

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**

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

**Friday** 8:00 am—12:00 pm

Church will be locked over the noon hour.

**WORSHIP:** 6:00 pm—Wednesday  
 9:30 am—Sunday

**COMMUNION:** Wednesday  
 First & Third Sunday

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 8:45 am (Sept–May)

June

2026

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**HAPPY  
 FATHER'S  
 DAY!**

*MISSION STATEMENT*

**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
 CHURCH, WORTHINGTON, MN**

*God has called us, the baptized  
 members of First Evangelical  
 Lutheran Church, Worthington,  
 Minnesota, to proclaim the Gospel  
 and make disciples of all people.*

*Living out our Mission*

*In obedience, we commit ourselves  
 to the Lord's ministry rooted in a  
 fertile agricultural prairie of God's  
 creation. Relying on the promise of  
 the Holy Spirit, and through Word  
 and Sacraments, we will grow  
 toward wholeness through worship,  
 learning, service, witness, support,  
 and fellowship.*

*Adopted 5-31-87*

**CONGREGATION OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT** – Matt Russell  
 (507) 360-5835  
**VICE PRESIDENT** – Lonnie Myrom  
 (507) 329-3849  
**SECRETARY** – Carrie Adams  
 (507) 329-5625

**CHURCH STAFF**

Jeanette McCormick—Pastor  
 Natalie Zinnel—Administrative Secretary/  
 Co-Treasurer  
 Brenda Richards—Youth & Family Director  
 Todd Poppema—Custodian  
 Eric Parrish —Choir Director/Worship Planner  
 Lori Nienkerk—Choir Accompanist/  
 Organist/Pianist  
 Arlene Lowe—Co-Treasurer  
 Debbie Koob—Financial Secretary  
 Jim & Paula Laffrenzen—Parish Visitors

# PASTOR JEANETTE'S ARTICLE

Dear First Lutheran,

*"They broke bread and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." (Acts 2:46b-47a)*

We are in the final countdown for the church's 150th anniversary celebration on June 27-28. **Please check out the church's website ([felcwgtn.org](http://felcwgtn.org)) for all the activities and events.** Some highlights include:

## Saturday –

2 – 6 pm – Games and fellowship for all. Come for a little while or the whole time.

4ish pm – Pastor Richard Ricker plans to arrive and would love to catch up with you all. He will preach for the 6 pm service. He will need to leave immediately after worship to return home to preside for his Sunday service.

4:45 - 5:45 pm Refreshments will be served. **RSVP using the website.**

6 pm – Worship service. Jon Wendt will help with the service. Paul Summers will debut a special song he has written for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration and we will share a reflection from Michael Last (a former intern).

7 pm – Ice Cream Social

7 – 8 pm – Pick-up choir for Sunday's service. All are welcome.

## Sunday –

9:30 am - Worship service. Pastor Bob Knutson is sharing the message. Tentatively, Karla Kirkeby, Greg Hall, Steve Olson, Josh Hansen, Julie Beck, Marvin Larson and Juanita Parker, all pastors who were raised by the congregation, will be joining us. The Synod will preside at communion and bring greetings. And Pastor Charlie Anderson has sent a message for us to share.

10:30ish am – Congregational photo

11:30 am - Catered lunch will be served. **RSVP using the website.** Pastors and others will be invited to share during the lunch about the life and ministry of First Lutheran.

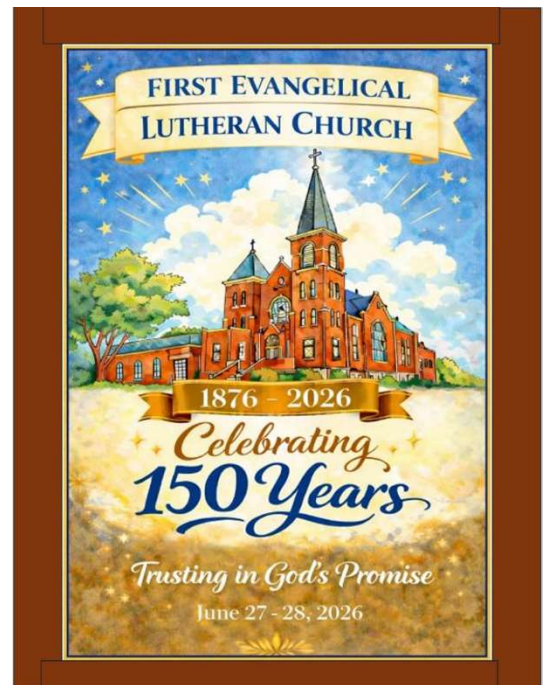
To commemorate our celebration, we will have a booklet focusing on the last 25 years of ministry in the church. And Christmas ornaments and mugs will be available to purchase.

**If you have more questions, please call 507-376-6148 or email [felcwgtn@gmail.com](mailto:felcwgtn@gmail.com) .**

As we get closer to the day, I know many of us will become increasingly anxious about getting everything "right" and all the details set perfectly. While attention to detail does matter, I hope we can all focus on the words of Acts 2. The center of this gathering is simple: We give thanks to God for all that he has and is doing amongst us. We come together to enjoy each other's company. Everything else is just, as we say, "icing on the cake."

Please pray for everyone involved in the planning and coordinating of our celebration, our welcoming reunions, happy conversations and safe travels as we gather!

Gratefully,  
Rev. Jeanette McCormick





## Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in June 2026:

### 6/7/26: Love Poured Out on All

1 John 4:7-10  
Psalm 98  
Acts 10:44-48  
John 15:9-17

### 6/14/26: Abiding Love, Bearing Fruit

1 John 3:18-24  
Psalm 22:25-31  
Acts 9:26-31  
John 15:1-8

### 6/21/2026: Strength in Shared Life

2 Corinthians 6:2-10  
Psalm 18:2-11, 16-19  
Acts 2:42-47  
John 6:51-59

### 6/28/2026: Built to Serve

1 Peter 2:2-10  
Psalm 33:1-19  
Acts 6:1-7  
John 14:1-14

## Praise the Lord

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of April, 2026:

### General Fund:

Bal. 3/31/26:	\$35,840.16
Inc., April	\$21,411.29
Exp., April	\$28,536.57
Bal. 4/30/26:	\$28,714.88
Grace Lutheran Reimbursement—	
	\$13,193.60

### Building Fund:

Bal. 3/31/26:	\$40,674.31
Inc., April	\$699.00
Exp., April	\$599.94
Bal. 4/30/26:	\$40,773.37



**Card Ministry** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Come join the fun. No experience necessary! Check out our display in Centennial Hall to purchase a card for \$2 (NEW PRICE). Funds will be designated to different groups as needed.

### Serving Scoops and Smiles!

Please join us after church on Wednesday nights beginning June 17 for ice cream! Every Wednesday through August 19, ice cream and toppings will be served in the church parking lot. It's easy and fun to be part of this ministry to our church and community. If you would like to help serve ice cream, give me a call at 507-370-4218.

There is not much work, a short time commitment and lots of smiling faces!

Mary Ingenthron



### What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it ... Dad—**Author Unknown**

## Servants

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If for any reason you are unable to serve at the time indicated, please trade with someone else on the list or find a replacement and contact the church office so that the names can be listed correctly in the church bulletin. This is a temporary schedule for the month so it may change. Thank you.

### Computer Assistant (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/7	9:30	Glenda Lais
6/14	9:30	Pam Fleming
6/21	9:30	Glenda Lais
6/28	9:30	Pam Fleming

### Greeters (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/7	9:30	Jane Benson
6/14	9:30	Diana White
6/21	9:30	John & Nora Leinen
6/28	9:30	Doug & Julie Christensen

### Assisting Minister & Lector (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/7	9:30	Morgan Vosburgh
6/14	9:30	Cooper Scripture
6/21	9:30	Ryan McGaughey
6/28	9:30	Anniversary

### Van Driver: (Van will be picking up members for the Sunday service only)

6/7	9:30	Matt Russell (360-5835)
6/14	9:30	Daren Bauman (360-9275)
6/21	9:30	Midg White (360-3215)
6/28	9:30	Larry Woodbury (360-2689)

### Sound (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/7	9:30	Pat Demuth
6/14	9:30	Kevin Fleming
6/21	9:30	Ethan Nixon
6/28	9:30	Doug Frisch



### Acolytes (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/7	9:30	Lexi Kleve
6/14	9:30	Jordan Blair
6/21	9:30	Braelynn Schroeder
6/28	9:30	Kinsley & Dyson Neugebauer

### Coffee Servers (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/7	9:30	Doug & Julie Christensen & Kathy Craun
6/14	9:30	John & Nora Leinen & Todd Hallstrom
6/21	9:30	Robert & Bonnie Bents & Miles & Ady Hein
6/28	9:30	Anniversary

### Livestream (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/7	9:30	Debbie Koob
6/14	9:30	Ethan Nixon
6/21	9:30	Erin Makela
6/28	9:30	Becca McGaughey



**Camperships are available!** The Memorials and Gifts Team is offering camperships for anyone who is attending camp. To request a campership, just write a letter to the Memorials and Gift Team and put it in Karen Buchman's box across from the office. Those attending a weeklong camp will receive \$100 and those attending a three-day camp will receive \$50. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Buchman at 376-3225.



**Radio Broadcast:** You can sponsor the broadcast in memory or in honor of a family member or an event in your life. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$75.00. Please sign up on the sheet in Centennial Hall. Thank you.



**First Lutheran Benefits from your Grocery Purchases.** When you buy groceries at Fareway, with the Fareway Gift Card, First Lutheran receives 5% from the sale of the gift card. Get yours today! The cards are available in the church office. We have \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards to sell. You pay the full price for the card and the church receives 5%. As of April 30, 2026, a total of **\$6,508.74** has been put into the general fund.



**First Lutheran Benefits from your Grocery Purchases.** When you buy groceries at Hy-Vee, with the Hy-Vee Gift Card, First Lutheran receives 5% from the sale of the gift card. Get yours today! The cards are available in the church office. We have \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards to sell. You pay the full price for the card and the church receives 5%. **The card can also be used when you purchase gas.** As of April 30, 2025, a total of **\$58,805.25** has been put into the general fund.

**There will be no Wednesday night worship services from now—June 10, 2025. Services will resume on June 17 with our outdoor worship in the courtyard.**

**Gift Cards** are available on communion Sunday mornings in Centennial Hall and in the office during the week.

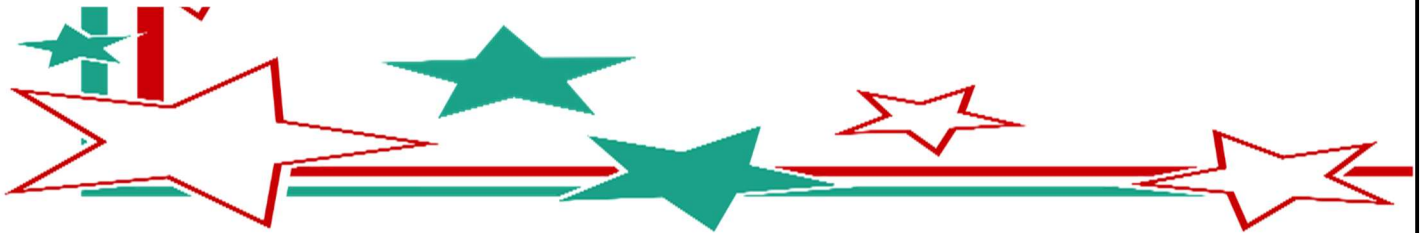


**Corner Stone Laying**

# June Birthdays

Happy  
Birthday

1	Eric White	13	Cindy Swart	21	Allen Thiner
2	Bruce Amundson	14	Heidi Tarus	22	Arond Peil
2	Everly Scripture	15	Decklan Hurlbut	24	Benjamin Potts
4	Desmund Bixby	15	Linda Nelson	24	Trysten Stamer
4	Irene Janke	16	Elayne Rothbarth	26	Laura Christensen
5	Kirk Vogen	17	Dawson Frodermann	26	Robin Negrete
6	Doug Frisch	18	Dustin Poppema	26	Joseph Ternus
6	Gary Gerdes	19	Jane Benson	27	Karen Lewis
8	Charlene Wachter	19	Kelli Peters-Smith	29	Elsie Wajer
9	Tyler Nienkerk	19	Amber Wajer	30	Marilyn Frisch
11	Nicholas Nelson	19	Larry Woodbury	30	Brock Schroeder
12	Brenda Hurlbut	20	Alan Waage	30	Isaiah Casanova



## Jesus Takes Flesh

“He suffered as we suffer.”

A priest was invited to a school for the deaf to give a talk to its students. An interpreter translated everything he said into sign language.

During his talk, the priest noticed the interpreter frequently pointing gracefully to the palms of her hands. He learned later that pointing to the palms of the hands is the sign for Jesus Christ.

How fitting a sign for Jesus, he thought. Of all possible signs, none could hardly be more meaningful than the nail prints in the palms of Jesus’ hands, symbolizing who he was: the Son of God, who took flesh and suffered for us, even to the point of being nailed to a cross.

When we’re suffering, mentally or physically, do we ever recall that Jesus suffered, too, and knows what we are going through?

“Jesus didn’t come to take away suffering. He came to fill it with his presence.” – Paul Claudell

*Illustrated Daily Homilies by Mark Lick, SJ*

# College Scholarship Information

## High School Seniors and Current College Students

We have put together two information sheets regarding college scholarship financial assistance. One is for the “FELC Scholarship” which is potentially available to students attending ANY institution of higher learning. Committee members are Jason Gerdes and Josh Hein.

The other is for the “First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Worthington, Minnesota Scholarship Fund” – commonly called the “LEE ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND”. Eligibility includes college sophomores or higher attending a LUTHERAN COLLEGE OR SEMINARY. Even though **freshman are not eligible**, they SHOULD still complete an application in May of their high school graduation year so their name is put on the list for future consideration. This is explained more on the information sheet. Rolf Mahlberg is the Trustee representing First Lutheran. Stop in or call the church office (376-6148) for copies of either or both information sheets. They contain more information about submission date deadlines and other details.

As soon as you know that you plan to attend an institution of higher learning (even though you may not have yet selected a specific school) please call the church office to enable Natalie to get your name on the list so she can send applications to all interested students. Natalie sent out scholarship application letters in May. You only need to complete ONE application – it will be used by both scholarship committees if you are attending a Lutheran school. Applications should be submitted to the church office by June 30.



## FELC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Each year any student from FELC is eligible to apply for a FELC Scholarship. The applicant needs to be a graduating high school student or someone currently attending an institution of higher education such as a community college, a state college or private four-year college, etc. The amount of the scholarship given will vary and is contingent upon the activity of the investments during the preceding year. Principal amounts for these investments have come from bequests by various members, memorials and personal donations.

High school graduates continuing their education as well as currently enrolled students at higher education establishments can apply for a scholarship. **STUDENTS DO NEED TO APPLY EVERY YEAR** by June 30 (If you have applied last year, you have a shorter application to fill out.) to be considered for a scholarship for the ensuing academic year. Criteria for a scholarship will emphasize participation and achievement in service to church and community beginning at confirmation entry up to the present time. Applications are available at the Church Office.

Questions may be directed to the FELC Scholarship Committee members: Jason Gerdes and Josh Hein.

Note: This scholarship is NOT the same as the “Lee Anderson Scholarship Fund”.

## JUNE 2026 YOUTH NEWS

Check out the youth bulletin board to stay up to date with all the latest information, news and events.

**Community Kids' Camp** runs June 8-11, 2026. This year's camp is hosted by American Lutheran Church. If you would like to help us decorate you can join us from 1:00-3:00 pm on Sunday, June 7 at American Lutheran. FELC is serving supper on Thursday night. Let Brenda Richards know if you are able to help with that or sign up on the youth bulletin board. If you signed up to bring cookies, please bring them to our church by Wednesday, June 10 or with you Thursday night to American Lutheran.

### COMMUNITY KIDS' CAMP

★ **CREATE!**

June 8-11 ★

(Location: American Lutheran Church)

5-5:45pm Meal ★ 5:45-8pm Activities

**NEW!**

**Adult Engagement**  
(6:15pm-7:45pm)

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE.



Community Kids Camp



**TO REGISTER:**  
SCAN THE QR CODE (BY MAY 26)  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.



For children age 3 (if potty trained) through completed grade 5.  
Suggested donation: \$5/child

### Multigenerational Service Project Day at Shalom Hill Farm

We had so much fun at the farm last month. We loved our interactive devotionals with the topics of sheep/shepherd and gardening led by the amazing Zach (Shalom Hill Farm staff). It was fun to touch and hold the two-week-old baby sheep and experience all God's great world. We were able to dig out some weeds, plant some peas and potatoes and a little more. We also enjoyed an amazing lunch prepared by the awesome Makaela, with a carrot cake treat after some hard work planting. Thank you to all who came to help, we had so much fun!

**Thanks to all** who joined us for the end of the year celebration! The youth did a great job leading the service. Thank you for all your support for the youth of our church.

### RUMMAGE SALE - Start saving your stuff for the annual rummage sale! Tell your friends!

Due to the 150th Anniversary celebration, donations will not be accepted until after July 1, if you have LARGER items, please hold off on bringing them until closer to the sale if possible. The rummage sale is happening August 13, 14 and 15. If you would like to help with any of the planning or prepping, please let Brenda Richards know. Scheduled times will be available to come and help but feel free to come at other times to help. Information will be posted on the youth bulletin board, the weekly bulletin and on Facebook. Talk with Brenda with any questions. If you haven't had a chance to check out the youth fundraising page on Facebook, check it out with all the latest updates (see the bulletin board/website for the link for that). Thanks!!!

**July 26-31 NIGHTLIFE** Camp at Badlands Ministries in Medora, ND. We have nine youth attending this summer!

**Save the date** for next summer: June 28 - July 2, 2027 = National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, MN

GRACIAS! THANK YOU! THANKS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE! WE APPRECIATE YOU! MANY THANKS! MUCHAS GRACIAS

**June 2026**



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**Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers**



**Register for a FUN Golf Day!**

## **Upcoming Events**

**May 25 Staff Training**

**June 7 First Day of Camp - Still time to register**  
(Please keep our staff & campers in your prayers)



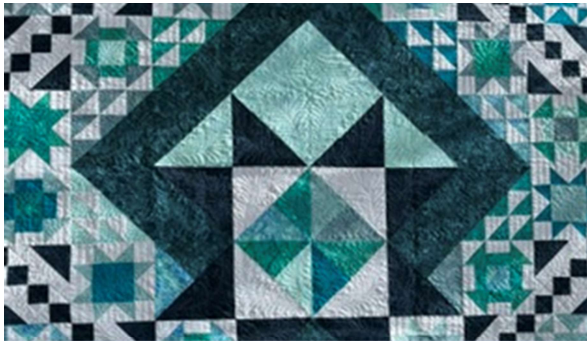
**June 22 GOLF Tournament**

**June 22 Hiking Club June 22**

**June 26 Quilt Preview and Popcorn & Water**

**June 27 40<sup>th</sup> Quilt Auction 10:30**  
**Pulled Pork Dinner 11:00-1:00**  
**Red Velvet Cupcakes and Extra Door prizes to**  
**celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Auction**

**Register online at [Shetek.org](http://Shetek.org) or**  
**Call 507-763-3567**



*We have a lot of beautiful items.*

### **Wish List**

- New Vacuum
- Children's Books
- Spark Bibles
- Office Supplies-Dry Erase Markers, paper
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Board games

**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!**