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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*

October  
2024  
Evangel



### CONGREGATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – Matt Russell  
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### 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  
Debbie Koob—Financial Secretary  
Jim & Paula Laffrenzen—Parish Visitors

# *PASTOR JEANETTE'S ARTICLE*

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Dear First Lutheran and Grace Lutheran,

Over the past few weeks, we've all watched the world change from summer to fall. Flyers for summer events have been replaced by fall festivals. The corn is tall and looking nearly ready for harvest. We've had our first few days that "felt like fall" and, more and more often, I'm opting for a sweater to wear in the morning and evening. I'm ready for the leaves to change and all of the celebrations (Halloween, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Day and Thanksgiving) that come with fall. For me, it is truly the most beautiful time of the year.

As many of you know, my family has also experienced a great deal of change over this past month. On September 15, Cole celebrated his last Sunday with Trinity Lutheran in Estherville, Iowa. With mixed emotions and much discernment, Cole is transitioning to a new call. We are grateful to Trinity for supporting Cole's ministry during his time there and for the many community members and area pastors who blessed him during his time in Estherville, as well. We are also thankful for Trinity's support to our family in our adoption journey and to Landon in his faith journey. It was good to be with Cole and Landon on this important day and help Landon through the sadness involved with saying goodbye to beloved people. Trinity hosted a lovely coffee hour in Cole's honor. We will continue to pray for Trinity as they discern next steps, and always treasure many fond memories and blessings from them. Cole will start a new call at Grace Lutheran in Fairmont, MN on September 29. He will serve as an associate pastor and his focus areas will be youth and outreach. Cole will also preach and complete visitation on a regular basis. Due to these transitions, I was at Cole's final service in Estherville and will be at his first service in Fairmont (in order to be present for his installation). I really appreciate all of you who have preached and completed extra tasks for those Sundays so I could be present with my family for these important occasions. Since many people have asked, I feel I should state, I am not planning to change calls any time soon.

Furthermore, Landon has started all day pre-school. He is loving his teacher, friends and all the fun things he gets to do. Ashley, our nanny, will still watch Landon on Mondays and Wednesdays after-school and fill in for additional hours as needed. She will bring Landon to Grace's (Fairmont) Wednesday evening program and Sunday School/church at First. Occasionally, Ashley may bring Landon to church at Cole's congregation on Sundays during the school year when they sing for worship or Grace Lutheran (Worthington) as well. As is always the case, Landon and Ashley will visit all the churches occasionally during the summer and vacation times. Cole and I will then take turns being with Landon after-school on Tuesdays and Thursdays, relying on Ashley and family to assist when needed. With Cole's change of calls, we will now have the same day off (Friday). Ashley has also started watching another little boy, and Landon has really enjoyed spending time with him, too.

This month has felt like a blur of change, and I'll be honest some days it has felt challenging to keep all the changes straight. I appreciate all the flexibility and grace people have shown me during this time.

Many prayers for you and yours in whatever changes you are going through. May God hold you in God's hand as you journey.

In Christ,  
Rev. Jeanette McCormick





## Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in October, 2024:

### 10/6/24: Golden Calf

Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Luke 23:34

### 10/13/24: God Answers Hannah

1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10  
Psalm 113  
Luke 1:46-55

### 10/20/24: God's Promise to David

2 Samuel 7:1-17  
Psalm 89:1-4, 14-16, 19-26  
Luke 1:30-33

### 10/27/24: Solomon Dedicates the Temple

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Luke 19:45-46

**Thank you** to everyone who helped serve ice cream and toppings on Wednesday nights after church services. Approximately 400 people enjoyed dishes of ice cream on from June 19 – August 21. A Thrivent card was used to purchase the ice cream and toppings. It is a fun way to connect with families and individuals in our neighborhood. – Mary Ingenthron



**A Volunteer Christmas Decorating Coordinator** is needed to arrange the Christmas decorating of the church for the holiday season. If interested, please let Natalie know.

There are many decorations available and volunteers to help you decorate.

## Praise the Lord

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of August, 2024:

### General Fund:

Bal. 7/31/24:	(\$33,275.53)
Inc., August	\$20,336.05
Exp., August	\$25,276.68
Bal. 8/31/24:	(\$38,216.16)

(The amount shows behind budget.)  
Grace Lutheran Reimbursement—  
\$20,442.66

### Building Fund:

Bal. 7/31/24:	\$8,704.53
Inc., August	\$650.00
Exp., August	\$10,112.56
Bal. 8/31/24:	(\$758.03)



**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.

## REMINDER: On

**Sunday,  
October 27,  
remember to  
wear red.**



**REFORMATION  
Sunday**

## 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)

10/6	9:30	Pam Fleming
10/13	9:30	Kathy Summers
10/20	9:30	Ryan McGaughey
10/27	9:30	Glenda Lais

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

10/6	9:30	Midg White (360-3215)
10/13	9:30	Larry Woodbury (360-2689)
10/20	9:30	Matt Russell (360-5835)
10/27	9:30	Daren Bauman (360-9275)

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

10/6	9:30	Ed Philipp
10/13	9:30	Cooper Scripture
10/20	9:30	Lonnie Myrom
10/27	9:30	Paula Laffrenzen

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

10/6	9:30	John Kramer
10/13	9:30	John & Nora Leinen
10/20	9:30	Judy Selberg
10/27	9:30	Mary Ferguson

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

10/6	9:30	Dyson Neugebauer
10/13	9:30	Lexi Kleve
10/20	9:30	Braelynn Schroeder
10/27	9:30	Cooper Scripture

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

10/6	9:30	Becca McGaughey
10/13	9:30	Ethan Nixon
10/20	9:30	Carrie Adams
10/27	9:30	Debbie Koob

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

10/6	9:30	Dale & Debbie Koob & Linda Nelson
10/13	9:30	Diane Sletten & Doug & Julie Christensen
10/20	9:30	Larry & Norma Woodbury & Diana White
10/27	9:30	Sandy Poppema, Fern Burmeister & Robert & Bonnie Bents



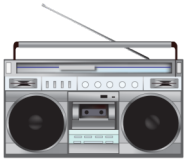
### Sound (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

10/6	9:30	Kevin Fleming
10/13	9:30	Doug Frisch
10/20	9:30	Pat Demuth
10/27	9:30	Kevin Fleming

ALL SAINTS  
DAY



On Sunday, November 3, we will be remembering all the members that have passed this last year. A candle will also be lit in memory of others that have passed during the year.



**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 August 31, 2024, a total of **\$6,442.49** has been put into the general fund.

**Gift Cards** are 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 August 31, 2024, a total of **\$57,354.00** has been put into the general fund.



### Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service & Pie Fest

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

6:00 pm—First Lutheran Church

We will be hosting this service this year. Everyone is invited — bring a friend. Following the service we will have a pie fest. Families are invited to bring a pie to share and join in the fellowship and fun.



**Bible distribution for K, 3rd & 7th Graders** will be held on Sunday, October 6 during our worship service. A post card has gone out to the families with youth in these grades. If you are unable to attend the worship service, please stop by the church and pick up your Bible. Thank you!

# October Birthdays



1 Chandler Kempema	14 Ryan McGaughey
3 Trey Milbrath	16 Dan Anderson
4 Pat Demuth	16 Carla Buchman
4 Valerie Veen	16 Ardys Jacobson
6 Miles Hein	18 Robin Dolliver
7 Janet Zierke	19 Evelyn Murray
8 Sean Feller	22 Darcy Poppema
8 Bev Frisch	23 James Kraft
9 Gina Huber	23 Tiffany Neugebauer
9 Jay Larson	23 Lisa Waldner
10 Alison Nixon	25 Emery Korver
10 Erin Schutte Wadzinski	26 Mary Ingenthron
12 Emersyn Nixon	27 Dana White- Swanson
12 JoAnn Kruse	28 Hailey Schroeder
13 Nicholas Schroeder	30 Genna Scripture
13 Bode Scripture	31 Lynette Demuth



## “Jesus Goes to the Temple”

*“He drove out the merchants”*

The incredible courage of Jesus leaps from the pages of Luke 19:45-48. It explodes brilliantly like a burst of fireworks against a night sky.

When Jesus walked into the Temple that day, he knew there was a price on his head. If there was ever a day he should have played it cool, this was it.

But Jesus picked this day to accuse certain religious leaders of Israel of gross neglect. They had allowed the house of God to become the house of thieves.

The courage of Jesus is not just something for us to admire. It’s something for us to imitate.

What is one of the most courageous things we’ve done for our faith?

*Illustrated Daily Homilies by Mark Lick, SJ*

## **Our delivery weeks are: October 17-25 & October 28—November 1**

### **Mobile Meals Help for Drivers**

**Meal deliveries are Monday – Friday, except for:** Christmas Day, New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day.

**Meal pick-up is at 10:50 am** at the outer foyer of the hospital’s main entrance.

**Please check bags before leaving** to ensure correct number of meals.

All clients receive a hot container and a white bag. Meals do contain liquid items, please be careful.

**Please note that special diets are marked:** SF (salt free) or DB (diabetic). Regular meals are not marked.

**Clip board with the route is on the sides of the bag.** Please initial over the X when the meal is delivered. Any meal not delivered must be reported to the kitchen.

**Ring the bell and leave the meal on the table inside the door.** Large housing units are as follows:

**Atrium** – Table is inside the door. Clients will pick up their meal.

**Okabena Towers** – Manager will open door; set on table inside.

**Sunshine** – Table is inside and clients will pick up meal.

**Homestead** – Cart inside first entry door. Manager will deliver.

**Darling Drive** – Go into the buildings (not apartments). Some have something outside the door to leave the meal outside their door. Knock or ring to alert the client. Do not wait.

**Return empty carriers to the hospital foyer with clip board inside the carrier.**

If you’re not able to take your route on a certain day, please find a substitute or contact Mary Ferguson.

**Snow or storm related policies: listen to the radio** for announcement of meals being cancelled or **check their website** for cancellation information. Clients are to keep their sidewalk free of snow and ice.

**Thank you for making time available for this important service.**

(Revised July 2022)

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# OCTOBER YOUTH NEWS

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A HUGE THANK YOU to those who came down and helped me paint our garage. One step closer to trying to sell the house and find a new house. The volunteers in this church are very amazing, we got it all done in one day! Really appreciate all of your prayers and support.

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THANKS AGAIN for all of the help/donations for the rummage sale. We raised over \$10,000!  
THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
Couldn't have done it without all of the AMAZING volunteers! THANKS SO MUCH!

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**507 at the JBS Field House - Sunday, October 6** - confirmation and high school age; 6:30-8:00; pizza and cookies will be provided. Please bring a canned food item to donate to the food shelf.

***Youth Sunday October 13th!!!*** We can't wait to tell you all about our summer trips!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday's at 8:45 am

**Confirmation and Youth Group:** Wednesdays from 6:30-8:15 pm

## **Kids' For Christ -**

KFC, our Wednesday after school program has begun!!! We meet the kids at Prairie Elementary and then they are bussed to the church. From 4:00 pm-5:00 pm we have a Bible lesson, play games and do crafts; 5:00 pm we have music with Erin and then at 5:15 pm it's time for supper! The time really does fly by!

### **We need YOU!**

**CAN YOU:** Help Every Week? Help Once or Twice a Month? Substitute as Needed?

**PRAIRIE ELEMENTARY HELP:** each Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 pm we supervise and hang out with all the kids in the two (American Reformed and First Lutheran) KFC programs. The kids have a snack and then they go out on the playground as we wait for the bus to arrive.

**FLOATER:** meet the kids at the church when they get off the bus and be available if extra help is needed anywhere. Keep an eye out for kids going to their backpacks, bathrooms, drinking fountain, etc.

**HELP WITH CRAFTS/BEHIND THE SCENES:** **Need at least one person to come fill in during craft time from 4:40-5:00 pm as we will be short staffed.** Assist kids with any help needed. *Can't come on Wednesday?* Come on a different day and help prep crafts. *Can't come until later?* We could always use help putting supplies away and wiping down tables and cleaning up.

**TEACHER ASSISTANT:** You are welcome to lead the class, but if not we just need an extra adult/teenager in the room to help out as needed

**HELP IN THE KITCHEN:** Shop, prep, cook, serve, make lemonade, make desserts, etc.

**DONATIONS:** Thrivent Cards, Hy-Vee or Fareway Gift Cards, Take an apple from the tree and bring back your donation.

Talk with Brenda Richards today to see how you can help!

**To continue this wonderful ministry, we need your help!**

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Sunday October 27 - Trunk-or-Treat and Game fun - More Information To Come

GRACIAS! THANK YOU! WE APPRECIATE YOU! MANY THANKS!

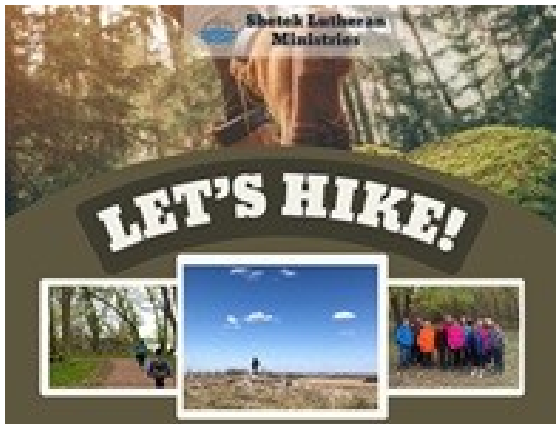


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## Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



**Please join us for our Fall events.**

Welcome to the new Shetek Hiking Club - our monthly gathering to explore trails all across southwest Minnesota! Hike with us once a month throughout the year to meet new friends and explore our region. Hikes range from easy to strenuous, and include state parks and trails, county parks, and more. Let's move and learn together! Contact Katie at [Katie@shetek.org](mailto:Katie@shetek.org) or 507-763-3567 for more information.

### **Mark your Calendar**

**October 18-19 - Octoberfest**

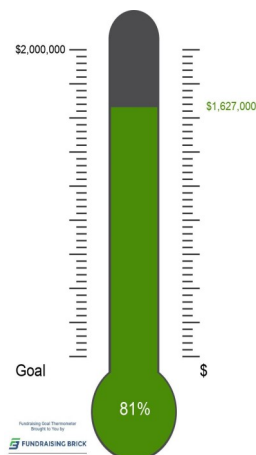
**October 21-24 - Quilt & Craft Retreat**

**November 1-2 - Confirmation Retreat**

### **Wish List**

*Volunteers  
New Vacuum  
Keurig*

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/sl-m-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!