



First Lutheran

relationships that transform

June 2026 Newsletter

First Lutheran Day Camp
WONDERS
OF THE
WATER

**Day Camp
Volunteers meeting
June 2nd 4:00 – 5:00 pm**

Day Camp July 13 - 17

From the Mind of Pastor Jeff

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous...
(Psalm 1:6a)

Summer is here. School is out. Several of our school year programs have concluded. But that does not mean that ministry comes to an end!



Family Improvement and Spiritual Journey groups continue to meet weekly. Likewise, we have choir and quilting, men's groups and Bunco, worship and study groups on Sunday, and probably a few other regular activities that have slipped my mind. In addition, we head to Camp Chrysalis in a couple of weeks with our kids. Then it is the 4th of July, Day Camp, the Women's Retreat, and LWR school supply collection and kit building. Plus or minus a few things, that is our summer at First Lutheran!

Perhaps your personal summer calendar looks similar. Everyone talks about a summer slowdown in life, but I do not think that is reality in most cases. Life goes on. Things that come off the calendar are replaced by other things that are added. The pace of life often does not change simply because of no school, more sunshine, and hotter temperatures.

So, what does that do to our spiritual life? Do we take time to pause to be with God? Do we enjoy the wonder of creation and the gifts that God has given to us?

Psalm 1 invites us into the splendor of the gifts of God, and the way of the righteous ones of God. We are reminded that we belong to God and that God is always with us as we live our lives. This is true whether it is summer or any other season of the year. When we are busy, hurting, or just do not know which way to turn, God is there with us to watch over us and guide our pathways.

So, let's celebrate the summer season together in life and in ministry! And remember that the Lord goes with us and watches over us everywhere we go and in everything that we do.

Peace,
Pastor Jeff

Relationship with God



Adult Classes offered on
Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am

- ◆ **Reflective Bible Study**
Led by Vivian McElligott.
- ◆ **Study of the book of Genesis**
Led by Kevin Bond
- ◆ **The Augsburg Confession**
Led by Pastor Jeff &
Bill Anderson

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SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

June 13th @ 8:00 am
FLC Fellowship Hall



Bibles, Buddies & Beverages
Men's Fellowship
NOT MEETING IN JUNE



I AM WORTHY



16th ANNUAL LADIES RETREAT

Join us for a joyful women's gathering filled with fellowship, food, learning, and fun. Come connect, grow in faith, and enjoy time together!

Sign-up sheet is in the narthex

📅 **25 JULY**
FROM 10:00 TO 4:00

📍 **3901 BILL OWENS PKWY**
LONGVIEW TX 75605



PASTOR VERONIKA CZUTOR
GUEST SPEAKER

SERVE

NEW MINISTRY AT FIRST LUTHERAN

We are reaching out to our post-high school and young adults. We want to include them in our Wednesday evening faith lessons and activities, beginning this Fall.

If you have a heart, an interest or a calling to be part of creating this important ministry, please contact Pastor Jeff or John Parsons.

Relationship with
One Another

Meeting June 2 @ 1:00 pm
at Divine Catering
1310 South Mobberly, Longview



Come and join the
First Lutheran

**BOOK
CLUB**

- Meetings monthly on 3rd Tuesday in the Cafe' @ 6:00 pm
- Discover New books
- Make friends

**On June 15
discussing the book
The Bridge of San Luis (1927)**



**COME JOIN THE FLC QUILTING GROUP!
WEDNESDAYS @ 10:00 AM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**EXERCISE
CLASS**



**Tuesdays &
Thursdays
4:30—5:30 pm
Fellowship
Hall**



The Classic Quilters Group
meets on Saturday, June 13 in
the activity room. See Susan
Kay Smith for
information.



**Save the Date! Sunday, July 5th
Dinner & Celebration
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Relationship with Community



The Success Center

Family Improvement

Food & Childcare Provided

Tuesdays
6:30 - 7:30pm



Brain Injury Support Group
Of North East Texas

PILOT INTERNATIONAL

- Education
- Awareness
- Support
- Friendship

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY GROUP

Tuesday, June 9th
6:00 pm

For more information contact
Mary Stuart
903-738-3613

MONTHLY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HOUSE OF HOPE

Make and serve supper to approx. 35 people on the second Monday of every month. (4:30 pm-5:45 pm)
Contact Rick or Gayle Poland
(903)576-2563

MEALS WITH LOVE DELIVERY

3rd Wednesday at 11:00 am

4th Monday at 10:00 am

4th Tuesday at 11:00 am

Contact Bill or Renee Slegeir
(903)736-8546

WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE.

Jesus came to serve, not to be served. We learn to serve well by following His example.

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Matthew 20:27

NEWGATE

Make and serve breakfast on the second Saturday of most months (7:00 am-9:00 am)

NEWGATE

Serve lunch on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month (11:15 am-12:30 pm)

Contact Rick or Gayle Poland
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FINANCIAL REPORT



Financial Report - April 2026

Operating Account - April 2026						
	April Operating Account			Year to Date Operating Account		
	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)	Year to Date	Budget	Over/(Under)
Contributions	\$ 29,594	\$ 51,108	\$ (21,514)	\$ 207,817	\$ 204,432	\$ 3,385
Expenses	\$ 42,386	\$ 51,106	\$ (8,720)	\$ 217,651	\$ 204,432	\$ 13,219
Difference	\$ (12,792)	**		\$ (9,834)	***	

Faith Is A Tremendous Gift! Let's Use It.

A lot happens over the summer. Weddings, graduations, vacations, weekend get-a-ways, sports camp, church camp, day camp (VBS) as well as everyday life. In your daily conversations with God, please remember our church staff, our volunteers, our children and our family of friends that will be traveling.

** Contributiond for April were lower than expected

*** Technology upgrade impact on year to date

Ranette Carter
Treasurer

FLC Council Moments – NOT Minutes

One of this year's goals for the FLC Council is to "improve member involvement." To that end, the Council feels it is important to communicate to all of you what we are discussing at our monthly meetings and how we are moving forward. What follows is general information about what we are discussing, planning and doing –

Each Church Council meeting we begin with a Bible study. At our May 21st meeting we discussed what it means for our church to grow. Here are some of the ideas shared:

More people

More ministries, more programs and activities

Have additional classrooms and meeting rooms – add on to the Church

Greater presence in the Community

What do you think "growing" First Lutheran means? How can we grow if we don't agree on what that means?

PLEASE think about it, because we will grow, either without a plan **or WITH A VISION.**

Additional Council business:

- ⇒ Rachel Keiser has been hired as the new Bookkeeper for FLC. Rachel has extensive bookkeeping and accounting experience and started with FLC on May 5th. Please welcome Rachel if you get a chance to meet her.
- ⇒ The new computers have arrived and are being reconfigured and deployed to their work stations.
- ⇒ Pastor and Staff met with the NT/NL Synod Bishop in Dallas on May 4th. They presented information regarding: the Family Improvement program; music to support smaller congregations in the Synod who do not have access to music directors or musicians; and spoke to the Bishop regarding needs of our congregation.
- ⇒ The Council approved a bid for gutter installation work for the Church to alleviate a water problem that impacts the copy room and office area of the Church.
- ⇒ **The Council discussed the creation of a Post-High School/Young Adult program. WE NEED A LEADER. If you are interested in working with this group, ages 18 to 24/25/26, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR JEFF OR JOHN PARSONS. This is an opportunity to reach out and help young adults manage life and grown in their faith.**
- ⇒ We continually discuss the needs of FLC members.

Are you interested in helping give rides to individuals who need a ride to worship services? Please contact John Parsons and he'll help you out – we need you.

Please reach out to one of your Council members if you have questions, concerns or suggestions.

Sincerely,

Belverly Bell,

Council President

Church Staff		2026 Church Council	
Jeffrey Borgwardt	Pastor	Beverly Bell	President
Donna Ashby	Dir. Of Music	Randy Cathey	Vice Pres
John Parsons	Family & Outreach	Arlene Hicks	Secretary
Tina Sewell	Office Administrator	Ranette Carter	Treasurer
Rachel Keiser	Bookkeeper	Jenn Belcourt	Relationship/God
Steve Howie	Facilities Coordinator	Johnny Davis	Relationship/Community
		Mary Stuart	Relationship/One Another

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE		
	LECTOR 8:15	LECTOR 10:45
06/07/2026	RANETTE CARTER	BELINDA WALENTA
06/14/2026	BEVERLY BELL	VIVIAN MCELLIGOTT
06/21/2026	DANNY CHANDLER	RACHEL GRUNDMANN
06/28/2026	RADNY CATHEY	TERESA DESHAZER
	SET UP:	CLEAN UP:
06/07/2026	CAROLYN RAMIREZ	LUCY MAXWELL
06/14/2026	CAROL & RAY BIRD	TERESA DESHAZER & RANDI MCRAE
06/21/2026	GLORIA BERO	EVA TOUCHSTONE
06/28/2026	ED BERO	LESLIE JENKINS
OFFERING COUNTERS		
06/07/2026	JENN BELCOURT	RACHEL GRUNDMANN
06/14/2026	ARLENE HICKS	LESLIE JENKINS
06/21/2026	MARY STUART	DEB BUTTS
06/28/2026	RANDY CATHEY	JOHNNY DAVIS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:30 am Staff Meeting	2 1:00 pm Birds of a Feather 4:00 pm Day Camp Volunteer meeting 4:30 -5:30 pm Fitness Class 6:30 pm Family Improvement 6:30 pm Spiritual Journey	3 10:00 am Quilters 5:45 pm Bell Choir 7:00 pm Choir	4 4:30 -5:30 pm Fitness Class	5	6
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CAMP CHRYSALIS WEEK						
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