



First Lutheran Church - ELCA

May 2025

The Voice

of the First Lutheran Congregation

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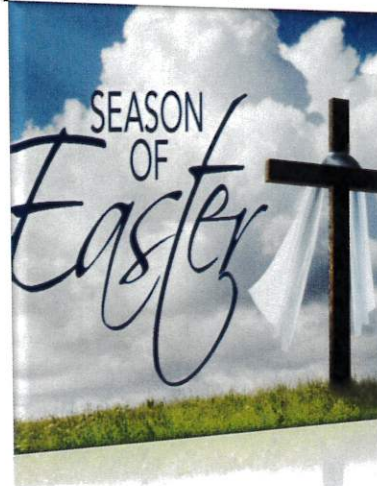
The 'Season' of Easter?

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Happy Easter!

Easter is past. Baskets, plastic eggs, and that green grass that gets all over and sticks to everything are put away. Dyed hard-boiled eggs are eaten (or in the trash). Bunny ears and tails have been lost. It is time to look forward to hotdogs at ball games, graduation parties with a variety of different food menus, and flags flying for Memorial Day, Flag Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day.

Not so fast! Easter is NOT over! The season of Easter is “a week of Sundays,” meaning it is 7 weeks long, ending on June 8 with Pentecost, where the Holy Spirit comes on the disciples. Until then, our readings will be a bit different than usual.



· Our first readings will be from Acts, not the Old Testament. We will hear about the message that the disciples and Paul spread throughout Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and even into Asia. We will find out a little about the early church and some of the people who heard the Good News of Jesus Christ.

· Our second readings will be from the book of Revelation. Many of them are centered on praising the Lamb (Jesus), and the coming of the New Jerusalem.

Council Highlights from April 9th, 2025

- ◆ MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pastor Ann Zastrow, Kristy Henriksen, Sarah Meyer, Al Hollingsworth, Robert Baerenwald, Nicole Weber, Marit Sterud, Thad Reinert, Karen Boehm, Cristy Appel absent: Danielle Ossefoort
- ◆ TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion made to pay all bills out of the general fund, motion carried.
- ◆ PASTOR'S REPORT: report was presented and approved.
- ◆ PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Would like to have coffee fellowship more regularly; possibly call it "Holy Buzz". Motion made to accept report, motion carried.
- ◆ VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Food Shelf donation discussed. Following was proposed: helping one Thursday per month so the Food Shelf could stay open until 6pm for people who work until 5pm. This would begin in June, need volunteers for this. Shifts would be 3-6pm & 4-6pm.
 - ◆ Adult Ed: DVD's available for people in the library.
 - ◆ Property Management: The bell tower is still leaking.
- ◆ Worship: Mother's Day & Senior (graduate) Sunday, will provide cake for after service.
- ◆ Youth: Free tickets for the Canaries game on "Family Faith Night", Wednesday, June 4th, 2025 @6:35pm
- ◆ Unfinished Business: Mark Z. gathered a list of coffee makers to purchase, Kristy, FLCW & Property Management will make a decision and purchase., Kitchen painting is completed, bank signatures are all updated.
- ◆ Quarterly Offering reports - update for congregation to be included in the Voice and included in quarterly financial statements. Worship attendance, financial status and what's happening around the church.
 - ◆ Nursery will be available for Easter Sunday in the Fireside Room for ages 0-3.
- ◆ Future business: Drinking fountains, rent portable??, Property Management will look into

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 @7:30pm

wish/hope that the disciples will have the same sort of close relationship he has with his Father.

It is good for all of the trappings of Easter to be packed away, but the New Life that Jesus' resurrection provides gives us a lot to ponder over these next weeks. Please join us at worship (in person, online, on the radio, or on local cable tv) to hear what happens after "the end" of the story!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

See you in Church!

Pastor Ann

I thought I would share these with you, I sure needed to read these. Check out more on the website below! Lori

Easter Messages of Hope

- ♦ Easter is a reminder that even in our darkest hours, there is a light waiting to shine bright. Embrace that inner brilliance and let it guide your path forward.
- ♦ As we reflect on the resurrection, let us also recognize the constant renewals happening within ourselves. **Life is an ongoing transformation**, never static and always moving.
- ♦ Through trials and tribulations, it's the unwavering faith that keeps us going. This Easter, let's embrace the power of belief and the miracles it can usher.
- ♦ **Blessings come in many forms**; some we see, some we feel. On this holy day, open your heart to the intangible gifts that life offers.
- ♦ Easter is not just about painted eggs and cute bunnies. It's a testament to the **enduring human spirit**, which, against all odds, continues to rise and shine.
- ♦ The stories of Easter teach us that sometimes, to find your purpose, you must travel through darkness. But remember, it's the **journey that shapes us**, not just the destination.
- ♦ Life's challenges may seem insurmountable at times. But on this day, remember the power of resilience and faith. Like the springtime flowers, **always reach for the sun.**

Excerpts from the website: <https://readingswithhope.com>



Noisy Offering for April & May is being collected for:
Lutheran Disaster Relief

The total amount collected was: **\$159.09**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE IMPORTANT OUTREACH NEEDS.

April 2025 Offerings

| | |
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| Monthly Offering needed: \$21,150.00 | |
| Lent Offering – no service/weather | |
| Weekly Offering – week 1 | |
| Lent Offering | |
| Weekly Offering – week 2 | |
| Lent Offering—Maundy Thurs | |
| Lent Offering—Good Friday | |
| Weekly Offering – week 3 (Easter Sunday) | |
| 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.



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

April 15, 2025

Dear Friends of First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your Congregation gift of \$139.37 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 Nysetvold

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Executive Director

Thank you for your gift + prayers!



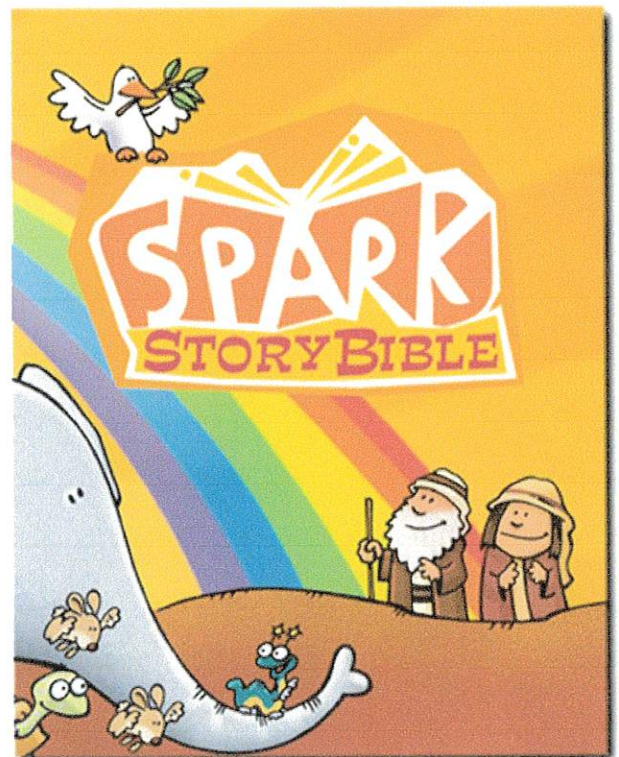


We will be welcoming our newest members on **Sunday, May 18th at the 9:30am worship service.**

If you or someone you know would like to become a member of First Lutheran, please contact the office as soon as possible!

Our 3 year-olds will also be receiving their Bibles on **Sunday, May 18th at the 9:30am worship service.**

We are so excited to be helping some of our youngest members continue on their journey of learning more about Jesus by reading some of the great stories that we all grew up with! If you do not receive a letter and you have a 3 year-old, please contact the Church office so we can make sure that our records are accurate!



FIRST Communion



On Sunday, March 23rd four of our 5th graders participated in learning about their First Communion. They were able to paint their own chalices as well as making the communion bread that would be taken during their First Communion on Maundy Thursday.

Congratulations to Kynlee Ilse, Connor Ilse, Connor Thode and Elliott Sterud!!





To celebrate Palm Sunday, we had a Palm Parade to begin the service. The LIFT Littles & Middles sang following the parade with the LIFT Bigs singing later on in the service. To complete the Palm Sunday Service the LIFT Bigs lead us in the song, "My Lighthouse". It was a great way to begin Holy Week 2025!



F.L.C.W News & Activities

May 2025



Dear FLCW,
Happy Spring!! I hope you had a blessed Easter.

Thank you to all who donated items for the Personal Care kits during Lent. Ninety kits were assembled. In July, we will begin collecting items for School Kits (sales usually start after July 4th).

Items needed are: single subject notebooks, rulers, erasers, ballpoint pens, unsharpened pencils, 16 or 24 ct boxes of crayons, blunt scissors and pencil sharpeners.

The new coffee maker for the kitchen will be ordered soon. FLCW and the Meatball Committee will each pay half of the cost.

Graduate Quilts will be presented on Sunday, May 11th during worship. Quilting will continue this spring and summer. May dates are 8th and 22nd beginning at 9:30am.

The Shetek Quilt Auction will be held on June 27th - 28th at the camp on Lake Shetek. FLCW is donating 6 denim rugs and 1 quilt. If you have items to donate, let me know soon.

Group Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 20th at 9:30am for a coffee potluck. There will also be a Summer Day Away sometime this summer. Stay tuned for more info.

May you enjoy these spring days of gardening, planting crops and being outdoors.

See You in Church!!

Kristy

Shetek Happenings

May 2025



14 Keeley Island Drive
Slayton, MN 56172
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camp@shetek.org
www.shetek.org

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



Please apply to join our fun staff this summer.
<https://shetek.org/work-at-shetek/>



Still Time to Register for Camp

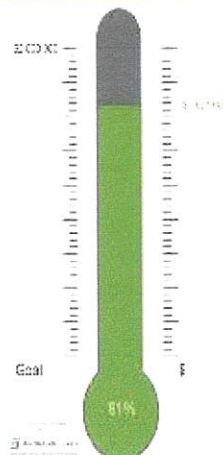
Wish List

- Volunteers
- New Vacuums
- Adding Machines
- Spark Bibles
- Board Games
- Office Supplies – Staplers, Dry Erase Markers, Paper, Tape Dispensers

Mark your Calendar

May 18 Hiking Club
June 8 First Day of Camp
June 23 Golf Tournament
June 27 Quilt Auction Preview
June 28 Quilt Auction

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!



SHETEK
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

14 Keeley Island Drive Slayton, MN 56172

Located 8 miles north of Slayton on Hwy.
59 then 2 miles east on Vahalla Road
Please allow for extra time with the road
construction.

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 28, 2025**

**10:30 A.M.
in the Activity Center**

- Pulled Pork Dinner
11a.m.-1p.m. \$10/person
- Hand Quilted and Machine-
Quilted Quilts

Quilt Preview

Friday, June 27 - 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Picnic Supper 5:30-7:00 p.m. \$8/person

Saturday, June 28 - 8:30-10:00 a.m.

QUILTS AND QUILTED ITEMS CAN BE VIEWED ONLINE AT
WWW.SHETEK.ORG



Theme Baskets

Available on
our Silent Auction!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (507) 763-3567

Auctioneers: Donna Gravely, Windom, MN

Justin Van Grootheest, Edgerton, MN - John Croatt, Storden, MN

VISA, Mastercard & Discover accepted. Support provided by Thrivent Financial. ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUMMER CAMP MINISTRY.

UNABLE TO ATTEND?

NO WORRIES! Call or email a bid in ahead of time. (507) 763-3567 or
email camp@shetek.org. Members of our quilt committee will bid
for you the day of the auction. Bids must be in by June 26, 2025.

Recharge Your
Life & Faith

Shetek's beautiful setting, comfortable
accommodations, and creative experi-
ences provide for year round fun and
adventure in the great outdoors.



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries

27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Supporting the ministries at camp making it
possible for many campers to attend our programs

JUNE 23 2025 || 8:30 AT SLAYTON GOLF COURSE

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**INCLUDES
18 HOLES OF GOLF, LUNCH,
SPECIAL EVENTS, & PRIZES
GOLF CART PROVIDED
\$75 PER GOLFER**



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!

Important Dates to mark:

- ⇒ Sunday, May 18th: 9:30am Senior Sunday - our 2025 Seniors will be celebrated and presented with their quilts from the FLCW ladies.
- ⇒ Sunday, May 18th: All 3-year-olds will receive their story Bibles during worship @9:30am.
- ⇒ Sunday, May 25th: GRADUATION DAY!!! Congratulations to our 2025 Grads!!
- ⇒ Wednesday, June 4th - 6:35pm - FAITH AND FAMILY Night at the Canaries game

Save the Date
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
YOUTH EVENT

FAITH AND FAMILY NIGHT

JUNE 4, 2025
6:35

CANARIES VS SIOUX CITY

TICKETS SPONSORED BY FLC YOUTH

Sign up

A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster, with a yellow arrow pointing to it. The poster also features illustrations of a baseball bat, a baseball, and a baseball glove.

May 2025

Worship Assistants



| Date | Worship Time | Reader | Acolytes | Communion Assistant(s) | Ushers *(captain) | Sound |
|---|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 5-4-2025 *Holy Communion | 9:30 a.m. | Nancy Johnson | Coral Dengler | | *Rob Woodbury (cpt) ~Chris Evans family ~ Derek Ilse ~ Scott Sterud family ~ Mike Wussow | Jason Weber |
| 5-11-2025 <i>Mother's Day & Senior Sunday</i> | 9:30 a.m. | 2025 Seniors | Kale Mastbergen | Cristy Appel | *Rob Woodbury (cpt) ~Chris Evans family ~ Derek Ilse ~ Scott Sterud family ~ Mike Wussow | Ryan Wielenberg |
| 5-18-2025 New Member Sunday & 3yo Bibles | 9:30 a.m. | | Kelsey Sneller | _____ | *Rob Woodbury (cpt) ~Chris Evans family ~ Derek Ilse ~ Scott Sterud family ~ Mike Wussow | Neil Johnson |
| 5-25-2025 Memorial Day & Graduation | 9:30 a.m. | | Oliver Sterud | _____ | *Rob Woodbury (cpt) ~Chris Evans family ~ Derek Ilse ~ Scott Sterud family ~ Mike Wussow | Mark Zinnel |



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 get signed up online by using this QR code >>>>>:



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



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| May 6th Ron & Deanna Ahlers | May 11th Jim & Karina Lanoue | May 12th Tom & Diane Dunn |
| May 20th Chris & Shelby Evans | May 23rd Chuck & Colette DeSchepper | May 24th Joe & Doreen Henderson |
| May 26th Bill & Marlys Winter | May 27th Curt & Lori Ilse | May 29th Jason & Nicole Weber |



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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| | | May 18 | Miley Gunnink |
| May 3 | Glenda Carstensen | May 19 | Sharon Blom Josie Danks |
| May 4 | Carmen Skyberg | May 20 | Andrew Barduson Ron Carlson Kyree Hazelton Rachel Skyberg |
| May 5 | Kristen Brockberg Darian Bush | May 21 | Bree Kneebone Zoe Velde |
| May 6 | Beth Stickrod | May 22 | Tommie Chaulsett Troy Chaulsett Karen Hellie |
| May 7 | McKenzie Dulas Shelby Evans | May 24 | Olyvia Weber |
| May 8 | Elle Brockberg | May 26 | Julie Colvin Spencer Hazelton Andrew Muller Darlene Muller Deb Smith |
| May 9 | Sydnee Hubner | May 27 | Nathan Christensen |
| May 10 | Paul Johnson Emery Musch Ethan Musch | May 28 | Parklynn Alderson |
| May 13 | Matthew Jansen | May 30 | Laura Thode |
| May 14 | Sarah Meyer | May 31 | Josh Mabon |
| May 15 | Ellen Dulas Kayla Royer Traeten Rustad | | |
| May 16 | Nicole Buffington Wade Smith | | |

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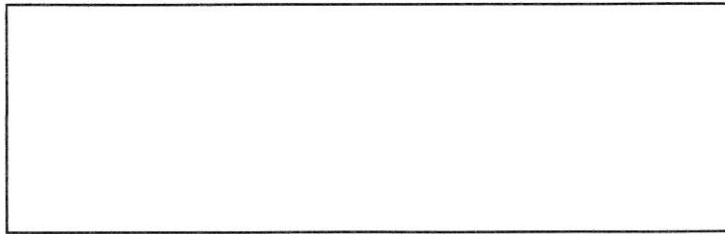
2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 ~5:30pm Exec. Committee mtg | 2 | 3 ~SW MN Women's Confer- ence |
| 4 ~9:30am - Worship w/Communion | 5 | 6 | 7 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~7:00pm - Committee mtgs | 8 ~Boundaries Training in St. Cloud ~9:30am - Quilting | 9 | 10 |
| 11 <i>Mother's Day</i> ~9:30am - Worship Senior Sunday | 12 | 13 ~8:30am - Ministerial mtg | 14 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~7:30pm - Church Council mtg. | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 ~9:30am - Worship 3yo Bibles & new members | 19 | 20 ~Pastor Ann out of office ~9:30am - FLCW Group Circle | 21 ~8:15am - Pastor's Prayer ~7:30pm Bacclaureate | 22 ~9:30am - Quilting | 23 | 24 |
| 25 ~9:30am - Worship ~2pm - PAS Graduation | 26 ~Office Closed  | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |



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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.