



The **2025 Annual Meeting** of First Lutheran Church is today at 10:45 am in Centennial Hall. The youth will be serving brunch.

Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm & 1:00—4:30 pm

Friday: 8:00 am—12:00 pm

The church will be locked during the noon hour (12—1) for security.

Bibles and Bows would like to invite all area churches to this event. This is a FREE, non-denominational, monthly activity at the Southwest Bowbenders Archery Club. Each event will feature a different speaker and opportunities for shooting indoor archery and fellowship. **All equipment and necessary instruction will be provided**, but personal equipment may be used as well. Pre-registration is not necessary; just show up and join the fun! Any questions may be directed to John Steinle at 507-370-0597.

Love Inc. is looking for volunteer drivers:

- Help Bring Neighbors in Need to Appointments (Primarily Medical Appointments)
- Choose which rides you can offer
- Local and long distance requests
- Volunteer as often or as seldom as desired
- Be paired with someone who is the same gender
- Background Check Required

Interested: Call 507-727-7291 or E-mail camila@loveincw.org

First Lutheran Church – ELCA

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Ministers: All baptized members – Jeanette McCormick, Pastor

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January 25, 2026 – Nicodemus (* = please stand)

GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (p. 97)

*GATHERING SONG

ELW 456, “Baptized in Water”

*GREETING

*KYRIE (ELW 157)

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

ELW 208, “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

READING: Ezekiel 36:24-27 (Red Bible p. 704)

PSALM 139:13-18 (Red Bible p. 503)

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN’S SERMON

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174, “Celtic Alleluia”

*GOSPEL: John 3:1-21 (Red Bible p. 863-864)

SERMON

Pastor Jeanette

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 323, “God Loved the World”

*APOSTLES CREED

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*PEACE

OFFERING & CGC MOMENT

OFFERING SONG

ELW 310, “Songs of Thankfulness and Praise” (vs. 1)

OFFERING PRAYER (p. 144)

*LORD’S PRAYER (p. 145)

*BLESSING (p. 146)

*SENDING SONG

ELW 451, “We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus”

*DISMISSAL (p. 146)

Why we sing *God Loved the World* is to give voice to the heart of Jesus’ conversation with Nicodemus: faith is not about having everything figured out, but about trusting the love God has already revealed. Rooted in John 3:16, this hymn names Christ as the ground of faith—not certainty, status, or understanding, but God’s self-giving love made flesh for the sake of the world. Like Nicodemus, we come with questions, doubts, and longing, and we are met not with dismissal but with grace. The hymn’s quiet confidence reminds us that faith is received, not achieved, and that God’s saving work meets us precisely where we are on our faith journey. Singing it alongside today’s gospel affirms that discipleship is a lifelong vocation of trusting God’s love and returning again and again to Christ, who is with us even when our questions remain.

SUNDAY SERVANTS

ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR: Paula Laffrenzen
ACOLYTE: Braelynn Schroeder
SOUND: Ethan Nixon
POWERPOINT: Glenda Lais
ORGANIS: Nancy Hofstee
VAN DRIVERS: 1-25 Midg White (360-3215)
2-1 Matt Russell (360-5835)
GREETER: John Kramer
LIVESTREAM: Erin Makela
COFFEE: Clinton & Alison Nixon Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 71 Attendance a year ago: 87
Attendance Last Wednesday: 15 Livestream: 426



Members: Bob Benson, Linda Towne, Mike Vosburgh, Joan Tofteland, Logan Waldner, Shirley Frisch, Erin Schutte-Wadzinski, Wadzinski Family, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Jean Black, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen

Members in Nursing Homes: Doris Selberg

Members in Care Facilities: Karen Lewis, Jean Bender

Family Members & Friends: Diane (DeWitt) Duitsman, Tiah Colacci (friend of Pastor Jeanette), Aaron & Amy Koob (nephew of Dale & Debbie Koob), Rita Knutson, Wendy Frodermann (family of Eric & Lisa Milbrath), Rachael Felske (granddaughter of Karen Buchman), Darlene Voxland (Aunt of Lisa Waldner), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son)

Our service men and women and Love INC

FELC SCHEDULE FOR January 26-February 1, 2026

Monday - 26	9:00AM	BULLETIN DEADLINE
Tuesday - 27	7:00AM	Early Risers Bible Study
Wednesday - 28	4:00-5:15PM	Kids for Christ (KFC)
	5:15PM	Meal
	6:00PM	Book Study/Worship
	6:30PM	Confirmation
	6:30PM	Sanctuary Choir
	7:30PM	Youth Group
Thursday - 29	6:00PM	Beverages and Bibles @ Elks
Friday - 30		Pastor's Sabbath Day
Saturday - 31		
Sunday - 1	8:00AM	Grace Lutheran Worship
	8:45AM	Sunday School
	9:30AM	Worship/Communion - Woman at the Well

Radio Broadcast Sponsor:

(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

Join us on Wednesday nights during Epiphany (Jan 7-Feb 11) as we study *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Faith in Community* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. All are welcome to join, whether you've read the assigned pages or not.



Are you in need of a gift idea??? Do you need gas or groceries? We have Hy-Vee and Fareway gift cards you can purchase [HERE](#) and by doing so you are supporting the church. The more we sell, the more we can deposit into the general fund. These cards make great gifts. Gift Cards will be available in the office during office hours and during coffee hour on Communion Sundays. Thank You!