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First Evangelical Lutheran Church



Our kitchen helpers during fair week. Thank you!

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Upcoming Sunday School Events

Mark your calendars for these Sunday School events and activities coming up!

Sunday, August 23rd: Blessing of the Backpacks. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or planners to worship at 9 a.m. We will bless you and your backpacks/planners. Come one, come all and receive His blessing for the coming year!

Sunday, September 13th: First day of Sunday School! Join us for Sunday School at 10:15-11:15 a.m. Sunday School is open to children in preschool through 6th grade. Please register by completing the online registration form **HERE** or the paper form found at church. There is no cost for children to attend!

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BLESSINGS OF BACKPACKS

AUGUST 23 @ 9 A.M. SERVICE

Bring your backpack/planner and get a blessing as you go into the new school year!

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us at

First Lutheran

Sunday School

AUGUST WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS
at 9:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAYS
at 6:00 P.M.

We also offer a live radio broadcast of our Sunday service on KMCH 94.7 FM and a live video stream on our FaceBook page, First Evangelical Lutheran Church - NALC.

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be offered each Sunday and Wednesday worship service

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday
8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Thank You to our August Radio & Flower Sponsors!

KMCH Radio Ministry Sponsors

Aug. 2...J.J. & Alana DeMoss in honor of their 30th wedding anniversary
Aug. 9...Dulcie & Pastor Kurt in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary
Aug. 16... Dave & Marilyn Pilgrim
Aug. 23... Rayma Huggins in honor of Wayne
Aug. 30...Harlan Gilje

Altar Flower Sponsors

Aug. 2...Karen Hartman to the Glory of God
Aug. 9...Everett & Mildred Johnson in memory of their son Dennis
Aug. 16...TBD
Aug. 23...Brian & Jenny Pettlon & Family
Aug. 30...TBD

Weekly Fellowship & Fox Box

Thank you to everyone who has provided food for the outside box to help others. Thank you to all who have served coffee fellowship and participated. You are all greatly appreciated. These two giving opportunities are ongoing. Any questions about them, please contact Cathy Glew, Social Ministry.



OCC Thank You

Thanks so much for those of you who volunteered to assist Manchester Methodist Operation Christmas Child in their Pie and Ice Cream event Friday, July 24th as RAGBRAI passed through Manchester. Being servants of God means contributing to others' projects even if we are not taking the lead.

Please also keep in mind Operation Christmas Child supplies as the going back to school sales are occurring. We have a "stash area" at the church to store the items until November. Please leave items off at the church office or call Mary Maurer at 563-927-3679 and leave a message.

Thanks for caring!

Top 10 Reasons Working the Church Food Booth Is Basically a Spiritual Gift



10. Meeting church members you've never seen before—because apparently half the congregation hides until fair week.

Verse: Hebrews 13:2 — “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers...” (Especially the ones who have been members since 1987 and you're meeting for the first time.)

9. Giving a young boy the few dollars he needed for a bottle of water and feeling like the fairground Good Samaritan.

Verse: Matthew 10:42 “Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward.” (Feeling like I finally lived the disciple life.)

8. Sweating with fellow saints in a booth that was at least 20 degrees hotter than the surface of the sun.

Verse: Proverbs 17:17 — “A friend loves at all times.” (Even in a booth that doubles as a sanctifying sauna.)

7. Eating the great food we make—because sampling is a form of quality control.

Verse: Psalm 34:8 — “Taste and see that the Lord is good.” (And so are the pork tenderloins. 2027 menu suggestion “Pastor Special” = tenderloin, nacho cheese & BACON)

6. Telling fairgoers that every dollar goes to ministry, not the operating budget—watching their eyebrows rise higher than the Bommer ride.

Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:7 — “God loves a cheerful giver.” (Especially the ones who just learned their pie and ice cream is funding VBS.)

5. Inviting families to bring their kids to Vacation Bible School—because nothing says evangelism like handing out flyers while flipping burgers.

Verse: Matthew 19:14 — “Let the little children come to me...” (Preferably after they finish their ice pop.)

4. Hearing stories from saints who have served in the booth for decades—fair legends who remember when sandwiches were 50 cents and the booth had only one fan.

Verse: Psalm 78:4 — “We will tell the next generation...” (Including tales of the Great Hot Dog Shortage of '94.)

3. Wiping tables like a holy act of service—because cleanliness is next to godliness, especially when mustard is involved.

Verse: Galatians 5:13 — “Through love serve one another.” (Even if it means battling sticky lemonade rings.)

2. Explaining that the only alcohol at the church booth is wine—but you have to buy water first.

Verse: John 2:7-9 — Jesus turned water into wine. (We simply reverse the process for liability reasons.)

1. Getting reacquainted with a guy you saw baptized in the Gulf five years ago—because the Holy Spirit loves reunion stories.

Verse: Philippians 1:3 — “I thank my God every time I remember you.” (Especially when you remember them over a fair breakfast special.)

FLC Vacation Bible School: God Rocks!

That's a wrap on Vacation Bible School 2026!

We spent three epic days exploring desert canyons, singing at the top of our lungs, and learning how God is our firm foundation and strength.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who led games, crafts, and lessons, and to our awesome kitchen crew for keeping everyone fed! We couldn't have done it without you.



VBS Kitchen Crew Thank You

Thank you to fantastic kitchen help for Vacation Bible School! We had fun preparing the food, getting to know each other and all the people involved in Bible School.

Thank you Vicki Zietlow, Marilyn Pilgrim, Erik Walker, Jessica Thomas, Bill Thomas, Jan Oakleaf and Dan Glew. Hopefully I didn't miss anyone. What a blessing to have all these volunteers.

Thank you to Feast at First for the sloppy joe, hot dogs and buns donation. Thanks to Leon and Carmelle Glew for ground beef donation. Cathy Glew, Social Ministry



Mission of the Month (MOTM)

Our August mission of the month for our noisy can offering is the Good Neighbor Home. We will be collecting for them on August 9th and August 12th. Please consider giving to this worthy cause.

Church Ladies' Lunch

The monthly Church Ladies Lunch will be on Tuesday, August 4th. Please meet at the church at 11:15 a.m. to travel to Oh So Good Winery for lunch. Call Diane at 563-608-1137 to RSVP.

Feast at First Fair Food Stand - Thank you!

A BIG thank you to the 97 individuals who were involved with the Fair Food Stand Project! The names are listed below. If someone was omitted, please call the office and we will add your name. All of you were important to make the week a success.

A special thanks to 4 individuals who worked each day: Dan and Cathy Glew for being in charge of breakfast, Jean Conrad for organizing the kitchen crew, and Jim Zumbach for working everyday, the 11:00 5:00 shift. Special thanks to Larry Richmond who worked 10 full shifts, and Denny Wiedenman for helping wherever needed.

Thanks to those who bought leftover food. We donated extra buns and hot dogs to Second Helpings. Thanks to Lori and Roy Wickman for donating a needed freezer. And finally, a huge thank you to Herb and Diane Kilburg and Alex and Nash Glew at D&H Meat Co. for generously donating all of the bacon, eggs, hotdogs, and hamburger!!!! It was especially helpful this year with the high temperatures everyday.

2026 Foodstand Facts:

- 31 individuals worked 1 shift
- 14 worked 2 shifts
- 5 worked 3 shifts
- 11 worked 4 shifts
- 2 worked 6 shifts
- 3 worked 7 shifts
- 3 worked more than 7 shifts
- 18 of the foodstand workers were youth.
- 12 individuals worked in the kitchen & Dave Johnson and Jean Conrad worked each day
- 1,216 tenderloins were breaded
- 120 pounds of hamburger were made into Sloppy Joes
- 18 people made 46 pies (thank you to those who made pies)



Dawn Askeland
Troy Askeland
Donna Bandy
Royce Bandy
Leah Beaman
Keith Borcharding
Norma Borcharding
Ardelle Brooks
William Bush
Jen Cassutt
Diane Childs
Dennis Conrad
Jean Conrad
Pastor Jason Cooper
Julie Cooper
Alana DeMoss
Taitt DeMoss
Audrey Eibey
Rosalie Droeste-Eibey
Calvin Elsbernd
Cora Elsbernd
Greta Elsbernd
Lucas Elsbernd
Tessa Elsbernd
Sandy Estill

Bobbie Jo Franzen
Nathan Franzen
Cathy Glew
Dan Glew
Khole Glew
Leon Glew
Zoey Glew
Patty Giesler
Harlin Gilje
Sara Hamm
Donna Hanson
Curt Hanson
Nathan Hanson
JoAnn Hartman
Karen Hartman
Joslyn Hess
Melissa Hess
Phil Hess
Jaren Hoefer
Jena Hoefer
Rachael Hoefer
Rhonda Hoefer
Kendy Hogan
Lillian Hogan
Maddie Hogan

Rayma Huggins
Dave Johnson
Sandra Johnson
Carolyn Maloney
Pat Maloney
Mary Maurer
Sarah Maurer
Corene Messer
Jan Messer
Donna Millenkamp
Emma Millenkamp
Cindy Mitchell
Kathy Moorhouse
Tom Moorhouse
Tom Morarend
Brian Muller
Jodi Muller
Duane Nieman
Karen Nieman
Jan Oakleaf
Cheri Orcutt
Mitch Orcutt
Pastor Kurt Pasko
Jim Pettlon
Judy Pettlon

Dave Pilgrim
Marilyn Pilgrim
Larry Richmond
Brenda Saunders
Dulcie Scripture
C.S. Taylor
Kathy Thein
Zach Thein
Eadie Tibbott
Sheila Tibbott
Lori Wickman
Denny Wiedenman
Lori Wieser
Vicky Witte
Chad Wright
Connie Wright
Karlee Wright
John Zietlow
Natalie Zietlow
Vicki Zietlow
Billie Zumbach
Doran Zumbach
Jim Zumbach

Iowa Care Package

Nine years ago, over 50 people from our area loaded three semis with equipment and materials to go to build two miles of fence and to do other repairs caused by the fire that consumed 850,000 acres and everything in its path! The fire was named “the Starbucks fire.

Sadly, the Jeff Krier family has suffered two more equally devastating fires this year. We are putting together what we are calling “The Iowa Care Package”. Our goal is to raise \$15,000. This will be used to purchase two cows, fencing materials, and feed, in Kansas.

Please make your checks to First Lutheran Church and on the memo line label it for the Iowa Care package. Every cent will go towards this care package! Our goal is to deliver this care package by September 1,2026. If you have any questions, please contact Doran @ 563-920-0243. Thanks

Monthly Offering Comparison

Year	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	\$18,937.13	\$21,906.87	\$13,353.69	\$19,063.72
February	\$28,414.39	\$17,120.64	\$16,450.02	\$12,840.42
March	\$33,049.82	\$18,216.41	\$18,306.05	\$24,169.40
April	\$20,542.21	\$20,210.51	\$17,359.59	\$16,284.63
May	\$25,993.18	\$18,624.85	\$13,893.45	\$12,975.65
June	\$22,744.81	\$13,614.20	\$15,796.30	\$17,420.88
July	\$28,784.78	\$15,272.71	\$13,557.29	
August	\$22,196.56	\$15,206.24	\$13,397.73	
September	\$23,810.07	\$12,636.67	\$13,114.42	
October	\$29,430.84	\$16,694.94	\$16,919.28	
November	\$20,937.08	\$11,898.12	\$19,161.69	
December	\$32,662.87	\$8,854.54	\$22,911.47	
Yearly Totals	\$307,503.74	\$190,256.70	\$180,823.25	\$102,754.70

SCRIP ORDER FORM

BUSINESS	%	DENOMINATIONS	BUSINESS	%	DENOMINATIONS
Amazon.com	2%	10____25____100____	Exxon/Mobile <*>	2%	50____
American Eagle	10%	25____	Fareway	3%	25____100____
Applebee's	8%	25____	Gap/Old Navy	14%	25____
Arby's	8%	10____	Gift Holder	10%	2____
Aunt Emmy's (L)	4%	10____25____50____	JCPenney(CC)<*>	5%	25____
Barnes & Noble	9%	5____10____25____	Maurices	7%	20____
Bath & Body	13%	10____25____	Menards <*>	3%	25____100____
Best Buy	4%	25____	Michaels	4%	25____
Boubin Tires (L)	5%	See Brenda	Outback Steakhouse	8%	50____
BP Gas	2%	50____100____	Palmer Hdwe. (L)	5%	See Brenda
Buckle	8%	25____	Pizza Ranch (L)	8%	5____25____
Bushel & A Peck	3%	10____	Posy Place (L)	5%	10____
Burger King	4%	10____	Red Lobster	8%	10____25____
Cabela's	8%	25____	Red Robin	9%	25____
Casey's	3%	25____50____100____	Staples	5%	25____
Castle Theatre (L)	10%	5____	Starbucks	7%	10____25____
Cenex	3%	25____	Subway	6%	10____
Chili's	11%	25____	Sunset (L)	10%	10____20____
Chuong Garden (L)	10%	10____25____	Target	3%	10____25____100____
Culvers Restaurant	5%	10____	Texas Roadhouse	8%	25____100____<*>____
Dairy Queen (L)	10%	5____10____	TJ Maxx	7%	25____
Darden/Olive Garden/Cheddars	8%	10____25____	Ulta Salons	4%	25____
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	25____100____	Visa/Discover pp (CC)	1%	<*> 50____100____
			Walmart	3%	10____25____100____

KEY TO SYMBOLS

- <*> Not stocked, can be ordered
 *** See Brenda for special details
 (L) Local participating businesses
 (CC) Can be used to pay on credit card

Contact Brenda Saunders with questions: 563-920-3191.

If you need scrip mid-week, see Susi DuBois during office hours.

For a full list of what can be offered go to:
raiseright.com



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	3	4 9:00 a.m. Quilting 11:15 a.m. Church Ladies Lunch	5 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. GIG	6	7	8
9 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	10 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 9:00 a.m. Quilting	12 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. GIG	13	14	15
16 9:00 a.m. Worship <i>MOTM-Noisy Can Offering</i> 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	17	18 9:00 a.m. Quilting	19 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. GIG	20	21 September Lamplighter Deadline	22
23 9:00 a.m. Worship Blessing of Backpacks 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	24	25 9:00 a.m. Quilting	26 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. GIG	27	28	29
30 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	31					