



JULY / AUGUST 2026

SALT SHAKER

DISCOVERING THE MEANING OF “THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT”

Our worship series “What the World Needs Now” calls us to love from the inside out, showing those around us what it looks like to be people of faith, trusting that when we use the “Fruit of the Spirit”, people will experience the presence of God. Have you ever tried to force yourself to be good? It is hard work. Often, we fall because we try to do it on our own.



In Galatians 5:22-25, the Apostle Paul shows us a better way. He tells us that the Christian life is not about following a long list of rules. Instead, it is about letting God change our hearts. When the Holy Spirit lives inside us, He produces good fruit. Paul goes on to list nice, beautiful traits that grow in a believer’s life:

- **Love, Joy, and Peace:** These change our relationship with God.
- **Patience, Kindness, and Goodness:** These change how we treat our neighbors.
- **Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self - Control:** These change our inner character.

Notice that Paul uses the word “**fruit**”, not “**fruits.**” It is one single harvest! God wants to grow all of these traits in us at the same time. This is not the gifts that are given, where Paul says, “Some are given”. The Fruit of the Spirit is given to all, which means we need to grow stronger in our Spirit Awareness.

How do we get this fruit? Verse 25 gives us the secret. “If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.” Just like when Jesus called the disciples to “abide”, here we are called to do the same with the Spirit.

Growing fruit takes time. A tree does not make fruit overnight. It must stay rooted in good soil and drink water. In the same way, we must stay close to God every day through prayer and His Word. As we walk with Him, he will change us from the inside out.

Let us abide in God, in Christ, and in the Spirit together, and use our fruit to make an impact!

Pastor Mike

Nothing But Gratitude- Pastor Becky

Dear Friends,

Sometimes life is so busy. As I write this letter, my family is getting my mom's house ready to be sold. Even though her house is in good shape, there is still so much to do. This means many trips to Brooklyn Park and a few sore muscles. It definitely is a lot of work, but mixed with that hard work is the opportunity to be with my sisters and their families. This has brought great joy to my heart. This project will soon be done, and I know I will miss the reason we had to get together in the first place. Thank you, God, for helping me remember just how special my family is.

May you experience lots of family love this summer. May you also find time to rest, relax, and enjoy the summer.

Pastor Becky Thomas



An Update on Vicar Diana!

We are so happy that Vicar Diana has completed her studies, graduated, and is approved for ordination. She will remain our intern until July 14. Following that, the council will enter into a services agreement with her and proceed with a Call Process. At our annual meeting, we approved and budgeted for the addition of an Associate Pastor. At the June council meeting, it was approved to begin the process, with Brett Rodenbiker heading up a team that will fill out our Ministry Site Profile and, once all is completed, begin the interview process. In the ELCA process, the Call Process is a protected process. This means that only the Call Team will be made aware of candidates and their profiles who are interviewed, and when. None of this can be shared with anyone outside of the call committee. Once the candidate is identified, their name will be given to the council, which will approve and call a congregational meeting.

We invite the congregation to join us in prayer for the Team and all involved in the Call Process. We also lift Vicar Diana and her family in prayer as they begin to walk through a new chapter.

Congrats once again to Vicar Diana on her graduation, and thank you for pouring your heart out and into the lives of so many at both FLC and GLC!

Dear friends in Christ,

As this season of vicarage comes to a close, I want to say thank you.

Thank you for two years of walking this journey with me. Two years of worship, learning, prayer, meetings, visits, stories, laughter, questions, and holy moments tucked into ordinary days. Two years of sharing life as a congregation and as the body of Christ in this place and time.

When I began this vicarage, I knew I would be learning about ministry. What I did not fully know was how much I would learn from all of you. You have taught me through your faithfulness, your honesty, your humor, your care for one another, and your willingness to let me grow among you. You have trusted me with your stories, your joys, your griefs, your questions, and your prayers. That is no small gift.

Together, we have seen the presence of God in the ordinary and the sacred: in worship and fellowship, in hospital rooms and kitchen conversations, in children's voices, in shared meals, in quiet prayers, in laughter after church, and in the steady work of being community together. Again and again, God has been present among us.

As the next part of this journey begins, I carry both gratitude and excitement. I do not yet know exactly where God's call will be located, or what shape it will take, but I know I will answer it with courage because of the support, encouragement, and formation I have received here. You have helped me trust the call more deeply. You have helped me see that ministry is not something we do alone, but something God grows among us.

Thank you for making room for me to learn, to lead, to try, to grow, and to become more fully the pastor God is calling me to be. Thank you for your patience, encouragement, grace, and support along the way.

Most of all, thank you for growing with me.

With deep gratitude,

Vicar Diana



**Vicar Diana
Brown**



Upcoming Preaching Series

Worship Schedule
Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

July Preaching Series

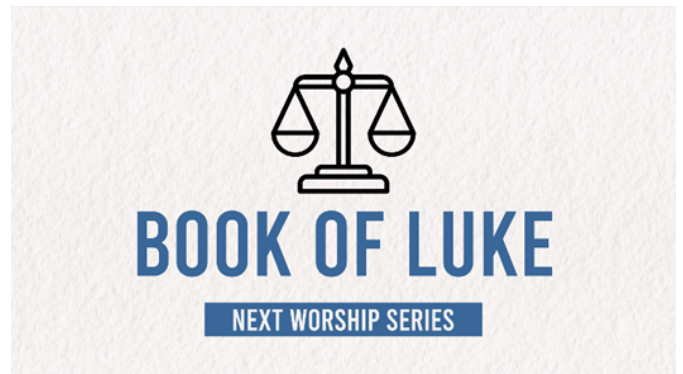
What the world needs isn't necessarily more people who claim to be spiritual. It needs Jesus' followers who are united and moving in the same direction. Paul suggests that what the world needs is the "fruit of the Spirit." "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self - control." Galatians 5:22-23



August Preaching Series

We are responsible for the church of our generation, which means we are responsible for what we pass on to the next generation. But what does a "next gen" faith look like? What's always worked doesn't seem to be working anymore, and, as parents, grandparents, and the church, we are individually working harder than ever to build faith, but with diminishing returns. So, what if we synchronized our efforts? In unison, let's mobilize a generation to love God and serve others.

July 5: Human Kindness
July 12: How to Live a Happier Life
July 19: Ultimate Expression of Faith
July 26: Me and My Big Mouth



August 2: The Birth and Beginning of a New Way
August 9: The Way Goes Public in Galilee
August 16: He Set His face Towards Jerusalem
August 23: An End With a New Beginning
August 30: RCL Texts

Wow Service: Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

WOW will once again follow the same texts as on Sunday morning during the summer.



Stewardship Report

Greetings,

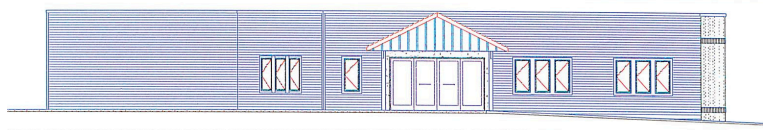
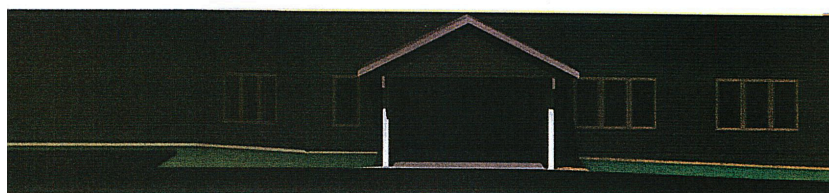
We would like to give you a brief financial update for the beginning of the year.

Out of the first 15 weeks of the year, we only had 2 weeks in which the weekly giving met/exceeded the budget. This means that heading into the summer, we have a shortfall of just over \$38,000. As we enter the summer months, when many may not be in attendance, we pray for consistent giving. The stewardship committee would like to remind everyone that there are many ways to give here at FLC. Whether that's through online giving, envelopes, mailing a donation, or scanning the QR code in the bulletin, every donation is appreciated and helps to support the mission of serving unconditionally at FLC. We thank God for the many blessings we have received and continue to pray for shared opportunities to financially support FLC in the next few months.

We would also like to talk about the south exterior wall project. Back in 2004, when the expansion of our church took place, the building committee's vision was to build a new sanctuary to the south out into the parking lot. At that point, a temporary product called "EIFS" was used on the exterior.

The average life span of "EIFS" is 15 to 20 years. At the end of its life, it begins to flake, split, and peel, causing moisture to enter the wall. At this point, a new sanctuary is not likely to ever happen, so we need to replace the EIFS." In the picture below, you will see what we have quoted to replace the "EIFS." We are looking at doing steel siding with a rock-like product under the canopy, similar to what you see behind the altar. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$35,000 to \$45,000. We cannot put a solid number on this until the wall gets opened up; we are unsure of how much moisture has already been introduced behind the EIFS.

This Stewardship Team would like to propose a challenge. We currently have \$20,000 pledged to this project. We would like to challenge the congregation to raise the remaining \$25,000. We will have a thermometer in the gathering space through the summer months, tracking our progress. If you wish to contribute, you can use one of the foundation envelopes and designate the envelope as "Wall Project". This project is going to take place in the fall. When we get close, we will be looking for volunteers to help with this project. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to ask any member of the Stewardship Team. Thank You!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

RALLY DAY

KICKING OFF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2026

PARENTS AND STUDENTS – PLAN TO ATTEND!



WELCOME BACK!
FAITH • FRIENDS • FUN

PARENT MEETING DURING RALLY DAY



LET'S GROW TOGETHER IN FAITH!



We are looking for Sunday School **Teachers** and **Parent Volunteers** again this year!
Registration forms are available in the office.



SERVANT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY (CONFIRMATION)

ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-9

Save the date for meetings about the upcoming SLA Year!

- August 12: Grade 6 & Parents
- August 19: Grades 7-9 & Parents
- We will meet in the CLC following WOW Service. During this time, we will go over the year and new adjustments that are being made to improve our program together.
- Any questions or concerns, please contact the church office.

2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

KINGDOM QUEST

AN EPIC JOURNEY TO DISCOVER GOD'S KINGDOM



SUNDAY, AUG. 2 – TUESDAY, AUG. 4 2026



6:00 – 7:45 PM EACH NIGHT



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

REGISTER TODAY! FOR STUDENTS AND VOLUNTEERS



SCAN TO REGISTER

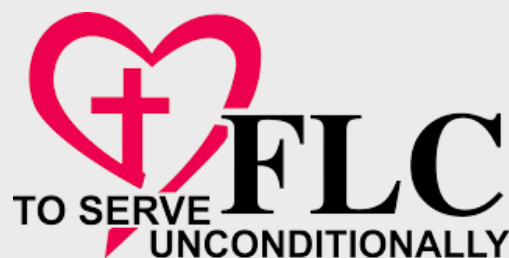


We're looking for **donations** – monetary or items from our **Amazon wishlist** – to help support our VBS event. You can give online using the QR code above, or search Amazon for "FLC Vacation Bible School 2026" wish list. Thank you for your support!

FLC EVENTS

JULY/ AUGUST

2026



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8 AT 7:15 PM

Church Council: The Council will meet in the FLC Library following the WOW Service.

TUESDAY, JULY 14 AT 9:30 AM

Bff Gathering: Our monthly gathering will take us to Shady's Midway! Sign up on the Rejoice Board if interested. Carpool options are available.

TUESDAY, JULY 21 AT 10:00 AM

Memory Café - A morning gathering for individuals with cognitive/ memory loss and their caregivers. Join us in the CLC for some short programming & socializing. Facilitated by Janell Hoffman & volunteers of FLC.

MONDAY, JULY 27 AT 6:00 PM

Book Group - The monthly book group gathering will take place in the FLC Library. Books can be found in the FLC Conference Room.

JULY 29 - AUGUST 2

FLC Fair Stand- Come on out to the FLC Fair Stand and help FLC serve up the "best burgers at the fair!" More information can be found on the Fair Stand advertisement.

AUGUST 2 - AUGUST 4

Vacation Bible School - Join us at FLC as we go on a "Kingdom Quest" to discover God's Kingdom! More information can be found on the Youth Page of the newsletter.

TUESDAY AUGUST 11 AT 11:30 AM

Bff Gathering: Our monthly gathering will take us to True North in Melrose! Sign up on the Rejoice Board if interested. Carpool options are available.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18 AT 10:00 AM

Memory Café - A morning gathering for individuals with cognitive/ memory loss and their caregivers. Join us in the CLC for some short programming & socializing. Facilitated by Janell Hoffman & volunteers of FLC.

MONDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 6:00 PM

Book Group - The monthly book group gathering will take place in the FLC Library. Books can be found in the FLC Conference Room.



Once Upon a Time

PRE-PARADE MEAL

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026



First Lutheran Church
Sauk Centre, Minnesota

MEAL SERVED
4:30-6:30 PM

ALL ARE
Welcome!

MENU

- ★ Turkey Sandwiches
- ★ Hot Dogs
- ★ Chips
- ★ Cookies
- ★ Bottled Water



FOR QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CALL
320-352-3623

STEARNS COUNTY FAIR STAND

Wednesday, July 29

Sunday, August 2

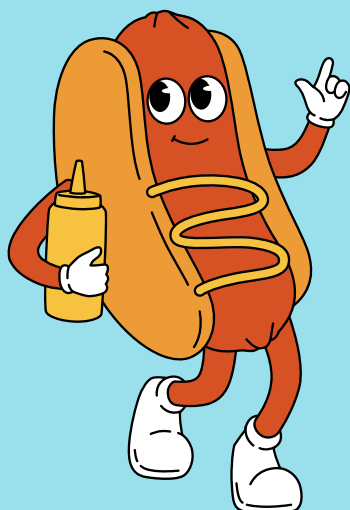
STEARNS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
FLC FAIR STAND

COME JOIN THE FUN!

MONEY RAISED TO SUPPORT MANY
CHURCH EVENTS/ ACTIVITIES

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

If interested in helping,
please sign up on the
board located in the FLC
Gathering Space or
contact the Church
Office



Questions/ Concerns Contact – Aaron Duncan
320-293-0153 or Jason Messer 320-333-5791

TRIBE INFORMATION

ISSACHAR TRIBE - JULY

Karen Achter 320-247-3007
Joyce Alverson 320-761-7856
Alyce Hintzen 320-352-2355
Dean & Elaine Jensen 480-390-4839
Kyle & Megan Kampa 320-226-1218
Carol Ladwig 320-352-3731
Carol Leagjeld 320-352-2827
Tim & Sandy Nelson 320-290-5161
Tim & Kitty Proell 320-293-3520
Josh & Emily Ritter 320-250-5726
James & Marcia Ross 320-285-2440

JOSEPH TRIBE - AUGUST

Chuck & Jayne Anderson 218-429-1043
Mary Bruhn 651-815-5620
Bruce & Sandi Carlson 320-256-3793
Val Oftedahl 320-351-8748
John & Mary Rasmussen 320-333-1954
Ross & Kari Reiffenberger 651-324-1564
Shirley Rice 320-352-6841
Larry & Bette Richters 320-352-6887
Debra Roberts 507-351-6896
Chris & Jes Schlichting 320-777-2080
Zachary & Aryana Schneider 321-745-0572

**The September & October Tribes will meet
on August 2, 2026, during Coffee
Fellowship. Please mark your calendars.**

Annual Church Outing at the Ball Park!



Always a fun and special night, as we watch the Willmar Stingers play as the Alexandria Beetles at Knute Nelson Park in Alexandria on Thursday, August 6, at 7:05. This year, the Beetles face the Badlands Big Sticks. We also have a great deal on pricing this year! \$10 per person, and it includes a ticket to the game, a voucher for a hamburger or brat, a bag of chips, a can of pop, or a bottle of water! Plus, Fireworks after! We have 20 tickets available. You can purchase them at the church office. We will see you at the ballpark!

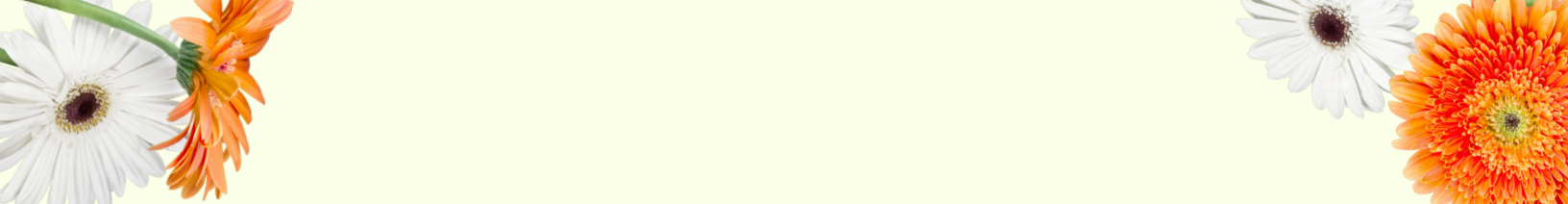


What do a pharmacist, a teacher, and a nurse all have in common?

They are also great gardeners and have made our church flower garden and landscape beautiful!

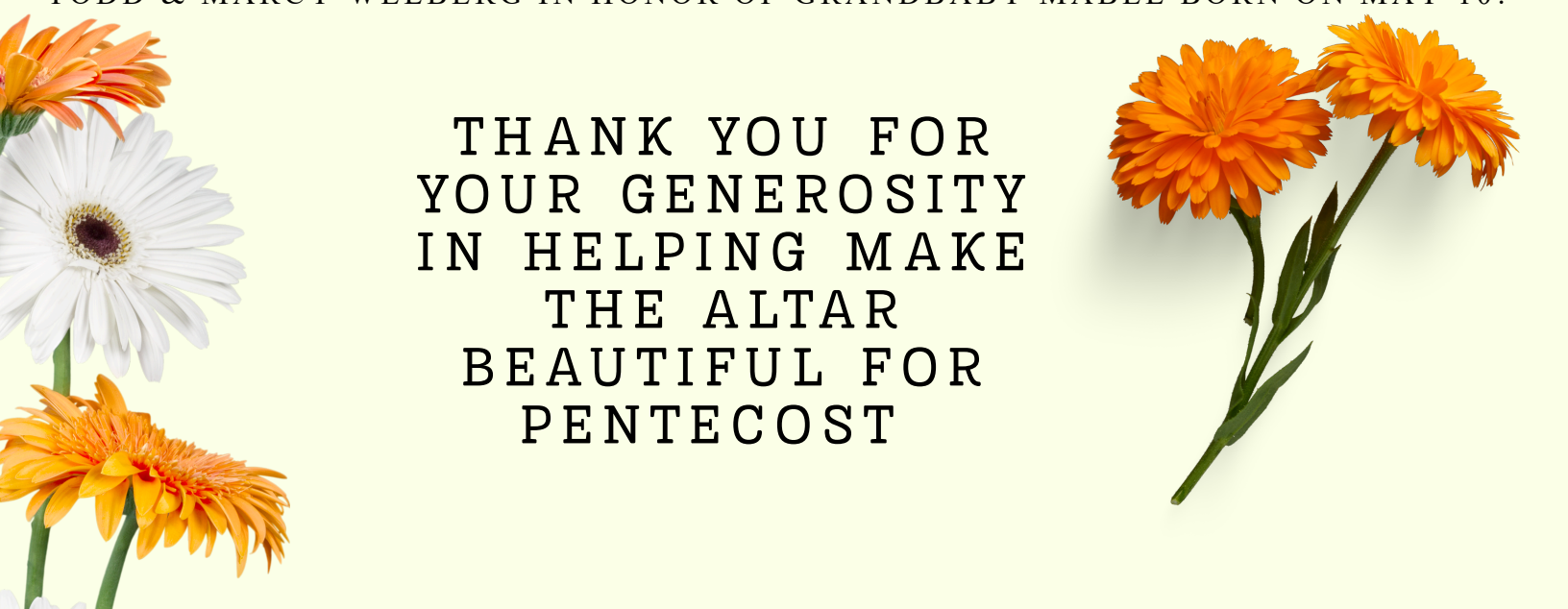
Special thanks to Loni Kohorst, Laurel Oberg & Janell Hoffman for their work in maintaining the garden and outside landscape!





GERANIUMS MEMORIALS

CHUCK & JAYNE ANDERSON IN HONOR OF THEIR KIDS AND GRANDKIDS
SARAH COLTVET & ALEX ARNOLD IN HONOR OF NINA & LAWRENCE ANDERSON
LAUREL OBERG IN HONOR OF SALLI BROWN & JOYCE OBERG
ANNELLA PETERSON IN HONOR OF HER FAMILY
DONNA KIMMES
CANDY FREEMAN IN HONOR OF HER PARENTS OSCAR & ARVILLA RUECKERT
ALYCE HINTZEN IN HONOR OF MARK & BOB HINTZEN
BETTY DEAN IN HONOR OF HERB & WINNIFRED CLAUDE
DENNIS & KATE SUELFLOW IN HONOR OF KAMI FORTUNE
JASON & KONI MESSER IN HONOR OF THEIR PARENTS
JIM & VURNIE WILSON IN HONOR OF SETH WILSON
LUCAS & SARA MARTIN IN HONOR OF VERN & JEN OLMANSON
LUCAS & SARA MARTIN IN HONOR OF JENNIE HANSON
LONI KOHORST IN HONOR OF SALLI BROWN
CAROL LADWIG
VICKI PFEFFER IN HONOR OF ANNE & ROY WALZ, MIKE PFEFFER, JANE STEPAN
KAREN ACHTER
TOM & KIM SCHNEIDER IN HONOR OF ROGER BORSTAD
DIANNA NELSON IN HONOR OF STEVE NELSON
LINDBERG & TRACY EKOLA
THE REDEPENNING FAMILY IN HONOR OF THEIR GRANDPARENTS
KEN & MARY NELSON IN HONOR OF ALL THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY
LARRY & BETTE RICHTERS IN HONOR OF THEIR PARENTS, BROTHERS & SISTERS
MERILYN JUELKE IN HONOR OF JESSE BO JUELKE, AL & LORRAINE JUELKE
MERILYN JUELKE IN HONOR OF AL & MILLY BLANK
JIM & SHARON SCHROEDER IN HONOR OF THEIR PARENTS
SHEYANNE SEBEK IN HONOR OF GRANDMA MILLY BLANK
SARAH OVERBY IN HONOR OF LEONA OVERBY & SOPHIE POSTIER
MARK & JEANETTE ANDERSON IN HONOR OF THEIR PARENTS
PAT ARMSTRONG IN HONOR OF HER LOVED ONES
MARK & JANA QUADE IN HONOR OF BEV & JOHN WILKENS, MARY QUADE,
VIRGIL & FRANCES QUADE, MICHAEL SALVESON, JOHN STANFORD,
JOHN ARCENEAU, BEAU WILKENS, PAM WEBER & CHERYL MILLER
TODD & MARCY WELBERG IN HONOR OF GRANDBABY MABEL BORN ON MAY 10!



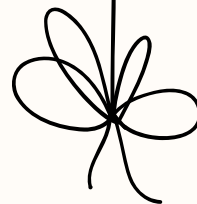
THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY
IN HELPING MAKE
THE ALTAR
BEAUTIFUL FOR
PENTECOST

Thank you

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the annual rummage sale a huge success. We appreciate everyone for their hard work in preparing for and working the event. We also thank everyone for their donations of stuff for both the rummage & bake sale. Thank you to those who provided Thrivent grants. The Rummage/Bake/ Luncheon Sale made \$9,186.70. All proceeds were donated to the church, mission, and community needs. Thanks again for all your work.

The Rummage/ Bake/ Luncheon Committee

We appreciate
all that you do



- Marty & Beth Claussen of Tree Top for the generous donations of geraniums for Pentecost, as well as the flowers for the entrance pots.
- Jana Quade & Starla Arceneau for decorating the sanctuary for Pentecost.
- To everyone who gave a memorial gift for the geraniums.
- Bonnie Radjenovich for caring for the altar and planting the entrance flowers
- Westside Liquor for providing communion wine.
- Trina & Beth for their work on the scrapbook sheets for our seniors.
- Youth Committee for coordinating Senior Recognition
- FLC Quilters for making the quilts for our seniors.
- Congregational Life for coordinating the Fish Fry.

*Grateful,
Thankful and Blessed*

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July 1 Eleanor Anderson
Richard Betlach
Barbara Hartmann

2 Trina Hinnenkamp
Nancy Oja

3 Amy Johnson
Kelli Noll

4 Bobby Stien

5 Kelty Anderson
Ethan Beste
Grace Hass
Stephanie Nelson

6 Nicole Dotson
Doug Lee
Lucas Martin
Jeanne Rodenbiker
Lisa Sanders
Marcia Voronyak Ross

7 Kyle Cooper
George Heidemann
Bruce Jarvi
Greta Jennissen
Kyler Meyer
Travis Ritter

8 Quincy Anderson

9 Shane DeFoe
Tayler Pfeffer
Nora West

11 Kathy Jansen

12 Mariah Funk
Greggory Stien

13 Sandy Nelson
McKenzie Schatz
Lynnette Schmitz

14 Trish Bushard

15 Ashley Thompson

16 Killian Howe
Mike Leslie
Gordon Olson
RJ Reiffenberger
Shirley Rice

17 Maren Greenwaldt

18 Tim Proell

19 Garry Freeman
Bruce Rindahl

20 Natalie Dotson

21 Braxton Linge

22 Mike Bolz
Sandi Carlson

July 23 Betty Dean
Donna Jacobson
David Kroshus

25 Ben Carlson
Grace Krippner
William Messer
Otto Neal
Melissa Redepenning
Lauren Sebek
Livja Sebek

27 Gregory Kammerud
Duane Waletzko

28 Starla Arceneau
Marvin Mackedanz
Kent Tengwall

29 Jenna Messer
Marley Paulson
Maxwell Paulson
Justin Sebek

30 Jerome Prijatel

31 Jean Paschke
Janice Quistorff
Brandon Reller
Aryana Schneider

August Birthdays

Aug 1 Anna Lorentz
Gavin Nelson

2 Stephanie Hiltner

3 Charles Lee
Cole Roering

5 Lily Jean Watson

6 Lois Ross

7 Jodi Leraas

9 Barbara Anderson
Zane Fortune
Lee Nelson

10 Kaidyn Martin

11 Kesslie Taffe

12 Aurora Howe
Mark Thompson

16 Oliver Korhonen
Tim Nelson
Jim Schroeder
Elena Sundermann
Wayne Thorson
Marion Zimmermann

18 Pat Westby

19 Kroy Lieser

20 Madison Greenwaldt
Bruce Hegg

Aug 21 Douglas Evans

23 Wanye Hansmann

24 Jaimie Carpentier
Dan Harren
Michael Schatz

25 Lennon Hellermann

26 Jenna Riley

27 Shelia Karasch
Laura Watson

28 Brady Carlson

29 Ethan Riley

July Anniversaries

July 3 Ken & Heather Thiesen
Chad & Beth Beste

6 Tim & Kitty Proell

11 Josh & Katie Meyer

12 Hesston & Angie Christians
Jon & Ashley Thompson

14 Bryan & Kim Olson

19 Eric & Jatelyn Paulson

20 Darin & Kayla Quistorff

26 Jim & Vurnie Wilson
Brian & Trisha Bass

28 Garry & Candy Freeman

29 Jerome & Carol Prijatel
Tim & Kathy Jansen
Brett & Jeanne Rodenbiker
Tim & Sandy Nelson

31 Jon & Laurie Stein
Marty & Beth Claussen
Eric & Michelle Hellermann

August Anniversaries

Aug 1 George & Shirley Trierweiler
Larry & Bette Richters
Kyle & Brianna Cooper
Zachary & Aryana Schneider

2 David & Deb Sillerud
Kent & Sharon Tengwall

4 Ernest & Shelly Hedglin

7 Josh & Emily Ritter

8 Rick & Laurie Jennissen
Bruce & Julie Jarvi
Chuck & Kelli Noll

10 Tom & Kim Schneider
Mark & Jeannette Anderson

12 Kenneth & Mary Nelson

13 Daryl & Nancy Oja
Aaron & Diane Duncan

14 Duane & Denise Waletzko
Chad & Carmen Muhl

15 James & Pat Super

16 Gordon & Wendy Olson

18 Lee & Linda Nelson

20 Roger & Jean Paschke
Mike & Katie Leslie
Ross & Kari Reiffenberger

21 Mike Jr & Trish Bushard
Dan & Janell Hoffman

22 Gordon & Suzanne Hubert
Mike & Sara Carlson

23 Justin & Sheyanne Sebek
Erin & Matt Bjork
Brady & Mallari Welberg

25 Bruce & Barb Wanquist
Larry & Wendy Okerlund
Dave & Jane Lalim

29 Craig & Kristie Heinze

Attention

If we missed you or someone you know we deeply apologize. Please contact the church office so we can get them added to our future list. Thank you!

First Lutheran Council Meeting - April 19, 2026

Meeting called to order at 11:25 by President Sara Thompson

Members Present: Sara Thompson, Pastor Mike Carlson, Jason Messer, Bruce Wanquist, Margie Rodahl, Dave Sillerud, Pat Super, Erin Bjork, and Denise Waletzko

Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Secretary's report from March was approved. Motion made by Wanquist and seconded by Messer. Motion Carried.

Financial report pending payments for incurred auction expenses yet to be paid was approved. Motion by Messer and seconded by Super.

Stewardship

Messer reported that a \$20,000 CD, which reached its maturity date, was transferred to the auxiliary checking account on 4/17/2026. Usage of funds to be communicated to the congregation.

A detailed written summary of the bookkeeping processes that have been completed by Lucas Martin was shared. This will allow for a fresh start to the 2026 fiscal year and ongoing financial management.

A comprehensive summary of the Online Consignment Auction was presented by J. Messer.

Consigners: 51 with 325 lots to bid on. (14 lots did not sell)

Total deposits: \$201,630.00

Total paid to consigners: \$168,296.00

Total Expenses: \$2102.55

Total profit: \$31,231.45, which represents a little over \$6,000 more than the 2025 auction.

FLC thanks Jason and the entire Messer family for their 2 year dedication and commitment to this successful endeavor. Moving forward, there will be a new leadership opportunity for 2027 for those interested in overseeing the auction. The Messers will not be leading the project, but Jason is available to assist. Please see him if you're interested in learning more.

Property Updates

Bruce reported that the EFIS replacement project will most likely occur in September, with the removal of current siding in August. More information on the details and financial needs of the project will be presented.

Next Gen Ministry (Youth & Education)

Erin shared the following activities and dates. The last day of Sunday School is May 17. Senior Recognition is on May 24. VBS is planned for August 2-4. The youth committee is in need of 2 volunteers. Parents with young kids are highly encouraged to join. Contact Angie Christians if interested.

Congregational Life/ Evangelism

Margie Rodahl was welcomed to the council as the new liaison. She shared that the FLC Fish Fry will be June 17, and indicated the committee has been discussing pre-parade ideas on July 18 for Sinclair Lewis Days.

Worship & Music

Dave Sillerud shared that music is set through the end of May.

Old Business

Staff updates: Pastor Mike is working with the vicarage on the associate pastor process for Vicar Diana. A congregational vote will occur per constitutional guidelines. Claire will move to half-time this summer and throughout the year as she pursues her degree. Joyce Alverson and Denise Waletzko each submitted \$500 Thrivent cards to Claire to use for supplies and snacks for both the Kids & Youth Ministry.

CLC: Updated sheet to include costs to use will be posted.

Key Code: A discussion about changing the lockbox code was had.

New Business

Pastor Mike shared the speakers/sessions he attended for continuing education. More to come on the role these played and ideas for future leadership.

Next Council meeting was set for June 7.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 12:30.

Respectfully submitted - Denise Waletzko

First Lutheran Council Meeting - June 7, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Sara Thompson

Members Present: Sara Thompson, Pastor Mike Carlson, Jason Messer, Bruce Wanquist, Margie Rodahl, Dave Sillerud, Pat Super, and Denise Waletzko

Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Secretary's report from April 19 was approved. Motion made by Wanquist and seconded by Super. Motion Carried. Please note that a meeting was held in May.

Financial report: The Balance Sheet and Profit/Loss Statement were shared by Super with clarifications and discussion on categories/listed liabilities. As of 5/29/2026, the checking balance was \$21,706.27. Motion by Waletzko and seconded by Messer. Motion carried.

Stewardship

Messer discussed the Temple Talk and thermometer to support the EFIS project goal of \$25,000. He will continue to monitor giving. Members can watch the thermometer for progress. A revision to the weekly budget is now \$8,302 versus \$8,760. The decrease is due to Claire's employment being part-time now.

Property Updates

Wanquist reported that Essler Electric replaced two parking lot lights. An electronic eye will be placed in the men's bathroom to resolve a fan issue.

Next Gen Ministry (Youth & Education)

Updates were submitted by Bjork and shared by Pr. Mike. Spaghetti Dinner on April 14 served 207. A Thrivent grant was used, but the jump in grocery prices lowered profit to \$1500. An increase in ticket prices is desired next year. The youth hosted the Sauk Lake Association Breakfast on May 23. Around 70 attended and were served. As a result, a donation was given for \$200. Senior Recognition went well, with 8 graduates being celebrated. VBS is planned for August 2-4 with a theme of "Kingdom Quest." Bruce Wanquist & Aaron Duncan will work with the committee to possibly revive the Boundary Waters Trip in the summer of 2027.

Congregational Life/ Evangelism

Rodahl reported on the pre-parade meal from 4:30 to 6:30 on July 18 for Sinclair Lewis Days. Turkey sandwiches, hot dogs, chips, and cookies will be available. All donations will be used to support the EFIS project. All are encouraged to attend.

Old Business

CLC rental costs are posted on the bulletin board. The key code will be changed and shared with users as needed.

New Business

Pr. Mike shared updates on the call process as FLC moves forward to hire a full-time associate pastor per the annual meeting discussion in January. A call committee will be determined and led by Brett Rodenbiker. A congregational meeting and voting will be held upon completion of the required expectations. A meeting with the executive council members (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary) from both FLC and Gethsemane was suggested. President Thompson will contact GLC President LoriAnn Marsh to schedule this.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 8, at 7:15 p.m.

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. Motion by Messer and seconded by Rodahl.

Respectfully submitted - Denise Waletzko

WORSHIP MINISTRY CALENDAR

July	5	12	19	26
Acolytes	Wed July 1 Kaylee Messer 9:00 Megan & Grace Hass	Wed July 8 Hunter Wolbeck 9:00 RJ & Audra Reiffenberger	Wed July 15 Luke Theisen 9:00 Elena Sundermann & Norah Sebek	Wed July 26 Wrigley Bruggeman 9:00 Hazel Thompson & Leo Christians
Communion Setup				
Coffee Fellowship	Alyce Hintzen	Joyce Alvenson & Karen Achter	Joyce Alvenson & Alyce Hintzen	Alyce Hintzen
Greeters	Carol Leagjeld	Josh & Emily Ritter	Carol Leagjeld	Alyce Hintzen
Ushers	Josh & Emily Ritter	Josh & Emily Ritter		
Readers	Josh & Emily Ritter	Carol Leagjeld		Carol Leagjeld

WORSHIP MINISTRY CALENDAR

August	2	9	16	23	30
Acolytes	Wed July 29 Keegan Anderson 9:00 Tenleigh Ritter & Quincy Anderson	Wed Aug 5 Harper Anderson 9:00 Reagan Bass & Gracyn Guggisburg	Wed Aug 12 Shaelyn Schmitz 9:00 Jax Guggisurg & Wesley Neal	Wed Aug 19 Bentley Leslie 9:00 Wrigley Bruggeman & Leo Christians	Wed Aug 26 Blake Beissel 9:00 Norah Sebek & Elena Sunderman
Communion Setup	Richters	Richters	Rasmussen		
Coffee Fellowship		Reiffenberger	Mary Rasmussen	Reiffenberger	
Greeters		Bruce & Sandi Carlson	Mary & John Rasmussen	Bruce & Sandi Carlson	
Ushers	Larry Richters	Larry Richters	Bruce Carlson & Larry Richters	Larry Richters	Larry Richters
Readers		Reiffenberger		Audra Reiffenberger	

JULY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 6:30 - WOW	2	3 Church Office Closed	4
5 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Fellowship	6	7 10:15 Cura Communion	8 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 6:30 - WOW 7:15 - Council	9 8:00 Pins & Needles Presentation	10	11
12 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Fellowship	13	14 11:30 - BFF 6:30 - Pins & Needles	15 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 11:15 - P/N Setup 6:30 - WOW	16 8:00 Pins & Needles Presentation	17	18 8:00 Stamp Camp 4:30 Pre- Parade Picnic
19 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Fellowship	20	21 9:30 Ruth Circle 10:00 Memory Cafe	22 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 6:30 - WOW	23	24	25 2:00 Private Event
26 9:00 Worship Service Baptism 10:00 Fellowship	27 7:00 Book Group	28	29 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 6:30 - WOW FLC Fairstand	30 FLC Fairstand	31 FLC Fairstand	

AUGUST 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 FLC Fairstand
29:00 - Worship New Members Tribe signup 10:00 - Fellowship	3 6:00 - VBS	4 10:15 - Cura Communion 6:00 - VBS	5 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 6:30 - WOW	6	7	8
9 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship	10	11 11:30 - BFF 6:30 - Pins & Needles	12 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 6:30 - WOW 7:00 - 6 grade SLA Meeting	13	14	15
16 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship	17 Gradetim Luncheon	18 Graditim Luncheon	19 10:00 - Pericope 11:00 - Staff Mtg 6:30 - WOW 7:00 7-9 grade SLA Meeting	20	21	22
23 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship	24	25	26	27 8:30 Foster Grandparents	28	29
30 9:00 - Worship 10:00 - Fellowship	31					

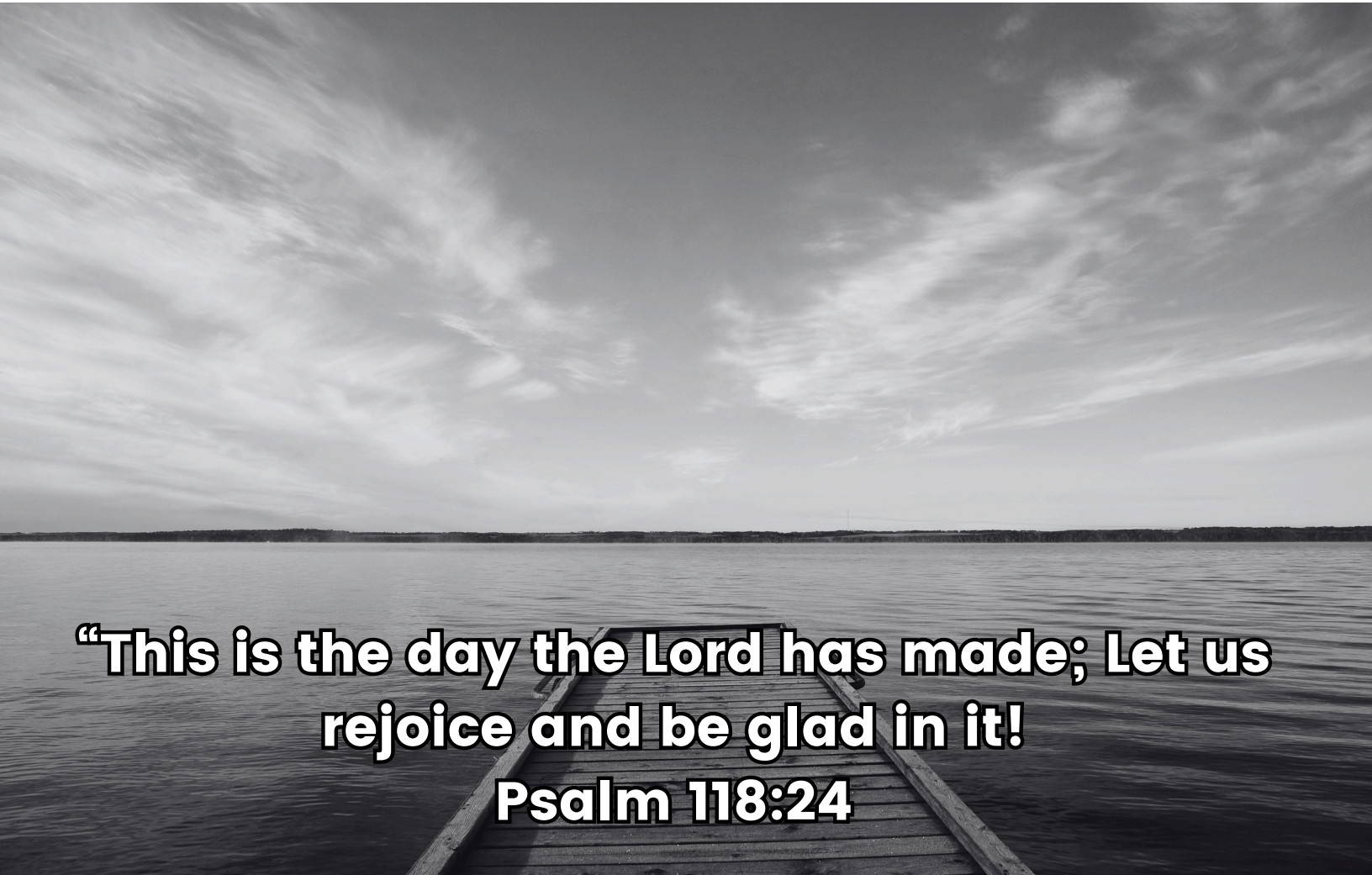


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Psalm 118:24**