

MAY/ JUNE 2026

SALT SHAKER

YOU ARE INVITED TO HELP CHART OUR BIBLICAL FUTURE!

I recently returned from a Continuing Education Event, and it was a great and empowering time! Thank you for allowing me to participate.

There were many takeaways from this time. Our focus was on Rural Ministry, and asking what God might be up to in this setting. I want to share with you all two takeaways:



1. The Church is NOT dying, it is TRANSFORMING! We have heard this for quite a while that the Church is in decline, and while it is true that participation numbers have gone down in some places, there are still many people that the church can be reaching out to. What if our church looked more like the church of the 1st Century? That was the time that God was truly transforming lives, and people were coming steadily to hear the Good News. In the book of Acts, we learn that the church then devoted itself to preaching, teaching, eating together, and caring for one another. What if those who have left the church could start seeing the transformed church reflecting these key areas? Would we also experience God, adding daily to our church, those who were being transformed?
2. If God is up to something now, and I really believe this to be true, then how do we chart a plan to engage with God in becoming this transformative ministry? Friends, this is where you all come in. I want to invite all of you, young and old, to do something in the month of May. I am asking that you all devote yourselves to praying for the church and our ministry together. I want to also ask that you help us chart a plan for our Biblical Future together. Will you, during this month, also come up with one or two Bible verses or stories that you believe reflect where we are now as the church? Will you also come up with one or two verses or stories that you believe suggest where it is that God is leading us? We will make a box available later in May for you to submit what you have come up with. In June, a small group of people will go over these submissions to discover where you see us now, and where you believe God is leading us to become. You will be the driving force behind where it is that YOUR church is going with God leading our way!

Again, I want to encourage everyone, young and old, to participate in this. Together, we are the Church, and God works through every one of us. Let's see where God is leading!

Pastor Mike Carlson

Dear friends,

Life changed drastically for my family when my mom was hospitalized for a painful compression fracture. She was moved to a rehab center for therapy, but we soon realized that she was not able to do things on her own, and we searched for an assisted living home for her. The day we were going to get her new home ready, she was ambulated to North Memorial Hospital because of extreme pain. That is when things took a turn. There were some really difficult days, but mixed in with the hard stuff were many signs of joy, peace, hope, and love. My sweet mother died on Easter Monday.

I am so grateful that she was healthy most of her life. I am so grateful for the many adventures my sisters and I were able to share with her. Iva lived almost 93 years. What a blessing. "His mercies are truly new every morning. Great is his faithfulness." I am so grateful! Thank you, God!

I am also grateful for the way First Lutheran and Gethsemane supported my family and me during the past 3 months. Thank you for all your phone calls, texts, messages, and hugs. Thank you for all the beautiful cards and gifts. Thank you to those who were able to come to my mom's service. Thank you for the beautiful flowers FLC and Gethsemane sent for my mom's celebration of life. You, dear friends, have truly touched my heart with your kindness and love. I am greatly blessed.

Pastor Becky



The Gift of Funeral Ministry at First Lutheran

Funerals help us say goodbye through three sacred movements: grieving the loss, remembering the person, and celebrating their life. These moments unfold in visitation, worship, and the shared meal afterward. That meal is often where stories surface, where laughter and tears mingle, and where healing begins. Something holy happens when we eat, drink, and talk together.

First Lutheran has a long tradition of hospitality, and our Funeral Ministry Team embodies it beautifully. They prepare the fellowship hall with welcoming touches, plate donated bars, prepare the meal, and serve coffee with a smile. Supporting a family during such a tender time is deeply meaningful work.

To keep this ministry strong, we need many hands. You can help by:

- Setting up or cleaning up
- Preparing food
- Serving during the meal

We are also seeking a Funeral Ministry Chairperson (or co-chairs). Ideally, four individuals would each take a three-month term to order food, organize the meal, and coordinate volunteers.

If you have the gift of hospitality—or simply a heart for caring for others—we invite you to consider joining this important ministry. Please talk with one of the pastors to learn more.



**Vicar Diana
Brown**

2026

This time of year is full of movement. Graduation season arrives with caps and gowns, open houses, proud smiles, and maybe a few tears too. Kids move up a grade. Seniors prepare to leave what has been familiar. Families shift into summer rhythms. Life begins to change shape again. Some transitions are exciting. Some are tender. Some hold joy and grief in the same breath. Graduation is one of the clearest reminders that life is always moving, always stretching us into something new.

Even when a change is good, it can still feel uncertain. We can be grateful and nervous. Ready and not quite ready. Prudently excited, as I like to call it. That is part of what it means to be human. Scripture is full of people standing at thresholds. Again and again, God meets people in moments of change: on the road, in the waiting, in the leaving behind, and in the beginning of something new. God does not wait until everything feels settled. God is present right in the middle of the unfolding.

That is good news for graduates, for parents, for grandparents, and really for all of us. Because not every transition comes with a party. Some changes are quieter. Some are harder. Some happen deep in the heart before anyone else can see them. As the church, we have the joy of noticing these moments and blessing one another through them.

We celebrate our graduates with thanksgiving and pride. We pray for them as they step into what is next. And we remember together that the God who has carried us this far keeps carrying us still. So to all who are standing on the edge of something new: take heart. God has a long history of meeting people at the threshold. And God will meet you there, too.

Faith Community Nurse Janell Hoffman

Warm & Sunny Greetings,

In April, from the pulpit, we learned that, with the love of our Lord, we are OK. In our secular world, May is assigned as Mental Health Awareness month. In thinking about my own mental health, I am reminded that I need to be self-aware. I found a resource to help me with that and would like to share it with you.

Being self-aware is knowing one's personality, strengths, weaknesses, emotions, and tendencies toward sin. Self-awareness is not selfish, but a journey of grace, generosity, and growth for oneself. When we honestly see ourselves, we can best serve & love others as Jesus intends.

Below is a recipe of sorts to help with self-awareness

Behavior Tracking - Pay attention to your physical sensations, for example, an increased heart rate, and an emotional shift in a situation. Journal your thoughts and reactions.

Understand Triggers - Identify what triggers your response and question where this comes from.

Investigate Defenses - observe your reactions to manage discomfort.

Listen to Feedback - A scary step, no doubt. Seek out input from trusted friends or family to discover a blind spot you might have about yourself. Be prepared not to become defensive

Deliberate Reflection - Create time to reflect on your values. Think of values as what you want to accomplish, learn, and do in your life. What dreams do you have for yourself?

Taken from Star Meadow Counseling.

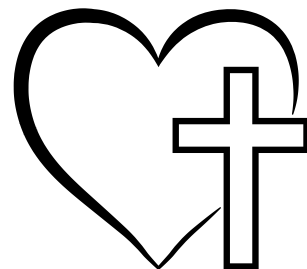
Self-awareness opens the path to a greater gift of Christian Spirituality.

1 Peter 4:10 "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gifts you have received."

By the grace of God
Janell Hoffman, RN
Faith community nurse



**FLC is looking for kind souls to
provide rides to church on
Wednesday & Sunday
Contact Janell at 320-291-
6875 if interested in more
information.**



Upcoming Preaching Series

Worship Schedule
Sundays at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. (Starts May 24)
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

May Worship Plans

- May 3 Depression (Last week of Am I Okay?)
- May 10 Lectionary Theme
- May 17 Lectionary Theme/ Last Day of Sunday School
- May 24 Pentecost Sunday/ Senior Recognition
- May 31 RCL



Starting May 24, 2026
FLC Switches to
Summer Worship
One Service
Every Sunday
9:00 a.m.

June 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 are the fruits of the Spirit. "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23



- June 7 Mature Jesus Followers
- June 14 Finding Joy Amid the Struggle
- June 21 Missing Peace
- June 28 A Longer Fuse
- July 5 Human-kind-ness



Summer WOW
follows the Sunday
Bible Texts

Worship 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome

Stewardship Report

Greetings,

Thank you to everyone who took part in the 2026 FLC Online Consignment Auction.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped in any way possible, whether it was donating and/or consigning items, helping load/unload items, setting items up before the auction viewing day, or helping on the load-out days! It was truly a team effort, and we are thankful for your time in making this auction a huge success.

We had a total of 51 consigners, which produced 325 lots to bid on. 14 lots didn't sell.

Total Deposits -	\$201,630.00
Total paid to consigners -	\$168,296.00
Total Expenses -	\$2102.55
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Total Profit -	\$31,231.45



The profit is a little over \$6000. More than the 2025 auction!

These funds are earmarked to help offset any monthly shortfalls and help with the exterior wall renovations scheduled for this summer.

Thank you all for your support!
The Jason Messer Family

*Thank
you*



New Member
David Amiot
1014 Mainstreet S.
Sauk Centre, MN 56378
320-527-3570

Scholarship Opportunity



DUE DATE: MAY 13, 2026

Attention Seniors!

If you are a graduating senior from high school and are a confirmed member of FLC, planning to attend an ELCA college, you are eligible to apply for our FLC Scholarship. If interested, please pick up a scholarship form in the church office, fill it out, and return it to the office by May 13, 2026

SAVE the DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

AUGUST 2-4, 2026

MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON

DONUTS WITH VICAR DIANA

THE MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE OF BRETT & JEANNE RODENBIKER, BARB WANQUIST, LAURIE JENNISSEN, NORA THOMPSON, AND DENISE WALETZKO CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO DONUTS WITH VICAR DIANA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 7, DURING COFFEE FELLOWSHIP.

THIS SUNDAY CELEBRATION IS IN HONOR OF DIANA'S SEMINARY GRADUATION AT THE END OF MAY AND THE COMPLETION OF HER VICARAGE IN JUNE. A BASKET FOR NOTES OR CARDS OF APPRECIATION AND CONGRATULATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE.



Senior Recognition Service

Sunday, May 24, 2026
9:00 AM

Join us as we recognize our seniors and send them off into the next chapter of their lives. Fellowship to follow service!

LAST DAY

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

MAY 17, 2026

KIDS WILL BE SINGING WITH THE CHOIR AT THE 10:30 SERVICE



KIDS MINISTRY


NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



Look what's coming!

NEW GROUP



Coming soon to First Lutheran Church—a summer program like never before! We will be learning outdoors and digging deep into God's word while surrounded by support, love, and most importantly, fun!

WHAT WILL BE THERE?

Our group will be gardening food and plants, learning about summer Bible stories, eating healthy and homegrown snacks, and taking field trips in the community! Making friends while in a faith-centered environment is our jam, so bring friends or family members along—the more the merrier all season long!



What will I need?

During our time together, your child will need:

- Information form signed and filled out by a parent (will get on registration night)
- Sunscreen (Spray is preferred)
- A water bottle
- Tennis shoes
- A spare change of a shirt and pants
- Sunglasses




Who can come?

This group is open to all children ages Preschool through 6th grade!

Friends are encouraged—we love to spread God's word like the seeds in our gardens. (Parent permission and attendance form are required)

Contact and Dates



If you are interested, please reach out to

Claire Bushard at 320-429-1006 or

claire@flcsauk.com to get registered! More info and starting dates coming soon!

FLC EVENTS MAY 2026



THURSDAY, MAY 7 AT 9:00 A.M.

1st Thursday @ First 50+ Coffee Hour ~ In the Christian Life Center. This coffee hour is a time to talk, laugh, share news, treats, and, of course, drink coffee or other beverages. Invite a friend or neighbor! Hope to see you there!

SATURDAY, MAY 9 AT 7:30 A.M.

Men's Breakfast & Bible- Our topic will be "Longing for Community." We will explore how community is part of God's healing and imagine how we can be community-builders. Our scripture is based on John 9:1-41.

TUESDAY, MAY 12 AT 11:30 A.M.

"Bereaved Friends Forever" ~ You are invited to our May "BFF" gathering on Tuesday, May 12, at 11:30 AM. Please watch the rejoice board for more information coming soon!

MONDAY, MAY 18 AT 6:30 P.M.

Wine, Women and the Word ~ Join us at Babbitt's Wine Bar on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 PM to share conversation, a glass of wine & God's Word.

TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 9:30 A.M.

The Ruth Circle ~ meets in the library on Thursday, May 19, at 9:30 AM for coffee, goodies, and a Bible Study. All women are invited.

TUESDAY, MAY 19 AT 10:30 A.M.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 24 AT 9:00 A.M.

Senior Recognition - Join us at FLC as we celebrate our seniors and wish them well in their future endeavors. A celebration will be held in the CLC following the service.

MONDAY, MAY 25 AT 7:00 P.M.

Book Group- The monthly Book Group gathering will meet on May 25 in the FLC Library. The "group book" can be found in the Conference Room, or stop in and visit the church office to get a copy.

FLC EVENTS JUNE 2026



THURSDAY, JUNE 4 AT 9:00 AM

1st Thursday @ First 50+ Coffee Hour ~ In the Christian Life Center. Everyone is welcome. This coffee hour is a time to talk, laugh, share news, treats & of course, drink coffee or other beverages. Invite a friend or neighbor!

TUESDAY, JUNE 9 AT 11:30 AM

You are invited to our **June BFF Gathering** on Tuesday, June 9, at 11:30 AM—more details to come. Watch the Rejoice Board.

MONDAY, JUNE 15 AT 6:30 PM

Wine, Women and the Word ~ Join us at Babbitt's Wine Bar on Monday, June 15 at 6:30 PM to share conversation, a glass of wine & God's Word.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 AT 9:30 AM

The Ruth Circle ~ meets on Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30 AM in the library for coffee, goodies, and a Bible Study. All women are invited.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 AT 10:00 A.M.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 AT 5:30 P.M.

Annual FLC Fish Fry - Join us at Fairy Lake for a potluck-style meal, fellowship, and a brief service. Watch the rejoice board for signup regarding the Potluck Meal.
5:30 PM - Meal & 6:30 PM - Worship

MONDAY, JUNE 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Book Group- The monthly Book Group gathering will meet on May 25 in the FLC Library. The "group book" can be found in the Conference Room, or stop in and visit the church office to get a copy.

TUESDAY, JUNE 23 (ALL DAY)

Luther Crest Bible Camp Women's Day Ladies, this one is for you! If you're interested in a day at camp, see the details on the page following in this newsletter and get signed up to join us!

Thank
you!

THANK YOU, WESTSIDE LIQOUR, FOR
PROVIDING WINE FOR HOLY
COMMUNION. WE APPRECIATE YOUR
GENEROSITY!

Thank
you!

First Lutheran Rummage/ Bake Sale

Drop-off Dates:

Friday, May 8 (8:00 am - 7:00 pm)

Saturday, May 9 (8:00 am - 2:00 pm)

Monday, May 11 (8:00 am - 7:00 pm)

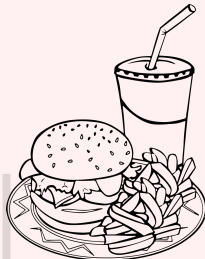
Operation Dates

Wednesday, May 13 (8:00 am - 7:00 pm)

Thursday, May 14 (8:00 am - 7:00 pm)

Friday, May 15 (8:00 am - 7:00 pm)

Saturday, May 16 (8:00 am - 12:00 pm)



Luncheon Menu

Lunch Served from 11:00 - 1:00

Served with relishes and chips

Wednesday, May 13 - Sloppy Joes, Brats & Potato Salad

Thursday, May 14 - Pulled Pork & Apple Coleslaw

Friday, May 15 - Taco Bar



Bake Sale
Items available to
purchase
9:00 - 2:00 pm

All are encouraged
to donate baked
goods and sign up
to help during the
rummage sale! See
the different
boards in the
lobby!

All proceeds help support the
ministries of First Lutheran Church
as well as other local ministries



TRIBE INFORMATION

DANIEL TRIBE- MAY

Doug & Doreen Evans	320-293-2968
Brent & Keyandra Harren	320-290-4642
Ernest & Shelly Hedglin	320-293-6088
Loni Kohorst*	320-352-3880
Renee Lasch	612-210-5598
Becky Neal	320-352-6720
Micah & Laura Neal	320-260-2455
Larry & Wendy Okerlund	320-352-6033
Barbara Rademacher	320-267-2051
Scott & Melissa Redepenning	320-256-4977
Travis & Terri Ritter	763-607-1324
George & Shirley Trierweiler	320-249-6970
Ryan & Emily West	320-267-0534
Judy Weigers	612-964-9360

GAD TRIBE- JUNE

Judy Arndt	320-352-2773
Rod Grove	320-352-6112
Bruce & Jackie Hegg	320-248-3277
Wayne & Aimee Hegg	320-493-6250
Tyler & Kelly Korhonen	320-290-4508
Vonda Pryor	651-245-6253
Dean & Carol Rieland	320-491-7448
Brett & Jeanne Rodenbiker	320-352-0273
David & Deb Sillerud*	320-352-2364
Ryan & Meghan Stadsvold	320-491-2157
Dennis & Kate Suelflow	320-429-0333
James & Pr. Becky Thomas	320-333-6764
Jim & Mary Zilka	612-270-3346



JUNE 21-26, 2026

WOMEN'S WEEK AT LUTHER CREST

COME FOR THE WEEK OR JUST A DAY!

Explore your faith, go for a swim, take a hike, enjoy meals prepared for you (and cleaned up by camp staff), and simply be a camper again! Childcare options available.

EARLY BIRD SAVINGS END FEB. 14

**REGISTER BEFORE FEB. 14TH FOR
EARLY BIRD SAVINGS.**



MORE INFORMATION

<https://luthercrest.org/womens-week/>



CHECK IT OUT

FLC Women, this is your chance to encounter what a day at Bible Camp feels like. Please join us in attending a day at Luther Crest along the shores of Lake Carlos. The date is set for Tuesday, June 23. We will depart from the church at 8:00 am and return by 5:00 pm. Cost is \$25-\$35, depending on the number of participants.

A poster to register will be on the Rejoice Board. I will email you the amount owed once we have a count of attendees. For questions, please contact Janell Hoffman at 320-291-6875

A decorative floral arrangement in the top right corner featuring a mix of white, pink, and light green flowers with brown and green foliage.

Easter Flower Donations

- Karen Achter in honor of her daughter Christine
- Greta, Megan & Grace Hass in honor of Matt Hass
- Joyce Alverson in honor of Gil, Laura & Baby Orlou
- Dianna Nelson in honor of Steven Nelson
- Jana Quade in honor of John & Bev Wilkens
- Jana Quade in honor of Virgil & Frances Quade
- Jana Quade in honor of John Arceneau
- Tom & Kim Schnieder in honor of Roger & Grace Borstad
- The family of Shirley Rice in honor of Tim Rice
- Dennis & Kathy Suelflow in honor of Kami Fortune
- Laurel Oberg in honor of Salli Brown
- Angela Joos in honor of Melin & Truma Rasmussen

Thank you to everyone who donated to making our altar look beautiful for our Easter Services.

Thank you, Sara Thompson, Pastor Becky, Volkmann Family and the Radjenovich family for decorating on Easter Morning.

A decorative floral arrangement in the bottom left corner featuring a mix of white, pink, and light green flowers with brown and green foliage.

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May 1 Kyle Sayovitz
Jared Mikkelson
Kora Lieser
3 Kate Suelflow
Dave Rodahl
Macoy Thiesen
4 Diane Kelly
5 Pastor Mike Carlson
Owen Kampa
7 Douglas Johnson
Ginene Thiesen
8 Chuck Noll
Wren Weiner
9 David Thiesen
10 Aaron Duncan
Megan Kampa
11 Dan Knutson
Raymond Kimmes
Boots Juelke
12 Angela Joos
13 Logan Hinnenkamp
Lola Hellermann
Nolan Schmiesing
Mason Muhl
14 Tracy Ekola
15 Rick Fischer
Hesston Christians
Audra Reiffenberger
16 James Thomas
Piper Christen
17 Jackie Hegg
Keith Johnson
Hadley Paulson
19 Danny Walther
Hudson Eberle
21 Jatelyn Paulson
Zoey Anderson
Jax Guggisberg
22 Terry Schaffer
Lacey Haskamp
Tori Duncan
Maesyn Thiesen
Wesley Anderson
23 Dean Jensen
Larry Okerlund
Grant Struss
24 Elaine Botz
Hailey Thompson
26 Alicia Evans
Courtney Heinze

May 27 Larry Richters
Richard Bass
28 Vonda Pryor
29 Andrew Wilwerding
30 Harper Anderson
31 Kevin Magnuson
Maebel Bass
Henry Krippner
June Birthdays
1 Josie Christen
2 John Jensen
Brian Schmitz
Miley Broich
3 Brooke Thompson
5 Nicholas Boots
Kayla Sayovitz
Olivia Krajewski
6 Mary Bruhn
Paul Radjenovich
7 Loni Kohorst
Greg Funk
Megan Broich
Brody Johnson
8 Kailee Hagl
9 Scott Schmiesing
10 Trista Schmiesing
11 Bri Carlson
Mauren Thiesen
12 Christopher Cheadle
13 Karen Achter
Zoey Chilson
Kaylee Messer
14 Katie Meyer
15 Wendy Okerlund
Alyssa Leraas
Isabelle Quistroff
16 Cassandra Williamson
Dawn Reisig
Patricia Super
Tim Jansen
17 Donna Hensel
Diane Duncan
Jacey Staloch
Logan Anderson
18 John Juelke
Joyce Sedgeman
Lennox Ritter
19 Kitty Proell
Denise Waletzko

Jun 19 Linda Besse
Ken Thiesen
Dansby Paulson
Dexen Paulson
20 Maggie Hegg
21 Laura Neal
22 Dillion Rieland
23 Ivan Guggisberg
25 Don Reisig
26 Harper Meyer
28 Linda Sparby
Linda Nelson
Annie Krippner
McKinley Mikkelson
29 Brian Riley
Lathan Hinnenkamp
Jack Wanquist
May Anniversaries
05/01 Doug & Lori Lee
05/17 Nicholas & Jennifer Boots
05/19 Jason & Koni Messer
05/20 Dean & Carol Rieland
05/23 Tim & Bev Soule
05/27 Wayne & JoAnn Thorson
June Anniversaries
06/03 Travis & Terri Ritter
06/04 Larry & Marion Zimmerman
06/04 John & Connie Wiese
06/06 Dan & Connie Hellermann
06/08 Sam & Betty Schnell
06/08 Don & Dawn Reisig
06/11 Brian & Grace Krippner
06/16 John & Mary Rasmussen
06/16 Zach & Nicole Dotson
06/17 Denny & Katie Suelflow
06/17 Bradley & Rebecca Holmquist
06/19 Bruce & Sandi Carlson
06/22 Jim & Mary Zilka
06/22 Brian & Stefanie Riley
06/23 Mike & Jackie Spoden-Bolz
06/23 Pat & Cathy Westby
06/23 Ryan & Emily West
06/29 Dick & Sandi Kottke
06/29 Todd & Molly Anderson
06/30 Kevin & Cheryl Magnuson

First Lutheran Council Meeting - March 8, 2026

Meeting called to order at 11:30 by President Sara Thompson

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

Pastor Mike opened with prayer.

Secretary's report was approved. Motion made by Waletzko and seconded by Super. Motion Carried.

The Financial Report Profit & Loss Sheet was presented for February 2026. The stewardship team continues to review financial reports in detail. A motion to table was made by Thompson and seconded by Messer. Motion carried.

Stewardship

J. Messer reported the committee met on March 6 to discuss the financial reports and current needs. A motion was made by J. Messer to hire Lucas Martin as a special project consultant. Lucas will assist with financial tracking and account clean-up in QuickBooks. Motion seconded by P. Super. Motion carried.

Property Updates

Bruce Wanquist presented further details on the EIFS replacement needs located on the south and west sides of the church, as discussed at the annual meeting back in January. Material and installation costs are approximately \$35,00-\$45,000. J. Messer made a motion to use the existing CD as needed from the fair stand. Motion seconded by P. Super. Motion carried. Further discussion with the Stewardship Committee on how to further fund the EIFS project will occur. More to follow. A discussion on kneelers and cushions led to a motion by J. Messer to donate to the online auction. Seconded by P. Super. Motion Carried. Signage with updated worship times and possible sign repairs was discussed. J. Messer will address this matter.

Next Gen Ministry (Youth & Education)

E. Bjork reviewed upcoming dates with a Movie Night on 3/27, First Communion on 3/29, Spaghetti Dinner on 4/19, and the last day of Sunday School on 5/17. VBS will be on August 2-4 with the theme "Kingdom Quest." Those with very young children are encouraged to join the Youth & Parish Ed Committees. Two new members are desired on the Youth Committee.

Congregational Life/ Evangelism

Pat Super shared that the committee will meet on 3/10 to set the yearly agenda. The Rummage sale is May 13-16.

Worship & Music

Dave Sillerud shared that music is set through the third week of April.

Old Business

Staff updates: Custodian John will be back full-time with 12-15 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$15.20. CLC Usage: Cost to use will be posted around the church.

New Business

Goal to have next year's Annual Report done by January 10 to provide adequate time for members to review before the meeting.

A live stream discussion was held. Will continue to focus on the message, hymn, and add announcements of upcoming events

Messer and Wanquist will check into the keycode options to maintain building security.

Pastor Mike will meet with Synod Ministers to discuss the process from vicarage to associate pastor position and existing protocols.

Next Council Meeting: April 19

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer and was adjourned at 12:55.

Respectfully submitted - Denise Waletzko

WORSHIP MINISTRY CALENDAR

May	3	10	17	24	31
Acolytes	8:30 Leo Christians & Kaylee Messer 10:30: Alyssa Riley & Luke Theisen	Wed May 6 Hunter Wolbeck 8:30 Harper & Keegan Anderson 10:30 Megan & Grace Hass	Wed May 13 Norah Sebek 8:30 RJ & Audra Reiffenberger 10:30 Wrigley Bruggeman & Hazel Thompson	Wed May 20 Elena Sunderman 9:00 Leo Christians & Wesley Neal	Wed May 27 Blake Beissel 9:00 Shaelyn Schmitz & Tenleigh Ritter
Communion Setup		Laura Neal & Emily West	Wendy Okerlund		
Coffee Fellowship			Renee Lasch	Youth Committee	
Greeters	8:30: West Family 10:30:	8:30: West Family 10:30:	8:30: Travis & Terri Ritter 10:30:	Neal Family	Travis & Terri Ritter
Ushers	8:30: Redepenning 10:30:	8:30: Neal Family 10:30:	8:30: Redepenning 10:30:	Christians Family	
Readers	8:30: Melissa Redepenning 10:30:	8:30: Emily West 10:30:	8:30: Melissa Redepenning 10:30:	Angie Christians	

WORSHIP MINISTRY CALENDAR

June	7	14	21	28
Acolytes	Wed June 3 Reagan Bass 9:00 Harper & Keegan Anderson	Wed June 10 Leo Christians 9:00 TBD	TBD	TBD
Communion Setup	Silleruds	Rodenbikers	Rodenbikers	Silleruds
Coffee Fellowship	Silleruds	Rielands	Zilka & Silleruds	Rielands
Greeters	Bruce & Jackie Hegg	Vonda Pryor & Judy Arndt	Bruce & Jackie Hegg	Vonda Pryor & Judy Arndt
Ushers	Wayne & Aimee Hegg	Rodenbikers	Wayne & Aimee Hegg	Zilkas
Readers	Stadsvolds	Jeanne Rodenbiker	Brett Rodenbiker	

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Modern	4	5 10:15 Cura Communion All Day: Meetings	6 8:30 Gradatim 10:00 Pericope 11:00 Staff Mtng 6:30 WOW	7 8:00 Rummage Sale Dropoff 9:00 1 st Thursday	8 8:00 Rummage Sale Dropoff	9 7:30 Men's BNB 8:00 Rummage Sale Dropoff
10 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Modern	11 8:00 Rummage Sale Dropoff	12 11:30 BFF	13 8:00 Rummage Sale 9:00 Bake Sale 11:00 Staff 11:00 Luncheon 6:30 WOW	14 8:00 Rummage Sale 9:00 Bake Sale 11:00 Luncheon	15 8:00 Rummage Sale 9:00 Bake Sale 11:00 Luncheon	16 8:00 Rummage Sale 12:15 Tear Down Rummage Sale
17 8:30 Traditional 9:30 Fellowship 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Modern	18 6:30 WWW at Babbitts	19 9:30 Ruth Circle 10:00 Memory Cafe 6:30 Pins & Needles	20 10:00 Pericope 11:00 Staff Mtng 6:30 WOW	21	22	23
24 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:00 Senior Recognition	25 7:00 Book Group	26 4:45 Girl Scouts	27 10:00 Pericope 11:00 Staff Mtng 6:30 WOW	28	29	30
31 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship						

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10:15 Cura Communion	3 10:00 Pericope 11:00 Staff Mtng 6:30 WOW	4 9:00 1 st Thursday at First	5	6
7 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship 10:30 Council Mtng	8	9 11:30 BFF 6:30 Pins & Needles	10 10:00 Pericope 11:00 Staff Mtng 6:30 WOW	11	12	13 10:30 Baby Shower in CLC
14 9:00 Worship 10:00 Fellowship	15 6:30 www at Babbitts	16 9:30 Ruth Circle 10:00 Memory Cafe	17 10:00 Pericope 11:00 Staff mtng 5:30 Fish Fry at Fairy Lake 6:30 Worship at Fairy Lake	18	19	20
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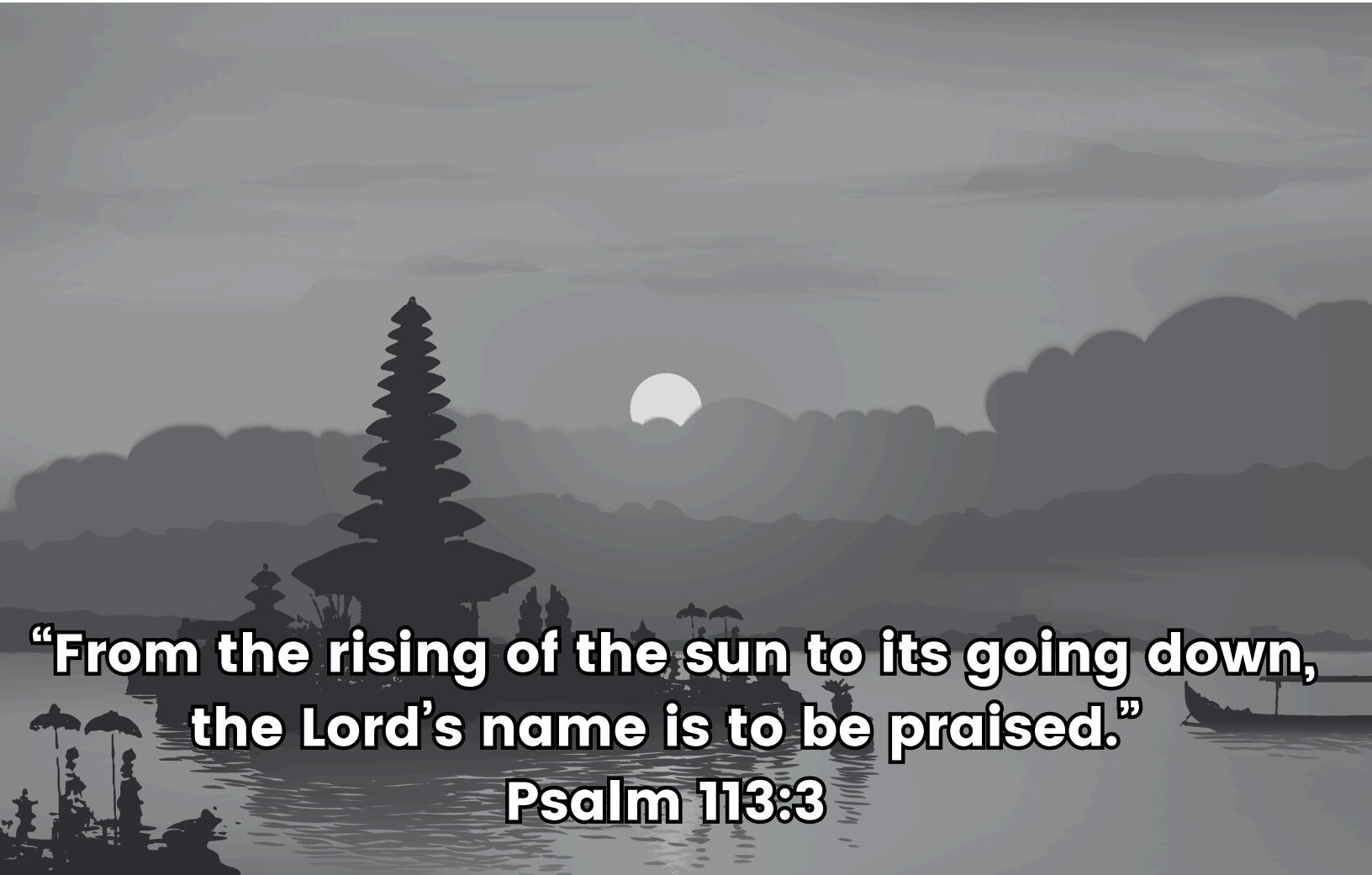


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**“From the rising of the sun to its going down,
the Lord’s name is to be praised.”**

Psalm 113:3