

**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
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**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:00 am—12:00 pm  
1:00—4:30 pm  
Monday—Friday

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

**COMMUNION:** Wednesday  
First & Third Sunday

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** 8:45 am (Sept–May)

### 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*

May

2023

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### CONGREGATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – Erin Makela,  
(320) 223-3713

VICE PRESIDENT – Matt Russell,  
(507) 360-5835

SECRETARY – Sandy Poppema,  
(507) 360-3797

### 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

Cindy Anderson—Pianist

Nancy Hofstee—Organist

Arlene Lowe—Co-Treasurer

# *PASTOR JEANETTE'S ARTICLE*

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Dear First Lutheran,

A few weeks ago Katie Chapman, Shetek's Director of Environmental Education and Lexie Blaschko, the Program Director from Shetek Lutheran Ministries, came to our Kids for Christ program. I always love that evening, as it is so fun to watch the kids learn about animals and interact with the animals and Shetek's staff alike. Furthermore, the youth learn about camp and the possibilities of attending onsite camping programming.

Camping ministries have been important parts of my faith journey and I am grateful to see camping ministries still impact the lives of our families and young people alike. I enjoy making connections like the interaction described above happen for our youth. I am also in my sixth year of being on the Shetek Lutheran Ministries Board. Serving on the board is my way of helping pass on the blessing of camping ministries to the next generation. Currently, I am serving on the Governance committee and the staff support committee as part of my board service.

Shetek is still looking for summer staff, so if you know a young adult (18 and older) who wants to grow and share their faith, strengthen his/her leadership skills, build lifelong friendships, show love and support to youth and have a lot of fun, please let me know and I will put you in contact with the correct people at Shetek! Likewise, there are still opportunities to attend camp this summer and First Lutheran has scholarships available. A few youth are already committed to attending camp, so please talk to Brenda and she can coordinate camp attendance if desired.

Shetek continues its capital campaign, making many necessary infrastructure improvements. A new lodge with multiple rooms is now nearly ready for people to utilize it. This lodge will replace some existing buildings which are no longer ideal for campers. Please consider donating to support such work. To date, camp has not had to take out any bank loans to complete their work and we hope to keep it this way as much as possible.

I want to thank First Lutheran for supporting me in serving on the board. I will end my board service in December, but will continue to look for ways to stay connected and engaged in the ministry. I learned a great deal about the programs offered at Shetek and made important connections to other faith leaders in our area. Likewise, I learned a great deal about capital campaigns, organizational development and more during my time on the board. These skills will be useful in my future work both as a pastor and with organizations.

Shetek Lutheran Ministries' Quilt auction is on June 24th. First Lutheran has donated a quilt towards this effort and there are always many beautiful quilts for sale. The funds raised go towards supporting Shetek Lutheran Ministries.

Gratefully,  
Rev. Jeanette McCormick



**SHETEK**  
LUTHERAN MINISTRIES



## Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in May, 2023:

### 5/7/23: 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14

### 5/14/23: 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:8-20  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14:15-21

### 5/21/23: 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14  
 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11  
 John 17:1-11

### 5/28/23: Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
 John 20:19-23

## Praise the Lord

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of March, 2023:

### General Fund:

Bal. 2/28/23:	(\$10,557.12)
Inc., March	\$22,566.83
Exp., March	\$30,362.94
Bal. 3/31/23:	(\$18,353.23)

### Building Fund:

Bal. 2/28/23:	\$12,299.98
Inc., March	\$590.00
Exp., March	\$0.00
Bal. 3/31/23:	\$12,889.98

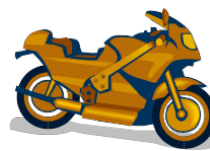


**Card Ministry** meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Come join the fun. No experience necessary! Check

out our display in Centennial Hall to purchase a card for \$1. Funds will be designated to different groups as needed.



On Monday, May 29, the office will be closed for the Memorial Day Holiday.



**ATTENTION All Bikers:**

The annual motorcycle blessing is Sunday, June 4 at 2:00 pm. Come to the church parking lot, bring all your friends and receive a special blessing. Refreshments to follow.



**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 week long 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.

## 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)

5/7	9:30	Ryan McGaughey
5/14	9:30	Pam Fleming
5/21	9:30	Terry Morrison
5/28	9:30	Glenda Lais

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

5/7	9:30	Kylee Milbrath
5/14	9:30	Ashlyn Schaffer
5/21	9:30	Aaden Wagner
5/28	9:30	Kylee Milbrath

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

5/7	9:30	Lonnie Myrom
5/14	9:30	Ed Philipp
5/21	9:30	Cindy Russell
5/28	9:30	Todd Hallstrom

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

5/7	9:30	Ron Hallstrom (360-7891)
5/14	9:30	Midg White (360-3215)
5/21	9:30	Larry Woodbury (360-2689)
5/28	9:30	Leroy Merkel (360-6730)

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

5/7	9:30	Todd & Darcy Poppema & Brenda Hurlbut
5/14	9:30	Doug & Julie Christensen & Leroy & Rosie Merkel
5/21	9:30	John & Nora Leinen & John Kramer
5/28	9:30	Bob & Bonnie Bents & Diana White

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

5/7	9:30	Pat Demuth
5/14	9:30	Kevin Fleming
5/21	9:30	Doug Frisch
5/28	9:30	Pat Demuth

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

5/7	9:30	Sandy Poppema & Marie Mews
5/14	9:30	Diana White & Linda Nelson
5/21	9:30	Leroy & Rosie Merkel
5/28	9:30	Judy Selberg & Diane Sletten

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

5/7	9:30	Carrie Adams
5/14	9:30	Becca McGaughey
5/21	9:30	Paul Summers
5/28	9:30	Erin Makela

First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for supporting my schooling through the church scholarship. I am a second year student at South Dakota State University in Brookings, SD. I am studying to be a nurse. Thank you for all the support!  
Stephie Bauman

*Thank You*

Dear First Lutheran Church,

I am sincerely honored and grateful that I was chosen as a recipient of your scholarship! This scholarship allows me to continue my junior year at Augustana University. It also always me to continue reaching and completing my goals I have set to graduate as an undergrad communication disorders and then to grad school to become a speech language pathologist. Thank you again for your thoughtful and generous gift.  
Kendra Frodermann

# May Birthdays



1 Marie Mehls	10 Jordan Gieselman	17 Roger Larson
2 Andrea Mahlberg	11 Robin Negrete	19 John Leinen
2 Terry Morrison	12 Erica Creighton	20 Kelly Peterson
3 Jayden Dass	12 Deb Jacobs	21 Mary Ferguson
3 Kelsey Hagen	12 Gerret Larson	22 JoAnn Amundson
6 Caycee Bixby	12 Braelynn Schroeder	23 Fern Burmeister
6 Rylan Bixby	13 Jay Myer	23 Nancy Hellstrom
6 Randy Potts	13 Collin Nienkerk	23 Levi Severance
7 Lynnette Faragher	14 Brayden Feller	28 Rebecca Alvarez
7 Daniel Frisch	15 Paul Nunes	29 Austin Neugebauer
7 Ryan Marsh	16 Robert Bents	30 Mike Vosburgh
8 Dave Frisch	16 Paige Bixby	30 Nevaeh Isder
8 Justin Isder	16 Raygan Feller	
8 Diane Sletten	16 Paul Glorvigen	
8 Chealsey Veen	16 Brian Livingston	
9 Kyle Stinehart	16 John Murray	

## “Jesus Prays for His Disciples”

*“As the Father sent me, so I send you.”*

A legend says that when Jesus ascended into heaven, the angel Gabriel asked him if all the people on earth knew about God’s love for them.

“Oh, no!” said Jesus, “just a handful of people do.”

Gabriel was shocked and replied, “But, Lord, what if this handful of people let you down? What if they meet with opposition and become discouraged? Don’t you have a back-up plan, just in case?”

“No,” said Jesus, “I’m simply counting on them not to let me down.”

Is Jesus’ expectation being realized in us?

“I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked if I might help him.” - Hudson Taylor

*Illustrated Daily Homilies by Mark Lick, SJ*

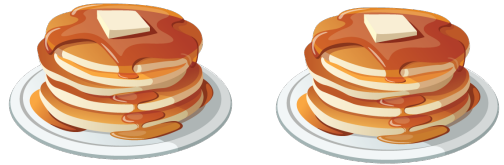


**Radio Broadcast:** You can sponsor the broadcast in memory or in honor of a family member or an event in your life. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$75.00. Please sign up on the sheet in Centennial Hall. Thank you.



**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 March 31, 2023, a total of \$6,064.99 has been put into the general fund.

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



**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 March 31, 2023, a total of \$55,516.50 has been put into the general fund.

**First Lutheran's Congregation Council** will be hosting a free-will donation Pancake Breakfast on May 7 in support of the tuck pointing project, which is moving forward this spring and summer. Please come and support this project to help preserve our building.



**WORSHIP**

## **Year-End Picnic & Worship Wednesday, May 17 Centennial Park**

**Picnic will begin at 5:15 pm**

**Worship at the park at 6:00 pm**

Food will be provided by the Christian Education Team.  
Games & fun for everyone.





**We, at First Lutheran, congratulate the Senior Class of 2023** on their accomplishments and wish them the best for the future. On Sunday, May 21 we will be honoring our seniors during our worship service and at the coffee hour to follow.



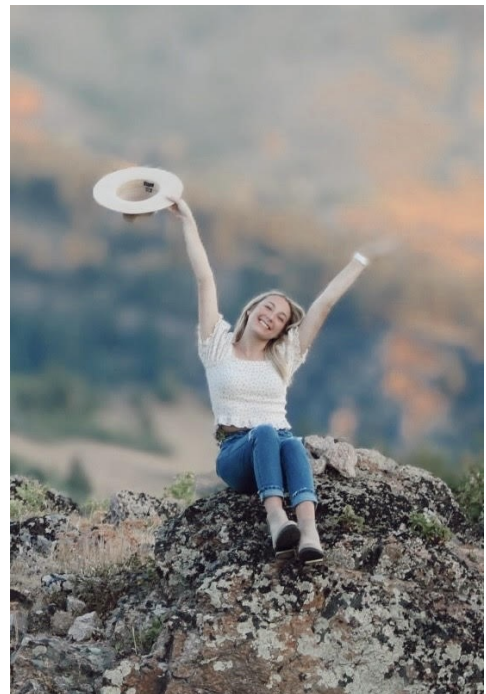
**Paige Bixby**  
**Parents:** Mark & Ann Bixby



**Gracyn Dieter**  
**Parents:** Dave Dieter & Darcy Dieter



**Dawson Frodermann**  
**Parents:** Gary & Jessica Frodermann



**Grace McGaughey**  
**Parents:** Ryan & Rebecca McGaughey



***NO  
PHOTO  
AVAILABLE***



**Nicholas Schroeder**  
**Parents:** Carla Buchman & Trent Schroeder

**Dylon Sholes**  
**Parents:** Brad & Sam Sholes





# College Scholarship Information

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## High School Seniors and Current College Students

We have put together two information sheets regarding college scholarship financial assistance. Copies are available from the church office after you receive your letter. One is for the “FELC Scholarship” which is potentially available to students attending ANY institution of higher learning. Committee members are Don Craun, 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 will send 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 can apply for a scholarship as well as currently enrolled students at higher education establishments. **STUDENTS DO NEED TO APPLY EVERY YEAR** by June 30 (If you 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: Don Craun, Jason Gerdes and Josh Hein.

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



**May 2023**



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www.shetek.org

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



*Work at camp this summer! -  
[shetek.org/work-at-shetek](http://shetek.org/work-at-shetek)*

## **Mark your Calendar**

- May 6 Spring Clean Up Day
- May 13 Spring Clean Up Day
- June 11 First Day of Camp
- June 19 Golf Tournament
- June 23 Quilt Auction Preview
- June 24 Quilt Auction
- June 24 Pelican 5K Walk/Run

*Register at [shetek.org](http://shetek.org) or  
Call 507-763-3567 for more  
information*

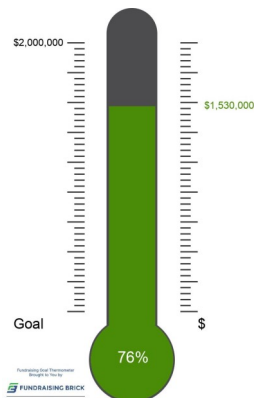


*Join us for our Pelican Fun  
Run/Walk*

## **Wish List**

- 17 foot Aluminum canoe
- Vest style life jackets
- Office supplies - reams of paper
- Flat screen computer monitor
- Volunteers

We met our Phase 1 goal!  
\$1,530,000 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/](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!