



# LAMPLIGHTER

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church*



**We had lots of help removing the piano from the balcony at the church. Thanks to all!**

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## "Feast at First" Food Stand

Delaware County Fair: July 13th – July 19th, 2026  
42nd Anniversary

It's time to sign up for "Feast at First" at the Delaware County Fair. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex at church.

We need:

- 30 people to work in the food stand
- 6 people to help in the church kitchen from 7:30 –10:30 AM each day
- 4 homemade pie bakers each day
- Help with set up and tear down.

For those who cannot help, you can make a cash donation to "Feast At First" by bringing it to the church office or putting it in the offering plate.



# JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**SUNDAYS**  
at 9:00 A.M.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
*No Wed. Services in July*

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 worship service in July.

## OFFICE HOURS

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

## Thank You to our July Radio & Flower Sponsors!

### KMCH Radio Ministry Sponsors

July 5...In honor of Harlan Robinson & Millie Kehrli's 7<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
July 12...Ron & Tirzah Wedewer  
July 19...in honor of Jan & Corene Messer's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and Jan's birthday  
July 26...Cliff & Susan Kehrli

### Altar Flower Sponsors

July 5...In honor Mary & Tony Zieser's 28<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
July 12...Gloria Kluesner in memory of Vonda Billhorn  
July 19...in honor of Jan & Corene Messer's 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary, and Jan's birthday  
July 26...Ardelle Brooks in memory of her mother's birthday

## Food Box Donations

Thank you for donating to the food box! This is an ongoing project and especially an increase in need since school is out. When donating, feel free to place in the box or in the cupboard in the narthex of the church.

Thrivent Financial has provided \$250 to support this project as well. Thank you for all the support! Questions contact Cathy Glew, Social Ministry



## Coffee Fellowship

There have been wonderful volunteers! Thank you! It is a blessing to see and hear the fellowship every Sunday.

We will continue to have coffee fellowship in the fellowship hall. Every Sunday we need someone to serve. You are welcome to provide food or food will be provided for you to serve.

If you are willing to serve and/or provide food, sign up online, back of church or contact Cathy Glew, Social Ministry



## A Word From Pastor Jason

During the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah (who had ascended the throne at only eight years old) ordered repairs to the Temple in Jerusalem. In the midst of that practical, necessary work, the high priest Hilkiah discovered a forgotten scroll of the Law tucked away in the Temple's inner rooms. When the words were read aloud, Josiah was shaken. He tore his clothes in repentance because he realized something essential had been neglected for far too long.



I tell you that story to tell you this:

You may have noticed we are doing a little work to the sanctuary. While Mille claims no queenship over the congregation, nor am I anything more than a faithful pastor and Billie the simple scribe of our lay ministry committee; sometimes the practical work of caring for God's house reveals things we've overlooked or opportunities we didn't realize were right in front of us.

As we began moving the sound and video booth from the sanctuary floor to the balcony, we've discovered something similar. The move opens up much-needed seating in the sanctuary—space that becomes especially valuable during high-attendance services. But making that improvement also means noticing what's been sitting unused in the balcony: the old piano. Like Hilkiah's discovery, it reminds us that faithful stewardship sometimes requires clearing out what no longer serves our mission so that new ministry can flourish.

In short, relocating the booth increases seating and improves our worship space, and removing the unused piano simply makes room for that good work to happen.

Special thanks to Duane N and the Property Committee, Dan G for countless hours measuring and maneuvering, Billie Z and the Lay Ministry committee, Rick Sealy and Karlee W – our Tech Gurus and all the men who “safely” moved the piano!

As we continue to make improvements pray that all is done to the glory of God!

-Pastor Jason

P.S. The additional back pew seating may NOT be pre-claimed ... not even by Life Long Lutherans



## Another Way to Serve

The Manchester Methodist Operation Christmas Child committee is planning to have a pie and ice cream booth when RAGBRAI rolls through on Friday, July 24th. Their goal is 100 double crust fruit 9 -inch pies.

If you are willing to help, make pies or donate ice cream, please let Mary Maurer know by Friday, June 26th or asap. Those of us who have been involved in RAGBRAI in the past (and at the Delco Fair) know that homemade pies are a huge hit.



Thanks for helping with this huge undertaking. Together we can!

Blessings,  
Mary Maurer

## Join Us for a Community-Wide Ecumenical Church Service!

**When:** Sunday, July 19 at 10 AM (Praise & worship band starts at 9:30 AM)

**Where:** Festival Stage, Delaware County Fair

Churches across our community are coming together for a special morning of shared worship, scripture, and unity! Enjoy a joint service led by local pastors, followed by an old fashioned hymn sing and a full day of family-friendly fair event.

- **Discounted Admission:** Click [here](#) for reduced fair admission (valid Sunday before 11 AM. Hard copy tickets are also available upon request. A portion of the morning's proceeds supports a local charity.
- **Join the Choir:** Both adult and children's choirs are forming! Simple and inspiring music. Practices are June 30 and July 9 (*attend one or both*).

We can't wait to worship together!

NEW ECUMENICAL CHURCH SERVICE

@the DELAWARE COUNTY *fair*

SUNDAY
WORSHIP

service 10:00 AM



JOIN OUR CHILDRENS & ADULT CHOIRS

**WORSHIP**  
 SUNDAY, JULY 19  
 10:00 AM

CHILDREN & ADULT  
 CHOIRS  
 EVERYONE WELCOME

CHOIR PRACTICE  
 JUNE 30 & JULY 9  
 @ 5:30 PM  
 MANCH METHODIST

## FLC Vacation Bible School: God Rocks!

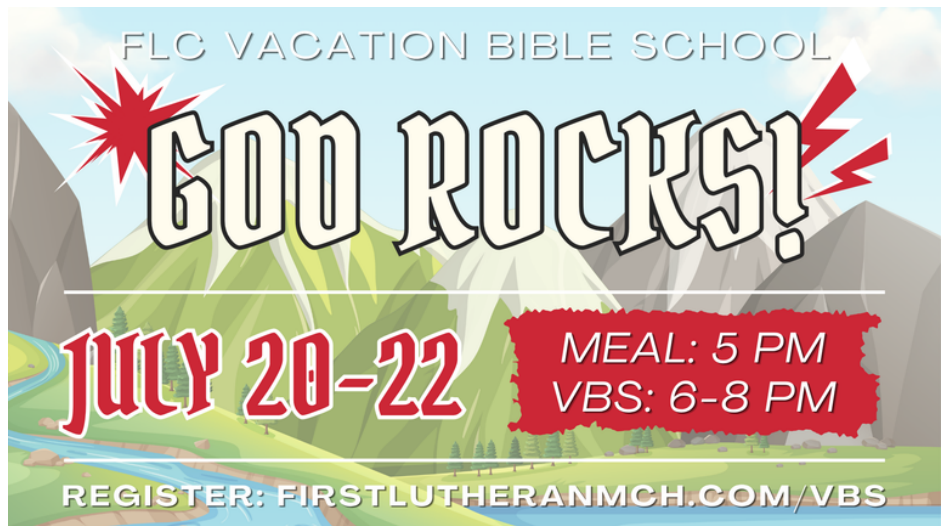
Are you ready for a summer that totally rocks? Join us for an epic three-day adventure as we discover how God is our firm foundation, our strength, and our Greatest Hit! First Evangelical Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School: God Rocks! will be held at church on July 20-22, 2026.

Whether we're exploring desert canyons, learning about the miracle of water from the rock, or jamming out to some high-energy music, this year's theme—God Rocks!—is all about the solid ground we find in Him.

Vacation Bible School is for children who are 3-years-old through 6th grade. Prior to VBS, a meal will be served at 5:00 PM and VBS will be from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Complete the registration form for each child participating in VBS. Register by July 4, 2026 to guarantee your VBS t-shirt.

For questions or to get involved, contact Jessica Thomas.



Registration form: [firstlutheranmch.com/vbs](https://firstlutheranmch.com/vbs) or paper copies can be found at the back of the church.



## Sign-up to Help at VBS!

We are looking for adult and youth volunteers to help at Vacation Bible School on July 20-22, 2026.

Volunteer roles include: Teachers (4), Adult Shepherds (5), Youth Shepherds (4-8), Set up help on 7/20 (6), and Tear down help on 7/22 (6).

We also need volunteers to provide and serve meals each night.

If you are willing and able to help, click the link below to sign-up for one or more of these roles! [firstlutheranmch.com/vbs](https://firstlutheranmch.com/vbs)

## VBS Meal: Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers for the Vacation Bible School meals on July 20, 21 and 22. Volunteers will help prepare, serve and/or clean-up. Volunteers do not need to stay the entire time.

If you are interested in serving in the fun activity, sign up on the sheet in the narthex of the church or contact Cathy Glew, Social Ministry.



## First Lutheran Church Council Minutes –June 8, 2026

**The regular meeting** of the First Lutheran Church was called to order at 6:01pm by President Millie Kehrli. Meeting was held in the Church Friendship Room.

**Members present:** Millie Kehrli, Donna Millenkamp, Billie Zumbach, Cathy Glew, Brenda Palas, Duane Nieman, Pastor Jason and David Johnson. **Absent:** Leah Beaman, Lucas Thomas, Vance Knutson. **Visitor present:** None.

**Opening devotions** were given by Pastor Jason.

**Approval of April Council Minutes:** Motion by Duane, seconded by Billie to approve the May 11th minutes with two minor corrections; motion carried.

**Approval of May Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Cathy, seconded by Duane to approve treasurers report; motion carried.

|                                    |              |                            |               |
|------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Income YTD (May 2026)</b> | \$157,157.00 | Total Income previous YTD  | \$133,855.47  |
| Total Income YTD budgeted          | \$208,100.00 | Total Income YTD vs budget | \$(50,943.00) |

|                                      |              |                              |               |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Total Expenses YTD (May 2026)</b> | \$201,467.22 | Total Expenses Previous YTD  | \$135,500.34  |
| Total Expenses YTD Budgeted          | \$211,549.76 | Total Expenses YTD vs budget | \$(10,082.54) |

|                                  |               |                               |             |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Operating YTD Loss/Profit</b> | \$(39,325.42) | Operating Previous YTD Profit | \$12,511.25 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-------------|

### Treasurer's Report – David Johnson:

- Income for the month of May was \$13,242.58, which is \$12,769.92 under budget.
- Income YTD was \$157,157.00, which is \$50,943.00 under budget.
- Expenses for the month of May were \$22,392.25 which is \$4,051.47 under budget.
- Expenses YTD were \$201,467.22 which is \$10,082.54 under budget.
- Net Operating Income for the month of May is (\$10,222.41) and YTD (\$39,325.42).
- Journal Entries were made by Milestones corrected the New CD account and the Designated Funds Principal-Prior 2026 account.

### President – Millie Kehrli:

- We received a request from Delaware County Pay it Forward for a donation. Donna will check to see when they are scheduled to be our MOTM.

**President – Elect – Vance Knutson:** No report

**Christian Education – Lucas Thomas:** No report

**Evangelism –Leah Beaman:** No report

**Lay Ministry – Billie Zumbach:** No report

### Properties – Duane Nieman:

- Movement of AV-The pew has been moved from the balcony. Some of the conduit has been run.
- Two new water heaters have been installed. One in the kitchen and one in the Sunday School wing. One water heater was donated by Don & Walt.

- Potentially looking into another vendor for the Door/Security system. Current vendor is not responding.
- Electronic sign is set to display messages from 6AM to 9PM.

**Social Ministry – Cathy Glew:**

- Ongoing weekly Coffee Fellowship following Sunday worship is well attended. Need individuals to provide and serve. Will continue to have it downstairs during the Summer.
- Maloney's plan to serve breakfast on June 14 following service. Thank you to all who volunteer.
- Great attendance at the Senior High School Reception.
- Continued monthly visits by four volunteers meeting with 16 homebound, residents of the Meadows and the Good Neighbor Home. If anyone knows of someone who would like a visit, please contact Cathy.
- Congregation continues to provide food for the community using the outside food box.
- The backup food is used up. School is out and the need will likely increase. Need ongoing donations.
- Freezer meal team are available for those in need. This month no meals were used.

**Stewardship – Donna Millenkamp: MOTM update:**

- We raised \$598.44 for Seeds of Hope in May.
- We will be collecting for the Delaware County Food Bank on June 14th and 17th .
- It was suggested that our church outside food box be a MOTM.

**Secretary of the Council –Brenda Palas: No report****Pastor Jason Cooper:**

- Mission in Christ has renewed interest in talking with Pastor regarding an intern for Strawberry Point. Pastor noted about half of our mission district churches don't have pastors.
- Vacation went well
- Pastor's housing equity allowance isn't being paid -this was simply an oversight. This should be caught up by October.
- Pastor has been approached about an opportunity to coach soccer. This will not interfere with his church commitments, if he decides to coach.
- Funeral for Del Timmerman in Strawberry Point last month
- Pastor is looking into our status with EWALU

**Old Business: None****New Business:**

- Piano in the balcony-Can it be sold or given away? Motion by Duane, seconded by Dave to approve the move of the piano from the balcony to be sold or given away; motion carried.

**Next meeting** will be held on July 20, 2026 @ 6:00pm.

**Meeting adjourned** at 7:30 pm

**Respectfully submitted,**  
**Brenda Palas**

## Mission of the Month (MOTM)

Our July mission of the month for our noisy can offering is the Delaware County Pay it Forward Family Fun Fest being held on August 4, 2026 at the Delaware County Fairgrounds. Proceeds from this event help fund the year round Hope Gap program which provides short term, gap filling assistance to individuals and families experiencing urgent needs—as well as the NEW Hope for Heroes Initiative program—a new community investment program designed to support Delaware County based public safety or service departments.



Please visit [delawarecountypayitforward.org](http://delawarecountypayitforward.org) for further information.

We will be collecting for them on July 12th. Please consider giving to this worthy cause.

## Radio & Flower Sponsors Needed!

The 2026 radio broadcast and altar flower sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board just inside the office entrance door, or you may call or email the church office to select a date. Radio broadcast cost is \$75/Sunday.

## Church Ladies' Lunch

We had so much fun last year, let's plan to meet again for lunch at the fair on Monday, July 13th at 11:00 am at the First Lutheran Food Stand.

## 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  |             |
| 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 | \$85,333.82 |

# 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](http://raiseright.com)

