

# Firs\* Things

June 2025

Living the unconditional Grace & Love of Jesus Christ



## FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Lutheran Church Lake City, MN

### Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

### Regular Worship Schedule

Sunday at 9am

Wednesday at 6:30pm

Watch online at [firstlc.org](http://firstlc.org) or LIVE on YouTube on Sundays.

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## CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!

On Sunday, May 18, five youth affirmed their baptism through confirmation. Keep the following youth in your prayers as they begin their journey as adult members of our congregation: Rylee Thieren, Ava Carlson-Penn, Carson Mickelson, Meg Fitterer, Ava Emerson



Lord, you send out your spirit to touch the hearts of all people so that they may believe in you and in Jesus whom you sent. Look kindly on these confirmands as they listen to your voice. Open their hearts to your spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that you have begun in them. Amen.

## FIRST LUTHERAN IS HIRING!



The Church Council has started the search for a new Administrative Assistant and Coordinators of Youth & Children's Ministry.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in any of these positions, the postings are available on our website [www.firstlc.org](http://www.firstlc.org). They are listed on the front page in the Yellow Banner or under "Contact Us", "Employment Opportunities".

## So Everyone Can Hear

Our worship is diminished if anyone – anyone! – can't participate. At FLC, we have lots of faithful worship participants who attend even though they can't hear everything that is happening. I'm sure we have some more who would like to attend and participate more than they do but just find it too difficult or frustrating.

At the same time, we have several "tech" people who have been working hard to make hearing easier, and worship leaders who are committed to doing what they can. And there continue to be technological advances, any one of which might be just what someone needs.

Let's all get together and work on this project! **After worship on June 22** there will be a meeting in the sanctuary to see what is working well and what can be improved. We'll talk about it, but we'll also try some different things. **Try to attend if you are a part of our sound or tech crew, if you struggle to hear what's going on in worship – or if you used to struggle, but have found some accommodations that work for you.** We could probably use several different voices to read into the mics, so readers would be welcome, too.

Everyone's hearing is a little different, so the more we have in attendance, the better our solutions will be. Hope to see you there.

## Until We Have a New Office Administrator

We are going to miss Karyn Moechnig in the front office for lots of reasons... but the very practical reasons will be top of mind these next several weeks, until we fill her position.

Here are the ways you can help during this transition:

- **Have patience.** Some things won't go as smoothly as we prefer. Messages aren't going to get returned as fast as you are used to.
- **Use the online sign-up to volunteer for worship duties.** Just follow the link from Connections or from the website. Help make sure all the roles are spoken for, and try to sign up at least a week in advance.
- **Don't assume the church will be open.** The rest of the staff will do what we can do to have the building accessible during the usual hours, but you might save yourself some frustration if you call ahead or make an appointment. [info@firstlc.org](mailto:info@firstlc.org) will be the best email to use.
- **Volunteer to help in the front office.** If you might have a few hours to give, let me know and I'll put you on a list to contact about times we need coverage. You can probably bring a book or something to work on, but you can help us have the building open, receive visitors and deliveries, and answer phone calls. There may be some work to do, too, if you are willing.

I'll admit I was a little skeptical when Karyn suggested we should find a way to send up some white smoke when her replacement is chosen... but the longer we go without someone to keep us organized, the more excitement there may be, and I'll be in the front row cheering!

Thanks to Karyn for sharing her good spirit, her dedication, and years of service. And thanks to you, in advance, for your patience.

Peace in Christ,  
Pastor Paul

**Dine & Dash (formerly Dine Around)**

Many of you may wonder what Dine and Dash really is: it is a small dinner party (for adults only) where the host couple provide the main course and the other guests bring the side dishes. Each month you will dine with a new host couple and some new friends. Typically, there will be 3 or 4 couples, dependent on how many wish to join this dining experience.

It is an opportunity to get to know your church family a bit better, an evening out, and a bit of fun as the host couple provides a game or activity to keep you from dashing out after the meal. It will only involve about 6 events during this 2025-2026 season, with the host couple working out the specific dates and times. Most often, the event will take place in the host couples' home for dinner, but other things may work better for your group, such as brunch or a picnic, etc. The schedule will be for 3 months this summer/fall and 3 months in the spring/summer, so even if you are a snowbird you can still participate in this program.

Please sign up by June 8 at the Welcome Center, or by contacting me at 651-428-9201. I will be setting up the schedule so we can all Dine Around starting in August. As noted earlier the Newsletter, single people can join with a friend, or a partner can be assigned to co-host with you.

~Mavis Hawkins

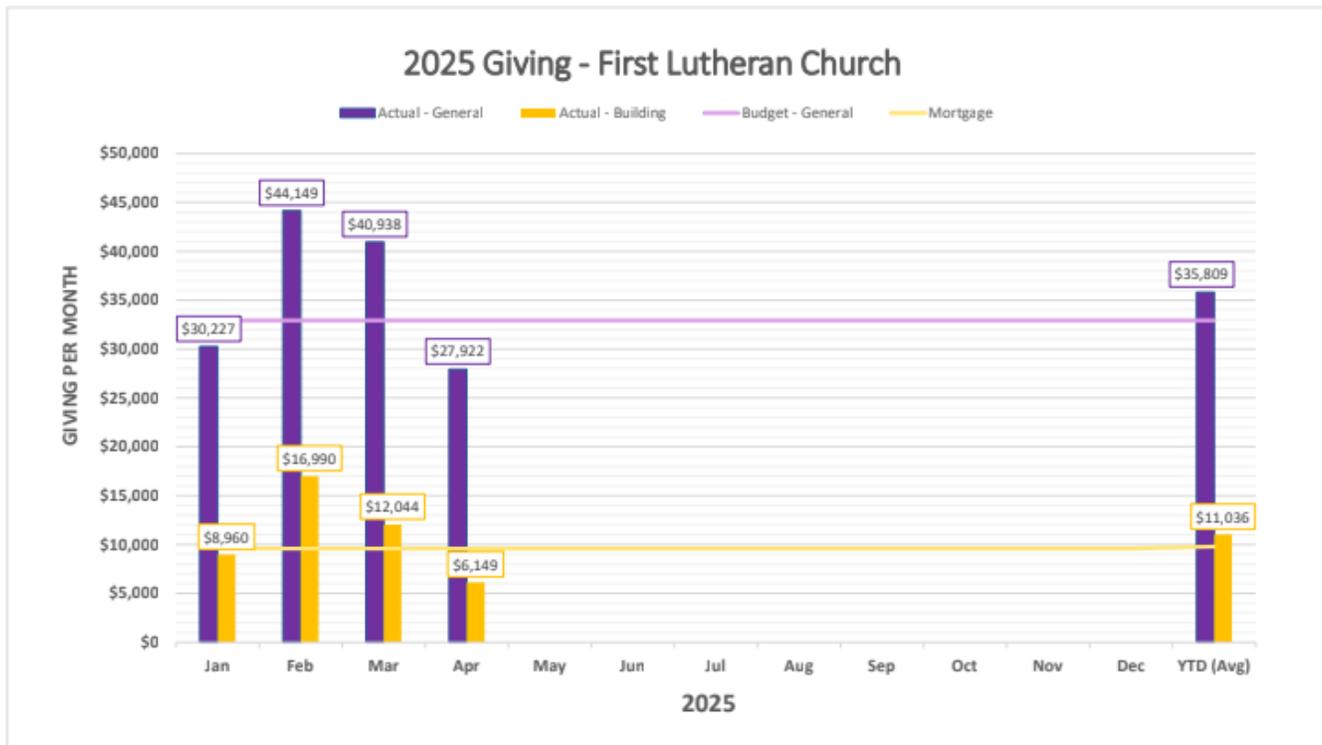


**Landscape Crew**

As you may have noticed, the landscape crew has been working on the boulevards in front of the church. We are removing and replacing the old dirt. The next step is planting new shrubs and lastly adding the mulch. Thrivent funds have been donated for the project and will be used to purchase new shrubs. We are always looking for volunteers to join our crew. It's very seasonal - plantings in Spring and cleanup in the Fall. Also during the summer we water the big planters on a rotating basis and only involves one or two weeks during the summer.

If you feel this is something you would like to do and you enjoy being outdoors, we would love to have you. If you are interested and have questions, please call Dale Nelson, 612-308-9298 or Jane Windhorst 651-380-0883





### Music Opportunities This Summer

We are looking for those who would like to share their musical gifts as special music during our summer worship services! Please contact Kerstin Suby by email, [kerstin.suby@firstlc.org](mailto:kerstin.suby@firstlc.org) or talk to Kerstin in person. In addition, we plan to have a Pop-Up Summer Choir again, and the first date scheduled is June 22nd. July and August dates are TBD. Anyone is welcome to sing - no prior choir experience is necessary - and you just need to show up early on June 22nd (8:15). We will then rehearse the anthem, which will be fairly simple and easy to learn. (I can send PDF's or give printed copies to those who would like to see the music ahead of time.) Let me know if you would like to sing on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, by email or in person, and walk-ins that morning are also welcome! We'd love to have you sing with us - thank you!

### Midsummer Celebration

First Lutheran Church was established in 1869 by six Swedish immigrant families. In celebration of the Swedish heritage of First Lutheran Church all are invited to a Midsomer Eve gathering on Friday June 20 at 6:30 PM. Midsummer celebrations are the most festive celebrations in Sweden marking the longest day of the year and the season of the "Midnight Sun".

Attendees will be introduced to the lawn game of "Kubb" and will share in some Swedish treats. If you are of Swedish heritage, you can share stories of your family's immigration or your travels to Sweden. The FLC Labyrinth will be lit with candles for those who want to walk the labyrinth prior to or at sunset. (The celebration will be dependent on the weather conditions.)

## 6th Grade Bible Buddies

6th grade FLC students received a blessing along with their study Bibles as they prepare to begin confirmation programming in the fall. Thank you to all the adult Bible Buddies who donated these Bibles and who will encourage and pray for these students throughout their faith formation journey at First Lutheran!



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## “Joyfully Aging” MEET UP

**"Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you" (Isaiah 46:4 NIV).**

- When: Thursday, June 12, 4:00 PM (stay for the potluck at 5:30)
- Where: FLC, Outside, meet at church entrance
- Who: Anyone and Everyone
- Agenda: Nordic Walking. Learn how to use walking pole for fitness and balance
- All 50 + FLC members and friends are invited to **MEET UP For Nordic Walking.**

# Children's Ministry Happenings

## Kids In/Parents Out—Kick Off to Summer!!

[Kickoff To Summer](#) (click here to sign-up)

**Friday, June 13**  
**5:30-8:30pm**

Kindergartners-6th grade (current from 2024-2025 school year)  
Join Heidi and friends for a kick off to summer! There will be songs, campfire, hot dogs, crafts, and games!



## Vacation Bible School

[Vacation Bible School](#) (click here to sign-up)

**August 11-14th**

Current Sunday School PreK-5th Grade  
6th Graders being room helpers  
\$15 per child

\*\*Scholarships available if you need help with registration.



## GOOD EARTH VILLAGE ADVENTURERS DAY CAMP

The Adventurers program is a day-long camp experience for your camper. They will get a taste of some typical Good Earth Village camp activities, including worship, Bible Study, outdoor games, and water activities. They will also get to partake in the "Spaghetti Challenge".

[Adventurers K-4](#) (click here to sign-up)

**Kindergartners-4th grade** (current from 2024-2025 school year)

### Dates:

Tuesday, June 24: Art Fun  
Tuesday, July 22: Nature Discovery  
Tuesday, July 29: Ooey Gooy

**Cost:** \$35 per child transportation provided

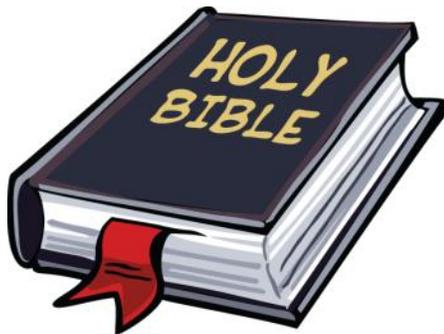
**Leave Lake City at 7:30am and return by 5:30pm.**

**Mark your calendars for events coming this month:**

**June 1** - Senior Recognition Sunday during 9am Worship

**June 15** - Commission Blessing for Campers & Leaders, 9am Worship

**June 15-20** - Confirmation Camp, Good Earth Village



**Congratulations to our 5 Confirmands!**

Hope to see you all at FLC Youth Group events this summer!

Senior High

Youth:

Taking a break in June...



10-12th Grade

Watch this space for info about our summer bonfire in July!

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**June 1:** Emily Banks, Hudson Moechnig, Jax Rolbiecki  
*David & Kay Harms, Gerald & Donna Kari*

**June 2:** Lucas Roberson, Liam Roberson, Dylan Speltz  
*Ben & Jill Dinsmore, Brett & Susan Langfritz, Jason & Ashley Meyer*

**June 3:** Jared Morgan

**June 4:** Ross Featherstone, Nicholas Hartzell

**June 5:** Joanne Flugstad, Mary Gravenish, Deb Hanson, Will Heise, Tonia Swiggum, Ashley Thieren

**June 6:** Noah Bailey, Macie Carlson, Cole Lundell, Gretchen McCarthy  
*Duane & Marcia Holst*

**June 7:** Joel Eichelberger, Lucy Grothe, Thomas Huettl  
*Galen & Kim Vetter*

**June 8:** Beth Breuer, Jennifer Cobb, Cora Fitterer, Mitchell Kuchinka, Todd Severson  
*Dave & Tami Ender, Brent & Jane Urbach*

**June 9:** Mark Fick, Mark Grimley, Gus Sullivan, Ethan Wurst  
*Nicholas & Jamie Oeltjen*

**June 10:** Travis Dunn, Benjamin Nutt, Sean Roach, Sheri Sommer  
*Greg & Diane Keyport*

**June 11:** John Albright, Kjellgren Alkire, Madyson Skifton, Emily Vander Laan, Zack VanLoan  
*Roger & Kathy Hollman*

**June 12:**  
*Tom & Karen Heise, Ben & Elizabeth Meyer*

**June 13:** Shantel Carlson, Mateo Figueroa, Sophia Oelkers, Olivia Ohlhaber

**June 14:** Erin Berlin, Adolph Zanto

**June 15:** Adam Holden, Carter Keim, Rick Sward

**June 16:** Dinah Marking, Lauryn Stolzenberg  
*Scott & Beth Breuer*

**June 17:** *Greg Gilman & Deb Tiedeman, Kenneth & Edith Hoffman, Heath & Tricia Oeltjen*

**June 18:** Joseph Hinck, Steven Johnson

**June 19:** Alex Lundell, Marilyn Mathison, Mary Jane Rasmussen, Eillette Roberson  
*Ross & Sandy Bendickson*

**June 20:** Fred Canfield, Halle Kennedy, Tom Kuchinka, Joshua Moechnig, Sara Peterson, Carol Warneke  
*Bernie & Jessica Dudley*

**June 21:** Emily Berkeland, Margaret Ebert, Mike Griebenow, Tyler Johnson, Ryan Langhans, Trevor Narum, Anne Pflaum

**June 22:** Nicholas Dudley, Andrew Green, Kenneth Hoffman, Logan Meincke  
*Rob & Sarah Nutt, Jeff & Amy Rogness*

**June 23:** Terri Erickson, Jim Gates, Tricia Meyers, Carter Wallerich  
*Pat & Pauline Samuelson*

**June 24:** Grant Gilman, Walter Grimley, Cheryl Oelkers  
*Jeff & Mary Mund, Bob & Dianna Nafe, Peter & Kerstin Suby*

**June 25:** Brayden Burgeson, Michael Johnson, Michael Pfeilsticker, Rhett Suckow  
*Ryan & Kayla Langhans*

**June 26:** Liz Alitz, Madi Green, David Kohutko, Caron Lichtblau, LaDonna Severson  
*Floyd & Loa Olson*

**June 27:** Abriell Krier

**June 28:** Ada Alkire, Brad Nelson, Shelby Skifton  
*Boyd & Janice Olson*

**June 29:** Tanner Frank, Nancy Heins, Leah Ratz, Jake Schumacher  
*Randall & Janee Klipfel, Paul & Marie Miller*

**June 30:** Tarri Gnotke, Alan Harteneck, Susan Langfritz, Zach Post, Maverick Rolbiecki  
*Joel & KayLee Eichelberger*

**Keep in prayer:** LeAnn Fuchs (niece of Arlene Johnson), Carl Kozlowski; Wayne & Monica Schmidt (cousin of Dale Nibbe); Wally and Susan Dailey, Loren Walters (brother of Diane Keyport), Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson’s sister), Kathy Walstrom (daughter of Eloise Blattner), Patricia A. McMahon (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Mary & Bob Johnson, Randi Kirchner & Family, Donna Oeltjen, Roger Hollman and family

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](mailto:firstlutheranprayerconnection@gmail.com) or the FLC office.

# Ministry Assignments

Date Duty	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
<b>LECTOR</b>	Cheryl Luettinger	Janet Chestnut	needed	needed	needed
<b>GREETERS</b>	Harvey & Nancy Gabbert	Janet & Jeff Chestnut Marie Miller	Susan Langfritz needed	needed	needed
<b>COMMUNION ASSISTANTS</b>	Kim Ask-Carlson Duane Holst	Kathy Wigern needed	Kim Ask-Carlson Claudia Howard needed	needed needed	needed needed
<b>USHERS</b>	Milly Gagnon Becky Schultze	needed needed	needed needed	Larry & Kathy Wigern	needed needed
<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>	Marcia Holst Esther Gullixson	Kim Ask-Carlson Janet Chestnut		Bruce Carlstrom Liz Carlstrom	
<b>COFFEE FELLOWSHIP</b>	Tami Ender Beth Breuer	Barb Gifford Claudia & Duane Howard	needed	needed	needed
<b>Council Member on Duty</b>	Kim Ask-Carlson	needed	Kim Ask-Carlson	needed	needed

Sign up for Worship Duties - click [here](#)

**June 2025**

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
1 Polk Scholarship Due Worship/Losdon Baptism 9am Senior Recognition	2 Cub Scouts 6-7pm Boy Scouts 7-8pm	3	4 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Staff 1pm	5	6 Kathy Hollman Funeral 11am, visitation 10am, lunch VFW	7 Iglesia Rehearsal 3-5pm
8 LC Graduation Worship/Grimley Baptism/Church Council Install 9am	9 Craft Night 6-8pm, Fireside Rm	10 Blanket Blessings 8:30am Hispanic Inclusion 6pm	11 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Staff 1pm	12 "Joyfully Aging" Meet Up 4pm Fellowship Potluck 5:30pm	13 Kids In/Parents Out 5:30-8:30pm	14 Iglesia Rehearsal 3-5pm
15 Father's Day Worship 9am Confirmation Camp	16 Confirmation Camp	17 Confirmation Camp	18 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Care Center Service 10am Staff 1pm Confirmation Camp	19 Church Council 6:30pm Confirmation Camp	20 Midsummer Eve Gathering 6:30pm Confirmation Camp	21 Iglesia Rehearsal 3-5pm
22 Pop-Up Summer Choir 8:15am Worship 9am Hearing/Sound Mtg following wor- ship	23	24 Blanket Blessings 8:30am Good Earth Village Art Fun Kids Day Camp 7:30am-5:30pm,	25 FLC Bible Study 8:30am Staff 1pm	26	27	28 Iglesia Rehearsal 3-5pm
29 Worship 9am	30					