

**Connecting people to
God and to each other.**



**FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

KNOW THE STORY

We will deepen our connection with God and with others as we worship and study our way through the Bible. We will seek a path forward to deepen the spiritual vitality where the Story is known, disciples are raised up, and lives are transformed.

SERVE THE NEIGHBOR

We will deepen our connection with our neighbors so that hunger is reduced, loneliness is eased, and Christ's love is experienced in tangible ways. We will serve our local community within the area of homelessness and food insecurity. We will do what the Christian Church has always provided — hope, help, and strength!

WALK WITH THE NEXT GENERATION

We will deepen our connection to the next generation by building relationships, providing opportunities for spiritual experiences, surrounding them with a team of support, and providing resources for parents.

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Welcome!

We are glad you're here.

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WELCOME TO CELEBRATION WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 10:30 A.M. | JULY 12, 2026

WELCOME

SONGS:

God So Loved

What A Beautiful Name

CONFESSION

SONG: *I Speak Jesus*

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:24-25

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

OFFERING

SONG: *Great Are You Lord*

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG: *The Plans*

BAPTISM

Hadley Lorraine

Williams

daughter of

Cassandra and Justin

Williams



WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | JULY 12, 2026

PRELUDE:

Musical Selections by Alex Swanson

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS:

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Moment for silent reflection.

L: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #410)

We Give Thee but Thine Own

GREETING & KYRIE: (Green Hymnal pg. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green Hymnal pg. 79)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Dear Lord, Give me a spirit of generosity. Help me to give, in your name, so that I may be a blessing to those who are in need. I pray that You will use me to be a vessel of Your provision, trusting that as I pour out, I will also be watered and refreshed by Your Spirit. In your name we pray, Amen.

HYMN: (Green Hymnal #561)

For the Beauty of the Earth

SCRIPTURE: (Marianna Malm)

Proverbs 3:9-10; 11:24-25

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Green Hymnal pg. 83)

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

MESSAGE: Pastor Marty Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY: (Blue Hymnal #734)

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

BAPTISM: Adalynn Campbell

daughter of Alexandra and Ethan Campbell

APOSTLES' CREED (Green Hymnal pg. 85)

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC:

In The Cross of Christ, I Glory - Ithamar Conkey
David Ferreira, vocalist and pianist

OFFERTORY HYMN: (Green Hymnal pg. 96)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

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PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (congregation sings)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #543)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

POSTLUDE

Musical Selections by Alex Swanson



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 12

- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 7 p.m. Foundations: H.S. Summer Study, Offsite

Monday, July 13

- 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Quilters, Adult Ed. Room

Tuesday, July 14

- 8 - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Adult Ed. Room
- 1 - 3 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Bethany
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Program for Seniors, Gym
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

Wednesday, July 15

- 1:30 - 3 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel & Great Hall
- 5 p.m. Summer Concert Series Meal, FLC West Parking Lot
- 6 p.m. Summer Concert Series Concert: Gina Powers Band
- 7:15 p.m. The Way of Wisdom: Women's Bible Study, Adult Ed. Room

Thursday, July 16 - Street Fair Parking Fundraiser at FLC, proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children FargoPack

- 9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Truth Action Grow for Gr. 5 - 8, Offsite

Friday, July 17 - Street Fair Parking Fundraiser at FLC, proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children FargoPack

Saturday, July 18 - Street Fair Parking Fundraiser at FLC, proceeds go to Feed My Starving Children FargoPack

Sunday, July 19

- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 7 p.m. Foundations: H.S. Summer Study, Offsite

Calendar also available at flcfargo.org/calendar/

***Large print bulletins available (see ushers)**

Welcome
to First Lutheran

We're so glad you've joined us for worship!
If you're a guest, please scan the QR to let us know how we can connect with and pray for you.



YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

Pr. Stephanie Tollefson	stollefson@flcfargo.org
Pr. Marty Tollefson	mtollefson@flcfargo.org
Pr. Jessica McEvers	jmcevers@flcfargo.org
Rollie Johnson	rjohnson@flcfargo.org

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Karen Carlson , President
Brad Keller , Vice President
Jon Erickson , Treasurer
Carole Schalow , Secretary

GENEROSITY



In-Person Giving: offering plate during worship
Online Giving: flcfargo.org/generosity/
Text to Give: Text "Give" to 833.890.5248
Mail a Check: 619 Broadway N, Fargo, ND 58102
Scan to Give: Scan the QR code

CELEBRATE PRAYER

We believe in the power of prayer. As God's people, please pray for these publicly-requested individuals and their families:

Allen and Delores Brynjulson, Bill Parker, Bonnie Lyczewski, Brian, Brian Tessman, Bruce Jorgensen, Chet Leverson, Claryce Iverson, Cora Lieb, Darrell Moon, David Anderson, Dawn, Deb, Deb Liebel, Diana, Donna, Faith Simonson, Gene, Gene, Glenn, Jan Baldner, Jan Stoffel, Janice Ames, Jeanne, Jeremy Tjon, Jim Hulberg, Joanne Herrmann, Kay Maden, Kelly Walters, Kristie Sundell, LaMae Friskop, Laola Rakotomahenina, Larry, Larry Berg, Laurie Bjornson, Linda Johnson, Linda Odegaard, Lea Vacha, Lois Altenburg, Makenna Mattesi, Margaret Sellin, Mary Ann Berg, Maika Knudson, Matt Walters, Mavis Bennett, Mike, Naya, Patty Anderson, Paul Hulberg, Phyllis and Donald Sutherland, Renitta and Gene, Ruth, Ruth Dunnicliff, Sean, Selso, Sharon, Solen, Susan, Todd McComb, Tracy



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SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**May, June, July, & August
Sundays**

9:30 a.m. - Sanctuary
*The FLC radio broadcast is on KFGO AM790
and FM104.7 at 9:30 a.m.*

10:30 a.m. - Celebration Center
Wednesdays

1:30 p.m. - Wednesday Fellowship



SUMMER SERMON SERIES: PICNIC THROUGH PROVERBS

May, June, and July

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” –Proverbs 3:5-6

This summer, join us for *Picnic Through Proverbs*, a journey through biblical wisdom for everyday life. Proverbs are not quick answers but invitations to reflection. They show us what it looks like to trust God and to grow through study, thought, and faithful practice. These sayings shape how we see and respond to the world, guiding our decisions, relationships, and daily lives. Whether life feels calm or chaotic, this series invites us to gather around Scripture, reflect on God's truth, and grow in wisdom as we grow in the knowledge and image of Jesus, who is Wisdom itself.

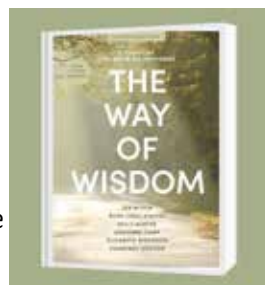
THE WAY OF WISDOM: WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m.

June 17, 24 and July 1, 8, & 15

**Co-led by Pastor Stephanie Tollefson
and Alyssa Holmen**

What does it look like to walk wisely in today's world? Join us for a five-week women's Bible study through the book of Proverbs as we explore God's wisdom for everyday life and deep-rooted faith through teaching videos and guided discussion. Bring a friend and come discover the wisdom of Proverbs as an invitation to walk steadily in God's Way. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or scan the QR code.



FOUNDATIONS: SUMMER STUDY

**June 21, 28; July 12, 19, 26; August 2
Sundays at 7 p.m.**

**Grades 9 - 12 (2025-26 school year)
Location: TBD (local coffee shop)**

What does it look like to build a faith that lasts? Join us for *Foundations* — a study that “exists to help you establish a friendship with God strong enough to build your life on.” Students will meet in separate boys and girls groups while studying the same content. Girls are invited to join Pastor Jessica McEvers, and boys are invited to join Sam Erickson for a summer of Bible study, meaningful conversation, and hangout time. Scan the QR to sign up!



VOLUNTEER TO SUPPORT FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

July 16 - 18 (various shifts)

Volunteer as a Fargo Street Fair Parking Lot Attendant at First Lutheran! This fundraising opportunity supports the Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) Fargo MobilePack. Proceeds go towards the 2027 grocery bill to fill the MannaPacks distributed to schools, orphanages, medical clinics, and feeding programs in 70 countries around the world. The FLC church lot will serve as a pay lot for Fargo Street Fair attendees on July 16-18, with all proceeds going toward this cause to reduce global hunger. To sign up, scan the QR or contact Polly Kloster at pkloster@flcfargo.org. **And a quick note for our congregation: please consider parking in our lot during the Street Fair if you're attending. Every parking spot filled helps raise funds to reduce global hunger!**



MEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays

Looking for a men's group to grow in your faith and connect with others?

Men's Group with Pastor Marty Tollefson

Tuesdays, 8 - 9 a.m. in the Luther Room

No registration required - come as you are and join us!

News YOU CAN USE!

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WYDLIFE SUMMER CAMP

Grades 6 - 8 | July 21 - 25

Detroit Lakes, MN

Cost: \$750 (\$100 deposit)

A fun faith-filled week to make friends and lasting memories! Scan the QR to find out more and sign up. For questions or to find out about need-based scholarships for camp, contact Gina at youthadmin@flcfargo.org.



TRUTH ACTION GROW

Dates: July 16 & 30

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Location: July 16 TBD and July 30 at Island Park Pool

Truth Action Grow (TAG) is a summer gathering for youth who have just completed grades 5-8. Join us for games, a devotional, and time with friends as we grow in faith! Watch for an email from the youth team about sign ups. Questions? Contact Gina at youthadmin@flcfargo.org.

BUDGET FORUM

Sunday, August 23 | The Chapel

10:45 - 11:15 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Save the date for the First Lutheran Budget Forum. In the meeting, we'll go over the budget that was approved by the Council that will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, August 30 | The Great Hall

11:30 a.m. meal is served | 12 p.m. meeting starts

The Annual Meeting is a time for members of First Lutheran Church to come together in reflection and vision. We'll review highlights from the past year and hear about First Lutheran's vision going forward, vote on new council members, and look at church finances. See you there!

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Wednesdays, June 10 - July 29

Join us for FREE concerts this summer sponsored by First Lutheran Church Foundation! See you on Wednesday nights for **food at 5 p.m.** and **concerts at 6 p.m.** We'll meet in the lot to the west of the church building. If weather doesn't cooperate, we will move the concert indoors.

July 15 - Gina Powers Band
Heart n' Soul Community Cafe

July 22 - Heart and Soul
Churches United

July 29 - Front Fenders (and car show!)
New Life Center

Food available for a charitable fee (cash or card accepted) and goes to support First Lutheran's mission partners.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesdays: July 15, 22, & 29

Help make our Summer Concert Series a success! We're in need of volunteers to help with: **meal prep, meal set up and service, popcorn sales, and clean-up.** Flexible shifts make it easy to serve, enjoy the music, and connect with others. Please scan the QR to sign up or contact Polly Kloster at pkloster@flcfargo.org. Thank you!



CONCERT & CAR SHOW

Wednesday, July 29 | 4 - 7 p.m.

Help us celebrate the Grand Finale of our Summer Concert Series! Have a classic, collector, or unique vehicle? We'd love to have you in the Car Show! Parking begins at 4 p.m. on 6th Ave. N. Dinner will be served at 5 p.m., followed by a concert by The Front Fenders at 6 p.m. Know someone who loves cars? Invite them to bring a vehicle or stop by!

BE PART OF THE WELCOME!

Join First Lutheran's Hospitality Team by serving as a Greeter, Usher, Communion Server, Coffee Shop barista or on our Great Hall and Kitchen Hospitality Team. A friendly smile and willing heart can make a lasting difference. Contact Alyssa Holmen to get started or learn more! aholmen@flcfargo.org