



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Connecting people to God and to each other.

**CONNECT** We warmly welcome and invite everyone to participate and engage in ministry, with a special focus on hospitality, small group ministry, and service.

**WORSHIP** We strive for worship to be invitational, contagious, and relational. We want more people to hear the message of Jesus, and we will do anything to erase any barrier that prohibits people from a spirit of worship.

**IMPACT** We will make a difference in this world as Jesus-followers. We will engage in impactful acts of service, encourage generosity, and strive to leave a long-lasting impact on the next generation.

CONNECT | WORSHIP | IMPACT

# Welcome!

*We are glad you're here.*

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## WELCOME TO CELEBRATION WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 10:30 A.M. | JUNE 7, 2026

### WELCOME

#### SONGS:

*God So Loved*  
*Goodness of God*

#### BAPTISM

**SONG:** *King of Kings*

**SCRIPTURE:** Proverbs 13:20; 17:17; 18:24;  
25:20; 27:17

**MESSAGE:** Rollie Johnson

#### OFFERING

**SONG:** *Giver of Life*

#### PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**SONG:** *Nothing But The Blood*

#### BENEDICTION

**SONG:** *Child of Love*

### BAPTISM

**Tate David**

**Nicholas Birchem**

*son of Alisha and Nick  
Birchem*



# WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | JUNE 7, 2026

## PRELUDE:

*All Creatures of our God and King* – arr. Donald Busarow  
*Have No Fear, Little Flock* – arr. Michael Burkhardt  
Bill Tweten, organist

## 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 #370)

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

### GREETING & KYRIE: (Green Hymnal pg. 78)

### HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green Hymnal pg. 81)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

**C: Dear Lord, teach me how to be a true friend. Give me the capacity to love others so I can be a steadfast support during times of adversity. And help me build up those around me with grace, truth, and humility. In your name we pray. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE: (Lydia Boser)

Proverbs 13:20; 17:17; 18:24; 25:20; 27:17

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Green Hymnal pg. 83)

### GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13

### MESSAGE: Rollie Johnson

## OFFERING

### HYMN OF THE DAY: (Green Hymnal #439)

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

### APOSTLES' CREED (Green Hymnal pg. 85)

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Green Hymnal pg. 88)

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C (Sing): Holy, Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

CONTINUED...

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**COMMUNION HYMN: (Green Hymnal Pg. 92)**

*Lamb of God*

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

*Here in This Place* - Marty Haugen

David Ferreira, vocalist; Bill Tweten, accompanist

**COMMUNION HYMNS:**

*Let Us Break Bread Together* (Green Hymnal #212)

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* (Green Hymnal #356)

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING HYMN: (Blue Hymnal #748)**

*Bind Us Together*

**POSTLUDE**

*Hymn to Joy* -arr. Charles Callahan

Bill Tweten, organist



**\*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.

# WEEKLY CALENDAR

## Sunday, June 7

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center

## Monday, June 8

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

6 - 8 p.m. Vacation Bible X-perience, Hope Lutheran North Campus

## Tuesday, June 9

8 - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Luther Room

1 - 3 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Bethany

2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Class for Seniors, Gym

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym

6 - 8 p.m. Vacation Bible X-perience, Hope Lutheran North Campus

## Wednesday, June 10

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: Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome, FLC West Parking Lot

6 - 8 p.m. Vacation Bible X-perience, Hope Lutheran North Campus

## Thursday, June 11

*Young Life High School Camp (Michigan)*

9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall

2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Class for Seniors, Gym

6 - 8 p.m. Vacation Bible X-perience, Hope Lutheran North Campus

## Friday, June 12

*Young Life High School Camp (Michigan)*

9 - 11 a.m. Friday Lunch Pack, Kitchen

## Saturday, June 13

*Young Life High School Camp (Michigan)*

## Sunday, June 14

*Young Life High School Camp (Michigan)*

9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center

Calendar also available at [flcfargo.org/calendar/](http://flcfargo.org/calendar/)



## YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

### YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Pr. Stephanie Tollefson</b> | stollefson@flcfargo.org |
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| <b>Pr. Jessica McEvers</b>     | jmcevers@flcfargo.org   |
| <b>Rollie Johnson</b>          | rjohnson@flcfargo.org   |

### COUNCIL OFFICERS

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| <b>Karen Carlson</b> , President    |
| <b>Brad Keller</b> , Vice President |
| <b>Jon Erickson</b> , Treasurer     |
| <b>Carole Schalow</b> , Secretary   |

### GENEROSITY



**In-Person Giving:** offering plate during worship  
**Online Giving:** [flcfargo.org/generosity/](https://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, Diana, Donna, Faith Simonson, Gene, Gene, Glenn, Jan Baldner, Jan Stoffel, Janice Ames, Jeanne, Jim Hulberg, Joanne Herrmann, Kay Maden, Kelly Walters, Kristie Sundell, LaMae Friskop, Laola Rakotomahenina, Larry, Larry Berg, Laurie Bjornson, Linda Johnson, Lea Vacha, Lois Altenburg, Makenna Mattesi, Mary Ann Berg, Maika Knudson, Matt Walters, Mavis Bennett, Mike, Naya, Patty Anderson, Paul Hulberg, Phyllis and Donald Sutherland, Renitta and Gene, Ruth, Ruth Dunicliff, Sean, Selso, Sharon, Solen, Susan, Todd McComb, Tracy*

### SYMPATHIES

First Lutheran Church sends sympathies and prayers to the friends and family of:

**Gary Nelson**, brother of Carole Nelson  
**William Drusell**, father of Todd Drusell



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# CONNECT - WORSHIP - IMPACT

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Starts Sunday, May 24**

### 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

## TRUTH ACTION GROW (TAG)

**June 25 | 5 - 7 p.m.**

**July 9, 16, & 30 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

**Location: Stay tuned for details!**

Truth Action Grow (TAG) is a summer gathering for youth who has just completed grades 5-8. Join us for games, a devotional, and time with friends as we grow in faith together! Watch for an email from the youth team about sign ups.

Questions? Contact Gina at [youthadmin@flcfargo.org](mailto:youthadmin@flcfargo.org).

## THE WAY OF WISDOM:

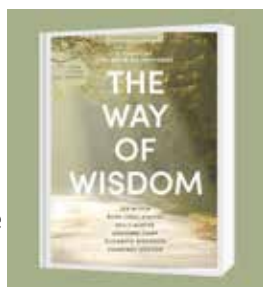
### WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

**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.



## PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for the First Lutheran group, led by Pastor Marty Tollefson, traveling **June 6-16** through Greece and Turkey, following in the footsteps of St. Paul.

*Gracious God, watch over these travelers. Grant them safety, deepen their faith, and bless their pilgrimage. May they return home inspired to share your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## SLOVAKIA TEACHING MISSION EXPERIENCE

**October 10 - 18, 2026**

Join First Lutheran this fall as we travel to Slovakia for a mission experience! Our mission partner has invited a team to assist with English classes for students (Pre-K-High School) at their Center for Christian Education. Those with teaching experience are encouraged to apply, but individuals with a heart for youth are also welcome!

**Application Deadline:** June 15

**Learn More & Apply:** Visit the Welcome Desk or scan the QR for details, estimated cost, and the application.



## FOUNDATIONS: SUMMER STUDY

**Starts June 14 | 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 each day)**

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](mailto:pkloster@flcfargo.org).



# News YOU CAN USE!

Connecting people to God and to each other.

## SUMMER YOUTH CAMPS!

Sign up your kids and teens today - don't miss these opportunities to grow in faith and create fun memories!



## VACATION BIBLE X-PERIENCE (VBX)

**Age 3 - Grade 5 | June 8 - 11 | 6 - 8 p.m.**  
**Hope North Campus: 2900 Broadway N. Fargo**  
**Cost: \$40 per child (family max \$75)**

Join us for *Lost Planet: The Way Home* - a week of music, games, and faith!  
**Online registration is closed. Walk-ins welcome, please arrive early to register.** Scan the QR for more info!



## LUTHER CREST DAY CAMP

**Grades K - 5 | June 25 | 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Luther Crest, Alexandria, MN**  
**(depart from First Lutheran)**  
**Cost: \$40 per child**

A full day of camp - worship, games, crafts, and swimming! Scan the QR to find out more and sign up.



## WYLDLIFE 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.



## YOUNG LIFE SUMMER CAMP

**Grades 9 - 12 | June 12 - 17 (travel June 11 & 18)**  
**Lake City, Michigan**  
**Cost: \$1,200 (\$100 deposit)**

An unforgettable week of adventure, friendship, and growing in faith. Scan the QR to find out more and sign up.



For questions or to find out about need-based scholarships for any camp, contact Gina at [youthadmin@flcfargo.org](mailto:youthadmin@flcfargo.org).

## 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.

**June 10** - Post Traumatic Funk Syndrome

**June 17** - Brass Interference

**June 24** - Worship Bands

**July 8** - Musical Theater

**July 15** - Gina Powers Band

**July 22** - Heart and Soul

**July 29** - Front Fenders (and car show!)

\*Food available for a charitable fee and goes to support First Lutheran's mission partners.



## SUMMER SERMON SERIES: PICNIC THROUGH PROVERBS

**May, June, and July**

This summer, join us for *Picnic Through Proverbs*, a journey through biblical wisdom that helps us navigate everyday life. Proverbs are comparisons designed to invite reflection rather than offering quick answers. The book of Proverbs shows what it looks like to live

a faith that trusts God. We are called to center our thoughts and actions on Him — to study, to think, to learn the practical disciplines of faithful living. These sayings are not quick bites of inspiration; they are words to reflect and meditate upon, shaping the way we see and respond to the world. Wisdom is not only for deep thinkers. It's how we get through daily life. Wisdom guides our decisions, relationships, and reactions. 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.

