

The Light



A packed house at Synod Assembly listens to the Bishop's Report.

You are invited

To the Ordination of Daniel Mark Luepke

Friday, June 26,
6:30 p.m.

Service of Ordination
Bishop Amy Current
Preaching & Presiding
The service of ordination
will be live-streamed.

Reception to Follow

If you would like to contribute any kind of treat for the reception, please contact Vicki Hughes at 319-471-3733. It is rumored that scotch-a-roos are his favorite treat!

Intern Daniel moves toward Ordination!

First and foremost, I want to say thank you for your support, prayers, gifts, and all the well wishes that I have received over the past few weeks. It has been overwhelming to receive words of affirmation and support. First Lutheran Church has truly been a blessing and a godsend for me and my family. Over the past seven years I have been so blessed to have the opportunity to learn from you and with you. I've been able to have multiple positions so that I might learn new things and grow. My pathway and seminary allowed me to continue to work in the church and allowed me to learn things in the classroom and apply them right away. Being able to take what I've learned from the classroom and apply it has helped me better understand concepts and how to work in a congregation as a pastoral leader. The only way I could have done this was with your support. Thank you for walking with me in my learning and my time at First Lutheran.

I have recently accepted a call to First Lutheran Church in Conroy and Trinity United Church of Christ in Marengo. My first Sunday with these two congregations will be July 12. These two congregations are just starting their journey together as I walk with them. I will spend 75% of my time with First Lutheran in Conroy, and 25% of my time with Trinity in Marengo. This will be a learning experience for both congregations and myself as we learn what ministry together looks like in this way. Though I have not done ministry like this before, I feel like I am prepared for a new adventure because of my time with First Lutheran and how you have helped me prepare for ministry in the world. As I look forward to starting at these two congregations, I will be ordained first. My ordination will be July 26th at 6:30 p.m. If you can make it, please join us in marking this milestone.

Your friend in Christ,
Daniel Luepke

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First Lutheran
Welcomes
**Pastor
Keeyon
Carter**
June 27 - 28



We are excited to welcome Pastor Keeyon Carter who will preach at all worship services June 27-28. Pastor Carter is Lead Pastor and Teaching Pastor of our local ministry partner Wellington Heights Community Church.

Wellington Heights Community Church is a multicultural community joining God in the reconciliation of all things through worship reconciliation and neighborhood development.

Led by Pastor Keeyon and Pastor Stephanie Carter and locales in the heart of the Wellington Heights neighborhood, the church prioritizes neighborhood development, focusing on co-creating a flourishing environment in the Wellington Heights area as well as the broader community.

Their value of reconciliation highlights the church's commitment to embodying shalom—a concept of peace and wholeness—in holistic ways. This approach seeks to disrupt and reshape societal structures, fostering relationships that enhance the flourishing of all people and creation.

Wellington Heights Community Church invites all to capture the vision to cultivate love, shalom, and community.

Appetizer Fellowship Saturday

We'll gather for Appetizers after church on Saturday June 27th to welcome Pastor Keeyon Carter as our guest preacher. If you would like to contribute an Appetizer please let Vicki Hughes know at 319-471-3733.

June Worship Series:



This four-week June series is built around the conviction that the completion of the building project is not the destination — it is a launching pad. Drawing from Matthew 9–10 in Year A, the series grounds every week in baptismal identity: the font, not the building, is where the congregation's true commissioning happened. Each sermon moves from an honest reckoning with the ways we shrink, domesticate, or delay our calling, toward the liberating word that God has already named, claimed, and sent us.

The organizing spine is the Priesthood of All Believers — the Lutheran conviction that every baptized person is a minister, not by credential or office, but by the water and the word. The series closes with a cup of cold water as its defining image: the kingdom lands not in large, visible programs, but in immediate, local, ordinary faithfulness.

Week 1: You are already qualified.

June 7 • Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26

Jesus does not call the qualified — he qualifies the called, walking past the tax booth to summon a collaborator and a traitor, then sitting down to eat with more of the same.

Week 2: Stop Planning the Trip and Go

June 14 • Matthew 9:35–10:8

Jesus looks at harassed and helpless crowds and responds with— a visceral, gut-level compassion that moves before the mind calculates the cost.

Week 3: He Told You It Would Cost Something

June 21 • Matthew 10:24–39

Jesus names the cost before he sends — no bait and switch, no surprise on the way.

Week 4: The Ways of God in the Small and the Ordinary

June 28 • Matthew 10:40–42

Jesus closes his entire missionary discourse — after prophets, apostles, the cost of discipleship, and the kingdom of heaven — with a cup of cold water given to a little one.

Remember, any message you miss can be found at youtube.com/firstlutherancr/

Prayers for Peace

12 noon & 6:30 p.m.
June 17 & July 8

This Summer we are preparing special contemplative prayer services on two Wednesdays, June 17 and July 8. On each date we will hold a service at 12 noon and 6:30 p.m., but this will be a specific, in-person only event and will not be live streamed. These 30-minute prayer vigils will each begin at 12 noon. There will be piano-led music and an invitation to pray for peace and well-being for the world and for our country.

During the June service we will gather around a large world map to place candles in regions of prayer, and in July we will experience the same moment of prayer around a map of our nation. Join us in praying for God's peace and reconciliation to fall upon the world.



Providing Support and Encouragement

for VBS and Day Camp 2026

Everyone has a meaningful role they can play to support and encourage VBS/Day Camp at First Lutheran. It really does take a village to raise a child; especially all at once in daycamp! Here's how you can make a difference in the lives of our kids this summer:

- **Get Involved!**

You may join the VBS/Day Camp Leadership Team! Roles include decorating, pulling supplies together, leading a station, and supporting the kids one-on-one.

- **Provide a Scholarship**

We never want to turn away a child because of financial burden, so we offer scholarships to families who need them. Financial contributions to assist students with Day Camp Registration fees are always welcome.

- **Provide Supplies**

A *Big Help* would be to purchase items from the Supply List that are directly shipped to First Lutheran! Visit firstlutherancr.org/wishlist to see what we still need!

- **Host A Meal**

We are blessed by the energy, enthusiasm and leadership that Camp EWALU staff bring to Daycamp. To be the best hosts for these 6-8 college-age students, we'd like to have families host them for dinner the evenings of July 12-15.

- **Hold the Week in Prayer!**

Your prayers are always appreciated!

To get involved with ANY of these roles,

contact Pastor Katie Lowe Lancaster at katiell@firstlutherancr.org, or by calling the church office.

Adult and Youth leaders having a (confetti) Blast at VBS!





The Best Summertime Adventure Awaits in the Rainforest at First Lutheran!

Get ready for the ultimate jungle adventure! This summer, kids will explore the wonders of the rainforest while discovering the nature of God at Vacation Bible School!

July 13-16!

- VBS/Day Camp - Kindy through 4th Grade
9 a.m. until 4 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School only for preschoolers
9-11:30 a.m.



Don't miss out! Register Today!

Scan the QR code, or visit firstlutherancr.org/VBS

**2026-27
Registration
Now OPEN!**

Check one thing of the fall to-do list today by filling out the Children, Youth & Family Ministries annual registration.

This must be completed for all kids and youth under 18 each year to ensure we know the most up-to-date information for your child's needs and contacting families!

Visit
firstlutherancr.org/register



Childcare During Worship

Each week the Lil' Nursery and Comfort Room, both located adjacent to the sanctuary, are available for families. It provides an alternative space for little ones to experience free play. At this time, the Lil' Nursery will not be staffed by paid professionals. Typically the support was being unused. If providing childcare for your family would benefit your experience during worship, please contact Pr. Katie to resume childcare.



The Lil' Nursery is ready to welcome children 3 years and under with their adult during worship services.

The Comfort Room in the back of the nursery offers an adjustable audio feed and view of the worship space with comfy seating and low lighting.

Youth Leadership Camp!

WHAT: VBS Youth Leadership Camp
WHO: Completed 5-12 Grades (AND Friends)
WHEN: Monday, July 13- Thursday, July 16,
8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
COST: \$10

#wheresmichael Has Returned!

#WheresMichael Summer 2026 was going to launch this week, but severe storms rolling through made us cancel. No worries though, – More burgers, burritos, ice cream runs, random hangouts, and chances to connect are coming all summer long. *Incoming 9th graders and alumni* are always welcome to join us, too! Good food. Good people. Good conversations. Stay tuned for dates and locations!



 Follow us at:
@FLCRYouth

Why VBS Leadership Camp?

Youth Leadership Camp is more than just a summer activity—it's a place to build friendships, have fun, and grow in confidence alongside other students your age. Through games, hands-on experiences, and meaningful conversations, youth will discover how their unique gifts and leadership can make a difference in their school, church, and community.

The registration link is the same for VBS campers, so use the QR code on the previous page, or visit Firstlutheran.org/vbs

Your gifts matter—come discover them!

ELCA Youth Gathering 2027 June 28- July 2 | Minneapolis, MN



The ELCA Youth Gathering is more than a trip—it's a chance to experience faith, community, and worship alongside thousands of youth from across the country.

Through powerful speakers, meaningful connections, and unforgettable experiences, young people discover they are part of something bigger. Stay tuned to our social media to hear from others about their experience in New Orleans in 2024!

Are you ready to join the movement? This trip is open to students entering grades 9-12 in the fall of 2026. Let us know you are interested at firstlutheran.org/gathering



The national church body has been hosting youth gatherings for over 60 years; pictured is the Superdome from a New Orleans gathering!

Comfort Makers Quilt Drawing

You are invited to support our quilt makers by making a free will donation for a quilt drawing. This custom designed quilt with stitching is being offered in support of supplies used by our Comfort Makers.

The quilt is on display in the Welcome area. Donation/ Drawing Envelops can be used. Make a donation, write you name on the envelop and place it in the drawing box. Or you can make a donation without writing your name, if you just want to support the quilt makers. A Drawing will be held between services on June 21 and the winner announced.

Each year, the Comfort Makers produce 400 quilts, which are sent to Lutheran World Relief and local agencies. LWR sends quilts around the world and they are used in refugee camps and places of need. Locally, quilts are given to shelter and through our own SEMP program.



*The Quilt is roughly Queen Size at 62"x90"
Make a contribution of any amount to support the Comfort Makers Ministry and you'll be entered in the drawing for this exquisitely stitched quilt created by our Comfort Makers!*

To Enter the Drawing: Write your name on a donation envelope, insert your contribution, and drop it in the drawing box.

To Support Anonymously: Simply make a donation using the envelope without writing your name.

The Drawing: The lucky winner will be drawn and announced between services on June 21.

Food Truck Fridays
STARTS JUNE 12
AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
JUNE JULY AUGUST
FRIDAYS 11AM-1PM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1000 3RD AVE SE
CEDAR RAPIDS
TRUCK LINEUP
firstlutherancr.org/foodtruckfridays
*NO TRUCKS JULY 3

Meeting Our Neighbors this Summer Food Truck Fridays at First Lutheran

After having so much fun with food truck vendors during our Big Tent Events, we decided to repeat it all summer long!

Each Friday this summer we will welcome different food trucks from our community to set up in our parking lot 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. We're going around the neighborhood to the medical offices and other businesses to let people know, but you can help with the promotion too! This two-fold outreach opportunity helps these local small business owners, and introduces us a bit better to our neighbors in the MedQ.

Visit facebook.com/firstlutherancr to like and share our posts, or come on down for lunch yourself! If you know a great Food Truck Vendor, tell them to check out firstlutherancr.org/FoodTruckFridays to get on the line up!

Listening for God: Individual Spiritual Direction

In the busyness of life, it can be difficult to slow down and truly notice how God is present and at work in our lives. Individual spiritual direction offers a quiet, dedicated space to do just that.

Spiritual direction is a one-on-one relationship where you meet with a trained spiritual director who listens with you for God's presence. It's not about giving advice or solving problems, instead it is about helping you become more aware of how God is speaking and moving in your daily life.

Become more aware of how God is speaking and moving in your daily life.

In these conversations, you bring your whole self, your questions, joys, struggles and prayers, as much

or as little as you care to share. Through reflection, prayer and thoughtful listening, you notice patterns, invitations and nudges from the Holy Spirit. All of this is centered on your unique journey, with no set agenda, each session unfolds based on what is happening in your life and where you sense God is leading you.

For me personally, spiritual direction has been a gift not only to my faith, but to my daily life as a spouse and parent. I often move quickly from one moment to the next; spiritual direction has helped me slow down and listen. Not just to God, but to what is stirring in

my own heart. It has taught me to pay attention to my reactions, my emotions, and the quiet ways God may be inviting me to respond with more patience, grace, and love. This slowing down has shaped me in how I relate to my family. I find myself listening more fully, reacting less quickly, and being more present in both ordinary and challenging moments.



If you are seeking a deeper, more personal connection with God, individual spiritual direction may be a meaningful next step in your journey. First Lutheran has *several* trained Spiritual Directors available and willing to meet with people, reach out if you would like to set up an introduction meeting to learn more.

At its core, spiritual direction is about learning to listen, learning to recognize God not only in church or in Scripture, but in everyday moments. It is an invitation to slow down, pay attention, and respond more fully to God's loving presence.

— Michael Beckmann

Giving Thanks for FLC

Pastor Knudson, Pastor Lowe-Lancaster, Pastor Brown, First Lutheran staff, council, and **SO MANY Volunteers**,

Thank you for hosting the synod assembly! It was a beautiful setting for a wonderful gathering. Worship was lifegiving, meals were delicious, space was welcoming, pews were comfy, the sound was clear, and the volunteers and staff were extraordinary! What a beautiful time together.

I am honored, overjoyed, and eager to continue to serve in the role of bishop and equally honored, overjoyed, and eager for the whole team to continue too. We give thanks for you all at First Lutheran Church.

Peace, Bishop Current

Ladies' Night Out

Ladies Night Out is a monthly get-together just for the fun of spending time with friends united in Christ's love. All the women and friends of First Lutheran, especially new members and visitors, are invited to gather once a month at a restaurant for food and fellowship. The locations vary, and a list is kept of restaurants suggested.

On Monday, June 29, 2026 we will meet at 5:30 PM at Napoli's, 500 Marion Boulevard in Marion. Winnie Wright is this month's hostess, her phone number is (763) 291-3320. If you plan to come, please call her to make a reservation, or put your name, phone number and email address on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

LAST CHANCE!

Dad & Me Canoe Trip



Dads, pack a picnic lunch and your kids of all ages for memories of a lifetime. We'll meet with other families from church at Monticello River Rentals at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20 at 21430 River Road in Monticello, IA (just 45 minutes from Cedar Rapids). From there we'll glide down the majestic Maquoketa River, stopping for a picnic lunch in your canoe. The easy

day will end at 2 p.m. Cost is \$30 per canoe (holds 2 people) includes life jackets and paddles.



You can bring your own kayak or canoe for a \$10 hauling fee. Direct your questions to Shannon Stark at (309) 696-3383 or stark.shannon75@gmail.com, or register today at firstlutherancr.org/canoe

Supporting our Community with the Hunger & Hope Team



June Personal Care Drive

Our friends over at Helping Hands Ministry are needing to restock their personal care item supply for our neighbors in need. Any sort of personal cleanliness items like soap, shampoo, deodorant, or body wash are good, as are household items like dish soap and scrubbers, washing machine pods, baby wipes and baggies. Small sizes and portions preferred. Items are being gathered in the front of the worship space and will be delivered after each weekend for immediate distribution at Helping Hands. Learn more about our ministry partners at ecc-cr.net.



July Freedom From Hunger Food Drive

According to HACAP, more than 1 in 9 people have food insecurity here in Eastern Iowa; and 1 in 6 children. This has only been compounded by recent price increases and reduced government assistance for some families. The Hunger & Hope Team at First Lutheran invites you to share your favorite foods this summer as we to help alleviate this situation. Throughout the month of July we will gather donations for this effort. Any food donations you bring should be brought to the front of the worship space. In this way it is like presenting an offering to God for God's children in need.



Food Packing Opportunity: Thursday, July 18, 1 - 3 p.m.

Several times a year First Lutheran members come together for a hands-on hunger relief effort supporting the packing and distribution of food directly at the HACAP Food Reservoir. Whether packing food backpacks for school-aged kids, or packing emergency pantry boxes, we roll up our sleeves and pitch in! Our next opportunity to see HACAP's amazing work in person is coming up on Thursday, July 18, 1 - 3 p.m. To join the team visit firstlutherancr.org/HACAP

2026 Pipes, Pedals, and Pie Concert Series

July 14 & Aug 11



First Lutheran
Musical Arts Series

The time for summer fun has arrived and we hope you will join us for relaxing and enjoyable evenings of music and fellowship with our remaining Pipes, Pedals, and Pie concerts July 14, and August 11. These concerts, as part of our First Lutheran Musical Arts Series, are now in their fourth season, and feature church organists and other musicians from the community and corridor.

All concerts are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Following each concert, the Musical Arts Committee hosts an old-fashioned Pie and Ice Cream Social – held outdoors on our new "back patio" plaza, weather permitting.

These evenings are a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of music and social time with your First Lutheran friends and many guests from the community. Add the dates below to your calendar today!



July 14

Jacob Sprengeler
Organist at Concordia
Lutheran Church,
Cedar Rapids

August 11

Brenda Sevcik
Organist at St. Pius X
Catholic Church,
Cedar Rapids

Calling All Bakers!

If baking is a skill and joy of yours, we would most definitely appreciate your talents in helping the Musical Arts Committee provide pies! We typically need 15-20 pies to serve at the Pie and Ice Cream Social following each concert. To volunteer your culinary skills, please contact the church office at 319-365-1494, or email Brett Wolgast at: brettw@firstlutherancr.org. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thanks!

"One Year to Live" Fall Men's Retreat

Men, imagine a weekend enjoying the fall colors of the outdoors with no cell phone. No demands on you. Just you and God, and a bunch of guys on the same journey. You'll experience good food, hiking, prayer, and growing closer to our Creator.

If this sounds interesting to you mark your calendar now for 5:30p Fri. Oct. 23 to 3p Sun. Oct. 25 for our One Year to Live Men's Retreat with Pr. Craig at Camp EWALU in Strawberry Point.

Cost is \$180 before Oct. 1 and is all inclusive. If you have questions, call or text FLC Member Josh Member who has been on the retreat at (319) 350-7778 or email Josh at crmoores@msn.com. If you're ready, find the link to sign up at firstlutherancr.org/mensretreat.

SAVE THE DATE EWALU 65th ANNIVERSARY
AUGUST 28-30, 2026

 Dedication of renewed Cedar Lodge

 Peter Mayer in concert

Join alumni and friends of Camp Ewalu for a weekend of events to celebrate camp's 65th anniversary and to re-dedicate Cedar Lodge after the renovation project.

Save the dates August 28-30, 2026 and check out details at EWALU.org/65th-anniversary

Building Community

with Cedar Valley Habitat

With a wet start to the day on June 5, First Lutheran members dodged the mud and joined with a soon-to-be homeowner and other volunteers to work on siding a Home with Cedar Valley Habitat.

The home is the first new construction in Wellington Heights in a long time and sits on land previously owned by our friends at St. Paul's United Methodist, just three blocks from First Lutheran.

Thanks team for pitching in and building community together!



Small Gifts, Lasting Impact

When people think about leaving a legacy through their church, many assume that only large gifts can make a meaningful difference. The truth is quite the opposite. Some of the most impactful gifts received by churches and trust funds have come from faithful members who simply chose to give what they could.

A church trust fund grows through the generosity of many people over time. While a large gift can certainly make an immediate impact, it is often the accumulation of smaller gifts that creates lasting strength for future ministry. Many members are surprised to learn that charitable gifts left through a will or estate plan do not need to be large to matter. A percentage of an estate, a specific dollar amount, or even a portion of a retirement account can become part of a legacy that supports worship, outreach, education, and ministry long into the future.

Jesus Himself highlighted the importance of small gifts when He praised the widow who gave two small coins. Her gift was not measured by its size but by the faith and commitment behind it. In much the same way, every legacy gift reflects a desire to strengthen God's work beyond one's lifetime.

As you consider your own legacy, remember that the question is not, "How much can I give?" but rather, "How can I continue supporting God's work after I am gone?" Even a modest gift can become a lasting blessing for future generations.

Every gift matters. Every legacy matters. Together, they help ensure that the ministry we cherish today remains strong for tomorrow.

If you have any questions on legacy giving, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Trust Committee or Bob Koenig in the office.



FLC Financial Giving Summary

as of May 31, 2026

2026 Annual Operating Fund:

Y-T-D Actual Income	634,099
Y-T-D Budgeted Income	623,504
Giving over (under) budget	10,595

Y-T-D giving has been more than budget through the first 5 months of 2026 and all planned ministry expenses have been fully funded. Thank you for your generous support!

Renewing for God's Mission Capital Fund:

	3-Year Budget	Project-to-Date Actuals:
Income	3,192,000	2,352,244
Expenditures	3,192,000	2,485,926
Surplus/Deficit	-	(133,682)

Upfront giving towards the RGM pledges continues strong. The Rinderknecht contract work has been completed. Our forecast for achieving the 3-year balanced budget remains positive.

Please include in your Prayers...

Recent Baptisms!

Lucas James, baptized on May 31, 2026

Isabel Evelyn, baptized on May 31, 2026

90+ Birthdays in June!

Mary Chester celebrating 91 years on June 15

Dale Hegland celebrating 92 years on June 17

... and in early July:

Diane Jacobs celebrates 93 years on July 10.

50+ Wedding Anniversaries in June!

Larry and Connie Lorenz celebrate 52 years on June 1

Al and Sue Fletcher celebrate 53 years on June 2

Thomas and Nancy Pugh celebrate 54 years on June 3

Lon and Linda Feddersen celebrate 67 years on June 5

Denny and Gwen Rubenow celebrate 60 years on June 5

Leroy and Paula Bradway celebrate 55 years on June 5

Curt and Marva Swanson celebrate 56 years on June 6

John and Fran Meyer celebrate 62 years on June 7

Dan and Mary Beth Malloy celebrate 63 years on June 8

Claus and Ingrid Kolln celebrate 61 years on June 10

David and Pat Young celebrate 54 years on June 10

Stan and Vicki See celebrate 59 years on June 11

Gordon and Jean Epping celebrate 57 years on June 14

Roger and Oline Stigers celebrate 62 years on June 14

Robert and Thelma Huffer celebrate 58 years on June 15

Bob and Carole Hansen celebrate 58 years on June 16

Gene and June Ann Clark celebrate 71 years on June 16

Ben and Echo Guenther celebrate 51 years on June 21

Bill and Marjorie Watts celebrate 54 years on June 24

Brian and Laura Draeger celebrate 51 years on June 28

Bruce and Betty Lindholm celebrate 52 years on June 29

Glenn and Roslyn Kalous celebrate 64 years on June 30

... and in early July:

Ted & Marlene Bey celebrate 54 years on July 1.

Mark & Marti Mars celebrate 51 years on July 12.

Hospital/Surgical, etc. Prayers for Healing:

Jackie Johnson EMily Logan Penny Preston

Lou Banker Ivan Borsay Thelma Huffer

Tim Epperson

Our Sympathy to:

The family and friends of Don Barrigar.

Gary Livengood on the death of his wife Marva

Funeral to be held 6/20

The family and friends of Elenora Pfeifle.

Jake, Harper, and Thomas Pease on the passing
of their wife & mother, Marcy.

WORSHIP GUIDE

Piano-led Traditional Worship: 5 p.m. Saturdays

Organ-led Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. Sundays

Band-Led Contemporary Worship: 11 a.m. Sundays

Sundays & Wednesdays - worship LIVE online
at firstlutheranncr.org/live

Radio worship radio on Sunday mornings
at 8:30 a.m. on KMRY 1450 AM or 93.1 FM,
or anytime at firstlutheranncr.org/podcast

June 13 & 14 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Pr. Katie Lowe Lancaster

Scripture: Romans 5:1-8; Mthw 9:35-10:8 NRSVue

Special Music: 9a - Sara Randall, vocalist

Wednesday, June 17 - 12 noon & 6:30 p.m.

Prayer for Peace Contemplative Prayer Services

in person only; no streaming

June 20 & 21 - 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Pr. Katie Lowe Lancaster

Scripture: Romans 6:1b-11;

Matthew 10:24-39 NRSVue

Special Music: (9a) Hunter Moore, vocalist

Friday, June 26 - 6:30 p.m.

Service of Ordination for Daniel Luepke

will be live streaming

June 27 & 28 - 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Pr. Keeyon Carter, from

Wellington Heights Community Church (WHCC)

Scripture: Romans 6:12-23

Matthew 10:40-42 NRSVue

Special Music: (5p) Musicians from WHCC

(9a) Slayton Thompson, harmonica

July 4 & 5 - 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching: Pr. Steve Knudson

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25a,

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 NRSVue

Special Music: (9a) Summer Choir

The next edition of *The Light* is scheduled
to publish on July 9, 2026

Change Service Requested

“Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do...”

In the summer of 2021, the first phase of the Renewing God’s House was nearing completion. The darkness of the Covid Pandemic was also nearing its end as science and doctors gained clearer understanding of the disease and vaccines were becoming more readily available for all. Excitement and hope filled our church as we returned to worship in-person, in a newly renovated and redesigned sanctuary, with a newly installed pipe organ.

To mark these momentous occasions, the congregation and church council along with a generous donation from the Delaine Sather family, commissioned a composition from composer and organist, Wayne Wold, from Maryland. The result was the piece, *Ponder Anew: Partita on ‘Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, which was premiered at Sunday morning worship in August of that year.*

Earlier this month, we unexpectedly received a mailing from Wayne Wold containing the now published work that First Lutheran commissioned some five years ago. This piece, along with another partita, are published by Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis under the title,

Ponder Anew: Partitas on “Lobe den Herren” and “Engelberg.”

Congratulations First Lutheran Church for your commission and sharing the gift of music to all!




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