



First Lutheran Church

September 2025

Messenger

*At First Lutheran, Our God-given mission is to **Gather** in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Grow in faith and love and
Go out to serve and invite others to faith in Christ.*



Pictures of the Summer, Faith & Fun Gang! Thank you for your support!

Sunday Services at 9am— Holy Communion Every Sunday

10:10am Sunday School (Through May) Or Join Us At: WOMT1240 womtradio.com Youtube Facebook Live
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Highlights From FLC's **July 8, 2025** Council Meeting



We have quite a few people who are in need of prayers and care. Please keep any members who are ill or experiencing challenges in your prayers.

Patti Reilly (FLC member) has come on board to fill our financial secretary position. She is adjusting well, fitting in well to the office and has been a great addition.

After talking about it last summer, this fall we are going to discontinue the sending of weekly bulletins to members in time for each Sunday's service. We will still offer, to those who desire it, to send the worship bulletins to members, but simply, the mail service has made the delivery of bulletins on time, unreliable. (It sometimes takes 5-6 business days for the bulletins to be received.) We will begin notifying members who receive them (about 12-15 at present) of this change this month and remind them again next month.

Old Business: Chimney Repair- Council has decided on Schaus installing a sidewall power vent: Schaus will have Hamann Construction remove and dispose of a section of the chimney to just above the roof line and cap the remaining chimney with a stainless steel cap. A commercial power vent draft inducer will be installed on the boiler breeching. An additional 10 feet of new boiler vent pipe will be installed inside of the remaining chimney and will terminate through the side of the chimney approximately 10 feet above grade to conform to code. The estimate for this work is \$42,343. We will need financial approval from the congregation and plan a congregational meeting on July 27, 2025 at 10:15 am.

New Business: Pastor Sauer invited our congregation to a multi-church worship and picnic in Union Park on August 17. Worship at 10:30 and picnic meal at 11:30. We will have church services as usual at FLC and then invite our members to go over to Union Park for worship and/or meal.

Please Note: All are welcome to listen in at the church council meetings which are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30. If you have concerns, questions and comments, please reach out to our council president, Landie Van Haren, Pastor Andy or other council member.

A complete copy of the minutes, once approved at the following month's meeting, will be available on the bulletin board in the Fireside Room or in the church office.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Laham

Council Secretary

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED

If you, or someone you know, wants to learn more about FLC, please reach out to Pastor Andy or call him at 920-682-7742. We will be formally welcoming New Members at our Sunday, Sept. 21st worship service!

WHO'S WHO

THE STAFF

Pastor Andy Wendle

Pastor Brian Staude

Visitation Pastor

Connie Dorner

Faith Formation Director

Stephanie Bowman

Contemporary Music Coordinator

Brooke Prather

Office Manager

Patti Reilly

Financial Secretary & Office Assistant

CHURCH COUNCIL

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Treas.: David Bowman 629-5487

Sec.: Teresa Laham 790-0993

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Andy Jacobson

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Missionaries in Japan

Rev. James & Carol Sack



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Grace and peace to you in the name of our living and loving Savior, Jesus the Christ!



When I began in ministry back in 2003 I knew that I would need some new ways to organize myself. Wonderfully, the ELCA and Augsburg Fortress had these little red date books, pocket-sized, that worked to record all my appointments. Those lasted, for me, for a few years but soon were replaced by a Blackberry device (anyone else remember those?) and that worked for quite a while to keep all my appointments and notes straight. I then started to hear about a new device, something called an iPhone, that would be able to do all of this and be a phone at the same time. Well, I was skeptical and didn't buy that first iPhone but after a few years I was slowly won over, and now I can't imagine life without one. All of this has happened in just the past 20 years or so, life certainly has changed.

The iPhone, of course is only just the tip of the iceberg in the social change that we've seen in the last 10-20 years. Some of the changes we've seen I'm sure you don't like at all, some you love to hate, and some you have probably incorporated so thoroughly into your life that it is even hard to identify as something "new."

Our life in the church is and has undergone a significant change as well. As a pastor the thought used to be that we were being taught to marry, bury and baptize people as we served. Now, on an almost daily basis, the tasks and opportunities for ministry have rapidly (and necessarily) expanded.

We used to depend upon members being in church three to four times a month. Now, a regularly attending member might be someone who attends once a month or once every two months.

We also used to depend upon the community knowing who we are or at least that when they drove by our sign outside they would know what "First Lutheran Church" means. Now, it is not unreasonable to wonder if they know what "Lutheran" means and what they imagine when they read "Church."

In short, our world has shifted and we are rapidly trying to figure out how to catch up and live anew who God has called us to be. Things are just not the same any more – some of this is good, some of it we won't like but all of it can present challenges and opportunities for ministry.

Later this fall your council is going to continue our process looking at these changes and engaging in planning, discernment and action around how we can respond, reorganize and engage this moment of today. About a year and a half ago they commissioned several leaders to study these shifts in our culture and think through how we, First Lutheran Church, can move forward next.

I'm excited for this work to continue and for this process to keep moving. This is not something being done to us or for us but something that necessarily must and will involve us all. We are the body of Christ and the opportunity and challenge for ministry is there for us all. To engage this moment, we will need each of us.

I look forward to sharing more with you as the process continues and builds upon the great ministry and witness First Lutheran Church has had throughout these 175 years. God's not done with us yet, people of God. Let's see what is next!

In Peace,
Pastor Andy



Living by Faith

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thank you to MaryAnn Peaslee for all of the love and hours she puts into volunteering at First Lutheran Church. Just one of MaryAnn's passions has been being an advocate for Lutheran World Relief for over 15 years. MaryAnn is involved in every step of the Personal Care Kits, School Kits and Mission Quilts that help so many families and children. MaryAnn is also a faithful member of Snip 'n Sew. We love to see your smile! Thank you, MaryAnn!

WHY DID THE EASEL GO TO SCHOOL?

Calling all wood workers! Do you like to work with wood? Do you like a project or two? We have noticed that some of our easels could use replacing and Pastor Andy (an amateur wood worker himself), saw some beautiful ones at Harrigan Parkside that he thought a team of people could replicate. Our easels get used a lot when we have funerals and for other display purposes and it would be nice to have some that are a little more functional. Talk to Pastor Andy if this might interest you and together, we can create some beautiful new functional works of art. Thank you!

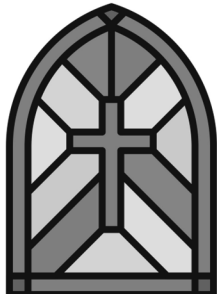
To improve its posture



Adult Study Class

Scripture Reading for September

Starting on September 14th, Pastor Andy will begin leading an adult study class looking at the Bible stories of stained-glass windows. Pastor Andy comments, "While in Scotland this past summer we toured the famous St. Giles Church in Edinburgh and I was moved by their stained-glass windows. Together, I thought we could consider the biblical stories shared within those windows and in ours here at First and thus hopefully deepen our appreciation for the art that so beautifully surrounds us each Sunday." Look for more information to come about this adult education opportunity in Life@First!



Sun. Sept. 7

First	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm	Psalm 1
Second	Philemon 1-21
Gospel	Luke 14:25-33

Sun. Sept. 14

First	Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm	Psalm 51:1-10
Second	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Gospel	Luke 15:1-10

Sun. Sept. 21

First	Amos 8:4-7
Psalm	Psalm 113
Second	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Gospel	Luke 16:1-13

Sun. Sept. 28

First	Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalm	Psalm 146
Second	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31



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Our Fellowship Coffee Hour

Everyone is welcome to join in the Fellowship Coffee Hour after the Sunday service in the Fireside Room! See you there!!!

Book Club

Third Wednesday of every month at 1pm.

Bible Study

Wednesdays with Pastor Andy 9:30-11am in the Fireside Room beginning **September 10th**.

Grief Group

First and third Friday of every month 9:00am.

Zoom Bible Study

First and third Thursday of each month from 9:00-10:30am beginning again on September 4th. Email blitzfarmers@charter.net for more information.

First Lutheran Prayer Chain

To join prayer chain or leave a prayer request please call Mary Gammelin (920-682-2250) or email mgammelin@lsoil.net. You may also leave a prayer request by email to bauchter@comcast.net.

Holy Communion Delivery

Members that are homebound or unable to drive to church, may receive communion in their homes once a month. We deliver communion on a short term basis for those unable to attend services. Call 920.682.7742 to sign-up.

THE HAUGIANS OF ST. PAUL LUTHERAN AND SCHISM AT FIRST

(Part Two)

The Haugian Lutherans brought with them a deep religious faith, so that establishing a place of worship was of utmost importance. On February 24, 1873, sixteen men and two women met, and with additional help from two pastors, one being Rev. Ludvig Bjørn of First Lutheran, they drew up a set of By-laws. The congregation's official name became "St. Paul Evangelical Norwegian Lutheran Church."

Initially the Haugians rented the old school house owned by First Lutheran Church for worship.

However, in 1874 land was purchased on the west end of St. Claire street and parishioner Lars Olson erected a frame building at the cost of \$1,126.04. It was heated by a wood stove and lit by two large kerosene lamps. Rev. J.O. Hatlestad served as the first pastor. Keeping with their forward-thinking tradition, one of the three dedication services was done in the English language.

The building served the congregation well and numbers swelled. However, a major decision had to be made in 1898 when 25 members of First Lutheran Church severed their membership and made a request to join St. Paul Lutheran. The schism that ensued at First involved the predestination controversy that had riled Lutheran congregations since 1882 and continued to fester in the belly of the Lutheran Church. The question at hand was whether salvation was a free gift of grace, or whether some individuals had already been "predestined" by God for salvation. It pit theologians against theologians, synods against synods, and parishioners against parishioners, and is not a proud time in the history of the Lutheran Church. It also firmly separated the Missouri Synod from the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church, where previously the two had worked harmoniously together.

With the swell in membership, St. Paul Lutheran erected a new church on their property and worshipped there until building a new facility on the south side of Manitowoc many years later.

In 1924, however, there was an attempt to unite the two Lutheran congregations, when First German Lutheran wished to expand and establish a Wisconsin Synod church on the north side. The thought was that St. Paul Lutheran could sell their property to the Wisconsin Synod and unite with First Lutheran. The resolution to unite required an 85% approval by each congregation. The resolution passed with 86% approval of First Lutheran, but the St. Paul congregation rejected the offer.

Thank you to Karyl Rommelfanger for this excerpt.

175th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONTINUES

Join us as the 175th Anniversary Celebration continues at the beautiful Franciscan Center at 3pm on Sunday, October 12th.

This will be wonderful time of fellowship and faith. The Franciscan Center is located at: (Hwy 151) 6751 Calumet Avenue in Manitowoc.





FAITH FORMATION UPDATE

Sunday School, Confirmation and High School Faith Formation
Connie Dorner, Faith Formation Director

"But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
-Matthew 6:33

Greetings First Lutheran Family!

As I write my September message, I am thinking about summer and how fast it has flown by. It was a busy one for me! A week of Confirmation Camp at Imago Dei in June, a personal vacation over the 4th of July, our exciting youth trip adventure to Denver in July and now our "Summer, Faith and Fun" classes and outings with our younger children. It's been a busy, joyful summer.

And now my thoughts and planning turn to the school year when September brings the beginning of Confirmation and Sunday School classes, regular Youth Group and Spark, God's Work Our Hands Day, Backpack Blessings and Bible Distribution Day, youth retreats, early Christmas program planning and more! Please read more about these great happenings in the Faith Formation section of this Messenger. I am grateful to be sharing all of these busy faith-filled days with our children, youth and families.

I am thinking of all of you as you begin these busy back-to-school days, and for some of you, sending your young adults off to college and to the beginnings of their work careers. Blessings to all for whatever family adventures September brings to you. Sending prayers that we will all remember to keep our families' faith at the center of our lives.



Cheerfully in Christ,

Connie

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Blessings to the following babies, Sunday school students & youth who are celebrating their baptismal birthdays in SEPTEMBER!

Karson Baryenbruch	9-30-18
Mason Check	9-25-16
Graham Hrudka	9-25-22
Grayson Hrudka	9-20-20
Natalie Miller	9-05-21
Allanah Port	9-10-17
Olivia Rabitz	9-02-07
Autumn Valleskey	9-27-09
Mason Zipperer	9-21-14



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Congratulations to these young people who celebrate their birthdays in SEPTEMBER!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Reid Stryzewski	Sept. 3
Finn Port	Sept. 9
Camile Hoefner	Sept. 10
Natalie Miller	Sept. 14
Annabelle Johnson	Sept. 15
Emily Michaelson	Sept. 29
Madison Kohler	Sept. 30
Samantha Leick	Sept. 30

Faith Formation cont. & Coming Soon

CONFIRMATION NEWS



Confirmation classes will continue to take place on Sunday afternoons this year. We will meet on September 7th from 4 – 5 pm for our welcoming barbeque and orientation for ALL parents and students. We will provide the meat and buns and parents are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Our first class will be on Sunday, September 14th from 4 – 5:30 pm for all 7th through 9th grade students. Also, remember that our 9th graders will be confirmed on Sunday, Oct. 26 during the service. Please follow your confirmation calendar for the rest of this year's class dates.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Youth Group will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month and on the 2nd Sunday evening each month immediately after confirmation classes. Youth group is for students in grades 7 – 12.

YOUTH GROUP

Wednesday, Sept. 3
6:30-7:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 1
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Sunday, Sept. 14
5:30-6:30 pm

Wednesday, Oct. 15
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 17
6:30-7:30 pm

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I'm looking forward to seeing our children for a new year of Sunday School this fall! Our Sunday School is for children in 3K through 6th grade. We meet most Sundays from 10:10 – 10:55 am beginning our time together in the chapel for a short devotion and offering before hearing our lesson for the day. Our first class begins on Sunday, September 14. Here are some additional dates to put on your calendars:

God's Work Our Hands! Sunday, September 7

At the time of this publication, we are still firming up the details. I will communicate our plans with Sunday School and Confirmation families through email and text before this day.



Backpack Blessings

Sunday, September 14

Our pre-k and grade school children are welcome to bring their backpacks to service to receive a special blessing for the school year!

Bible Distribution Sunday, September 28



Our 3-year-old children, 3rd graders and 7th graders are invited to come to church on Sunday, September 28 to receive their special Bible.



SPARK GROUP NEWS



Our Spark schedule will remain the same, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month from 4 - 5 pm and will be for students in grades 4 through 6. We enjoy sharing stories about our days, we pray for our friends and each other, and we always have snacks and games! Join us!

SPARK GROUP SEPTEMBER:

Wednesday	Sept. 10	4 - 5 pm
Wednesday	Sept. 24	4 - 5 pm

SPARK GROUP OCTOBER:

Wednesday	Oct. 8	4 - 5 pm
Wednesday	Oct. 22	4 - 5 pm

WELCOME NEW FAMILIES

I have been so pleased to see a few new families visiting during church on Sundays! I hope this publication reaches you. If I haven't been able to introduce myself or be in contact with you yet, please call, text, or email me at any time if you'd like more information about our children's programming or if you'd like to have your children participate in Sunday School, confirmation classes or other special groups and events. We'd love to include them!



Faith Formation cont. & Coming Soon

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

One last HUGE "THANK YOU" to all for your prayers, support and encouragement for our young people for this summer's youth trip to Denver! It was an unforgettable trip to feel the depth of God's grace and love through learning about programs that provide care for others in the Denver community. I am so proud of this group of high schoolers and I'd like to share some of their reflections about their experiences of our service time and our time together at Sky Ranch:



Where did you see God's love in action? "Denver Coalition, Metro Caring and Ekar Farms." "Serving in Denver." "On the hike, everyone interacting and having fun."

Where did you see the beauty of God's creation? "All over, in the city and the mountains." "On the hike." "Appreciating the mountain and valley views."

Where did you see Jesus' invitation for all to be made whole, to be redeemed? "Giving people opportunities for better qualities of life at the Denver Coalition for Homelessness." "At worship song fest." "Meeting people I can be 'me' with."

When did you see the Holy Spirit in action? What can you bring home in your faith? "It has brought things up in my community I've never thought of." "To have more empathy for other's circumstances." "Challenge the rules of society and care more for the homeless and those in need." "The sense of community has moved me." "Many things learned. Going to take what was learned back home."

Ekar Farm experience. "Tough work but rewarding."

Metro Caring experience. "My favorite project. Felt like we made a difference." "Very satisfying, well-run organization." "I really liked meeting new people and had fun doing it."

Worship at camp. "Nice, I liked the outdoor worship areas." "I liked it a lot, very fun and interactive." "Inviting. Opened up my faith, brought me closer to God."

Funniest moments. "Rafting, laughs and great memories." "Playing 20 questions in the van." "Patch (Patrick) – all the time."

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S OFFERING FOR ELCA WORLD HUNGER

"Give us today our daily bread." God wants us to see what we need – and what everyone needs and how we can share!

"Your will be done on earth as in heaven." We want to make the world the way God wants it to be!

"Your kingdom come." God's kingdom is for all. Everyone is welcome, everyone can join, and everyone can lead!

"Hallowed be thy name." We want God's name to be holy. We love God and we ask God to use us to love others!

"For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen" When we say 'amen,' we trust that God has a plan and we're part of it. God creates us all to be different because each of us brings different gifts for the world. We have to work together and trust God!

Through our Summer, Faith and Fun program "On Earth as In Heaven," our children have enjoyed learning about how the Lord's Prayer is God's invitation for us to be a part of God's change in the world. We have learned about places like Mexico, Zimbabwe and Guatemala and how the ELCA responds to this invitation by addressing issues of poverty, health, care for the environment, equality and fairness to our neighbors all over the world.

To this end, we will be collecting a special offering on "God's Work, Our Hands" day to help our Sunday School children select the ways in which they'd like to give through the ELCA Good Gifts Catalog (things such as school for women, cook stoves, climate kits, farm animals and more). Thank you!

FLC CHIMNEY PROGRESS

Lord Jesus, we come before you, seeking your guidance and blessing for these skilled builders. Grant them wisdom and strength as they construct and create. Protect them from harm as they build not just structures, but communities filled with love and hope. Amen

Hamann Construction has successfully finished the demolition process of the FLC Chimney. Schaus Mechanical will soon begin constructing the boiler & power vent.



FLC ORGANIST

Please welcome the new FLC organist, Mark Sikkila. Mark has over 50 years of experience. We are all excited that he will be part of the FLC family. Mark's first Sunday with us will be September 7th.

AUGUST SALVATION ARMY DONATIONS! WOW!!! THANK YOU EVERYBODY!



NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

Sponsor a wreath to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at your local cemetery. Further information is located on the bulletin board near the portico doors.

FLC has a dedicated team of volunteers but we are looking to increase our numbers. Couples, a parent and child, friends or individuals can all serve. We would love to have you join us.



Hope House

Manitowoc County

**Hope House 1000 S. 35th St. Manitowoc, WI 54220
(920)686-1436 hopehousemc.org**

OUR WISH LIST

Laundry detergent (liquid)	Boys size 4 pull-ups
Laundry detergent pods	Graph paper
Liquid hand soap	Highlighters
Toilet paper	Dry erase markers
Paper towels	Dish racks for sink
Hair ties	Empty spray bottles
Diapers/Pull ups	Rat tail combs
Floor cleaner	Hair brushes
(smaller than 32 oz)	Sunscreen
Walmart gift cards	Hand soap
Pick 'n Save gift cards	
Kwik Trip gift cards	

FIRST SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION

Next collections: Sunday, September 3, 2025

(Always on the First Sunday of the Month)



REQUESTED ITEMS: Juice boxes or pouches (100% fruit juice), beef or chicken jerky pouches, dried fruit packs, no added sugar fruit cups, individual cereal packs, Bumble Bee "Lunch on the Run," chicken salad kits or any on-the-go healthy snacks/meals for kiddos.

Pasta sauces, cereal/oatmeal, pouched meat, all varieties of pasta, coffee in individual portion packets, condiments (including pickles and olives, etc.), bottles of 100% juice, cake/brownie mixes and frostings (can be a nice treat), canned soups, salad dressings, jelly/jam, crackers, rice, pasta and rice "sides" to go along with a meal, canned fruit, canned beans (black, kidney, baked, pinto, etc.)

Stop by and pick up our black cloth bags printed with *First Lutheran Church - Gather, Grow, Go*. The bags are available in the lobby near the office, use them to bring your donations on First Sunday. If you wish to have your donations picked up, call or leave a message for Harry at 920-242-2489.

THANK YOU !!!

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 NIV "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Friends, please pray if the Lord is calling you to help lead our children to know and love God. Parents of teens and Sunday School children, will you be willing to serve on our Board of Christian Education? We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm. Our meetings are for an hour or less. Our current members have served for many, many years and we strongly desire the input of families who currently have children in our programs. Is now your time? Won't you please consider serving in this way?

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF OUTREACH AND SERVANTHOOD

It's been a busy summer getting to know our neighbors and developing partnerships with several different non-profit organizations in our community.

Once a month, we are hosting a community meal at **Lighthouse Recovery Community Center** and helping prepare and serve the community meal at **Grow It Forward**. Each month, we are also hosting a **Laundry Day** for our unhoused neighbors in which we provide laundry supplies, bus tokens, shower passes to the Y and a sack lunch. We are also super excited that FLC will once again host **Friday Lunches** for our friends in the community who are experiencing homelessness. Volunteers may use Sign-Up Genius to sign up to help. We ask for volunteers to prepare a meal or financially support a meal. Please reach out to Patty Greene, Sheila Hansen, Sue Bryntesen or the FLC office for further information. FLC will also be volunteering for **Sputnikfest** on Sept. 6th. We are in need of 12 volunteers for just a couple of hours.



MISSION SCHOOL KITS

Can you believe it? That means that school supplies will be going on sale soon. When you are out shopping, please remember school supply needs for mission school kits. Most needed items (in order of need)

70 wide or narrow ruled notebooks



Black or blue ink stick pens

Pencil sharpeners



Blunt children's scissors

Rulers with metric and inches on them

Watch Life@First or call Mary Ann Peaslee for remaining items still needed. Place your school supply donations in the purple, transparent bin behind the welcome desk. Call Mary Ann with questions 920-684-9047. Thank you for your support of Lutheran World Relief Mission Kits!

CARDBOARD CITY TURNS 10

October 24-25 from noon-noon, Cardboard City will celebrate it's 10 year anniversary. Participants build cardboard shelters and spend the night outdoors symbolizing the changes those without safe housing encounter. More information is located on the portico door bulletin board.

RUTH HOSTED EVENT

A replica of a 6x8 ft. solitary confinement cell will be in Manitowoc on Thursday, Sept. 25 from 1-7pm at Shipbuilders Park (51 Maritime Drive). The overall goal is to invest in programs that end the disparities the fuel mass incarceration and support those communities most harmed. More information is located on the portico door bulletin board.




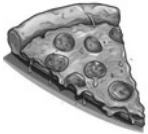






Community Meal at Lighthouse Recovery Community Center



September 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 Happy First Day Of School MPSD Students	3 5-6pm Chancel Choir 6:30-7:30pm Youth Grp.	4 9-10:30am Zoom Bible Study	5 12-1pm Friday Lunch for Friends Experiencing Homelessness	6 11am-6:30pm Sputnikfest
7 9am Worship God's Work, Our Hands Day Chancel Choir First Sunday Food Collection 10:10am Fellowship Coffee 4-5pm Conf. Orientation & BBQ 6pm NA Mtg.	8 10am Pastor Text Study 1pm Snip 'N Sew 4:15pm Mutual Ministry 6-7pm Handbells	9 9:30am Snip 'N Sew 9:30am Staff Mtg. 6pm Bd of Music & Worship 6pm Bd. of Youth 7pm Bd. Of Property	10 9:30-11am Bible Study 4-5pm SPARK 5-6pm Chancel Choir	11 Patriot Day  5:30pm Leadership Development Mtg.	12 12-1pm Friday Lunch for Friends Experiencing Homelessness	13 National Positive Thinking Day 
14 9am Worship- CC Backpack Blessings 10:10am Adult Study Fellowship Coffee Sunday School 4-5:30pm Conf. Class 5:30-6:30pm Youth Grp. 6pm NA Mtg.	15 10am Pastor Text Study 1pm Snip 'N Sew 6-7pm Handbells	16 9:30am Snip 'N Sew 9:30am Staff Mtg.	17 9:30-11am Bible Study 1pm Book Club 5-6pm Chancel Choir 6:30-7:30pm Youth Grp.	18 9-10:30am Zoom Bible Study 5:30pm Council Mtg. & Leadership Retreat	19 9am Grief Support Grp. 12-1pm Friday Lunch for Friends Experiencing Homelessness	20 National Pepperoni Pizza Day 
21 9am Worship Handbells Welcome New Members 10:10am Adult Study Fellowship Coffee Sunday School 4-5:30pm Conf. Class 6pm NA Mtg.	22 First Day Of Fall! 10am Pastor Text Study 1pm Snip 'N Sew 6-7pm Handbells	23 9:30am Snip 'N Sew 9:30am Staff Mtg. 5:30pm Bd. Of Outreach at Mtwc. Library	24 9:30-11am Bible Study 4-5pm SPARK 5-6pm Chancel Choir	25 5:30pm Council & Leadership Retreat 1-7pm RUTH Event @ Shipbuilder's Park	26 12-1pm Friday Lunch for Friends Experiencing Homelessness	27 National Hunting & Fishing Day 
28 9am Worship Bible Distribution Sunday 10:10am Adult Study Fellowship Coffee Sunday School 4-5:30pm Conf. Class 6pm NA Mtg.	29 10am Pastor Text Study 1pm Snip 'N Sew 6-7pm Handbells	30 9:30am Snip 'N Sew 9:30am Staff Mtg.		Please Note: Meeting dates are subject to change. 		

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*Our God-given mission is to **Gather** in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
Grow in faith and love and
Go out to serve and invite others *to faith in Christ*.*

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs: 9:00AM-3:00PM

Friday: 9:00AM-12:00PM

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday services at 9am

Holy Communion—Every Sunday

10:10am Sunday School
(Through May)

WOMT 1240

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Father, as we embark on a new school year, bless children, parents, guardians and teachers with the courage to embrace new beginnings. Guide us in making wise decisions and filling each day with your purpose.
Amen

