of water	625
Pop (6 varieties, cans)	891
Slices of pie (4 varieties)	112
Total Profit (after expenses):	\$6,601.03

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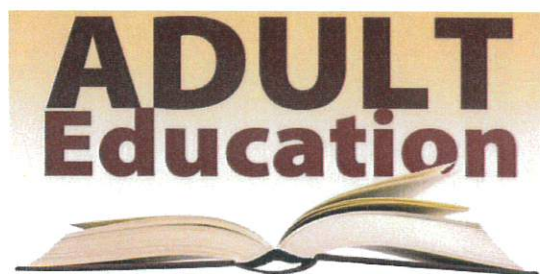
BIBLE STUDY

Bad Girls of the Bible, part 2

Pastor Ann will be leading three sessions of Bad Girls of the Bible this fall! We will start with Michal, King David's first wife, daughter of Saul – which seems appropriate since we spent the summer learning about David! We can choose from a list for the next two sessions. Class will be held in the Fireside Room, after worship on Sundays beginning September 22nd, September 29th, and October 6th.



Most people thinks that the Holy Bible says that "Money is the root of all evil" but in 1 Timothy 10, it says in the first part that "for the Love of Money is the root of all Evil". It's not the money itself that evil, but the love of it is the real evil. Money is talked about many times in the Old and New Testaments. Every church needs money to conduct business, pay salaries, and to support causes our Lord wants us to engage in. That is why we must think carefully about how we give to the church and how the funds are used for the glory of God. You must carefully look at your needs and the needs of your church.



~from the Adult Education Committee



CONGRATULATIONS to Hunter & Madisyn Burnett who were married on August 24th.

God's blessings to you both as you begin your new journey together!

Hunter's parents are Aaron & Melissa Burnett.



This is a question that I ask myself at times as I go about my work – and I bet some of you have that same question of me! Starting this fall, I am going to be meeting with individuals, families, and groups to get to know the people of First Lutheran. If all you know about me is what you see on Sunday mornings, you see part of who Pastor Ann is, but there are lots of things that don't come out

on Sunday mornings. Conversely, I see you in the pew, or in the grocery store, and we may exchange greetings, but I don't really know who you are, what your story is. So, I will be inviting people to gather socially, so I can get to know you, and you can get to know me. I am looking forward to getting to know more about the awesome people at First Lutheran, and giving you an opportunity to know more about me.

Pastor Ann



Sunday, September 22nd

Contact the church office for more details.

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Email: office@firstlutheranpipestone.org

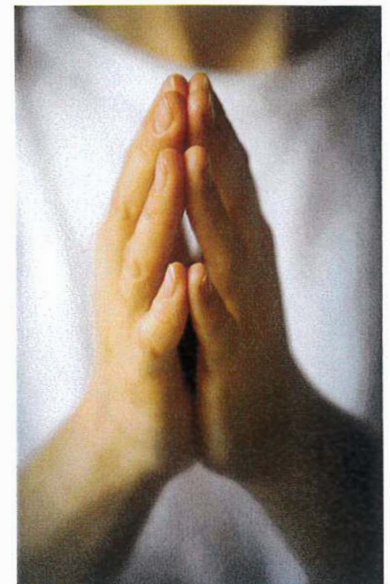
Prayer Partners

Prayer is talking to God, which can include things like praise, thanks, and supplication (asking for something). We can pray for situations, we can pray for people, we can pray for ourselves.

Being prayed for by someone else is a powerful experience. I will be setting up prayer partner opportunities for congregation members to be matched with First Lutheran's young people. As a prayer partner, you will be praying for your young person, especially when there are important things happening, such as the start of the school year, semester exams, times when families often travel (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, summer). It would be your choice if you would want to let your young person know that you are their prayer partner, or if you would rather be anonymous.

The power of prayer is strong, and we can all use prayer in our lives, especially our young people, as they make their way in the world.

Keep an eye out for an opportunity to pray for our young people!



F.L.C.W News & Activities

September 2024



Dear FLCW,

Welcome Fall!! We are working on our new FLCW Handbook. It should be coming your way later this month. It will be good for the next 2 years, which also tend to go really fast!

Our first FLCW meeting of our new Fall year will be on Tuesday, September 17th @2pm for an Ice Cream Social. Bring your favorite topping or goodie to go with ice cream. The Gather magazine will be our study.

Quilting will be on Thursday, September 12th & 26th beginning at 9:30am.

The Shetek Conference Fall Gathering will be on Saturday, September 28th at Shetek Lutheran Ministries. Cost is \$15 which includes a delicious brunch. The speaker will be Tera Elness who always a great job!! Let me know if you would like to attend.

First Lutheran will also be serving at The Banquet on Wednesday, October 23rd at the facility on the WEST side of Sioux Falls. Volunteers are needed to be there in the afternoon to help prepare the meal. The Youth will come down after school to serve. Please let me know if you can help prepare the meal.

Our leadership structure has changed a bit. You will see it in the new handbook or you can come to the meeting on September 17th. I hope we have a good turnout!!

May you enjoy these fall days!! Fall is my favorite season!

See You in Church!!

Kristy

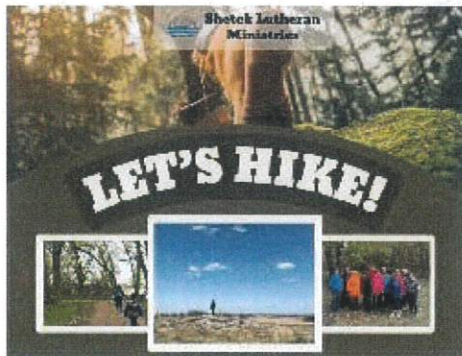
Shetek Happenings

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

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Welcome to the new Shetek Hiking Club - our monthly gathering to explore trails all across southwest Minnesota! Hike with us once a month throughout the year to meet new friends and explore our region. Hikes range from easy to strenuous, and include state parks and trails, county parks, and more. Let's move and learn together! Contact Katie at Katie@shetek.org or 507-763-3567 for more information.



Good Bye Summer!

Please join us for our Fall events.

Mark your Calendar

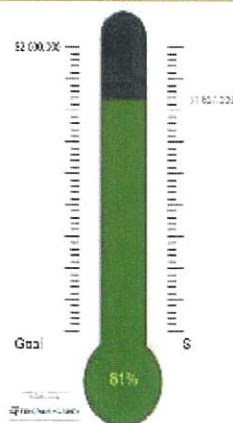
October 18-19 - **Octoberfest**

Wish List

- Glue and Glue Sticks
- Power Strips
- Mini Vans
- Volunteers

We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,627,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website.

<https://shetek.org/slm-master-plan/>



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!

Important Dates to mark:

- ⇒ Tuesday, September 3rd - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!!
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 4th - EARLY OUT (@school) & 6:15pm Confirmation orientation for kids & parents (grades 6-8).



- ⇒ Wednesday, September 11th - EARLY OUT (@school) & 6:15pm Confirmation
- ⇒ Friday, September 13th - 7:00pm S'more Arrow Football at the Three Maidens

Homecoming Week (Sept. 16th to Sept. 21st)

- ⇒ Wednesday, September 18th - EARLY OUT (@school) & 6:15pm Confirmation
- ⇒ Wednesday, September 25th - EARLY OUT (@school) & 6:15pm Confirmation

Remind

The REMIND app is being started just for First Lutheran 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!

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the Three Maidens Picnic
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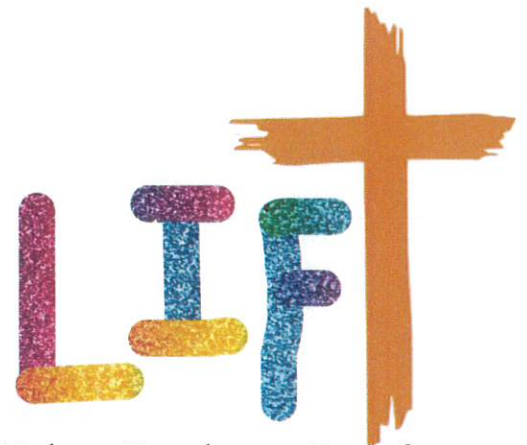


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 HAPPY LABOR DAY	3 	4 ~6:15pm Confirmation Orientation Gr 6-8 students & Parents **Early Out@2pm	5	6	7
8 ~10:45am— 9th gr Confir- mation	9	10	11 ~6:15pm Confirmation **Early Out@2pm	12	13 ~7:00pm S'more Arrow Football @ Three Maidens	14
15	16	17	18 ~6:15pm Confirmation **Early Out@2pm	19	20	21
<<<< Homecoming Week >>>>						
22	23	24	25 ~6:15pm Confirmation **Early Out@2pm	26	27	28
29 LIFT Kick-Off 11am—1pm	30					



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

Planning for the 2024-2025 LIFT year here at First Lutheran is done and we are just cleaning up a few details. Be sure to watch the church Bulletin, our Facebook page and the website for more details. Here is the current plan:



LIFT will have a Kick-Off on Sunday, September 29th at Southwest Park from 11:00am—1:00pm. There will be a picnic with Hot dogs, BBQ's & chips. We are still finishing up the activity details so stay tuned for more details on that as it becomes available.

Classes for LIFT (gr. PreK—5th) will begin on Wednesday, October 2nd. We decided to start a little later this year because it always seems that September is always just a little too hectic for the kids & their parents. With starting a little later, it lets things settle down a little before adding more to an already chaotic family schedule!!

Postcards will be mailed out once the final details are done so be watching for that coming soon!

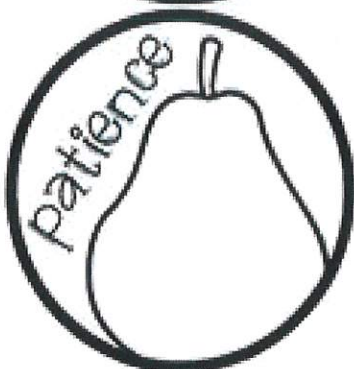
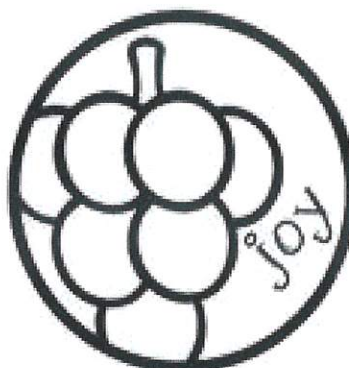
See you all soon,

The Sunday School Committee

The Fruit of the Spirit



I can color the Fruits of the Spirit, cut (with a 2" puncher), hole punch and attach to yarn to make a necklace.



The
LORD
is with
ME,

I will
not be
AFRAID

- Psalm 118:6 -



September 2024

Worship Assistants

Date	Worship Time	Reader	Acolytes	Communion Assistant(s)	Ushers *(captain)	Sound
9-1-2024 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Dave Dulas	-	Dave Dulas	*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Mark Muller ~Eric Ossefoort	
9-8-2024 *Holy Communion	9:30 a.m.	Lori Ilse	Aubrey Brockberg	Lori Ilse	*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Mark Muller ~Eric Ossefoort	Jason Weber
9-15-2024	9:30 a.m.	Tami Stevens	Aubrey Brockberg	—	*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Mark Muller ~Eric Ossefoort	Neil Johnson
9-22-2024	9:30 a.m.			—	*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Mark Muller ~Eric Ossefoort	Mike Straw ?
9-29-2024 New Member Sunday & LIFT Kick-off	9:30 a.m.	Lynne Dalen		—	*Jerry Brockberg (cpt) ~Eric Brockberg ~Kyle Hansen ~Mark Muller ~Eric Ossefoort	Mark Zinnel



We are in need of Readers, Communion Assistants, Usher Subs and help in the Sound Room. These are all simple jobs but we are in need of extra hands that are willing to learn a new skill! The more help we have the less work and time is needed from all who volunteer. Please contact the church office if you would be willing to give one of these things a whirl!! It may be more fun and easier than you think!

September Anniversaries



Sept. 1st: Robert & Audrey Hubner Tim & Carla Stanga	Sept. 15th: Russ & Lon Legler Jon & Shelly Kozlowski	Sept. 27th: Kim & Roland Wolff
Sept. 2nd: Jen & Brandon Prouty	Sept. 17th: Jen & James Skyberg Dave & Karli Buffington	Sept. 28th: Josh & Megan Watts
Sept. 14th: Derek & Kylene Ilse	Sept. 26th: Andrew & Kate Muller	

Wishing you a day of special moments for thankful remembering of all that has made your adventure of love a blessing and a joy.

September Birthdays



9/1	Robert Petersen	9/19	Mitchell Biever Bradley Hazelton Terry Swenson
9/2	Russ Legler Ava Muller Steve Sneller	9/20	Beth Larson
9/3	Steph Alfson Jim Lanoue	9/21	Zack Sneller
9/5	Darren Baartman Chris Hollingsworth	9/22	Vera Newgard Barb Rieck
9/6	Kayla Schulze Brandon Willey	9/23	Scot Carstensen LaVonne Lorang
9/7	Andrew Jansen	9/24	Bridget Benz Mike Kent Kayleigh Straw Westin Buffington Tyler Maschino Ole Wilson Mark Zinnel
9/9	Carol Veen		
9/10	Deanna Ahlers Lindsey Burtzel		
9/11	Chuck Mickelson	9/25	Ed Hansen Billy Kay Knutson Matt McCorquodale
9/12	Diane Leslie Dale Mathews		
9/13	Jill Boucher	9/27	Chuck Sendelbach
9/15	Gail Barduson Darrelyn Buffington	9/29	Jameson Carpenter Jon Klosterman Rhaelee Heidebrink Sailor Houselog
9/16	Maya Johnson		
9/18	Jon Kozlowski Wyatt Ossefoort Berit Wickland		

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!

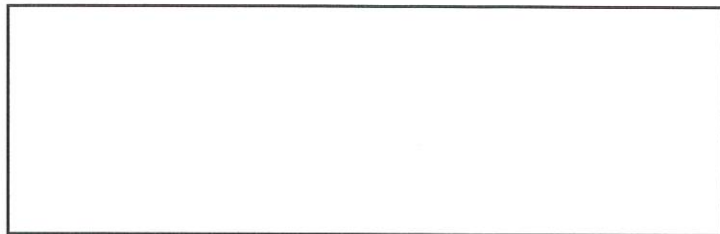
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ~9:30am - Worship w/ Communion	2 	3 	4 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer (hosting) ~6:15pm - Confirmation orientation (parents & students) ~7:00pm - Committee mtgs	5 ~5:15pm - Executive Comm. mtg	6	7
8 ~9:30am - Worship w/ Communion ~ 10:45am—9th Gr confirmation	9	10	11 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm - Confirmation ~7:30pm - Council mtg	12 ~9:30am - Quilting	13  ~7pm - S'more Arrow Football @Three Maidens	14 ~9am - Pastor Ann @ Synod Council mtg in RWF
15 ~9:30am - Worship ~ 10:45am - 9th Gr confirmation	16	17 ~10:30am Pastor in Zoom meeting	18 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm - Confirmation	19 ~Pastor Ann @ Synod Conf. mtg	20	21
22 ~9:30am - Worship Baptism - Christensen NEW MEMBERS ~10:45am - Bible Study (Fireside Rm)	23	24	25 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~6:15pm - Confirmation	26 ~9:30am - Quilting ~1:30pm FLC at Food Shelf	27	28
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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.**