



# LAMPLIGHTER

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church*



First Lutheran Vacation Bible School took place on July 14-16!

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## 2025 Vacation Bible School

This year's Vacation Bible School theme was Step Right Up, a circus theme! In their three-day adventure, kids explored how Jesus is like a great carnival barker and calls out to us to show us something wonderful. They discovered how Jesus encourages us to use the gifts God gave us, show God's love to someone new, thank God for forgiveness, and share God's story with everyone!

Thank you to all of our teachers, adult shepherds, youth shepherds, and those that helped provide meals.



# 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

Check calendar on last page to see when communion is offered this month.

## OFFICE HOURS

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

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

### KMCH Sunday Radio Ministry Sponsors

August 3...Anonymous  
August 10...Ron & Tirzah Wedewer  
August 17...Rayma Huggins  
August 24...Bill & Laura Thomas  
August 31...Pastor Kurt & Dulcie

### Altar Flower Sponsors

August 3...Jeremy & Alana DeMoss in honor of their wedding anniversary  
August 10...Doran & Billie Zumbach in honor of their 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
August 17, 24, 31...TBD

## Pastor's Office Hours

Reverend Kurt Pasko will continue to have Wednesday afternoon office hours at First Lutheran for those in need of spiritual counseling and support during our time without a pastor. He also continues to do homebound & hospital visits as needed.

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month:  
2:00-6:00 p.m.**

**2nd, 4th, & 5th Wednesdays of the month:  
3:00-6:00 and 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

(NOTE: There may be some exceptions to these hours due to unforeseen circumstances.)

## Dave Johnson Interim Treasurer

The Church Council recently named Dave Johnson as FLC's Interim Treasurer.

Dave's experience includes 30 years of working for US Bank as a Trust Tax Accountant preparing federal taxes for trust estates.

Dave and his wife, Sandra moved from the Northwestern US to the Manchester area 2 years ago to be close to their family.

## Summer Church Camp Camperships

First Lutheran Church is once again offering camperships for students who will be attending a summer church camp.

Parents must pay the registration fee, and then the church will pay for 80% of the remaining balance. Please submit a copy of the statement to the church office & the church will mail the check directly to the church camp for you.

## Feast at First Fair Food Stand - Thank you!

Despite the rain on Thursday night and most of the day Friday, we were busy the other days!

A BIG thank you to the 107 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 3 individuals who worked each day: Dan Glew for being in charge of breakfast, Jean Conrad for organizing the kitchen crew, and Denny Wiedenman for helping wherever needed.

Thanks to those who bought extra food. We donated extra buns to Second Helpings and 4 pieces of pie left on Sunday were given to the fair board.

Thanks to Tanner DeMoss for donating a needed refrigerator when it was realized the current one wasn't working. And finally, a huge thank you to Herb and Diane Kilburg and Alex Glew at D&H Meat Co. for generously donating all of the bacon, sausage, hotdogs, and hamburger!!!! It was especially helpful this year with rain affecting sales on Friday and Saturday.

### 2025 Foodstand Facts:

- 43 individuals worked 1 shift
- 8 worked 2 shifts
- 13 worked 3 shifts
- 10 worked 4 shifts
- 1 worked 6 shifts
- 3 worked 7 shifts
- 2 worked more than 7 shifts
- 25 of the foodstand workers were youth.
- 13 individuals worked in the kitchen & 4 worked each day
- 1,200 tenderloins were breaded
- 120 pounds of hamburger were made into Sloppy Joes
- 15 people made 47 pies (thank you to those who made pies)



Rachel Anderson  
Max Andrews  
Terri Andrews  
Dawn Askeland  
Troy Askeland  
Donna Bandy  
Royce Bandy  
Lanni Beaman  
Leah Beaman  
Sue Beck  
Katelyn Beilby  
Megan Beilby  
Diane Blatt  
Ardelle Brooks  
Ethan Bunting  
William Bush  
Jen Cassutt  
Diane Childs  
Dennis Conrad  
Jean Conrad  
Alana DeMoss  
Taitt DeMoss  
Tanner DeMoss  
Sharon Dressler  
Calvin Elsbernd  
Cora Elsbernd  
Greta Elsbernd

Lucas Elsbernd  
Tessa Elsbernd  
Lance Feldman  
Shawn Foster  
Bobbie Jo Franzen  
Nathan Franzen  
Vicki Freiburger  
Cathy Glew  
Dan Glew  
Patty Giesler  
Harlin Gilje  
Donna Hanson  
Curt Hanson  
Nathan Hanson  
Roger Hanson  
JoAnn Hartman  
Karen Hartman  
Joslyn Hess  
Melissa Hess  
Rhonda Hoefer  
Jaren Hoefer  
Jeff Hoefer  
Jena Hoefer  
Rachael Hoefer  
Kendy Hogan  
Lillian Hogan  
Rayma Huggins

Dave Johnson  
Sandra Johnson  
Sarah Kelchen  
Gloria Kluesner  
Linda Knutson  
Vance Knutson  
April McIntire  
Kaden McIntire  
Carolyn Maloney  
Kevin Maloney  
Pat Maloney  
Mary 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  
Cheri Orcutt  
Mitch Orcutt  
Pastor Kurt Pasko

Ben Palas  
Ava Pettlon  
Ella Pettlon  
Jim Pettlon  
Judy Pettlon  
Marilyn Pilgrim  
Brenda Saunders  
Dulcie Scripture  
Bill Thomas  
Lucy Thomas  
Sheila Tibbott  
Lori Wickman  
Denny  
Wiedenman  
Dave Withers  
Vicky Witte  
Paige Woellert  
Chad Wright  
Kole Wright  
Connie Wright  
Karlee Wright  
John Zietlow  
Vicki Zietlow  
Beth Zingula  
Billie Zumbach  
Doran Zumbach  
Dan Zumbach  
Jim Zumbach



## 2025 Feast at First Fair Food Stand Photos



## Vacation Bible School Meals-Thank You!

On July 14, 15, and 16 wonderful volunteers prepared and served 149 meals to students, their families, and volunteers. First Lutheran has absolutely wonderful volunteers. Thank you Gloria, Sandra, Dave, Vicki, Jan, Dawn, Teri, Sharon, Dan, and Jen!

-Cathy Glew, Chair of Bible School Meals.

## Upcoming Sunday School Events

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

**Sunday, August 24th:** 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 7th:** 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 24 @ 9 A.M. SERVICE

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

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Join us at

First Lutheran

Sunday School

## Summer: Don't Let the Change of Pace go to Waste

The four months of Summer always seem to bring about a welcomed change of pace for all of us. The longer days allow us to pack more into our daily schedules, even though our employers try to maintain the steady pace of production that goes on the other eight months of the year. This change of pace effects the life of the church as well. No one has ever attempted to persuade me that lower attendance in worship during the summer months is due to 20% of our members going on vacation every Sunday from the beginning of June to the end of August, so please don't assume that this letter is a chastisement for lack to faithful attendance since the beginning of June. Please read on . . .

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. Hebrews 10:24-25*

The following text is used with permission from Dr. David Jeremiah's Daily Devotional on July 11, last month. He writes: The intricacies of the human body are complex, but this we know: *The parts are all interconnected—they "talk" to one another so as to maintain balance and health. And since the Bible uses the human body to illustrate the Body of Christ, there is a lesson for us: The more we "talk" with other members of the Body, the healthier the Body will be.*

To summarize, just because our daily routines change during the summer, doesn't mean our witness and outreach for Jesus can't change as well.

Dr. Jeremiah continues: *"It's natural for Christians to gather in familiar groups based on relationships made in church. But the summer months provide an excellent opportunity to expand our relationships with fellow Christians we may not normally interact with. Opportunities abound for cookouts, picnics, recreational gatherings, day trips, and the like. Gathering together with others, especially those we may not know well, is an opportunity for God to broaden our perspectives and deepen our relationships."*

When getting together with familiar friends this summer, broaden your plans to include some new acquaintances in anticipation of God building up your life and theirs. I know I've got a couple of stories to share about the County Fair and our Food Booth. Remember to invite some of you new friends, or perhaps some old friends who haven't been attending church since Covid to join you for worship in the Fall. You may be surprised at what the Holy Spirit was doing through you when you weren't looking.

The devotional ended with this quote from David Watson, an English Anglican priest, evangelist and author: *Christianity is all about relationships with God and with others.*

Dulcie and I will be traveling quite a bit this summer. At the end of July, we are headed to Hamilton, OH for a week to celebrate Becky's 80th Birthday (Becky is Dulcie's Sister). We'll be back home here in Manchester until August 27, when we leave for Dumfries, VA with our daughter and her family to welcome Marigold Elizabeth Krogall into our family and into the family of Christ through a service of dedication at Hope and Mathew's church. I am maintaining office hours at the Church on Wednesday's from 2:00 – 6:00pm. During August we will continue to learn about the "Lord of the Dance." So put on your dancing shoes and join us for Joyful Worship!

God Bless all of you in your service to Him and one another throughout the summer,

-Pastor Kurt

## First Lutheran Church Council Minutes – July 21, 2025

The regular meeting of the First Lutheran Church was called to order at 6:01pm by President Max Andrews.

**Members present:** Max Andrews, Donna Millenkamp, Lucas Thomas, Cathy Glew, Connie Wright, Billie Zumbach, Duane Nieman, Millie Kehrli, Jen Cassutt and David Johnson.  
**Absent:** Pastor Kurt Pasko.

**Opening devotions** were given by Max

**Approval of June Council Minutes:** Motion by Billie, seconded by Lucas to approve minutes; motion carried.

**Approval of June Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Billie, seconded by Jen to approve treasurers report; motion carried.

**Total Income YTD (June 2025)** \$164,395.88 Total Income previous YTD \$192,724.27  
Total Income YTD budgeted \$213,843.69 Total Income YTD vs budget \$(49,447.81)

**Total Expenses YTD (June 2025)** \$145,137.46 Total Expenses Previous YTD \$133,713.06  
Total Expenses YTD Budgeted \$213,485.24 Total Expenses YTD vs budget \$(68,347.78)

**Operating YTD Loss/Profit** \$19,258.42 Operating Previous YTD Profit \$59,011.21

### **Treasurer's Report – :**

- Income for the month of June was \$7476 less than budget. Year to date, income is \$49,448 less than budget.
- Expenses for the month of June were \$14,036 less than budget. Year to date, expenses are \$68,348 less than budgeted.
- Net income for the month of June was \$6,747 and year to date we are positive \$19,258.
- Overall, giving is down; however, so are our expenses.

### **President – Max Andrews:**

David Johnson has volunteered to fill the treasurer position, as Sarah Maurer has stepped down due to work obligations. David has been a CPA and treasurer for other various committees. Bille motioned to appoint David Johnson to fill the treasurer position until our next annual meeting, seconded by Cathy; motion carried.

**President – Elect – Millie Kehrli:** No report

### **Call Committee – Lucas Thomas:**

Interviewed Pastor Jason Cooper, we have invited him as a call applicant to lead a service Sunday, July 27. We will then meet as a congregation on Sunday, August 3 after 9am worship service to vote for the call.

**Christian Education – Lucas Thomas:**

- VBS went well – we had 30 kids attend.
- We had 51 youth and adults, from 6 churches, leave for Burnsville, NC to do mission work for a week.
- Sunday School starts September 7. We need someone to take over God Squad.
- Request has been made to repair/update the bathrooms in the Sunday school wing.

**Evangelism – Jen Cassutt:**

- After taking the summer off, we will start back up in August.

**Lay Ministry – Billie Zumbach:**

## • Pulpit supply:

- OPEN – Sunday, August 3 @ 9:00am

*Pastor Kurt @ 9:00am*

- Sunday, August 10 th
- Sunday, August 24 th

*Pastor Kurt @ 6:00pm*

- Wednesday, August 13 th
- Wednesday, August 27 th

(Vacation 8-28 thru 9-3)

*Pastor Cooper @ 9:00am*

- Sunday, August 17 th with Communion
- Sunday, August 31 st with Communion and Baptism
- New Router – Lucas motioned to get a new router for the AV booth (not to spend no more than \$600) so if we have any issues then Rick Seeley can fix it remotely, Millie seconded: motion carried.

**Properties – Duane Nieman:**

- SMI will be coming at the end of August to work on windows.
- The Church Fair food stand used the freezer at parsonage during the fair.
- Replaced the small shark vacuum at the church.

**Parsonage**

- the back patio has settled and is now sloping towards the house, will need to get a contractor to look at it.
- Will need to add more rock due to the patio being uneven.
- Needs a good cleaning.

**Social Ministry – Cathy Glew:**

- Freezer meals 6/2 to 7/16 provided 7 meals – 13 servings.
- Visits are being made to the homebound, GNH and Meadows residents.
- Prepared and served 149 meals for VBS meals.
- Hope to get Fellowship started back up in September.



**Stewardship – Donna Millenkamp:**

MOTM update:

- We raised \$147.43 for Sleep in Heavenly Peace in June.
- We collected for Camp Courageous on July 13th and 16th .
- We will be collecting for the Randy Helmrichs family on August 10th and 13th .

**Secretary of the Council – Connie Wright:** No report

**Pastor Kurt:** No report

**Old Business:**

Have gotten quotes for security cameras but still getting more.

**New Business:**

- Treasurer Position – Dave Johnson will fill the position until next annual meeting.
- Mission of the Month – Collecting in August for the Randy Helmrich Family.
- Good Samaritan Fund – Church Council guiding the administration of these funds.
- The annual meeting will be held Sunday, November 9, 2025 after 9:00am Church service.

**Next meeting** will be held on August 11, 2025 @ 6:00pm.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:09pm

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Connie Wright**

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**Church Ladies** - Will be gathering together for Breakfast on Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Bread Basket. If you would like to take part, please RSVP to Marcia Weidemann at 563-920-3789, or Diane Childs at 563-608-1137

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## **Benefit for Randy Helmrich**

There will be a benefit fundraiser for Randy Helmrich on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 PM at the Ryan Gym in Ryan, IA. A meal and beverages will be served, as well as a live and silent auction.

Randy is a lifelong member of the Ryan and North Linn community. Many know him for his welding talent as he is the proprietor of Eastern Iowa Welding Services. He has kept countless numbers of farmers going all year round with a wide array of different repair issues and innovations to make their life easier.

In December 2024, Randy began noticing decreased functionality in his hands and arms. After numerous trips to doctors both locally and at the Mayo Clinic, we were left with no real answer, he was officially diagnosed with Multifocal Acquired Demyelinating Sensory and Motor Neuropathy (MADSAM). This disorder presents similar to the symptoms of ALS. His mobility continues to deteriorate rapidly and he is now confined to a wheel chair. He is starting home healthcare and the medical bills are on the rise.

All money raised will help the family with medical bills and travel expenses associated with his continued care.



## Mission of the Month (MOTM)

Our August mission of the month for our noisy can offering is the Randy Helmrich Family. Randy was diagnosed with Multifocal Acquired Demyelinating Sensory and Motor Neuropathy (MADSAM).

Randy took part in 2 Mission Projects with First Lutheran. He worked on the Omaha Fence Project, and for the Kansas Fence Project he incorporated equipment to provide ease for those working on the project.

We will be collecting for him and his family on August 10th and 13th. Money raised will help his family with medical bills and travel expenses, associated with his continued care.

## Have you heard about Scrip?

Scrip is a great way to earn money for extra projects in our church. We earn profits when cards are purchased at a discount and sold at face value. The profits are dispersed for special projects throughout the year.

Over the years the Scrip program has donated to the Fair Food Stand, Families in need, youth events and other caused, but our biggest recipient has been for our Heaven Bound youth group for service trips.

A check for \$4000 was presented on June 23rd to Alana DeMoss for Heaven Bound's upcoming trip to North Carolina. I want to thank all the people who purchase Scrip and support our youth!

Our youth are the future of the church. That is a worthy investment!

## Monthly Offering Comparison

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	\$13,690.10	\$18,937.13	\$21,906.87	\$13,353.69
February	\$30,109.94	\$28,414.39	\$17,120.64	\$16,450.02
March	\$19,866.51	\$33,049.82	\$18,216.41	\$18,306.05
April	\$17,566.50	\$20,542.21	\$20,210.51	\$17,359.59
May	\$14,277.58	\$25,993.18	\$18,624.85	\$13,893.45
June	\$17,597.90	\$22,744.81	\$13,614.20	\$15,796.30
July	\$20,417.36	\$28,784.78	\$15,272.71	
August	\$14,562.30	\$22,196.56	\$15,206.24	
September	\$19,239.02	\$23,810.07	\$12,636.67	
October	\$15,733.97	\$29,430.84	\$16,694.94	
November	\$13,196.34	\$20,937.08	\$11,898.12	
December	\$54,975.22	\$32,662.87	\$8,854.54	
Yearly Totals	\$251,232.74	\$307,503.74	\$190,256.70	\$95,159.10

**SCRIP ORDER FORM**

BUSINESS	%	DENOMINATIONS
Amazon.com	2%	10____25____100____
American Eagle	10%	25____
Applebee's	8%	25____
Arby's	8%	10____
Aunt Emmy's (L)	4%	10____
Barnes & Noble	9%	5____10____25____
Bath & Body	13%	10____25____
Bed,Bath & Beyond	7%	25____
Best Buy	4%	25____
Boubin Tires (L)	5%	See Brenda
BP Gas	2%	50____100____
Buckle	8%	25____
Bushel & A Peck	3%	10____
Burger King	4%	10____
Cabela's	8%	25____
Casey's	3%	25____50____100____
Castle Theatre (L)	10%	5____
Cenex	3%	25____
Chili's	11%	25____
Chuong Garden (L)	10%	10____25____
Culvers Restaurant	5%	10____
Dairy Queen (5-L) 10 & 3%		5____10____
Darden/Olive Garden/Cheddars	8%	10____25____
Dick's Sporting Goods	8%	25____100____
Dollar Fresh	3%	25____100____
Express	10%	25____
Exxon/Mobile <*>	2%	50____
Fareway	3%	25____100____
Gap/Old Navy	14%	25____
Gift Holder	10%	2____
Hardee's	5%	10____
Home Depot	4%	25____100____<*>____
Honey Creek Furn. (L)	3%	See Brenda
iTunes	5%	15____

**Contact Brenda with questions: 563-920-3191**

BUSINESS	%	DENOMINATIONS
JCPenney(CC)<*>	5%	25____
Joanne's Fabrics	6%	25____
Kohl's (CC)	4%	25____100____
Kwik Trip	4%	25____50____100____
Kwik Trip Grocery	15%	25____
Lowe's <*>	4%	25____100____
Maurices	7%	20____
Menard's	3%	25____100____
Michaels	4%	25____
Old Navy/Gap	14%	25____
Outback Steakhouse	8%	50____
Palmer Hdwe. (L)	5%	See Brenda
Panera Bread	8%	10____25____
Pizza Hut	8%	10____
Pizza Ranch (L)	8%	5____25____
Posy Place (L)	5%	10____
Red Lobster	8%	10____25____
Red Robin	9%	25____
Staples	5%	25____
Starbucks	7%	10____25____
Subway	6%	10____
Sunset (L)	10%	10____20____
Target	3%	10____25____100____
Texas Roadhouse	8%	25____100____<*>____
TJ Maxx	7%	25____
Ulta Salons	4%	25____
Visa/Discover pp (CC) 1%		<*> 50____100____
Walmart	3%	10____25____100____
Wendy's Carwash(L) 20%		25____

**KEY TO SYMBOLS**

&lt;\*&gt; Not stocked, can be ordered

\*\*\* See Brenda for special details

(L) Local participating businesses

(CC) Can be used to pay on credit card

For a full list of participating businesses, go to: <https://www.raiseright.com/brands>



# AUGUST 2025

## First Evangelical Lutheran Church

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>3</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship w/Communion  <b>Following Worship</b> Special Meeting of the Congregation	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Quilting  <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Lay Ministry Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship <b>7:00 p.m.</b> GIG	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>   <b>8</b> Willie Rehearsal	<b>2</b>   <b>9</b> Willie Wedding
<b>10</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship	<b>11</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Council Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Quilting	<b>13</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship <b>7:00 p.m.</b> GIG	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship w/ communion	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Quilting	<b>20</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship w/ communion <b>7:00 p.m.</b> GIG	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>   September Lamplighter Deadline	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship Blessings of the Backpacks	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Quilting	<b>27</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Worship <b>7:00 p.m.</b> GIG	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> <b>9:00 a.m.</b> Worship w/ communion						