

First Lutheran Church - ELCA

August 2025

The Voice of the First Lutheran Congregation

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Dogs Days and Beyond...

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We are officially in the "dog days" of summer, where it is so hot and humid that even the dogs just lay around in the shade and pant, and nobody feels like moving around much outside - though air conditioning inside does make a big difference! Some of you have



been faithful about attending worship at least some of the time, and others of you have been out of town and/or doing other things on Sunday mornings. I do hope that if you haven't been able to attend worship here in person that either you are able to catch First Lutheran's worship service online, on the radio, or on tv, or that you have attended worship wherever you are.

It has been an eventful summer so far! We have had 6 children go to camp at Shetek, and one of our youth members was a counselor there. Some days were hot, other days were nice, some weather was rainy, but all report having had a good time. The weather was decent {but warm} for the Water Tower Festival at the end of June, and we had fantastic cooler, non-rainy (mostly) weather for the County Fair at the end of July/start of August. The only challenge for the fair was the air quality wasn't the greatest, but that didn't seem to bother much of anyone. We sold out of several menu items, even after buying more food!

We are in August Planning Mode, getting ready for the next program season. I am planning confirmation curriculum.

Confirmation orientation will be on Wednesday, September 3 (yes, the day after school starts) at 6:15 (our usual meeting time), for students and parents in grades 6, 7, and 8. I will meet with the 9th graders separately. The LIFT leaders are also looking at calendars and events for their students. Keep an eye on the LIFT and church Facebook pages for more information!

We are also planning an outdoor worship service on Sunday, September 7th, across the street at Southwest Park, at the usual 9:30 time. We will have Blessing of the Backpacks that day, as we kick off the fall season. Please keep an eye on the church Facebook page and the bulletin for additional information - remember, bulletins are on the church website and on the church's Facebook page, so you can check out the announcements even if you aren't at church.

I have enjoyed catching up with folks who have been in worship this summer, and I look forward to hearing about the summer adventures of others when you return in the fall. Please don't forget to take note of where you see God! We still have some of the post-cards on the table in the narthex, and we would love to hear of your God Sightings!

See You in Church!

Pastor Ann



Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the gift of \$413.00 you shared for this year's Synod Assembly offering. No area excites or concerns congregations in our synod more than the engagement of children, youth, and young families. Ensuring that young people grow in faith is vital to our work together as the SW MN Synod. And so, your offering this year helped us invest in equipping faith formation leaders to cultivate faith growth with their youth through our Synod Minister Pr. Seyward Ask, who strengthens a network of Youth & Family ministries, as well as Jr. & Sr. High events & LYO that gather young people to experience God's love.

Rev. Dee Pederson - Bishop, SW MN Synod



Noisy Offering for June/July was collected for: Pipestone Veteran's Memorial

The total amount collected was: \$381.97

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

June/July 2025 Offerings

| Monthly Offering needed: \$21,265.00 | June | July |
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| Weekly Offering – week 1 | 60,700,72 | 0148.0 |
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| Weekly Offering – week 4 | 4.2.8 | gasatie. |
| Weekly Offering – week 5 | 2000 | |
| MONTH-END TOTAL: | 1000 | |
| Difference from Budget amount needed: | 107.3.72 | N. L. W. |

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!!



Council Highlights from June 11th, 2025

- MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cristy Appel, Al Hollingsworth, Nicole Weber, Robert Baerenwald, Kristy Henriksen, Pastor Ann Zastrow, Danielle Ossefoort, Thad Reinert, Sarah Meyer Absent: Karen Boehm & Marit Sterud
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Table the following bills: \$1000 (Synod), \$70.95 (Cristy Appel) & \$270.00 (Paul H.) until next month. Transfer funds (\$13500) from Reserve to cover the deficit. Bills for mowing should come out of the 'building fund' money.
- VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Met w/Karen Hellie regarding the Food Shelf. Sarah will be taking over the Food Shelf. FLC has signed up to work July 17th from 1:30pm-5pm. Will need 6-8 people to help so will make calls to people.
- PASTOR'S REPORT: Continuing Ed participating in The Moses Project through Grand View University in Des Moines, IA. It will meet in person, August 2025, January 2026 & May 2026. The cost is \$250 plus mileage. The rest is covered by a Lilly Grant.
 - Congregational Life: Talking about the possibility of an outdoor morning service.
- Property Management: Parsonage updates discussed sealing the unused stack from the old water heater that was dripping into the main floor bathroom. Bell tower – have another person coming to look at it. Cost will be about \$1500.
 - Youth: Used all 50 tickets that were purchased for the Canaries game in Sioux Falls!
- New coffee maker has been delivered and is paid for. Will call the electrician to do the electrical cord. Will need a water filter for the coffee maker and water fountains.
 - WaterTower Festival will not be participating this year
 - Still working on water fountains

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 @7:30pm

Council Highlights from July 9th, 2025

- MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Cristy Appel, Al Hollingsworth, Robert Baerenwald, Danielle Ossefoort, Thad Reinert, Sarah Meyer, Karen Boehm, Pastor Ann Zastrow Absent: Nicole Weber, Marit Sterud, Kristy Henricksen
 - TREASURER'S REPORT: Cristy made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed.
 Robert seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion followed regarding payments to the
 Synod. Cristy made a motion to begin paying the Synod \$600/month from August to December
 2025.
 - VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sarah recruited 9 members to help with Food Shelf!
 - PASTOR'S REPORT: New members will be recognized and a baptism on July 27th.
- Congregational Life: Looking into an outdoor service on September 7th @SW Park. Jason will check into how to make sure we can have it on the radio.
- Property Management: Check choir steps for safety. Will accept bid to replace. Coordinate with bell tower repair if possible.
 - Sunday School/LIFT: LIFT Roundup??
- Youth: Updated children's bags for church. Youth sign-up for Fair online. 7 students are attending Bible camp
 - Coffee Maker plumber will hook up in 2 weeks.
 - 2nd Qtr statements are out
 - Stewardship Planning Calendar: promotional materials and plan ideas from other churches for financial planning are being looked at.
- Planned Giving Pastor Ann will contact a speaker about December or January dates.

Reminders:

a. Serve at Food Shelf July 17
b. New members - July 27
c. Outdoor Worship - September 7
d. Football at Fire Pit - October 3

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 @7:30pm

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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.



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



First Lutheran has had 2 baptisms with a 3rd one coming up in August (and ALL boys!):

We Welcomed:

Beau Isaac Ossefoort on Sunday, July 13th, 2025

Parents: Eric & Danielle Ossefoort

Sponsors: Chessa Ossefoort and Isaac (Ike) & Pam Ossefoort

Cooper Michael Dwire on Sunday, July 27th, 2025

Parents: Mike & Ashley Dwire

Sponsors: Ben Dwire and Kristi Dwire

We will welcome:

Otto James Cormany on Saturday, August 16th, 2025

Parents: Tyler & Shelby (Myers) Cormany

Sponsors: Layne & Zoey Lewis, Ross Hendriks, Nicole Schmidt-Muth and

Kenedy Mergen





We also welcomed some new members on Sunday, July 28th, 2025!!

Mike & Ashley Dwire and their children, Gracelynn & Cooper. Ashley is an Occupational Therapist at PCMC and Mike works in Edgerton as a HS teacher. WELCOME to our family here at First Lutheran!!!! We are blessed to have you all here!

SCHOOL KIT SUPPLIES

We are beginning our collection for school kit supplies. Supplies needed are as follows:

~4 - 70-sheet notebooks, wide or college-ruled; 8"x10 ½" (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)

 \sim 5 – 5 unsharpened #2 pencils w/erasers, bundle together with a rubber band.

~5 – ballpoint pens (NO gel), secure together with a rubber band.

Please place the supplies in the tote in the Narthex.

These kits will be assembled after worship so please be watching future bulletins, as well as our website & FB page for additional information.

Cards and Cash Benefiting Lori and Curt Ilse

From Aug 1st to Aug 30th First Lutheran would like to help one of our own. Curt's cancer journey is a journey that took the Ilse family on a new road. Cancer treatments are every day to Sioux Falls. Let's help one of our First Lutheran Church families.

Please consider donating Gift cards for gas or groceries or cash. You can drop off in offering plate, at the church office or call Cristy Appel at 507-215-1738. Cristy's Venmo is attached if you prefer this way of donating.

Thank you for your generous donations. If you have Venmo you can Venmo Cristy Appel using the Venmo code to the right >>.

Thank you for helping one of our own.

First Lutheran Church

Cristy Appel

@Cristy-Appel



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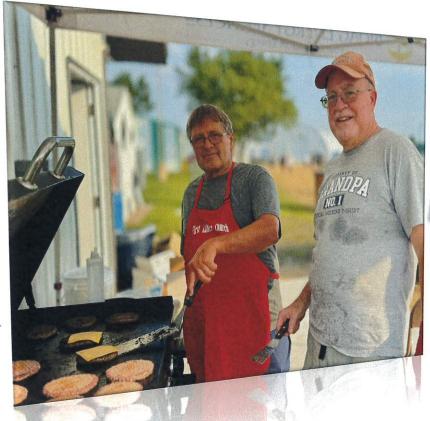
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THANK YOU to all who helped fill the shifts at the FLC Fairstand or who even just stopped to get a bite to eat! You all helped to make our fairstand another success again this year!!!





2025 Fairstand Stats:

| Total Hamburgers/cheeseburgers/dbl burgers sold | 1449 |
|---|------|
| Total hot dogs/chili dogs sold | 318 |
| Total Walking tacos sold | 402 |
| Total BBQ's sold | 79 |
| Total slices of pie | 154 |
| Total cans of pop | 1279 |
| Total bottles of water | 591 |

A total profit from the fairstand will be posted once all of the bills have been received. THANK YOU AGAIN to all who stepped up to work shifts (& some more than one shift!) and all of those who came to eat!! A very special thanks to Steve Werner (manager), Mark Zinnel, Rita Hazelton & Lori Ilse for all of the extra work that you put in to make the FLC Fairstand so successful again this year!



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Thank you to everyone who helped at the Food Shelf on Thursday, July 17th!!

You all did such a GREAT job and worked so good together!!

Sarah Meyer

F.L.C.W News & Activities





August 2025

Dear FLCW,

Our next Lutheran World Relief project is the School Kit. Sales after the 4^{th} of July are a great time to gather the needed items. They are:

*70 sheet notebooks

* ruler with centimeters and inches

*blunt scissors

*ballpoint pens (no gel)

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Backpacks will be purchased. 100 is our annual goal.

See you in church!

*pencil sharpener

*16 or 24 count box of crayons

*unsharpened #2 pencils

*eraser approx. 2 ½ "

Kristy

Shetek Happenings

August 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



Thanks for another successful Quilt Auction!!



Thanks for a great summer!

Wish List

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

Come see us at the Murray County Fair August 13-16



Help send kids to Camp...Become a
Pelican Club or Timber Society
member today. Pelican Clu-b
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!





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 Youth - Give us some ideas on what you would like to see here at First Lutheran! What are your interests, hobbies, activities that we could also do here that you would like to participate in? Send an email to the church office & we will do our best to give you what you are looking for!

Kidz

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| apart from me you can do nothing." |
| Iohn 15.5 NIV |

him, he will bear much fruit," Answer: "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in

August 2025 Worship Assistants

| Date | Worship Time | Reader | Acolytes | Communion Assistant(s) | Ushers *(captain) | Sound |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| 8-3-2025 *Holy Communion | 9:30 a.m. | Lori lise | Bryer Evans | Cristy Appel | *Robert Baerenwald (cpt) ~Creighton Schroyer ~Scott Rudie ~Brandon Alfson | Ryan Wielenberg |
| 8-10-2025 *Holy Communion | 9:30 a.m. | | Kelsey Sneller | Dave Dulas | *Robert Baerenwald (cpt) | Mark Zinnel |
| 8-17-2025 | 9:30 a.m. | | Coral Dengler | | *Robert Baerenwald (cpt) | Neil Johnson |
| 8-24-2025 | 9:30 a.m. | | Kelsey Sneller | | *Robert Baerenwald (cpt) | Jason Weber |
| 8-31-2025 | 9:30 a.m. | | Kale Mastbergen | | *Robert Baerenwald (cpt) | Ryan Wielenberg |

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

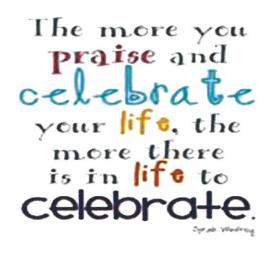
If you are able to help us out, please sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex OR you can sign up online by using the QR code to the right >>>.





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

| August 1st Lance & Tammy Oye Mike & Jennifer 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 |
| August 26th Gerry & Gaile Brockberg | August 28th Dan & Kristen Lee | |

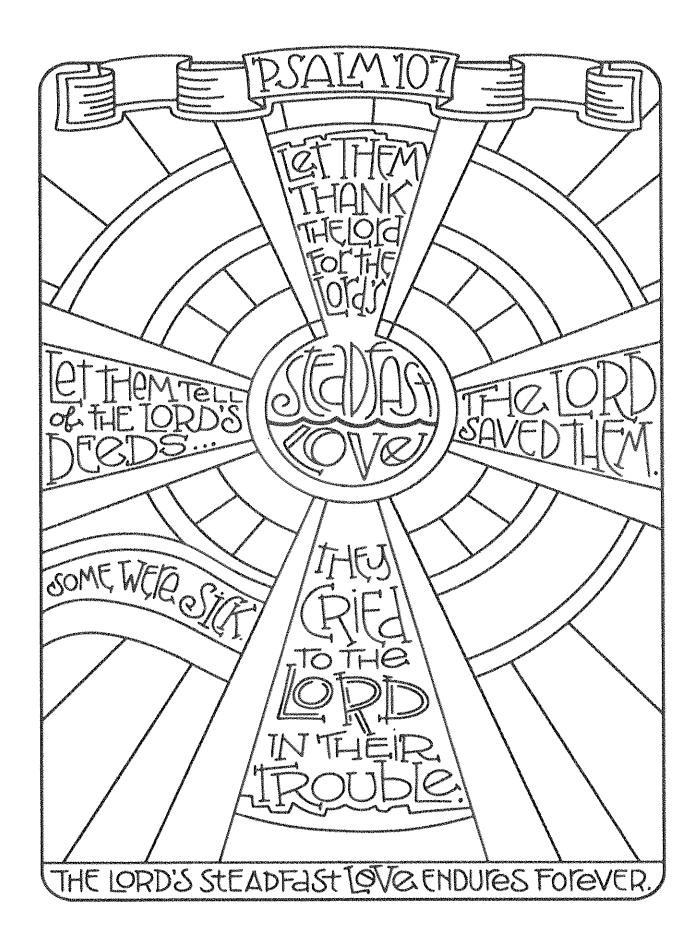


On your special day, you are wished all the very best, all the joy you can ever have and may you also be blessed abundantly today, tomorrow and the days to come!



| August 1 | Tish Abrahamson Sheila Horton | August 17 | Oliver Sterud | | |
|-----------|--|-----------|--|--|--|
| August 2 | Marjorie 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 Dawson Kellen | August 21 | Patti Peterson Amy Willey Brianna Woodbury | | |
| August 6 | Elle Mastbergen Ryan Woodbury | August 22 | Titan Burnett | | |
| August 7 | Bradley Willey | August 23 | Gerry Brockberg | | |
| August 8 | Rysley Borman Mildred Carstensen Tristin Dunn Jason Weber | August 24 | Boyer Heidebrink Craig Thies Hailey Thode | | |
| August 11 | Rollie Wolff | August 25 | Bob Taubert | | |
| August 12 | Randi Delaney | August 26 | Jim Hartke LaDonna Myers | | |
| August13 | Mason Gunnink | August 27 | Jeff Griebel Kale Mastbergen | | |
| August 14 | Jaime Danks Matthew Dulas Andrew Larson Arvid Maschino Thad Reinert Tanya Schroyer | August 28 | Renee Baumann (Hubner) | | |
| August 15 | Silas McCorquodale Dorie Sendelbach | August 30 | Ron Ahlers Jim Delaney Chris Hollingsworth Emma Velde | | |
| August 16 | Morgan Maschino | August 31 | Molly Dengler | | |





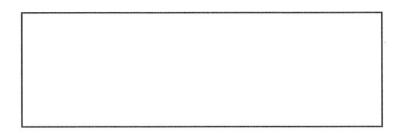


| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 Cour | 2 nty Fair |
| 3 ~9:30am - Worship w/Communion | 4 | 5 | 6 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~7:00pm - Committee mtgs ~6:30pm Exec. Committee mtg | 7 ~9:30am - Quilting | 8 | 9 |
| West Manager and American Pro- | | e for Continuing Ed | | | | |
| 10 ~9:30am - Worship w/Communion | 11 | 12 | 13 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~7:30pm - Council mtg | 14 ~9:30am - Quilting | 15 | 16 ~11am- Baptism (Cormany) |
| ~9:30am - Worship ~Pastor @Good Sam (1pm) & Ridgeview (2pm) | 18 | 19 | ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 ~9:30am - Worship 31 ~9:30am - Worship | 25 | 26 | 27 ~HOSTING 8:15am - Pastor's Prayer | 28 ~9:30am - Quilting | ~5pm Dunn/Paulsen rehearsal | ~4pm Dunn/Paulsen wedding |



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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.