



The First Messenger

JULY HIGHLIGHTS

Church Office Closed July 3rd & 4th
 Staff Development Day (*Office Closed*) July 11th
 Healing Service July 23rd
 Adult VBS July 31st

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NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

The May Noisy Offering total is \$555.24 and was donated to FLC VBS & Youth Mission Trip!

Check back next month for the June Noisy Offering totals going towards Boys & Girls Club of DL.

In the month of July, Noisy Offering collected will be going to Lutheran World Relief.

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Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Friday
8:30 AM to NOON

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE **OUTDOOR WORSHIP**

Indoor Traditional 8:30 AM
Outdoor Contemporary 10:30 AM



PASTOR JOE'S UPDATE

Update from Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo

Where does my Offering Go?

I want to share something Paul and I have worked on this past spring. I want to share it because we have at least two enormous obligations as we do our best to steward the generous financial gifts with which you have entrusted us:

- 1) You deserve our transparency, and this graphic below is another form of sharing how we specifically invest your gifts
- 2) You deserve to know the impact of your generosity. Every dollar you give creates stories of ministry. Your generosity empowers this community to continue its faithful best in spreading the news of God's love and loving our neighbor. Whether it is sustaining resources for various ministries, maintaining this building, or supporting a staff, this is what you help create for every \$100 given¹:

Social Assistance **\$7.16**

Providing supplies, resources, referral ministry, staff, pastors, and presence to people in need who come to us

Faith Formation of Adults **\$2.23**

Providing activities, books and supplies, fellowship, pastors, and staff

Pastoral Care **\$10.71**

Providing the ministry of presence to members who are sick, injured, lonely, or grieving

Buildings and Grounds **\$16.75**

Sustaining safe, comfortable, and reliable spaces for all our ministries and hosted organizations



Benevolences **\$4.72**

Supporting neighbors helping neighbors: LSS, DL Ministerial, Luther Crest, NWMN Synod, etc.

Communications **\$8.30**

Connecting members and community: newsletters, social media, online worship, office reception, etc.

Faith Formation of Youth & Children **\$16.67**

Providing curriculum, activities, fellowship, staff, supplies, pastors

Worship **\$15.72**

Providing space, staff, supplies, pastors, and music

Executive Leadership and Administration **\$17.75**

Providing supervision, staff, and pastors for organizational logistics and operations

¹ Note: This is graphic refers to General Fund giving and does not include additional giving to our designated accounts, such as: Buildings & Grounds, Music, and Agape.

LAURYL'S WORD

Update from Pastor Lauryl Ivers, Associate Pastor

RECAP

TELLING THE OLD OLD STORY.. FOR THE LOVE OF GOD'S WORLD NORTHWEST MINNESOTA SYNOD OF THE ELCA 2023 SYNOD ASSEMBLY "The hour has come..." Jesus (John 12:23)

Our Synod Bishop, Bill Tesch, opened the 2023 Synod Assembly Report with Jesus' words, "The hour has come", and told us all that we're at a tipping point, and a new era has begun. New things are emerging in the church with God's guiding. One of the "new" things is similar to the early Christian church's leadership with trained lay leaders or "deacons". Today the equivalent of that is called a "Synod Authorized Minister" or SAM. These are specially trained lay leaders, who have ordained pastors in the Synod, guiding their ministry. The reason for this change is that in our area of Minnesota and North Dakota there were only 21 Seminarian candidates for 74 calls for pastors, and of the 21, only one candidate was willing to move to a rural area. Fortunately, we will have 13 new SAMs this year, and our Synod is working on a plan to train and support a new structure for ministry leaders, like SAMS and gifted lay leaders, to meet the needs of rural churches. There is more to come on this!

Another emerging focus for the church was addressed by our Keynote Speaker and Churchwide Representative, Dr. Kara Powell, and Daniel Kirschbaum. Dr. Powell encouraged us to think about 6 Core Commitments: Leadership in a changing culture; Empathizing; Jesus' message (talk about it seriously, not abstractly); Relationships; prioritizing young people (and their parents; 40-50% of young people drift from faith after High School); and Being the best neighbors (reach out, go to leaders/business owners in the community and ask them how we can help them; bridge senior adults and teenagers).

The business part of the Assembly included electing new leaders to serve in the Synod, and passing two Resolutions: the Synod Budget and Recommendations, and Resolution on Care for Creation. The Synod will appoint a Creation Care Task Force to provide leadership for congregations as they grow faithfully as stewards of the earth.

The Assembly celebrated the work done among our member churches in areas of Indigenous partnerships, Rural Ministries (our beautiful Richwood Lutheran Church, was videoed and recognized, as we sang one of our Worship hymns), Global partnerships, Seminary support, and a very inspiring sculpture for healing of sexual abuse survivors, was presented.

The Goals of our NW MN Synod include: being faithful in relationships, authentic in welcome, and loving in ways that make a difference. Together, we are telling the old, old story in new ways, for the love of God's world.

If you'd like more information about the Assembly, Pastor Joe and I, Carla and Mark Solem, and Gary Goreham attended this year, and would be happy to talk with you!



WATER VOLLEYBALL AT DLCCC

Individuals interested in playing water volleyball on Wednesday nights from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at the DLCCC swimming pool should sign up below. At least 12 participants are needed in order to start. If enough people are interested in participating, we will contact those who have signed up with a start date. This activity would be free to those signed up for Silver Sneakers, but a small fee would be required for others wanting to participate. Please contact Mary Jensen with any questions. She can be reached by email at markmaryjensen@icloud.com or by phone at 701-893-8596. Sign up on the volunteer table at church or via the weekly update email.

PRESIDENT'S POST

Update from Vision Council President Gail Colby

Hello First Lutheran Church! I hope you are all enjoying our summer. I encourage everyone to make time for the things you enjoy.

We have started out with a busy June. We are finalizing the loan from MMCD for the parking lot and HVAC repair. I sat in with the Building and Grounds committee meeting and I am very grateful for those members. They are a smart, resourceful crew. If they don't know the answers, they find someone who does. They have done a lot of work to collaborate on these repairs. The final timeline of when the parking lot will happen is yet to be determined, but we will keep you up to date.

As we move forward with more remodeling, we will need more help. We are looking to form a group representing all of our committees at FLC who are willing to give input when we meet with our consultants regarding the possibilities for our kitchen, dining room and education wing. If you feel passionate about any of these areas, please prayerfully consider being a part of this team and bring your ideas and dreams. When we work together with God guiding our plan, we can accomplish incredible things!

Pastor Joe and Emma have completed the job description of our Youth and Family Ministry Leader so finding a replacement for our dear Emma Duncan is in process. We have been so blessed to have her organize these programs, to lead our volunteers and to love our children.

So I think it is safe to say First Lutheran Church is not boring! We have many challenges and new changes ahead that can make us feel uncertain. Some of these are signs of our church growing. Let's continue serving God by serving our congregation and our community. God may have a bigger plan for us than we can envision right now.

Let's continue to pray for our great country and not take the freedom we enjoy for granted. Be safe and have a Happy 4th of July celebration! God bless the USA!

See you at worship!

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1



Pollinator Protection Pledge

Grow pollinator-friendly flowers, provide nest sites, avoid pesticides, and spread the word. These core values apply equally to urban community gardens, suburban yards, city parks, and farms—making them possible to implement anywhere, anytime

First Lutheran Church's pollinator garden is laid out and ground is being prepared. This will be planted with native Minnesota pollinator-friendly plants and help demonstrate the feasibility of protecting our pollinators.

We are going to making and decorating 8 inch diameter stepping stones to use in the trail through the garden. These stones will be made of concrete pour into 8inch circle, 3 inches thick. We are asking for help in decorating them! We plan on mixing and filling the rings on Sunday afternoon August 13th.

Bring your imagination and help to personalize these stepping stones with marbles, bottle caps or other small items that can be embedded into the fresh smooth concrete surface.



Parish Health

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Are You Staying Hydrated?

Drinking water helps regulate body temperature, keeps joints lubricated, prevents infections and keeps organs functioning properly.

Are you staying hydrated? Your body needs more water when you are in hotter climates and are more physically active. Learn about the benefits of drinking water and tips on how to stay hydrated this spring and summer.

What are the benefits of drinking water?

- **Prevents dehydration.** This causes you to think unclearly, your body to overheat and may lead to kidney stones.
- **Manage body weight.** Substitute those sugary drinks such as soda or sweet tea with calorie-free water, helping you manage your weight.
- **Helps keep joints flexible.** Water helps create a thin layer of fluid that cushions and delivers nutrients to your joints.
- **Prevents infections.** Staying hydrated helps your body fight infections by getting rid of toxins and other bacteria that may cause illness.

6 tips to drink more water

1. Set a daily goal and set reminders.
2. Carry a water bottle with you and refill it throughout the day.
3. Drink water instead of sugary drinks such as soda or tea.
4. When eating out, choose water as your drink. This saves money and reduces calories.
5. Eat more foods high in water. This includes watermelon, cantaloupe, lettuce and zucchini.
6. Every time you see a water fountain, take a drink.



Watermelon Slushie

Ingredients

- 4 cups cubed seedless watermelon
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon lime juice
- 3 cups ice

Instructions

1. Chop the watermelon into cubes. Blend the melon, sugar and lime juice until it becomes liquid.
2. Add the ice and blend until a slushie consistency forms (resist the urge over-blend). Split between 4 small or 2 large glasses. If desired, garnish with fresh mint and a watermelon wedge. Enjoy immediately: it does not save well.



Youth & Family Ministry

By Emma Duncan, Youth & Family Ministry Director



Dear FLC Family,

You may have heard in the announcements that I have officially put in my resignation as the Youth and Family Ministry Director here at First Lutheran Church. This was not an easy decision, but after many months of discussions, tears and prayers, my family and I have decided that the best thing for us at this time is for me to be home with my children.

Starting off at First Lutheran, I worked part time as the Children's Ministry Director. That job grew and eventually moved to full time, and a couple years later, I was lucky enough to be a part of the transformation of our program, where I eventually took over all Youth and Children's Ministry Programming. This has been an incredible job, as I've been able to work with children and youth as they move through different stages of the program. I am excited for what has been created here at First and can't wait to watch it continue to grow and thrive in the future.

I will be continuing in this position until my last day on July 18th. Please watch your emails for updates and information as I move into this transition. Information regarding who to contact in the absence of someone not being hired in my position will be included. Also, feel free to contact the church office staff with any questions as well, but please remember that I am here for another month, trying to prepare and make this transition as easy as possible for the youth and children's teams and the church staff.

I want to thank all our amazing families as First Lutheran, for not only your support of the youth and family ministries but of the church as a whole. This has been such a loving community to be a part of and I am so happy that even though I won't be in this job anymore, I will still be a part of this congregation.

Please reach out with any questions you may have.

Blessings to you all and thank you for a wonderful five and a half years, I'll see you around,
Emma Duncan

WE ARE NOW HIRING!

First Lutheran Church is now looking to hire a full time Youth and Family Ministry Director! If you believe that you or someone you know would be a good candidate for this position, please feel free to stop by the office with questions! A full job description and application, can be found on our website or by request in the church office.



EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY!



Last Name

Written by Patti Cummins

He predestined us to adoption as sons (and daughters) through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. Ephesians 1:5-6 *(words added)*

We were getting ready for bed, books, and prayers. Oaklyn named her family members and when she got to me, she emphatically declared "Patti Martinson".

"Oaklyn, Grandma's last name is Cummins. It's Patti Cummins."

I was totally thrown off-balance when she began to wail, "But I want all my family to have the same last name as me!" The wail turned into sobs as I tried to explain why some of her family's named differed from hers, but she remained inconsolable.

Eventually I affirmed that we all had the same name - "Child of God", and that God adopted us into His one big family.

"I know Child of God" she stated, "but I want us to all have the same last name."

"But what really connects us to each other is the love we have for each other, and that we care for and help each other, not that we have the same last name" I responded. Further assurance, lots of hugs and some kisses finally consoled her.

I have several young adults and children to whom I'm "Grandma", none of whom share my DNA. We have *chosen* to love, care for, and help each other. Forging a relationship with those who live at a distance is more challenging, but worth the effort. Building a close interpersonal relationship with those who live nearby is logistically easier, but sometimes requires more of our time and energy, also definitely worth the effort. The most important things I share with all my "family" is my faith in God, desire to follow Christ, and the unbounded love I've received.

The young daughter of a family friend came home from school with an assignment to draw her family tree. Her Mom sighed and said, "Our family tree is more like a bush."

Our "official" societal families come in many arrays, and I pray that they are all bound by love for and sense of caring for each other. God's will and desire is for all in the community of Christ followers to support those struggling to maintain healthy, life-affirming relationships.

My hope and prayer are that I see all each person as a Child of God, and that I'm able to love them with the love God has given us.



FLC acknowledges with grateful appreciation these memorials which have been received this past month.

KITCHEN FUND

In Memory of:

Given by:

Phyllis Green

Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

In Memory of:

Given by:

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Given by:

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Fern Brown

In Memory of:

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Casey Vogt

Fern Brown

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FUND

In Memory of:

Given by:

Phyllis Green

Scott & Judy Green

July Noisy Offering Beneficiary – Lutheran World Relief

Submitted by the FLC Stewardship Team



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is an international non-governmental organization that focuses on sustainable development projects and disaster relief and recovery. The organization was founded in 1945 by Lutherans in the United States to collect and send aid to people living in post-World War II Europe.

LWR partners with communities to help them develop productive and stable economies, improve resilience in the face of a changing climate, and respond to natural disasters and humanitarian crises. The organization carries out material aid distribution, relief and development programs overseas, working with a variety of local partners in any given country, including churches, faith-based agencies, and non-governmental organizations. They work with people based on need, regardless of race, religion, or nationality. They do not evangelize.

Lutheran World Relief responds to emergencies when the severity of the situation exceeds the ability of local people to cope and the ability of local, state, and national organizations and governments to respond. Lutheran World Relief prioritizes response to emergencies in the countries and regions where we work, specifically focusing on areas where Lutheran World Relief partners and communities are located. When local partners do not have the capacity to respond, Lutheran World Relief also works with international organizations. Lutheran World Relief also responds to large-scale disasters anywhere in the world as resources permit.

LWR has several ongoing projects that focus on sustainable development and disaster relief. Some of their current projects include:

1. **Economies and Livelihoods:** LWR works with farmers to help them access more money to improve their crops, learn new techniques and tools to increase their yield and attract better buyers who will pay more for their products.
2. **Quilt and Kit Ministry:** LWR's flagship program is its Quilt and Kit Ministry. Each year Lutherans across the United States assemble and donate LWR Mission Quilts, as well as several kinds of care kits to assist people living in poverty in times of emergency or great need.
3. **Economic and Agricultural Livelihoods Development Programming:** LWR leads Corus' economic and agricultural livelihoods development programming. Lutheran World Relief guides Corus and local partners in helping rural communities struggling with poverty to develop productive, resilient, and stable economies. (Corus International is an ensemble of organizations working together in the world's most fragile settings to deliver the holistic, lasting solutions needed to overcome the interconnected challenges of poverty, health care access and climate change).
4. **COVID-19 Response:** LWR leveraged technology to create opportunities for migrant women entrepreneurs through its digital platform Vamos Adelante during the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. **Cervical Cancer Treatment:** Lutheran World Relief and IMA are providing services to fill critical gaps in care, including facilitating transportation, housing and meals for women during their treatment for cervical cancer. (IMA World Health is an international, nonprofit health care service organization that offers sustainable and efficient solutions to health-related problems in the developing world.)



PLEASE SHARE YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS WITH US!

Do you have a musical message you would like to share this summer or know of someone that would? Perhaps you have a relative visiting that would like to share their talents with us. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact the office or Karen Bimberg at karen@firstlutheranchurch.com.

Vacation Bible School

Crafts!

For Adults

Camp Songs!

Fun!

On the Green at FLC!

5:30—8 p.m.

**Monday, July 31 - Session 1
Martin Luther and the Reformation - Pastor Joe**

**Monday, August 7 - Session 2
Martin Luther's Theology of the Cross vs Theology of Glory - Pastor Joe**

Refreshments



PIECEMAKERS

Rows of boxes are not exactly inspirational. The boxes aren't pretty and don't invite our touch. These boxes are filled with friendly chatter and occasional ribbing. They are filled with busy hands and sporadic math calculations. They are filled with color, and shapes, and yarn ties.

These boxes hold a record number of quilts (74), as they move to Wadena, the first stop on their way to those who need their warmth. These boxes are filled with love.

We continue to meet in the summer, Tuesday mornings beginning at about 8:30 in the rec. room. Vacations and family visits may interrupt normal schedules. Come as you have time. We do not break for coffee in the summer and may work on special projects. Rumor has it that we will have Christmas in July, making items out of the donated Christmas fabric. All are welcome.

'Action Corp' Monthly Hospitality Teams

July Leader: Dave & Carol Moe

James & LaValle Andersen
Harriet Barrett
Joseph & Kimberly Bergquist
Larry & Adrienne Buboltz
Greg Buckley
Sonny & Dawn Chase
Shari Cole
Gloria Dahlen
Rebecca DePree
Don & Kay Dimond
Philip & Margaret Doll

Marlys Douglas
Scott Duenow
Emma & Tanner Duncan
Jeremy & Paige Feist
Nathaniel & Christine Gerdes
Richard & Sandra Hanson
Marilyn Hedstrom
Matthew & Diana Hedstrom
Robert & Cynthia Hilgers
Beverly Jacobson
Mike & Cheryl Kohler

Rebecca Mallow
James & Diane McCormack
Larry & Kathleen Mickelberg
Markus & Destany Okeson
William & Deb Ormseth
James Ramstad
Delbert & Nora Saarinen
Nick & Michele Schons
Cory & Danielle Smith
Scott & Andrea Sonstegard
William & Christine Tesch
David & Judith Wood

Action Corps serves the Coffee Fellowship time on Sunday mornings, provides desserts for funerals and serves other congregational events.

The month you are on Action Corps, you will be called by your Action Corps leader to see when and how you would like to participate. For Sunday mornings: You **can serve** (set-up, serving and/or clean up). You **can donate food** items or you **can donate money** to purchase food items. You will only be called as the need arises for funerals & other events.

We accomplish big things when everybody does a little bit! Thank You!!



August Leader: Linda Dahlin


Gregg & Nicole Benson
Benjamin & Bridgette Bergman
Freddie & Barb Brackett
Kenneth & Marlys Christianson
David & Connie Coalwell
Dennis Dahl & Gloria DeShaw
Richard & Linda Dahlin
Jeff & Launa Doyle
Douglas & Carol Fliss
Kyle & Jenn Fode
Shawn Ford-Milligan
Dean & Karen Fossand

Brittany & Sawyer Hanson
Steven & Lisa Hanson
Eric Hausten & Tammy Merkins
Gordon & Gretchen Henrikson
Brian & Paula Hines
JoAnn Kvistero
Arnold & Judith Larson
Jennifer Leadbetter
Benjamin Noah
Richard & Carol Lee
Sharon Leitheiser
Ladd & Denise Lyngaas

Richard & Shan Manke
Ryan & Chelsea Manke
Emily Milligan
Deanna Motschenbacher
David & Mary Ann Mueller
Michael & Kimberly Pladson
Lawrence & Kellie Remmen
Linda & Robert Silseth
Charles T. & Tamara Thompson
Viggo & JoAnn Thomsen
Joan Westlake
Beverly Wilson
Jeanette & Earl Wohlman

Each family/person has a 3-month quarter in which they will be called upon for serving. If you know which Sunday you would prefer to help serve during Sunday Coffee Fellowship time, please contact your leader and let them know!
Call the office, 847-5656, if you would like to change the season in which you serve.

July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Sunday Schedule Healing Service Baptism High School Mission Trip 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Contemporary Worship	26 High School Mission Trip 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	27 High School Mission Trip 8:30a Quilters, Rec Rm 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom 6:00p NA Meeting, Library	28 High School Mission Trip 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh.	29 High School Mission Trip 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib	30 High School Mission Trip 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	1
2 Sunday Schedule Communion Baptism: Rory Muckenhirn 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Outdoor Worship	3 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 11:00a Jean Rolle Memorial Svc @ David Done, Fun Hm 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom 6:00p NA Meeting, Library 	5 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a Children's Dental Svc 10:00a Oak Crossing Wshp Svc 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh. 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Reh 7:15p Jubilate Choir Reh.	6 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib	7 10:00a Alleluia Ringers Reh 10:15a Jubilate Choir Reh 11:00a Marny Dreyer Funeral 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	8
9 Sunday Schedule Baptism: Ashlyn Marie Hagen 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:30a Outdoor Worship	10 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	11 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:30a Quilters, Rec Rm 9:00a Rebekah Circle, Din Rm 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 2:00p Linc. Park/ Winch Worship 4:00p Sons of Norway, Din Rm 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom 6:00p NA Meeting, Library	12 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh.	13 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib	14 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	15
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**Worship is also webcasted on the church website
www.firstlutheranchurch.com.**

**Worship is also broadcast on T.V. on Saturdays at 9:00 AM
on Arvig Cable channel 14.**