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## FROM THE PASTOR

**WHAT WAS** Sunday School like for you growing up? Or maybe a better question to ask is, how did you come to learn the basics of the Christian faith? How are you learning today?

When I was growing up, Sunday School took place during the middle worship service of our church's schedule. My parents dropped me off at Sunday School and went to worship; afterward we met up together. Today at First Lutheran things are pretty similar to 40 years ago, with the exception of returning to the sanctuary to receive communion with your family. However, I know many of you grew up in churches that had a dedicated Sunday School hour, where both kids and adults attended a class of some kind. Some churches still do that although most have seen the adult classes decline and disappear – most families are reluctant to spend more than one hour at church on Sunday. Some churches have cancelled Sunday School altogether because of a lack of participation.

Faith formation has changed and is changing. We live in a world where so many things compete ferociously for our time and attention. As a congregation we are doing our best to compete and continue to provide opportunities for you to learn and study beyond Sunday worship. Throughout the week we have Bible studies and growth groups that provide some of these opportunities. Even though it's aimed at attracting

new people to our church, our new podcast *Generation to Revelation* has been helpful to many of our members in Christian learning. Wednesday Night *LIGHT* midweek worship and subsequent small groups are also one of the ways we can grow. I hope all of you will find something beyond Sunday worship to help you grow in your faith.

This Sunday is Rally Day for our Sunday School kids. We continue to invest time, resources, and staff in traditional Sunday School each week. Thank you to our volunteers who teach and shepherd. If you have young children, I hope you'll bring them to Rally Day and Sunday School this year. This time of dedicated teaching continues to be foundational for our children to learn the Christian faith. Let's commit as a congregation to continue prioritizing the faith formation of our youngest people, fulfilling our promises to nurture them in the Christian faith.

### CALL FOR PHOTOS

Did you capture photos at a church event this past year? We would love to feature your pictures in the video that will be shown at our upcoming Ministry Gatherings. Please send photos to [theresa@flccs.net](mailto:theresa@flccs.net) by September 12.

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON





# RALLY DAY AT FIRST

**September 7, 2025**  
**9:30 to 12 p.m.**

Bounce House  
Pancake Breakfast

FUN!  
Inflatable Slide

Join us for Rally Day as we kick off another year of Sunday School.

Children will have breakfast with their Sunday school classes during the 9:30 a.m. service and with their Children's Church leaders at the 10:15 a.m. service, then we will have an extra fun coffee hour with bounce houses and slides on the front lawn until noon!

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# Sunday's Message

AUGUST 31, 2025

PASTOR MICHAELA ESKEW

LUKE 14:1, 7 – 14

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**HAVE YOU EVER** felt personally attacked by Scripture? Have you ever had a moment where you're reading Scripture and you say, "You're talking right to me, aren't you, Jesus?" That was me this week.

As I prepared for this sermon, I have tended to value in myself my networking abilities. I can go into a room, take a few minutes to scope it out, and I'll know exactly who I should go talk to – who's the most important person in the room, who to make sure I see and who sees me, who I should talk to, who I would be most comfortable talking to. I notice it all, and I work the room.

Now, some people would say that was a God-given gift – they cannot do that. However, Jesus is calling me out, saying that is not what we do in the kingdom. We don't look at the other person and go, "Hmm, what value do you have for me?" We're supposed to see everyone as equal. We're supposed to, in fact, humble ourselves, with which I have a big problem. My biggest sins have always been vanity and pride. And so, as I walk into a room, I think of the networking possibilities, the social connections I can make, how this dinner is going to lead to the next dinner, to the next event, to the next invitation.

And so I felt called out by Jesus this week. I read these Scriptures and tried to put myself into the position of those people, because they were probably feeling the same way when Jesus was talking to them. Jesus was breaking long-held traditions around meal etiquette. We have meal etiquette. It's funny that Jesus uses a wedding banquet as the parable to push all of this agenda, because we've ... if you've ever been to a wedding or planned a wedding, you know that the seating chart is probably the most finicky part of the whole thing. You have to mush two families together,

with a variety of different personalities, a variety of people in different stages and seasons of life, and you have to try to make it a good evening for them. Right?

And if you've ever done a wedding, you see this yourself – you'll see it happen naturally. My college friends, I'll go clump with the college friends. The older aunts and uncles come together. The cousins come together. We all just naturally go to our little groups, the places we feel most comfortable. And Jesus is calling out specifically to the host, to this Pharisee leader of the Pharisees who has invited Jesus in and is watching him closely. And Jesus says directly to him, "This is a great party you threw. I appreciate the guests here, but this is not who you should be inviting. Next time, I want you to not invite your family. I want you to not invite your rich neighbors. I want you instead to invite those people out there – that are crippled, lame, blind, and poor – and can offer you nothing."

The host is like, "Jesus, I invited you. I do not want them." Right? So the Pharisees are watching him closely, and this is what he says. And then to the guests, Jesus is watching as the guests vie for their position. "I want to be next to Jesus. I want to be next to the leader." They know that that's where it will look good and look best, and maybe they'll get invited to be at the next table, right next to them. And Jesus quotes a proverb and says, "You know this. You're not supposed to vie for the top position. You're supposed to go down to the end of the table and then get plucked up like a beautiful rose that you are."

And I know this trick. I'm good at social networking. I'm like, "Yes, Jesus, that's how we work this. We go to the back of the table, and we say, 'No, no, I

can be down here. Don't worry about me." And they say, "No, no, no, come, come, come." And everyone watches as you get to move forward and sit right next to the head of the table. I know this trick. And then Jesus flips it and says, "Yes, you know that proverb, but I think you've been using it wrong. You've been using it just how I just described it."

It's all fake. You're not really moving down here because you're humbling yourselves. You're moving down here so that you can get the recognition to move forward. And so Jesus is saying, "No, no, no. You're supposed to actually just outright humble yourself. Just sit there. See what these people down here have to offer you, these people that might know you, recognize you – who want to speak to you. You think that only the value is up there at the head of the table, but there's value down here too." So the guests are probably blushing at this point.

Now, you may be thinking, "Okay, I've never been in any of these meal situations. I don't host meals. I don't have fronts of tables, ends of tables." This week in Bible Study, my friends gave me the perfect illustration for this. So we're going to do a little bit of a thought experiment.

I want you to imagine you have saved up your well-earned money, and you're going on vacation. And you're going to buy your plane ticket. And you're not just going to have a vacation. You want that first-class ticket. So you buy yourself that first-class ticket, and you are so excited. You have spent your hard-earned money. You're going to pamper yourself and start this vacation right. You've packed your bags, made sure everything is ready. You're going to be the first one on the plane. You're going to get a drink in your hand. You're going to enjoy it all. And so you walk up to the airport, excited. It's all going to be a good experience. It's so exciting. And you're ready and willing. You get through security – oh, that's a little annoying, but I'm here. It's the start of my vacation. I won't let security ruin this for me! And so you get to your gate in plenty of time, and you sit down. Then your name gets called, and they say, "Go to the gate agent." Okay, well, I'll go to the gate agent. It's probably something simple, like they don't have your

name on the list.

"No, we've overbooked your flight, and that first-class ticket is gone. Instead, we have a spot for you. Don't worry, we have a spot for you. You're still on the plane, but you're going to be in the middle seat in the back. You're okay with that, right? And all the money – the difference in the ticket prices – we'll take care of that when we get to your destination. We'll take care of all of that, I promise. But I'm so sorry."

How are you feeling? You uncomfortable? You upset? Okay, now I'm going to flip it.

You just found out that an out-of-town family member is sick. You need to get there as soon as possible. This is an emergency situation. You get online, buy a ticket – any ticket – to the nearest and quickest flight you can get. It doesn't matter what airline, what time it flies out. It just needs to be within the next three to six hours. It needs to happen now. You're throwing your stuff into suitcases because you're just worried about getting to your person and getting to that destination in the nick of time. You're rushing to the airport, rushing through security. Everything feels like it's just time ticking away. And you finally get to your gate, maybe a little warm from the adrenaline of the whole thing, and you're just so worried.

Then they call your name. What's next? What's going to happen next? You get to the gate agent. And they say, "We've upgraded you for free. We have a first-class ticket open, and you're a friend of the airline. We noticed your last-minute ticket, and we just decided to bump you up – a free upgrade, no cost to you." Suddenly, you take a big sigh of relief. "Oh, this isn't bad news. No, this is good news." You're the first person on the plane. You get to put your bag away (that you hurriedly packed), and you just get to sit there. Someone offers you a drink, and you get to rest. You've been seen in a moment of suffering, worry, and anxiety, and someone just gave you a gift.

How do you feel? How does that feel? So if you were upset or angry about moving from first class to the middle seat in the back, you're probably feeling how the Pharisee felt when Jesus was talking: "Jesus, I invited you to this special dinner, and now you're

making me look bad. Now you're telling me I should bring in the riffraff – those people out there – they can't offer me anything. In fact, they will demote me in my social standing. I have worked hard on my education. I have a lot of money. And if I bring them in and invite them for a dinner, I will lose it all. It won't just be a little inconvenience; this will be disastrous for my entire life and for all of my children's lives moving forward. Jesus, you're asking a really big thing from me. I am upset. I am angry. And this is unfair."

If you were feeling thankful, grateful, happy, and blessed when you moved from the back of the plane to first class, you probably felt like the guest who always sits at the end of the table, told that you belong up here, too. Or maybe you are the cripple, the lame, the poor, the blind, standing outside, overhearing Jesus give this parable and saying, "Oh, I'm welcome too. I'm not just riffraff in God's eyes. I am chosen. I belong. I am seen in the midst of my hurt and my pain, and my suffering, and I'm given a gift by God."

Scripture is supposed to challenge us. Scripture challenged me this week. And Scripture is what Jesus used to change the Pharisees' minds that day. You know your Proverbs. You know your Scriptures. You're a Pharisee, right? But how have you been using those Scriptures? Have you been using them to further your own success, by feigning, faking that you are actually very humble just to be risen up? Or are you genuinely acting humble and lowering yourself to see what God might offer you?

Scripture challenges us and makes us uncomfortable. It makes us try to see ourselves in different parts of the story, to feel how other people might be feeling. It's supposed to do that. God gave us these Holy Scriptures that don't just live in their own context and time; he doesn't allow us to offer the excuse, "That doesn't pertain to me." Maybe that's about you. You've got some work to do!

I went through plenty of excuses this week. I went through plenty of, "Well, maybe let me twist this a little bit so that it makes me feel a little bit better." But no, I just had to be uncomfortable because I tend to do that. I tend to network. I tend to socially con-

nect. I tend to see people, especially at big events like that, when I'm just uncomfortable for being there. I see everything as a cost-benefit analysis. And people aren't objects to be analyzed that way.

And so, Scripture is supposed to challenge us and it's supposed to challenge us to be a church that looks different – an upside-down kingdom that breaks traditions, that doesn't follow the hierarchy of who's best, and who's available, and who's to be honored and privileged. Right?

If we are a church that does that, then we're going to invite every visitor in and say, "Give me your skills. What can you offer us? How much are you going to tithe? Are you bringing young children? Will you add to our Sunday school numbers? Are you a beautiful soprano, and you're going to come into our choir?"

We don't do that. We don't welcome in our visitors and say that. We just welcome them. At least, we should. Maybe you're thinking to yourself, "Oh man, I've done that. I've asked them and thought about, 'Hmm, what are you bringing to our church?'"

We do that. We do that. And so, if it made you uncomfortable, that's fair. But the church is about sharing and giving of our gifts. We should never look to a person and think only of how this could benefit me. Instead, it's what we could offer them. It's this table that extends wider.

There's a reason that Jesus used so many different meal metaphors. It's because it's the core of who we are as Christians. We are a meal people. Jesus had the Last Supper among his disciples and said, "You are all equal. Even Judas, you are here. You are welcome. The riffraff is present at the table." And so we are supposed to extend the table, be the church that welcomes everyone in. And if you have ever felt like the riffraff at an event, or at a place, or an institution – if you have ever felt like you didn't belong – this is your place. This is where you can feel welcomed and offered the forgiveness and grace that is abounding in God's love.

You will never be on the outside of this church. Anyone who wants to hear God's Word and come to this table is welcome, because it is God's house, and this is God's meal. Amen.



## CHERYL'S CORNER

### TECH SUPPORT

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Stop by the Welcome Center before or after your worship service for tech support with Cheryl. Remember to bring your smartphone, laptop, or tablet with you so I can show you how to use our Church Management System (or ChMS). I'll also have photos from my Canada trip to share!

### FRIENDS BY THE FIREPIT

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8 | 6 P.M.

A new 10-week session will begin on Monday, September 8. We will meet for 60 to 90 minutes around the firepit just north of the Peel House. Bring a beverage to enjoy (margarita, beer, soda, etc.) while we discuss questions based on Sunday's sermon. Sermon-based questions may be picked up Sunday mornings from an usher or at the Welcome Center. In case of rain, we'll meet on the porch.

If it gets too cold, we'll meet inside the Peel House parlor.



CHERYL MAHON, DIRECTOR OF LAY MINISTRIES

### MOMCO

SEPTEMBER 9 | 9:30 A.M.

School is back in session, so MomCo (formerly called MOPS, for mothers with children of any age) returns to meeting twice each month: on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Their next meeting will be held in the Peel House Lounge, next to the upstairs coffee bar.

### SWING DANCE LESSONS

BEGINS SEPTEMBER 7 | 2 P.M.

Angela Harder is back to teach us swing dancing! Keeping to a maximum of 10 couples will allow Angela to introduce new moves each week while each couple progresses at their own pace. Wear shoes that can slide on the wood floor of the Peel House parlor. Cost is \$80 per couple. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4oSuZn2> or scan the QR code, below.





2026 HIGH SCHOOL  
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**To register, scan the QR code**

Questions? Talk to Pastor Michaela Eskew or Colton Laptad





## THE EMMAUS WAY

**I'M IN SCOTLAND** for a couple of weeks! While I'm visiting Celtic lands, let's consider these thoughts on Celtic spirituality from poet and author John O'Donohue. As a musician, drummer, listener, worshiper, and genetic Celt, I love these ideas!

"The first sound that every human hears is the sound of the mother's heartbeat in the dark waters of the womb. This is the reason for our ancient resonance with the drum as a musical instrument. The sound of the drum brings us consolation

because it brings us back to that time when we are at one with the mother's heartbeat. That was a time of complete belonging ...

"... there is a very important distinction to be made between listening and hearing. Sometimes we listen to things, but we never hear them. True listening brings us in touch even with

that which is unsaid and unsayable. Sometimes the most important thresholds of mystery are places of silence. To be genuinely spiritual is to have great respect for the possibilities and presence of silence. Martin Heidegger says that true listening is worship ...

"Music is after all the most perfect sound to meet the silence ... Long before humans arrived on the earth, there was an ancient music here. Yet one of the most beautiful gifts that humans have brought to the earth is music. In great music the ancient longing of the earth finds a voice ... Music is, perhaps, the art form that brings us closest to the eternal because it changes immediately and irreversibly the way we experience time."

QUOTATION TAKEN FROM:

O'Donohue, John; and Anam Cara.

*Spiritual Wisdom from the Celtic World.*

London: Bantam Books, 1997. 97 – 100.



LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

## LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES INNKEEPER DINNER

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 5:30 P.M. | GREAT WOLF LODGE

With a theme of *Oceans of Opportunity: Charting Course for Success*, this fundraiser event will feature cocktails, dinner, and a silent auction, commemorating the story of the Good Samaritan. Dress is semi-formal or nautical-themed – set sail with us for fellowship, generosity, and celebration. To register, visit <https://bolder.bid/tickets/innkeeper/lfsrm> or scan the QR code, at right.



# Get Involved!

## REBEKAH CIRCLE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 | 9:30 A.M.  
LUTHER HALL

The Rebekah Circle will be discussing *Grace Filled Living*. For more information, contact Andrea James at 719.632.5330 or Anne Rivers at 719.351.4268.

## LYDIA CIRCLE

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 | 11 A.M.  
GATHERING PLACE

After a summer break, the Lydia Circle resumes monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. All women are welcome! For more information, contact Trudy Hill at 719.439.5323 or Helen Peterson at 719.332.7949.

## WAYFARERS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 11:30 A.M.  
BLACK-EYED PEA RESTAURANT

Wayfarers, a support group for women who have experienced the loss of a partner, will meet for lunch at Black-eyed Pea, 887 North Academy Boulevard, in Colorado Springs. For more information, or to RSVP, contact Susan Luksic at 719.332.1288.

## PLEIN AIRE CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 | 7 P.M.  
CONCERT IN THE SANCTUARY

Enjoy a free and beautiful chamber music concert featuring music for six instruments. Two violins, two violas, and two cellos will bring to life Dohnányi's *String Sextet in B♭ Major* and Tchaikovsky's *Souvenir de Florence*. A reception will follow the concert. For more information, contact Eric Wicks at 719.632.8836 or by email at [eric@flccs.net](mailto:eric@flccs.net).

## HOLIDAY "CRAFTING AROUND"

SELECT TUESDAYS | 9:30 A.M.  
JOSEPH'S WORKSHOP

This group meets in the basement of the main building. This season, three additional crafters have prepared several different craft projects for people of any skill level for the upcoming holiday season. Sign up for one, a few, or all the projects being offered! The cost for these fabulous crafts is a bargain at just \$5 each again this year. Please pay in full when registering to ensure we have the necessary supplies. Be sure to check out samples of these crafts, on display in the Gathering Place near the Welcome Center! To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4l8eTwT> or scan the QR code, below.

### CRAFT SCHEDULE

September 16	Snowman
September 23	Southwest Rock Painting
September 30	Rock Painting I*
October 7	Rock Painting II*
October 28	Tree Wreath Ornament
November 4	Gift Card Holders
November 11	Yarn Christmas Tree
November 15	(Saturday) Crafter's Choice
* One \$5 fee covers both sessions	





## TRAIL TREKKERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 | 9 A.M.

### NORTH CHEYENNE CANYON: DANIEL'S PASS

Meet at the second lower parking lot at the Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center, 2120 South Cheyenne Canyon Road. This trail, three to four miles long and rated moderate, was completed in 2021. It's a lovely woods-walk toward Mt. Muscoco above North Cheyenne Canyon. Switchbacks rise around massive boulders to views of the canyon mouth and the plains beyond. Lunch is optional after the hike. Anyone capable of hiking three to six miles at altitude is welcome! For more information or to register for the hike, contact Judy Hagge by email at [outdoorjudy@comcast.net](mailto:outdoorjudy@comcast.net).

### REMEMBER ...

**Prepare** a daypack to include essentials: rain poncho, wind breaker, sack lunch, snacks, sunscreen, personal identification, at least one quart of water, bandana, hiking poles, other personal items.

**Dress** in layers; wear a hat, sunglasses, sturdy walking shoes or boots.

**Moderate hikes** have elevation changes, somewhat rugged terrain.

2025 ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

# Rose Show

*This year's show  
will be dedicated to*  
**SCOTT KLEINE**



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

The Peel House at 2 p.m.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHOIR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 | 7 P.M.  
CHOIR ROOM

All are welcome to join the First Lutheran Choir; no audition required! Rehearsals begin September 11 and continue every Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, contact Eric Wicks at 719.632.8836 or by email at [eric@flccs.net](mailto:eric@flccs.net).

CARILLON RINGERS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 | 6 P.M.  
HANDBELL ROOM

Advanced ringers, both adults and high schoolers, are invited to join the Carillon Ringers. Rehearsals begin September 10 and continue every Wednesday from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Joan Kuehn at 719.661.4116 or at [jlynnkuehn@gmail.com](mailto:jlynnkuehn@gmail.com).

JOY RINGERS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 | 5:30 P.M.  
HANDBELL ROOM

Intermediate ringers, adults, middle schoolers, and high schoolers, are invited to join the Joy Ringers. Rehearsals begin September 18 and continue every Thursday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, contact Joan Kuehn at 719.661.4116 or by email at [jlynnkuehn@gmail.com](mailto:jlynnkuehn@gmail.com).

PARISH HOUSE BAROQUE

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28  
CONCERTS AT 3 P.M.

A new season opens with Virtuoso Baroque featuring the thrilling artistry of baroque trumpet virtuoso Kris Kwapis, along with violin, recorder, cello, harpsichord, and organ. Tickets available at the door or online at [parishhousebaroque.org](http://parishhousebaroque.org).

DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.  
VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4iRh4ff> or scan the QR code, below.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

September 23	Jack Quinn’s Irish Pub 21 South Tejon Street
October 7	Chaang Thai 7525 North Academy Blvd
October 21	Old Spaghetti Factory 3101 New Center Point
November 4	Mi Mexico 3956 Academy Boulevard





# Wednesday Night LIGHT

**There's a fresh energy** on Wednesday nights at First Lutheran, and everyone is invited to be part of it! Our midweek gatherings offer opportunities for connection, worship, and growth for every age and stage of life. We begin each week with a **rolling dinner** in the Gathering Place from **5:15 to 6:15 p.m.** – a warm, come-when-you-can meal open to all (\$5 suggested donation). Then, gather for **Wednesday Night LIGHT** worship at its new, earlier time of **6:30 p.m.** After worship, groups for every age meet for meaningful conversation and learning. Whether you're a child, youth, adult, parent, grandparent, or neighbor, Wednesday nights at First Lutheran are a chance to pause, be refreshed, and grow together in community and faith.

## SMALL GROUPS

### **Pre-Confirmation**

For Grades 6 and 7

### **Confirmation**

For Grades 8 and 9

### **High School**

For Grades 10 through 12

### **Adults and Parents**

Led by Pastor Carrie Baylis



## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL

**A SIX-WEEK LUNCH AND LEARN COURSE  
STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | NOON  
PEEL HOUSE PARLOR**

Explore the cities in modern-day Greece and Turkey, visited by the Apostle Paul, with Pastors Carrie and Michaela. Whether you're preparing for the November trip or simply eager to deepen your understanding of Paul's journeys, this engaging course will bring biblical history to life. Lunch will be provided.

# In the Life of the Church ...

## BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER 8  
Kaylyn Beichner

SEPTEMBER 9  
Chuck Anspach  
Sherrie Denton

SEPTEMBER 10  
Brenda DeLuca  
Stephanie Haas  
Caitlin McMillan  
Carol Palmen

SEPTEMBER 11  
Delena Garrison-Wellmer  
Leta Gatchel  
Julian Green  
Kayleigh LaPar  
Patrick Palmen

SEPTEMBER 12  
Brad Gibbs

SEPTEMBER 13  
Crystal Dzien  
Liam Ransom

SEPTEMBER 14  
Bob Evans  
Shirley Jones  
Loretta Rea  
Kim Watts

SEPTEMBER 8  
Bob and Shirley Biemesderfer 69 years  
Pastor Travis and Victoria Norton 18 years  
Gudrun and Doni Vest 56 years

SEPTEMBER 9  
Marcus and Liz Kochis 25 years  
Brad and Marilyn Kuhn 42 years

SEPTEMBER 11  
Jack and Linda Collier 54 years

SEPTEMBER 12  
Dale and Rinda Dunson 56 years  
Ardy and George Sawaya 19 years

SEPTEMBER 13  
Dennis and Liz Shoemaker 55 years

SEPTEMBER 14  
Steven and Su Dewey 40 years

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Adam and Lorena Cerniglia welcomed their son  
Nicholas, born August 26 at 1:56 a.m.





# Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey  
Cheri Anderson  
Wanda Anderson  
Fred Bachmeier  
Janice Baldwin  
Elmer Bauman  
Tana Beall  
Joan Boehm  
Bill & Barbara Brown  
Karl & Pam Cartwright  
Tanya Charbonneau  
John & Debbie Chlebus  
Nell Clowder  
Debi Deimling  
The Family of Randy DiBuono  
Rinda Dunson  
Alan Flinn  
Edna Fross  
Corinne Gibson  
Nola Gosch  
Private Steven Harris  
Paul & Kathy Herrmann  
Ginger Hipszky  
Jake Hodnett  
Bill & Dorene Hulka  
Irene  
Josh Jones  
Shirley Jones  
Ann Junk  
Jonas Kagarise

Kyong Kelley  
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski  
Cindy Koger  
Jesse Lawrence & Family  
Sharon Lakey  
The Spencer Lehmkuhl Family  
Dayne Lindquist  
Scott Louis  
Susan Lundmark  
Elly Mahler  
Jim Matthews  
Nick McKibben & Family  
Hugh McNeely  
Brandon Miller & Family  
Marilyn Miller & Family  
Larry & Lucille Moe  
Paul Moe  
Sam Norton  
Owen & Family  
Jack & Judy Peterson  
Nathanael Price  
Darlene Radke  
Jeff Rapp  
Steve & Laurie Ross  
The Rev. Dr. Stanley Satre  
The Josh Saunders Family  
Randy Schacht  
Dorothy Selleck  
Matthew Stark  
Jackie Steensma

Gwen Stein  
Becky Sternal  
Michael Taylor  
Aaron & Cindi Thorson  
Tristan & Esther  
Hailey Ullrich  
Bob VanDuyn  
Karen Henderson-VanDuyn  
Matthew Stark  
Christine Welch  
Anna Wiese  
Jody Wilbur  
Greg & Carolyn Young  
Zoe Zambo

*Please keep these members – and family and friends – of First Lutheran in your prayers this week. If you are requesting to have a name added to the prayer list, please consult with that person prior to making your request. Prayer requests may be submitted by using a Connection Card (in church) or by emailing [teri@flccs.net](mailto:teri@flccs.net).*

## LUTHERAN FAMILY SERVICES REFUGEE AND ASYLEE PROGRAM

General Inquiries: Contact Jessica at **719.227.8899**  
Volunteer Opportunities: Contact Britton at **719.257.3706**  
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### PLEASE NOTE:

LFS **does not** accept donations of clothing  
LFS **does** accept household items, but limits apply

Donations are by appointment only – no onsite drop-off at the Peel House or First Lutheran, please! Storage for LFS is offsite; neither the LFS or FLC office has space for storage of donations.

# Worship and Study

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY  
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

## CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER  
10:15 A.M.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER  
DINNER 5:15 P.M. | SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

## ONLINE WORSHIP

STREAMED LIVE AT 9:30 A.M.

Tune in on First Lutheran's YouTube channel, on the church website, or in the church app.

## SUNDAY ADULT SEMINAR

PEEL HOUSE PARLOR | 9:15 A.M.

THIS SUNDAY: *Care for the Homeless*, presented by Leslie and Sandra from the Salvation Army Family Hope Center.

## GENERATION TO REVELATION

FIRST LUTHERAN'S NEW PODCAST!

Generation to Revelation is a new podcast from First Lutheran that launched on August 14. The first topic is "Religious Scandal," exploring how Christians can remain loyal and committed to Christ's church when there are so many bad headlines out there. Find the podcast on First Lutheran's YouTube channel or anywhere you get your podcasts.

## PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Carrie Baylis, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor

## NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Deuteronomy 30:15 – 20

Philemon 1 – 21

Luke 14:25 – 33

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