

**SAVE THE DATES** – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of First Lutheran Church will be on Saturday, June 27 & Sunday, June 28. More information to come soon.

**First Lutheran** is scheduled to deliver Mobile Meals May 4-8 and May 11-15. Natalie has put out a sign-up sheet in Centennial Hall.

**Save the date** - May 3rd - All ages are welcome to join us for planting and more at Shalom Hill Farm in Windom, MN. Register with Brenda today.

**May 6** - End of year celebration at church - ALL are welcome! Join us at First Lutheran for a meal at 5:15 pm followed by an informal worship service at 6:00 pm led by the youth.

**We are collecting** clear glass vases (**12” or taller with 4” opening**) to decorate for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. If you have any you would like to donate, please put them on the kitchen counter. Thanks so much, Jane.

**RUMMAGE SALE** - Due to the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, donations will not be accepted until after July 1. The rummage sale will be happening August 13, 14 and 15. Talk with Brenda Richards with any questions.

**First Lutheran Church – ELCA**

**1200 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue - Worthington, MN 56187**

Ministers: All baptized members – Jeanette McCormick, Pastor

**Web Site:** felcwgtn.org & **Email:** felcwgtn@gmail.com

**April 26, 2026** – Paul & Silas (\* = please stand)

**GATHERING AND INFORMATION**

\***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** (p. 94)

\***GATHERING SONG** ELW 851, “When In Our Music God is Glorified”

\***GREETING** (p. 138)

\***KYRIE**

\***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** ELW 208, “Praise to You, O God of Mercy”

\***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**READING:** Acts 16:16-34 (Red Bible p. 900-901)

**PSALM** 119:55-62 (Red Bible p. 494)

**NOISY OFFERING**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SEED BLESSING**

\***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (p. 142)

“Alleluia”

\***GOSPEL:** Luke 6:18-19, 22-23 (Red Bible p. 838)

**SERMON**

Pastor Jeannette

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

TFF 242, “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

\***NICENE CREED** (p. 104)

\***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

\***PEACE** (p.143)

**OFFERING/CGC MOMENT**

\***OFFERING SONG** ELW 367, “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” (vs. 4)

**OFFERING PRAYER**

\***LORD’S PRAYER** (p. 145)

\***BLESSING**

\***SENDING SONG**

ELW 763, “My Life Flows On In Endless Song”

\***DISMISSAL** (p. 146)



**The National Day of Prayer**

Thursday, May 7, 2026


@ Noon - 1 PM

Farmer’s Room

Government Center  
315 Tenth Street, Worthington



**FAITH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND SUICIDE PREVENTION**



**JOIN US FOR ONE OR ALL OF THESE SESSIONS: 6:30 PM-8 PM EACH NIGHT**

- All materials provided. Free will donation for all resources and materials.
- Sessions are appropriate for teenagers to adults.
- Conversation time will take place but no one is expected to share.
- You do not need to be a parent to benefit from these sessions.
- Childcare is available.
- All denominational backgrounds/no denominational backgrounds are welcome.

**APRIL 15: INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION AND CONVERSATION**  
We will talk about how faith, the church and mental health/suicide are connected. There will be an introduction led by Pr. Jeanette McCormick. Then adults and youth will divide for small group conversations.

**APRIL 22: QPR AND ENDING THE SILENCE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING**  
Join us for QPR (Question, Persuade and Refer) training for adults or an “Ending the Silence” training for teens. Sessions will be taught by certified instructors, Marie Ablinson-Sorensen and Renee Labat. **RSVPs for this session are useful to planning (see contact information below).**

**APRIL 29: PANEL AND LANTERN MAKING**  
A panel of mental health workers and individuals affected by mental health/suicide will share their stories. Questions are encouraged. Youth will end the session by creating lanterns in honor of those lost by suicide or are struggling with mental health.

All Events Will Occur at First Lutheran: 1200 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Worthington, MN 56187  
Community organizations will be present to share information and resources. Books about mental health for children/youth of all ages will also be available.

Questions/Concerns? Please contact Pr. Jeanette McCormick at 507-376-6148 or 612-636-1533 (cell) or email [pastorjeanettemccormick@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjeanettemccormick@gmail.com)

### SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR:** Todd Hallstrom  
**ACOLYTE:** Dyson Neugebauer  
**SOUND:** Doug Frisch  
**POWERPOINT:** Glenda Lais  
**ORGANIST:** Nancy Hofstee  
**VAN DRIVERS:** 4-26 Larry Woodbury (360-2689)  
5-3 Matt Russell (360-5835)  
**GREETER:** Kathy Craun  
**LIVESTREAM:** Ethan Nixon  
**COFFEE:** Rolf & Joan Mahlberg & Kathy Craun

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 86                      Attendance a year ago: 103  
Attendance Last Wednesday: 12                      Livestream: 429

**Burial** for Terry Morrison will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 pm at Memorial Gardens in Worthington. All are welcome.



**Members:** Grace McGaughey, Laura Christensen, Bob Benson, Linda Towne, Mike Vosburgh, Logan Waldner, Shirley Frisch, Erin Schutte-Wadzinski, Wadzinski Family, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Jean Black, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen

**Members in Nursing Homes:** Joan Tofteland

**Members in Care Facilities:** Rosann Boots, Karen Lewis, Jean Bender

**Family Members & Friends:** David King (friend of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Verna Hill, (mother of Mary Ingenthron), Avrey Smith (brother of Austin Peters-Smith), Diane (DeWitt) Duitsman, Tiah Colacci (friend of Pastor Jeanette), Aaron & Amy Koob (nephew of Dale & Debbie Koob), Rita Knutson, Wendy Frodermann (family of Eric & Lisa Milbrath), Rachael Felske (granddaughter of Karen Buchman), Darlene Voxland (Aunt of Lisa Waldner), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son)

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### FELC SCHEDULE FOR April 27-May 3, 2026

|                |             |   |
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| Monday – 27    | 9:00AM      | <b>BULLETIN DEADLINE</b>                    |
|                | 2:00-3:30PM | GriefShare                                  |
| Tuesday – 28   | 7:00AM      | Early Risers Bible Study                    |
| Wednesday – 29 | 6:00PM      | Worship                                     |
|                | 6:30PM      | Sanctuary Choir                             |
|                | 6:30-8:00PM | Confirmation/Mental Health Program          |
| Thursday – 30  | 1:00PM      | Meadow's Bible Study                        |
|                | 6:00PM      | Beverages & Bibles @ Elks                   |
| Friday – 1     |             | Pastor's Sabbath Day                        |
| Saturday – 2   | 3:00PM      | Terry Morrison Burial @ Memorial Gardens    |
| Sunday – 3     | 8:00AM      | Grace Lutheran Worship                      |
|                | 8:45AM      | Sunday School                               |
|                | 9:30AM      | Worship/Communion – Paul's Sermon at Athens |

#### **Radio Broadcast Sponsor:**

(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

**Why we sing** *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* is to reveal how praise can emerge even in the most unexpected and difficult places. Paul and Silas, imprisoned and stripped of freedom, respond not with despair but with song, and their music becomes a witness that reaches beyond the prison walls, opening the possibility of new life for all who hear it. Written by Fred Pratt Green and set to a tune by Charles Villiers Stanford, the hymn reflects on music not simply as expression of praise but as a vital part of the Christian experience itself. Pratt Green explores music making as a phenomenon, in its own right, suggesting that it draws us more deeply into faith, moving us to a more profound alleluia. In this way, he stands in line with Martin Luther, who saw music as one of God's greatest gifts, a means through which grace and truth are made known. As we sing, we trust that our shared music can open hearts, sustain hope, and participate in God's work of restoration in the world.