

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
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OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday
8:00 am—12:00 pm
1:00—4:30 pm

Friday

8:00 am—12:00 pm

Church will be locked over the noon hour.

WORSHIP: 6:00 pm—Wednesday
9:30 am—Sunday

COMMUNION: Wednesday
First & Third Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 8:45 am (Sept–May)

MISSION STATEMENT

**FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH, WORTHINGTON, MN**

*God has called us, the baptized
members of First Evangelical
Lutheran Church, Worthington,
Minnesota, to proclaim the Gospel
and make disciples of all people.*

Living out our Mission

*In obedience, we commit ourselves
to the Lord's ministry rooted in a
fertile agricultural prairie of God's
creation. Relying on the promise of
the Holy Spirit, and through Word
and Sacraments, we will grow
toward wholeness through worship,
learning, service, witness, support,
and fellowship.*

Adopted 5-31-87

June
2025
Evangel

**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

CONGREGATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT – Matt Russell
(507) 360-5835
VICE PRESIDENT – Lonnie Myrom
(507) 329-3849
SECRETARY – Carrie Adams
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CHURCH STAFF

Jeanette McCormick—Pastor
Natalie Zinnel—Administrative Secretary/
Co-Treasurer
Brenda Richards—Youth & Family Director
Todd Poppema—Custodian
Eric Parrish —Choir Director/Worship Planner
Lori Nienkerk—Choir Accompanist/
Organist/Pianist
Arlene Lowe—Co-Treasurer
Debbie Koob—Financial Secretary
Jim & Paula Laffrenzen—Parish Visitors

PASTOR JEANETTE'S ARTICLE

Dear First Lutheran,

On April 8 and 9, I was able to attend a “Keeping Faith” training that was hosted via the Southwest Crisis Center. Much of the training was conducted by Victor Vieth, J.D., M.A., Chief Program Officer and Director of the Center for Faith and Child Protection, Zero Abuse Project. The presentation discussed the emotional and spiritual impacts of abuse on children. The presentation discussed information about recognizing signs of abuse in children. It also detailed ways that faith is sometimes used to justify abuse and neglect. Throughout the training, suggestions were made about how to safeguard children from predators during church youth activities. I was able to take notes about areas we can improve on and I was pleased to hear that we already were doing many things well. The presentation also discussed punishment of children and gave insights for faith leaders about how we can talk about raising children in a better way. Another presenter, Alison Feigh (Jacob Wetterling Resource Center), talked about online safety policies for churches. This presenter also provided tangible ways to talk with kids about “tattling” verses “telling” and what types of secrets can be kept and what types of secrets can not be kept. Though the time was very intense, I am grateful for both the work of the Southwest Crisis Center in providing the information and our church for supporting me in attending the training. This opportunity, furthermore, assists me in completing necessary continuing education as a pastor and was free for all who attended.

On April 25 and 26, Brenda Richards and I were also able to attend a retreat for “Rhythms of Faith.” Shetek Lutheran Ministries was one of nine camps selected to receive a grant to foster faith formation in the home. First Lutheran was one of a handful of congregations who was selected to participate in the project. During our retreat, we talked about how faith is best passed down via practices and habits at home. Though some practices are simple (praying before meals), the presenter from Sacred Playgrounds noted that most families nowadays do not do such things. So, as congregations and camps, we have a challenge to help foster these practices and habits. Furthermore, a great deal of time was spent on talking about how we can build on the practices and successes camps have in fostering faith development. As a part of our final session, we talked about how we, as churches, can show support to youth before they attend camp. We also discussed how we can assist youth in sharing their experiences after camp, and help families continue the “momentum” of faith development that is initiated through camp experiences. This training was free, and, furthermore, the program may have financial benefits for campers and their families, as well. Once again, thank you for supporting me in improving my skills as we pass down our faith in Christ to the next generation together.

Gratefully,
Jeanette McCormick





Lessons and Themes for the Sundays in June, 2025:

6/1/25: One in Christ

Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29
Psalm 133
Luke 1:68-79

6/8/25: Fruits of the Spirit (Pentecost)

Galatians 4:1-7, 5:16-26
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Acts 2:1-18
Luke 11:11-13

6/15/2025: Trinity Sunday

Hosea 11:1-4
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

6/22/2025: Welcomed as God's Children

Isaiah 8:1-8
Psalm 34:11-22
1 John 3:1-3
Luke 9:38-48

6/29/2025: The Way of the Cross

Jeremiah 9:17-22
Psalm 126:1-6
Revelation 21:1-7
Luke 23:26-31

Praise the Lord

The following is the financial report for First Lutheran as of April, 2025:

General Fund:

Bal. 3/31/25:	\$7,393.69
Inc., April	\$26,746.64
Exp., April	\$29,530.39
Bal. 4/30/25:	\$4,609.94
(The amount shows behind budget.)	
Grace Lutheran Reimbursement—	\$12,662.88

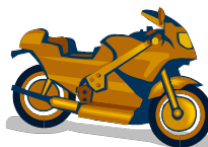
Building Fund:

Bal. 3/31/25:	\$2,751.25
Inc., April	\$365.00
Exp., April	\$0.00
Bal. 4/30/25:	\$3,116.25



Card Ministry meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Come join the fun. No experience necessary! Check

out our display in Centennial Hall to purchase a card for \$1. Funds will be designated to different groups as needed.



ATTENTION

All Bikers:
Due to low numbers attending the

Bike Blessing the last couple of years, it was decided to not have this event this year.



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TO TITHE WHILE
YOU'RE AWAY

Servants

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If for any reason you are unable to serve at the time indicated, please trade with someone else on the list or find a replacement and contact the church office so that the names can be listed correctly in the church bulletin. This is a temporary schedule for the month so it may change. Thank you.

Computer Assistant (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/1	9:30	Pam Fleming
6/8	9:30	Kathy Summers
6/15	9:30	Glenda Lais
6/22	9:30	Ryan McGaughey
6/29	9:30	Glenda Lais

Livestream (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/1	9:30	Debbie Koob
6/8	9:30	Carrie Adams
6/15	9:30	Becca McGaughey
6/22	9:30	Ethan Nixon
6/29	9:30	Erin Makela

Assisting Minister & Lector (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/1	9:30	Matt Russell
6/8	9:30	Cooper Scripture
6/15	9:30	Ryan McGaughey
6/22	9:30	Erin Makela
6/29	9:30	Morgan Rukstales

Greeters (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/1	9:30	Kathy Craun
6/8	9:30	John Kramer
6/15	9:30	Mary Ferguson
6/22	9:30	John & Nora Leinen
6/29	9:30	Doug & Julie Christensen

Van Driver: (Van will be picking up members for the Sunday service only)

6/1	9:30	Matt Russell (360-5835)
6/8	9:30	Daren Bauman (360-9275)
6/15	9:30	Midg White (360-3215)
6/22	9:30	Larry Woodbury (360-2689)
6/29	9:30	Matt Russell (360-5835)

Acolytes (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/1	9:30	Braelynn Schroeder
6/8	9:30	Ethan Nixon
6/15	9:30	Cooper Scripture
6/22	9:30	Lexi Kleve
6/29	9:30	Dyson Neugebauer

Sound (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/1	9:30	Kevin Fleming
6/8	9:30	Doug Frisch
6/15	9:30	Pat Demuth
6/22	9:30	Doug Frisch
6/29	9:30	Paul Summers

Coffee Servers (Contact Person: Church Office, 376-6148)

6/1	9:30	Todd & Darcy Poppema & Sandy Poppema
6/8	9:30	John & Nora Leinen & Mary Ferguson
6/15	9:30	Todd Hallstrom & Larry & Norma Woodbury
6/22	9:30	Debbie & Dale Koob & Linda Nelson
6/29	9:30	Bob & Bonnie Bents & Diana White



Radio Broadcast: You can sponsor the broadcast in memory or in honor of a family member or an event in your life. The cost to sponsor a broadcast is \$75.00. Please sign up on the sheet in Centennial Hall. Thank you.



First Lutheran Benefits from your Grocery Purchases. When you buy groceries at Fareway, with the Fareway Gift Card, First Lutheran receives 5% from the sale of the gift card. Get yours today!

The cards are available in the church office. We have \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards to sell. You pay the full price for the card and the church receives 5%. As of April 30, 2025, a total of **\$6,508.74** has been put into the general fund.



First Lutheran Benefits from your Grocery Purchases. When you buy groceries at Hy-Vee, with the Hy-Vee Gift Card, First Lutheran receives 5% from the sale of the gift card. Get yours today! The

cards are available in the church office. We have \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift cards to sell. You pay the full price for the card and the church receives 5%. **The card can also be used when you purchase gas.** As of April 30, 2025, a total of **\$58,380.25** has been put into the general fund.

Gift Cards are available on communion Sunday mornings in Centennial Hall and in the office during the week.

There will be no Wednesday night worship services from now—June 11, 2025. Services will resume on June 18 with our outdoor worship in the courtyard.

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad—**Author Unknown**



Beginning June 18, we will again be serving ice cream after church services. Please consider helping to serve our members and friends in the neighborhood. Three or four people are needed each Wednesday for 30-45 minutes. All supplies are provided at church. This is a fun and easy way to engage with our neighbors. Our last Wednesday to serve will be August 13, so there are a lot of opportunities to help with this ministry. Contact Mary Ingenthron at 507-370-4218 if you can help.

June Birthdays



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1	Eric White	14	Heidi Tarus	21	Allen Thiner
2	Bruce Amundson	14	Shari Joens	22	Arond Peil
2	Everly Scripture	14	Brea Waldner	23	Rosemary Merkel
4	Desmund Bixby	15	Decklan Hurlbut	23	Paul Summers
4	Irene Janke	15	Linda Nelson	24	Benjamin Potts
5	Kirk Vogen	16	Elayne Rothbarth	24	Trysten Stamer
6	Doug Frisch	17	Dawson Frodermann	26	Laura Christensen
6	Gary Gerdes	18	Dustin Poppema	26	Robin Negrete
8	Charlene Wachter	18	Rhett Lowe	26	Joseph Ternus
9	Tyler Nienkerk	19	Jane Benson	27	Karen Lewis
11	Nicholas Nelson	19	Kelli Peters-Smith	29	Elsie Wajer
12	Brenda Hurlbut	19	Amber Wajer	30	Marilyn Frisch
12	Jordan Blair	19	Larry Woodbury	30	Brock Schroeder
13	Cindy Swart	20	Alan Waage	30	Isaiah Casanova

“Jesus Talks about Love”

“As the Father loves me, so I love you.”

A godfather was visiting at the home of his godchild. She was showing him her dolls. “Which doll do you like most?” he asked. “Promise you won’t laugh if I tell you,” she said. He promised.

The little girl pointed to a miserable, tattered-looking doll. “Why do you love that doll most?” the godfather asked curiously.

“Well,” she said. “it’s because that one needs my love most. Nobody else likes it.”

That simple little story is a kind of parable of Jesus’ love for fallen humanity. He loved us because we were sinners and needed love most.

How sensitive are we to those people who need love most?

“There is more pleasure in loving than in being loved.” - Thomas Fuller

Illustrated Daily Homilies by Mark Lick, SJ

College Scholarship Information

High School Seniors and Current College Students

We have put together two information sheets regarding college scholarship financial assistance. Copies are available from the church office after you receive your letter. One is for the “FELC Scholarship” which is potentially available to students attending ANY institution of higher learning. Committee members are Jason Gerdes and Josh Hein.

The other is for the “First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Worthington, Minnesota Scholarship Fund” – commonly called the “LEE ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND”. Eligibility includes college sophomores or higher attending a LUTHERAN COLLEGE OR SEMINARY. Even though **freshman are not eligible**, they SHOULD still complete an application in June of their high school graduation year so their name is put on the list for future consideration. This is explained more on the information sheet. Rolf Mahlberg is the Trustee representing First Lutheran. Stop in or call the church office (376-6148) for copies of either or both information sheets. They contain more information about submission date deadlines and other details.

As soon as you know that you plan to attend an institution of higher learning (even though you may not have yet selected a specific school) please call the church office to enable Natalie to get your name on the list so she can send applications to all interested students. Natalie will send out scholarship application letters in May. You only need to complete ONE application – it will be used by both scholarship committees. Applications should be submitted to the church office by June 27



FELC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Each year any student from FELC is eligible to apply for a FELC Scholarship. The applicant needs to be a graduating high school student or someone currently attending an institution of higher education such as a community college, a state college or private four year college, etc. The amount of the scholarship given will vary and is contingent upon the activity of the investments during the preceding year. Principal amounts for these investments have come from bequests by various members, memorials and personal donations.

High school graduates continuing their education can apply for a scholarship as well as currently enrolled students at higher education establishments. **STUDENTS DO NEED TO APPLY EVERY YEAR** by June 27 (If you applied last year, you have a shorter application to fill out) to be considered for a scholarship for the ensuing academic year. Criteria for a scholarship will emphasize participation and achievement in service to church and community beginning at confirmation entry up to the present time. Applications are available at the Church Office.

Questions may be directed to the FELC Scholarship Committee members: Jason Gerdes and Josh Hein.

Note: This scholarship is NOT the same as the “Lee Anderson Scholarship Fund”.

JUNE YOUTH NEWS

In case you didn't hear: Our grand total for the Silent Auction fundraiser was \$4,800! THANK YOU!

Community Kids' Camp runs June 9-12, 2025. This year's camp is hosted by Living Waters Covenant Church, 1645 S. Shore Drive. We are serving supper on Monday night. If you signed up to bring cookies please bring them to our church Sunday morning, June 8 or with you Monday night to Living Waters.



Start saving your stuff for the rummage sale which will happen in the middle of August. Times and dates will be announced in the near future. Stay tuned to the youth bulletin board in Centennial Hall and on the church website for all information. If you would like to help with the planning or the prepping, please let Brenda Richards know. We will have a planning meeting sometime in the second half of June. IF YOU HAVE LARGE ITEMS, PLEASE HOLD OFF ON BRINGING THEM until closer to the sale if possible.

YOUTH IN ACTION:

Lexie would like to thank everyone that donated to Lutheran World Relief and the Tracy Area Animal Rescue and bought her dog treats on Mother's Day! Thank you so much for showing your love and support to both of these much needed organizations!



Stay tuned for more dates on when she will be selling dog treats.

She is also collecting donations of items to make personal care kits. Items to make a kit include:

- New towels (20x40 - 52-27) dark colors are recommended
- 8-9 oz bars of soap in original packaging
- Adult toothbrushes in original packaging
- Combs
- Nail Clippers

More information from the Lutheran World Relief Website: "Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self care, critical germ fighting supplies and the chance for our neighbors in need to regain dignity amidst fear and uncertainty."

July 20 - July 25 High School Mission Trip to Lake Traverse Reservation, SD

July 20 - July 25 Elementary and Middle School groups going to Shetek Bible Camp

GRACIAS! THANK YOU! WE APPRECIATE YOU! MANY THANKS!

June 2025



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers



We already have a lot of great quilts and other items. Don't miss out!



Still Time to Register for Camp

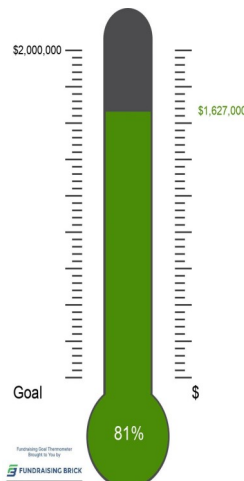
Wish List

*New Vacuums
Adding Machine
Office Supplies – Tape Dispensers,
Staplers, Dry Erase Markers, Paper
Spark Bibles
Board Games
Volunteers*

Mark your Calendar

June 8 First Day of Camp
June 23 Golf Tournament
June 27 Quilt Auction Preview
June 28 Quilt Auction

We met our Phase 1 goal! \$1,627,000 in gifts and pledges! Our challenge goal is \$2,000,000 and with increased costs, our budget has changed for our different phases. More info on our website.
<https://shetek.org/sl-m-master-plan/>



Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!