

**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.

CONNECT | WORSHIP | IMPACT

Welcome!

We are glad you're here.

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WELCOME TO CELEBRATION WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 10:30 A.M. | JULY 26, 2026

WELCOME

SONGS:

*House of the Lord
Who You Say I Am*

CONFESSION

SONG: *Leaning*

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 12:15; 16:1-9; 27:1

MESSAGE: Rollie Johnson

SONG: *Goodness of God*

OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SONG: *The Plans*



WELCOME TO SANCTUARY WORSHIP

SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M. | JULY 26, 2026

PRELUDE:

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

- arr. Frederick Swann

More Love to Thee - arr. Frederick Swann

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 #527: 1-3, 7)

All Creatures of Our God and King

GREETING & KYRIE: (Green Hymnal pg. 78)

HYMN OF PRAISE: (Green Hymnal pg. 79)

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: Let us pray,

C: Dear Lord, you are planner of all things and you have plans for me—plans for peace, hope, and a secure future. When my circumstances feel overwhelming, give me the grace to walk by faith and not by sight. Strengthen my faith, quiet my anxieties, and help me to lean into Your perfect timing. In your name we pray, Amen.

HYMN: (Blue Hymnal #699)

Blessed Assurance

SCRIPTURE: (Ashley Erickson)

Proverbs 12:15; 16:1-9; 27:1

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Green Hymnal pg. 83)

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

MESSAGE: Rollie Johnson

HYMN OF THE DAY: (Blue Hymnal #771)

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

The Vision of Christ - F. Melius Christiansen

Marla Fogderud, vocalist; Bill Tweten, accompanist

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.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CONTINUED...

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, forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN: (Green Hymnal #320)

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

POSTLUDE

To God Be the Glory - arr. Frederick Swann
Bill Tweten, organist



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



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 26

- 9:30 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:30 a.m. Worship, Celebration Center
- 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Micah's Mission Food Prep, Kitchen
- 7 p.m. Foundations: H.S. Summer Study, Offsite

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

- 8 - 9 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Adult Ed. Room
- 1 - 3 p.m. Knit & Crochet Group, Bethany
- 1 - 2 p.m. BeFriender Meeting, Adult Ed. Room
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Program for Seniors, Gym
- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do, Gym
- 5:45 - 8 p.m. Church Council Meeting, Luther Room

Wednesday, July 29

- 1 p.m. Property Committee Meeting, Luther Room
- 1:30 - 3 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship, Chapel & Great Hall
- 4 - 7 p.m. Summer Concert Series Car Show
- 5 p.m. Summer Concert Series Meal, FLC West Parking Lot
- 6 p.m. Summer Concert Series Concert: Front Fenders

Thursday, July 30

- 9 - 11 a.m. Helping Hands, Great Hall
- 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. T.A.G. (5th - 8th graders), Island Park Pool
- 2 - 3:30 p.m. Fit & Strong Exercise Program for Seniors, Gym

Sunday, August 2

- 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/



YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

YOUR PASTORAL TEAM

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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

SYMPATHIES

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

David Anderson, husband of Becky Anderson



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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

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.

AUGUST SERMON SERIES: RESTORED

Cars, God, and the Christian Faith

They're known as junkers or clunkers, survivors, rust buckets, beaters, or heaps – old cars that have seen better days. They may seem like hopeless causes, destined for the junkyard. But in the hands of an expert auto restorer, these cars can be made new. The book of Ruth tells a similar story. Naomi and Ruth experienced devastating loss, uncertain futures, and circumstances that seemed beyond repair. Yet through God's faithfulness, what was broken was restored. During the month of August, we'll explore how that same truth applies to us. We may feel worn down, broken, or overlooked. We may see our flaws more clearly than our value. But God does not see us as junk. He sees who we are made to be and restores us from the inside out. **God restores us so that we can live lives that reflect the purpose we are created for.** After all, God is the expert at restoring people. He alone makes all things new!



SUMMER CONCERT SERIES GRAND FINALE: CONCERT & CAR SHOW

Wednesday, July 29

4 - 7 p.m.

Help us celebrate the grand finale of our Summer Concert Series, sponsored by the First Lutheran Church Foundation! Have a classic, collector, or unique vehicle? We'd love to have you join our Car Show. Know someone who loves cars? Invite them to bring a vehicle or stop by.

4 p.m. - Car Show parking begins on 6th Ave. N.

5 p.m. - Dinner will be served. Food is available for a charitable fee (cash or card accepted) and will go to support First Lutheran mission partner, New Life Center.

6 p.m. - Enjoy a concert by The Front Fenders

The event will take place in the lot west of the church building. We can't wait to see you for an evening of cars, food, and music!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wednesday, July 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!



PARKING LOT MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, August 5

7 - 9 p.m.

Join us for a special showing of Pixar's *Cars* in the First Lutheran parking lot! Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy a fun summer evening with family and friends. Popcorn and snacks will be provided. All ages are welcome!



News YOU CAN USE!

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TRUTH ACTION GROW

July 30 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | 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! Questions? Contact Gina at youthadmin@flcfargo.org.

YOUTH REGISTRATION OPEN FOR 2026-27!

**Classes start Sunday, September 13
and Wednesday, September 16**

Help your kids and teens grow in faith, build friendships, and discover God's love in community! Classes run September - May and are available for youth ages 3 through Grade 12:

• **Kids@First (Age 3 - Grade 4)*:**

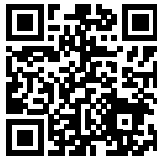
Sundays, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. or
Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.

*Must be 3 years old by August 1

• **56ers (Grades 5-6):** Wednesdays, 6 - 7 p.m.

• **Confirmation (Grades 7 - 8):** Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m.

• **Young Life (Grades 9 - 12):** Wednesdays, 8 - 9 p.m.



Register by scanning the QR code or stop by the Welcome Desk to register in person!

YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED!

**Classes start Sunday, Sept. 13 and
Wednesday, Sept. 16**

We're looking for caring adults to walk alongside our youth this school year! Whether serving with Kids@First, 56ers, Confirmation, or Young Life, you'll build relationships, encourage faith, and make a lasting impact in the lives of young people. The commitment is just one hour per week, September through May. Scan the QR to sign up! Not a youth leader (yet)? This could be your year! Contact Rollie Johnson at rjohnson@flcfargo.org with questions.



VOLUNTEER: MICAH'S MISSION

Today - Sunday, July 26 | 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

First Lutheran provides a warm goulash meal for the residents of Churches United's Micah's Mission shelter. We're looking for volunteers to help prepare the meal in the First Lutheran kitchen! Scan the QR to sign up. Thank you!



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!

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



SERVE FAMILIES DURING TIMES OF LOSS

Help provide care and support by serving at funeral receptions at First Lutheran. Your kindness and willingness to serve can be a blessing to grieving families. Contact Becki Tollefson at btollefson@flcfargo.org to learn more.

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!