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Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ in the World

May 2026

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday at 9am

Wednesday at 6:30pm

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May Brings Confirmation Sunday & Senior Recognition



Confirmation Sunday May 17, 2026

Celebrate twenty 9th graders as they affirm the promises made on the day of their baptism. There will be cake and refreshments after the service.

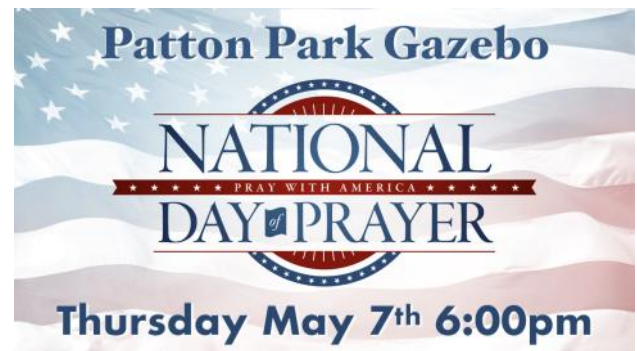


Senior Recognition May 31, 2026

Graduating seniors and parents will receive a special blessing and personal gift. Cookies and refreshments will follow the service. *Families, please RSVP to the church office by May 15.*

National Day of Prayer: May 7

The National Day of Prayer is a day set aside by Congress to pray for our civic leaders. Here in Lake City, church leaders are holding a National Day of Prayer observance in Patton Park on Thursday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. All churches and community members are invited. Many of the churches in the Lake City area are committed to attending this event and praying. This is a nonpartisan, nondenominational gathering to pray for our Federal, State, and Local leaders. There will be music, prayer, and a joyful spirit of unity in the community. In addition to praying for our leaders, music will be provided by the Lake City Community Choir and a worship band comprised of area churches.



Graduation: A reflection on Endings and Beginnings

During this season of the year as the school year comes to an end and graduation is upon us, our minds can go to memories of our own graduations. Maybe some of us will be taking part in the celebrations of our loved ones who will be graduating or completing another year of school. Whether you have a graduation in your family or children completing another grade, throughout our lifetimes, we find that certain chapters end frequently in order to begin a new thing.

So in recognition of endings and starting something new, I have a couple questions for you to consider. First, as you complete whatever phase of life you find yourself in, **who are the people you need to thank for their support and help along the way?** None of us do this life on our own. Who are the people you need to offer your thanks? Make sure you intentionally do that in your words and deeds.

Secondly, as you make decisions about your future, **ask yourself what brings you joy.** I recall a conversation with a young person who was considering two job opportunities. One of the jobs offered to him had many perks; a good salary and other bonuses but it was in an area far from anyone he knew and in a place he was not excited about moving. The other job was also in his field but was offering less pay. And, then he added, this second job was near the person's friends in an interesting city. When I asked what would bring them joy, he responded, "my friends." True, more money is nice but in the long run, what will bring us joy? When we become adults, all of us will need to make a living but it is important to remember to also make a life.

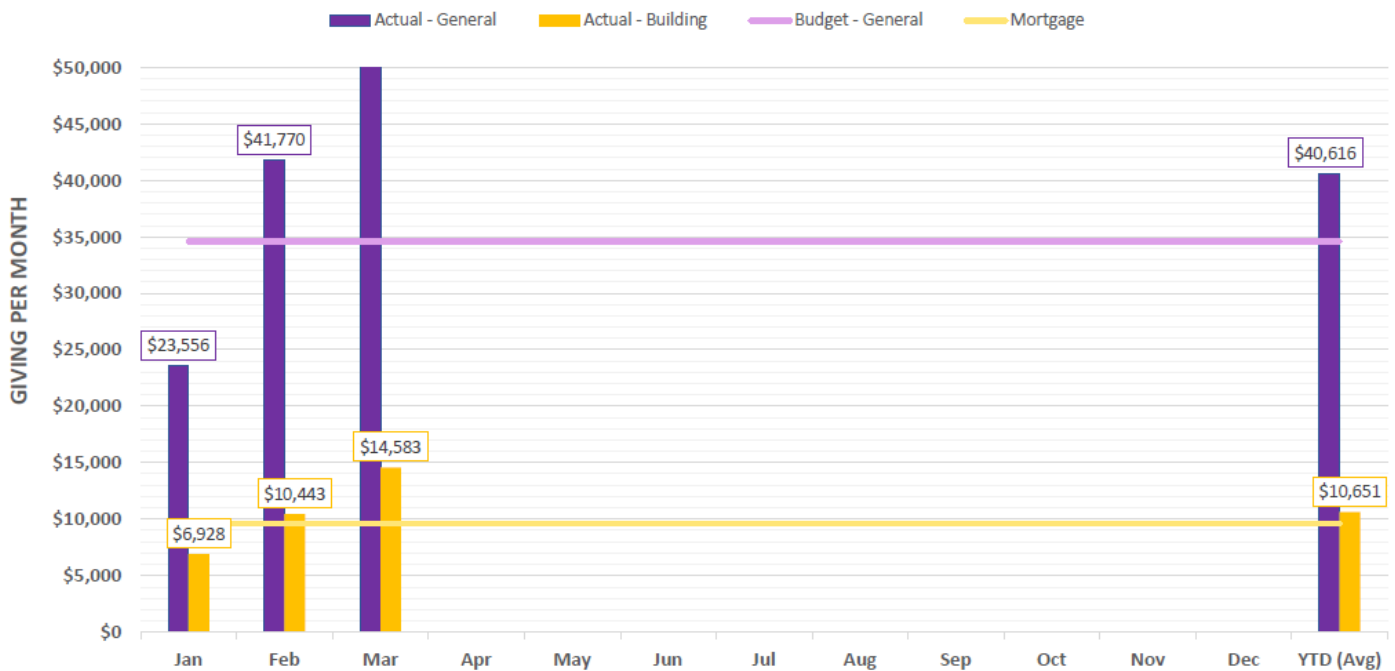
Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9



Pastor Kary

2026 Giving - First Lutheran Church



Access First Lutheran’s Online Directory

Did you know that First Lutheran Church has an App? There are lots of great resources available in this online tool, including quick access to First Lutheran YouTube Channel; email to First Lutheran Staff, call the Church Office, Online Giving (Direct link to Vanco), online Bible app, First Lutheran Membership Directory.

How do I get the App?

- 1) Download the App from the App Store or Google Play. Search “Universal Church Directory.” The App is called *myUCD*
- 2) Enter your family’s Unique Identifier (Check your email - We are resending everyone their Unique Identifier. Click on the gray “Download My Church Directory” button. (If you did not receive an email, ask Jen White to resend it. (jennifer.white@firstlc.org)
- 3) Begin using our First Lutheran App!

Desktop Directory is an Option

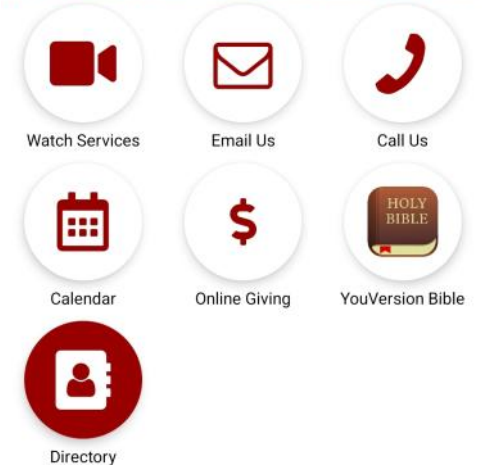
1. Go to directory.ucdir.com.
2. Enter unique identifier and hit GO.
3. Follow the prompts to create your own Username & Password.
4. Click on “Create Account”.

Missing a Directory Photo or Want a New One?

Dave Ender can help with that. He will be taking photos on a few Sundays in December. You may also send one into us. It needs to be a vertical 3:4 aspect ratio to display correctly.

Need to make a Change?

Contact the church office to request the update.



Habitat for Humanity Workday

First Lutheran Workday

May 12 | 8am-3pm

1251 Mounds Ct

Contact Joe White

651-927-9070

jwhite@acrotechinc.com

First Lutheran Church has a crew scheduled for a Habitat for Humanity workday on May 12 from 8am to 3pm (or however long volunteers can help.) Thank you to the crew that is already signed up including Jeff Chestnut, Mac Baird, Bill Otto, Mal McCarthy, Paul Miller, and Joe White. If you'd like to join the crew, contact Joe White at 651-927-9070 for more information.

The house is currently being worked on in Goodhue by the Goodhue school district trades class. The Habitat for Humanity "Go To Team" or dedicated construction crew has been working on the foundation of the home. The house will be transported to the site at 1251 Mounds Ct in Lake City and slid onto the foundation in the middle to the end of May for final construction. More workdays are available. Contact Joe White about setting up additional dates.



New Home for FLC Family

The family that will be moving into the new Habitat for Humanity home are First Lutheran members, Beth Plank and her children Rosy and Frank. Beth has been a member since joining in 2023 and was a Confirmation small group leader this past year. Beth and her family have been waiting for a home in Lake City for three years. She, her family, and friends will put over 200 hours of "sweat equity" into their new home. Congratulations to the Plank family!

Get to Know Our Hispanic Neighbors

As a follow up to the recent Adult Forum: Getting to Know Our Hispanic Neighbors, there were some questions about how you can help. Here are some ideas for showing kindness and being involved in small or big ways.

1. Educate friends by sharing information about Hispanic experiences.
2. Smile and wave to your Hispanic neighbors.
3. Be welcoming and engage in one-to-one conversation.
4. Introduce Hispanic friends to other friends and church members.
5. Attend Hispanic Inclusion of Lake City (HILC) meetings. (*Meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm at First Lutheran*)
6. If skilled in Spanish, help interpret documents or speaking translation.
7. Help with emergency needs for food, shelter, or repairs.
8. Provide transportation.
9. Educate immigrants on community laws, responsibilities, customs, or available resources.
10. Donate funds to HILC. (*Checks can be made to First Lutheran with a note in the memo for Hispanic Inclusion.*)

Current Hispanic Inclusion Lake City members from First Lutheran are Ross Mattke, Joanne Flugstad, Cheryl Luettinger, Sue Benson, and Pastor Paul Miller. Feel free to reach out any of them with questions as well.

The noisy offering and donations at coffee totaled \$414!

Thank you First Lutheran!

Thank You!



Thank you for your gift to the Lake City Food Shelf. With your help, the Food for Five Initiative raised \$63,239.

Your money helps support people from our community and beyond. Last month we had almost 300 visits from both individuals and families and gave out approximately 41,500 pounds of goods.

Lake City Food Shelf is run entirely by about 50 volunteers who help in a variety of tasks including driving, opening/closing, managing inventory, sorting and stocking goods, as well as administration and accounting.

Apr. 29 - Last Day of KFC

May 3 - Last Day of Sunday School, Sunday School & Junior Choir (KFC) sings

Summer Dates

July 21 - Good Earth Village Adventurers Camp

Aug 3-6 - Vacation Bible School

Good Earth Village Camps

There are many options for overnight and day camp experiences at Good Earth Village in Spring Valley, MN. I encourage you to explore their website to explore more: goodearthvillage.org/summer-programs/

Adventurers Day Camp

July 21 | 7:45am-6pm

Completed K-4th Grade

Transportation provided!



If you have a child completing K-4th grade please consider the Adventurers Camp on July 21. It is a full day of camp led by Good Earth Village staff. We will provide transportation to and from on this date. Please meet at FLC by 7:45am on that day and we'll be back to church around 5:30/6:00 with a stop at DQ on the way home.

You will need to register individually on their website. Pricing is tiered so you can choose the payment option that best works for you. Scholarships are available through FLC upon request. There are also forms to fill out before attending. These camp dates are known to fill up, so the sooner you register the better. [GEV July 21 sign-up here!](#)

Once you have registered, please fill out so I know who is attending and how many drivers we will need. [First Lutheran sign-up here!](#)

End of Year Fun & Thank you!



The school year programs are coming to an end. We had so much fun this year at Sunday School, Kids for Christ (KFC) on Wednesdays, and all our Family Events throughout the year! Parents, thank you for entrusting us with the faith development of your children. We truly enjoyed our time with them. Volunteers, we couldn't do this without you! Thanks so much to the teachers, KFC volunteers, and Claire Bouma, our children's music leader.

Vacation Bible School Sign-up



August 3-6 | 12:30-3:30pm

PreK-6th grade

Cost: \$15 (\$40 family cap)

Register by June 5

A change from previous years is that VBS will be held in the afternoons from 12:30-3:30pm. This is so students and teachers attending summer school at Bluff View can still participate. VBS is open to anyone entering PreK-6th grade. You do not need to be a FLC member to attend. Scholarships available. Please send cash or check to the office with a note for VBS. [Sign-up here.](#)

Need Volunteers!

Please consider signing up to help. If you have a middle school or high school student interested in helping, there is an option on the form as well. [Volunteer sign-up here!](#)

May 1 - ELCA College Scholarship Applications Due

May 6 - Last Day of Confirmation

May 17 - Confirmation Sunday

May 31 - Senior Recognition Sunday (Please RSVP by May 15 to jennifer.white@firstlc.org)

June 1 - Bob Polk Scholarship Applications Due



Confirmation Retreat: A Day of Service

On April 18th and 19th, the 9th Grade Confirmation class had their capstone overnight retreat, built around meaningful service and fun time together. On Saturday afternoon, 17 kids and four adults traveled to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, Minnesota, to pack the simple nutritious meals that are shipped around the world to bring malnourished children back to health. One group packed about 500 meals while another group worked in labeling and several burly young men worked in the warehouse. All wore hair nets!

After pizza, an arcade, and mini-golf, a second project back at church resulted in 104 personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. These kits include basic hygiene supplies wrapped in a towel, and are distributed after natural disasters and in refugee camps. The rest of the evening was fun (with some sleep), ending with several high schoolers helping in worship Sunday morning.

The meals we packed shipped this week to Guyana in South America. The personal care kits were delivered to the LWR warehouse in South St. Paul. Confirmation is meant to prepare youth for lives following Jesus, and this is what it looks like: caring relationships and good time together, overflowing with service to others in need. What a great weekend of discipleship!

Scholarship Deadline Reminder

First Lutheran offers two scholarships for confirmed members. The **First Lutheran ELCA Scholarship** is available to confirmed members who plan to attend an ELCA affiliated college. The application deadline is May 1, 2026. The **Bob Polk Scholarship** is available for FLC confirmed members who are planning a career in health care. The deadline for this scholarship application is **June 1, 2026**.

For more information and to download an application, visit our website <https://www.firstlc.org/index.php?/college> or contact the church office, 651-345-5003.

May 1: Lindsey Morgan, Jacob Suckow, Deborah Tiedeman

May 2:

Mark & Priscilla Converse, Douglas & Anne Pflaum

May 3: Thomas Nutt, Gail Schmit, William Webster

May 4: Amy Rogness

May 5:

Cory & Nikki Wurst

May 6: Ava Olson

Aaron & Missy Ferguson, Sean & Tarri Gnotke, Lawrence & Patty Svien

May 7: Daniel Bignell, Deb Grimley Bremer, Kayla Langhans, Bill Otto, Whitney Rolbiecki

Dick & Mary Sitta

May 8: Jimmy Anderson, Jennifer Durgin, Philip Gartner, Mac Heise

May 9: Miranda Dudley, Cassidy Dudley, Michael Eggenberger, Katie Gilman, Jane Webster-Urbach

Raymond & Delane Krier

May 10: Sig Anderson

Veronica & Jeffrey Mickelson

May 11: Nathan Fuchs, Carol Schmidt

Nicholas & Candace Dudley

May 12: Karen Heise, Val Janka, Ramsey Meyer

Tom & Mary Jane Rasmussen

May 13: Deb Harteneck, Sandra Libor

Richard & Janice Shequen

May 14: Kristen McCarthy, Randy Meincke

May 15: Matt Berlin, Cedric Larson, Rodney Johnson, Robert Rasch

May 16: Heath Oeltjen, Tom Proud, Sandy Swan, Gerald Tobias

May 17: Rick Bremer, Trudy Roach, Jo Ann Thompson

Bruce & Elizabeth Carlstrom, James & Bobbi Craig, Victor & Autumn Holland, Tanner & Megan Meincke, Dave & Becky Schultz

May 18: Jodi Crecelius

Mike & Carrie Griebenow, Sheri & Jeremy Sommer, Ernie & Jo Ann Thompson, Tina & Darin Wallerich

May 19: Allen Blattner, John Kirkwood, Kellen Meyer, Dale Sogla, Deann Windhorst

May 20: Maddie Gates, Brooklyn Gates, Bruce Lichtblau, Mark Lutjen

May 21: Eunice Blattner, Cindy Boehlke, Britton Cobb, David Harms, William Johnson, McKenzie McCoy

Jim & Kathy Rodester

May 22: Heide Emerson, Amanda Jackson, Dick Sitta

Kit & Tim Busch, Troy & Kathi Soden

May 23: Lauren Meyer

May 24: Chase Moechnig, John Mortenson

Ed & Anne Towey

May 25: Robert Keim, Brenik Rolbiecki, Sara Thompson, Diane Walters-Keyport, Randall Zanto

Kenny & Judy McEwen

May 26: Beth Krehbiel, Veronica Mickelson, Rachel Nelson, Amy Roberson, Brent Urbach

May 27: Rebecca Gagnon, Douglas Pflaum

Rich & Liz Alitz, Pat & Cindy Ebert

May 28: Jason Banks,

May 29: Connie Sylak

Kjellgren & Amy Alkire, Josh & Nicole Brown

May 30: Lorraine Heitmann, Troy Soden

May 31: Scott Knudsen

Tom & Deborah West

Keep in prayer: LeAnn Fuchs (niece of Arlene Johnson), Carl Kozlowski, Wayne & Monica Schmidt (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson's sister), Patricia A. McMahan (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Lucy Youngren (great-niece of Mavis Hawkins), Tom Gerken, Rand & Bonnie Conway, Dennis Callinan (brother-in-law to Diane Keyport), Hazel Jonas (granddaughter of Shef & Deb Massey), Lindy Jane Majerus, Chuck Harlan, Anna Wood (Wally Dailey's sister), Allan Mumm, and the family of Ardelle Ender (Dave Ender's mother).

Would you like your name or a loved one added to FLC's prayer list? Please contact the FLC Prayer Connection at firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com or the FLC office, 651-345-5003.

Role \ Date	May 3	May 10	May 17 (Confirmation)	May 24	May 31 (Senior Recognition)
LECTOR	Randi Kirchner	Jenny Schlagenhaft	Dave Ender	Duane Holst	Jenny Schlagenhaft
GREETERS	Macie Carlson & Family	Needed	Needed	Jane Sidwell	Needed
ACOLYTE	Open	Open	Open	Open	Open
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Randi Kirchner Milly Gagnon	Jenny Schlagenhaft Milly Gagnon	Milly Gagnon Claudia Howard Needed Needed Needed Needed Needed	Needed Needed Needed	Jenny Schlagenhaft Needed
USHERS	Needed Needed	Needed Needed	Needed Needed	Needed Needed	Needed Needed
ALTAR GUILD	Sandy Bendickson & Susan Dailey	Liz Enger Kathie Majerus	Liz Enger Kathie Majerus	Bruce & Liz Carlstrom	Bruce & Liz Carlstrom
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP	Duane & Claudia Howard & Barb Gifford	Dave & Tami Ender & Jenny Gabor	Needed Needed	Needed Needed	Needed Needed
AUDIO VISUAL STUDENT ASSISTANT	Open	Macie Carlson	Open	Open	Open

Thank you to those who share their time and talents! Your service is a gift to our congregation!
If you are able to assist with any of these roles, you can sign up by...

- * Clicking [Sign-up Genius here.](#)
- * Calling the office (651-345-5003)
- * Sending an email to Jen White (jennifer.white@firstlc.org)
- * Signing up at the Kiosk at church.

May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Labyrinth Walk, 12:30pm Iglesia Rehearsal 3-5pm
3 Worship 9am Cason Haxland Baptism KFC & SS Choirs Sing Sunday School 10am (Last Day) 9th Gr. Parent Mtg. 10:15am	4 Book Group, 9am Cub Scouts6:30-7:30pm Troop 94 7-8-30pm	5 Scouts Committee Mtg 6:15pm	6 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Staff 1:30pm Bells 5:15pm Confirmation 6-8pm (Last Night) Worship 6:30pm Senior Choir 7pm	7 National Day of Prayer, 6pm	8	9 Iglesia Rehearsal 3-5pm
10 MOTHER'S DAY Worship 9am Harriet Marie Jonas Baptism	11 Crafters 9:30am, Fireside Rm Cub Scouts6:30-7:30pm Troop 94 7-8-30pm	12 Habitat for Humanity Workday, 8am-3pm FLC Quilters 8:30am Hispanic Inclusion 6pm	13 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Staff 1:30pm Senior Choir 7pm	14 Fellowship Potluck 5:30pm	15	16 Ari Talbert Confirmation Party
17 Worship 9am Confirmation Sunday	18 Cub Scouts6:30-7:30pm	19 FLC Quilters 8:30am	20 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Care Center Service 10am Staff 1:30pm Senior Choir 7pm	21 First Things Articles Due Church Council 6:30pm	22	23 Iglesia Rehearsal 3-5pm
24 Worship 9am Dundee Ulers Baptism	25 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	26 FLC Quilters 8:30am	27 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Pepin Plaza Communion, 10am Staff 1:30pm	28 Send June First Things	29	30 Evelyn Rogness's Graduation Party
31 Worship 9am Senior Recognition						