



# LAMPLIGHTER

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church*



**2026 Confirmation Class (L to R) Jaron Hoefer, Rylee Berning, Jenni Kelchen, Cora Elsbernd.**

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## “Feast at First” Food Stand

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

Here we go again, it’s Fair time!!! The “Feast at First” food stand at the fair has been our number one fundraiser. Over the past 41 years we have raised \$452,742. Without this project, First Lutheran could not have helped many of the groups and organizations in our community and around the world.

To make this week a success, we need a large number in our congregation to help. Please take time to consider signing up for a shift or two or three. It is a great way to get to know other people in our congregation. We need a total of 30 workers in 4 different shifts per day at the fairgrounds and 6 people per day in the morning at the church kitchen. Another way to help would be the donation of one or two homemade pies. For those who cannot help, you can make a cash donations to “Feast At First” by bringing it to the church office or putting it in the offering plate. The church office will have a few tickets each day to get you on the fairgrounds.

If everyone pulls together (and it rains only between the hours of 1:00am and 6:00am), we should have a great week!

# JUNE 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 June Radio & Flower Sponsors!

### KMCH Radio Ministry Sponsors

June 7... in honor of Everett & Mildred Johnson 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 June 14... Ardelle Brooks in memory of Vance Brooks 90<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 June 21... Gloria Kluesner in memory of Kenny Billhorn  
 June 28... In honor of Cliff & Susan Kehrli's 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Altar Flower Sponsors

June 7... TBD  
 June 14... TBD  
 June 21... TBD  
 June 28... In honor of Cliff & Susan Kehrli's 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Chuch Choir Shoutout!

I just wanted to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the following "songsters" who are part of First Lutheran's adult choir. They practice on their own, rehearse with the group, help lead the congregation in singing, make great soup, and praise God during worship through song. You are appreciated!!

Soprano-Dawn Askeland, Jodi Muller, Lori Roberts, Diane Childs, Sandra Johnson  
 Alto-Diane Blatt, Terri Andrews, Jen Cassutt, Corene Messer, Millie Kehrli  
 Bass Clef-Karen Hartman, Max Andrews, Tom Moorhouse, Dave Johnson, Jim Zumbach, David Withers, Rev. Kurt Pasko  
 Accompanist-Dulcie Scripture

You might be asking yourself, "Is there still room for me?" The answer is, "YES!" Come and hang with the "cool kids!" See you in September!!

-Kathy Moorhouse, Director



## A Word From Pastor Jason

There is an old adage that says, “If you fail to plan ... you plan to fail.” I’m writing this month’s article so you can plan for next month. May what we plan be a success for the glory of God!

### July: A Month of Service to Our Neighbor

This July, First Lutheran will take a break from our regular Wednesday evening worship services—not to step away from our faith, but to **live it out** in a very intentional way.



Jesus said, “For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45) Service is not an optional “addon” to the Christian life; it is the shape of the Christian life. In Matthew 25:35–40, Jesus reminds us that when we serve those who are hungry, lonely, or in need, **we are serving Him.**

Martin Luther put it plainly: “**God doesn’t need your good works, but your neighbor does.**”

With this in mind, during the month of July, instead of gathering for midweek worship, you are encouraged to **go out and be little Christs** in our community. Think of it as worship turned inside out—our faith taking on flesh in acts of mercy, kindness, and presence.

### Ways You Can Serve This July

Here are some simple, meaningful ways individuals, families, and small groups can serve:

- **Volunteer at the local food pantry**—help stock shelves, sort donations, or assist families who come for support.
- **Visit residents at Good Neighbor Home**—offer conversation, prayer, or simply companionship.
- **Prepare a meal** for someone walking through a difficult season.
- **Visit a shut-in** from our congregation—bring a devotion, share Holy Communion, or just spend time.
- **Help with Vacation Bible School**—teaching, crafts, snacks, or behind the scenes support.
- **Serve at the fair food stand**—a great way to support community events and meet neighbors.
- **Look for everyday opportunities**—mow a lawn, write a note of encouragement, pick up trash at a park, or donate school supplies.

### Why This Matters

Jesus tells His disciples, “*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*” (John 13:35) Our acts of service are not about earning God’s favor—Christ has already secured that for us. Instead, our service becomes a living testimony. When we feed the hungry, visit the lonely, encourage the weary, and show up for our neighbors, the world catches a glimpse of Jesus’ love made visible.

This July, as we step outside the church building and into our community, we have the opportunity to let our faith be seen in simple, tangible acts of mercy. In loving our neighbors, we point to the One who first loved us.

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God. (Let’s not just say this ... let’s live it!)**

-Pastor Jason

## 2026 Confirmation Class

Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmation Class! On Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> these students officially completed their confirmation journey. We are so incredibly proud of their dedication, growth, and faith!

Please join us in celebrating and praying for: Rylee Jean Berning, Cora Suzann Elsbernd, Jaron Lawrence Hoefer, and Jenni Kay Kelchen

A massive thank you to Karen Hartman for being such an amazing teacher, mentor, and guide to these students throughout their journey. We are so grateful for your leadership!



## Coffee Fellowship

Coffee fellowship will continue through the summer. It is a blessing that so many individuals have helped to provide, served food and attended coffee fellowship!

If you would be interested in helping with this fellowship, you may sign-up online, on the bulletin board in the back of the church or contact Cathy Glew, Social Ministry.

## Congratulations Graduates!

On Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> we recognized and celebrated our 2026 graduates. We wish them the very best in the next chapter of their lives. Your church family loves you!

Pictured below (L to R): Ava Pettlon, Ella Pettlon, Karlee Wright, Racheal Hoefer, Lanni Beaman, Ben Palas, Grady Millenkamp, Nathan Hanson (Not pictured: Lance Feldmann)



## Grimm's Peony Farm Visit

Mark your calendars for Monday, June 8th, as we head to Lamont, Iowa, for a beautiful afternoon at Grimm's Peony Farm!

We will be meeting at the church at 11 AM, where we will carpool together. It is a little over 30 minute drive to get there. They will have tables and chairs for us to eat at but please bring a sack lunch and beverage to enjoy.

They have such a wide variety of day lilies and peonies. It is such a pretty place to enjoy the spring colors. Whether you're a gardener or simply looking for a peaceful afternoon in nature, we would love for you to join us!

Please RSVP to Julie Cooper or the church office so we can plan adequately for car pooling. If you are willing to drive, let us know how many can fit in your vehicle.

*Rain Date: June 11*



## Heaven Bound Can Drive

Save up your cans for the Heaven Bound Youth Group! They will be having a can drive on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will go toward their mission trip in July. If you have cans you would like to donate, contact a HB Youth to arrange for pick up.



## Thank You Note

Thank you for the cards I received for my birthday. It was so special for me that many of my First Lutheran friends sent me a card. Come and visit me anytime. God bless you!

*-Doris Hemlrichs*

## Foodbox Donations

With school out for the summer, the need to keep our community food box stocked is growing. A huge thank you to everyone who has generously donated so far!

Please feel free to place your donations directly into the outdoor food box or in the cabinet located in the church narthex.

If you ever notice the outdoor food box is looking a little empty, please feel free to grab items from the narthex cabinet to top it off.

Questions? Reach out to Cathy Glew (Social Ministry).

## 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.

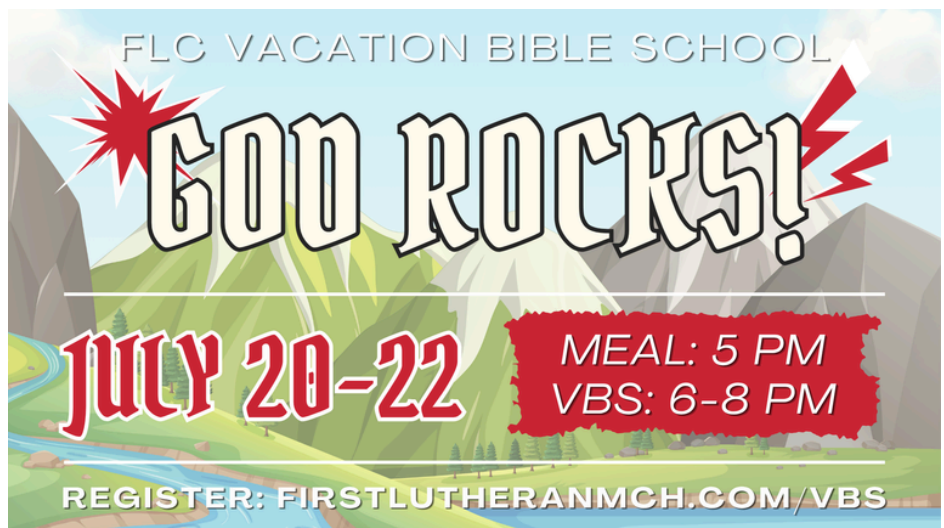
Whether we're exploring desert canyons, learning about the miracle of water from the rock, or jamming out to some high-energy music, this year's theme—God Rocks!—is all about the solid ground we find in Him.

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](http://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](http://firstlutheranmch.com/vbs)

## Community Wide VBS

There will be a Community-Wide Vacation Bible on June 15-19 from 9 AM - 11:15 AM at Lambert Elementary.

All children in preschool (age 4) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend for FREE!

Hosted By: theStone Church and Christ Community Church.

Registration is now open for kiddos: [thestone.breezechms.com/form/eb5462](http://thestone.breezechms.com/form/eb5462)



## First Lutheran Church Council Minutes –May 11, 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, Vance Knutson, Lucas Thomas, Pastor Jason and David Johnson. **Absent:** Leah Beaman. **Visitor present:** Dan Glew

**Opening devotions** were given by Billie.

**Approval of April Council Minutes:** Motion by Billie, seconded by Vance to approve the April 13th minutes; motion carried.

**Approval of April Treasurer’s Report:** Motion by Cathy, seconded by Donna to approve treasurers report; motion carried.

<b>Total Income YTD (April 2026)</b>	\$129,850.61	Total Income previous YTD	\$133,855.47
Total Income YTD budgeted	\$130,062.50	Total Income YTD vs budget	\$(211.89)
<b>Total Expenses YTD (April 2026)</b>	\$179,074.97	Total Expenses Previous YTD	\$120,259.28
Total Expenses YTD Budgeted	\$132,218.60	Total Expenses YTD vs budget	\$46,856.37
<b>Operating YTD Loss/Profit</b>	\$(49,224.36)	Operating Previous YTD Profit	\$16,276.80

**Treasurer’s Report – David Johnson:**

- Income for the month of April was \$16,654.23, which is \$9,358.27 under budget.
- Income YTD was \$129,850.61, which is \$46,899.39 under budget.
- Expenses for the month of April were \$20,103.41 which is \$6,340.31 under budget.
- Expenses YTD were \$179,074.97 which is \$6,031.07 under budget.
- Net Operating Income for the month of April is skewed based on the journal entries.
- Journal Entries were made by Milestones to place the New CD in the correct location, and to move \$150,000 to the Designated Funds Principal-Prior 2026 account.

**President – Millie Kehrli:** No report

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

**Christian Education – Lucas Thomas:**

- Last day of SS (carnival) 5/17
- VBS 7/20-7/22

**Evangelism –Leah Beaman:**

- Our Girls Night out with a Purpose was a wonderful event—50 women in attendance from different communities and churches to hear Mandi give an inspirational message (and some fun too!)
- We welcomed 8 new members on Sunday, May 3.

**Lay Ministry – Billie Zumbach:**

- Pastor Jason Services-Sunday June 7th , 14th , 21st & 28th @ 9AM, Wednesday June 10th, 17th, & 24th @ 6PM
- Sunday, May 31 @ 9AM-Millie Kehrli Worship Leader-Seeds for Hope Pastor Mark Swanson
- Sunday, May 20-June 6th Pastor Cooper on vacation

- Wednesday, June 3rd @ 6PM-Cheri Orcutt Worship Leader-David Wendel on You-Tube
- Reminder-No Wednesday night services in July
- Pastor Jason on Mission Trip July 26th -August 2nd

**Properties – Duane Nieman:**

- Fixed doors so they can be propped open
- Replaced smoke detector

**Social Ministry – Cathy Glew:**

- Donna Bandy and Chin Stone delivered 48 quilts to Cedar Raids for Lutheran World Relief
- Ongoing weekly Coffee Fellowship following Sunday worship is well attended. Typically, between 30-50 attending.
- May 10th a graduation reception was held. Jr. High School parents helped with the reception.
- Continued monthly visits by five 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 almost used up. Need ongoing donations.
- Freezer meal team are available for those in need. This month 8 meals were provided, amounting to 11 servings.

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

- We raised \$2,091.08 for God Speed Equine in April.
- We will be collecting for Seeds of Hope on May 10th and 13th .
- We will be collecting for the Delaware County Food Bank on June 14th and 17th .

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

- Mission in Christ does not want an intern for Strawberry Point
- We're running low on gas cards to give to those in need when requested
- We had a request for a baptism for Libby DeMoss' new baby on June 14th
- Planning a Men's PIG out social in June

**Old Business:**

- Approval to move the sound booth to the balcony
- We are using NALC Tax EIN
- Dan Glew estimated the cost of moving the sound booth to be approximately \$5000 and no more than \$10,000. The hope is to use volunteer labor to keep costs down. Time-frame for the move is later in July.
- Motion by Vance, seconded by Cathy to approve the move of the sound booth to the balcony; motion carried.

**New Business:**

- Dave will sign letter with Milestone this week.

**Next meeting** will be held on June 8, 2026 @ 6:00pm.

**Meeting adjourned** at 6:59 pm

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

## Mission of the Month (MOTM)

Our Mission of the Month for our noisy can offering in June is the Delaware County Foodbank.

The foodbank is located below the Miracle-Ear Hearing Aid office on S. Franklin St. in Manchester and can be accessed from the basement door facing the public parking lot. It is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 11:30am-2:30pm.

The foodbank receives food from the Northeast Iowa Foodbank through the Feeding America Program. They also count on donations from local businesses. Donations of money and/or food are welcome.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call (563)920-8532.

Donations will be collected on June 14th and 17th. Please consider giving to this very 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

The monthly Ladies' Lunch will be the Grimm's Peony Farm Visit on Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 11 am to carpool. Bring a sack lunch and beverage.  
*More details on page 5!*

## 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	
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	\$72,358.17

# 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:  
[raiserright.com](http://raiserright.com)



# JUNE 2026

## First Evangelical Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9:00 a.m. Quilting  6:00 p.m. Lay Ministry Meeting	3 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. GIG	4	5	6
7 9:00 a.m. Worship  10:15 a.m. Fellowship	8 11:00 a.m. Grimm's Peony Farm Visit 6:00 p.m. Council Meeting	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting	10 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. GIG	11	12	13 Wedding Anniversary Party
14 9:00 a.m. Worship MOTM-Noisy Can Offering  10:15 a.m. Fellowship	15	16 9:00 a.m. Quilting	17 6:00 p.m. Worship MOTM-Noisy Can Offering 7:00 p.m. GIG	18	19 July Lamplighter Deadline	20
<b>Community-Wide Vacation Bible School</b>						
21 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship	22	23 9:00 a.m. Quilting	24 6:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. GIG	25	26	27
28 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Fellowship  Heaven Bound Can Drive	29	30 9:00 a.m. Quilting	<b>Reminder: There will be no worship services on Wednesday evenings in July.</b>			