



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

WHERE WE ARE *family*

WELCOME

PREPARE

Pray | We encourage you to take time before each service to speak to God in prayer. Use your own words, or, if you're struggling to find the words, please refer to the Prayer Before Worship that is projected on the screens.

Be a good neighbor | Please greet those sitting near you and introduce yourself! Church is a place for the community of God's people, and we want you to be able to participate in it. So as not to distract others in worship, please silence your cell phone.

PARTICIPATE

The order of service is printed for you in this bulletin and is projected for you on the screens.

If you are hard of hearing, personal listening devices are available from the elder. If you are hard of seeing, large print bulletins are also available from the elder. Please take a moment to fill out a CONNECTION CARD that can be found on the backs of each pew. This allows us to have a record of you worshipping with us today. You can place them in the offering plate following worship.

RETREAT

Restrooms | The restrooms are located in the south hallway (over your left shoulder as you sit in the pew). Water fountains are in the hallways on either side of the sanctuary.

Restless children | We love having your children in worship and want to help little ones in their worship of our Lord! However, if you feel the need to leave the sanctuary but still want to follow along, a TV with a live feed of the service as well as rocking chairs, children's books and toys is located in the Library/Chapel across the south hallway.

YOU'RE INVITED

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY

Join us on Sun, Aug. 17 for Christian Education Sunday. First Lutheran School will begin the 2025-2026 school year on Aug. 18, and we thought it would be the perfect time to highlight the importance of Christian Education.

CHURCH PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our Annual Church Picnic and Sunday School Kick-Off! Join us Sun, Sept. 7 for worship at 9:00am, followed by a fun-filled picnic with activities for all ages. More details will be shared soon, but be sure to save the date—and consider inviting a friend or someone you haven't seen in worship lately!

THIS WEEK



Tues: 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Back to School Night

COMING UP

Aug 18 - First Day of School
Aug 22 - No School/Office Closed
Sept. 7 - Church Picnic and Sunday School Kick-Off

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sundays
9:00am
1st Monday of the Month
6:30pm

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

Resumes September 14.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Resumes September 9.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Resumes September 11.



GET INVOLVED

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We are making preparations for Sunday School to begin this fall! With that being said, we are looking for people willing to teach Sunday School on a rotating basis. For more information, please reach out to Kim Anderberg at hinska29@gmail.com or 262-215-0850.

GREETERS

DID YOU KNOW - You have a superpower??? Saying hello is a simple but powerful word, it's a way to connect with others. Saying hello is an effortless form of social interaction to friends, family, church family and even strangers. If you want to show off this superpower and interested in greeting this month, please sign up on the greeter sheet in narthex or contact Gabriela Lira at 262-203-6209.

MORE INFORMATION

WORSHIP STATS

Last week, 105 people joined us for worship and \$8,833 was gratefully given in offerings and tuition.

CALL RECEIVED

Pastor Bartelt has received a Call to serve as Pastor at Living Savior Lutheran Church in Valrico, FL. Please keep Pastor in your prayers as he deliberates his Call.

BLOOD DRIVE

First Lutheran will be hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 24. Donating blood is a simple act that can save lives - your generosity can make a real difference. Watch for a sign-up link on our Weekly Update coming soon!

SPECIAL GIVING ENVELOPES

In your packet of offering envelopes, you will find a special offering envelope dated August 10. Funds collected in those envelopes will be donated to East Fork Lutheran High School in Whiteriver, AZ. More information about East Fork and their ministry can be found by visiting, eastforklutheranschool.org

In addition, you will also find an offering envelope for August 24 for a special Scholarship Offering. Offerings in this envelope will go towards tuition grants for students at First Lutheran School.

EVERY STEP A BLESSING

The "Every Step a Blessing" capital campaign is a 24-month effort to complete a full replacement of the flooring throughout our church. This includes addressing aging materials, professionally removing hazardous asbestos where needed, and updating flooring with safe, functional, and beautiful surfaces that will serve our congregation and community well into the future.

We are prayerfully seeking to raise \$175,000 over the next two years to fully fund Phases 2 and 3. This is an investment in both our current ministry and the generations yet to come.

We invite every member of our congregation to take a step with us in faith and generosity. You can support the "Every Step a Blessing" campaign in any of the following ways:

Special Envelope Giving - A blue envelope can be found in the narthex.

Digital Giving - Visit our church's website to give today.

Make a Pledge - If you would like to give but cannot give right now, consider going to our church's website to make a pledge. Navigate to our Capital Campaign and click the "Pledge" button to fill out your information.

Collected to date: \$3,280

Planned to date: \$1,000

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Monday - Psalm 119:14

Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Wednesday - Ephesians 2:10

Thursday - Revelation 3:14,20

Friday - Romans 14:8

Saturday - 2 Corinthians 7:1

Sunday - 2 Corinthians 10:17-18

PRAYER REQUESTS

AVIS GRAUMANN

Receiving palliative care at home.

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OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Mon - Closed

Tues: 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Wed - Thurs: 8:00am - 2:00pm

Fri: Closed

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE IN THE COMING WEEKS

ELDER

Aug. 17 - Jerry Thompson

Aug. 24 - David Bachman

ALTAR GUILD

Aug. 17 - Kelly Schwartz

Aug. 24 - Helen Hacht

PROJECTIONIST

Aug. 17 - Brett Blier

Aug. 24 - Helen Hacht

FELLOWSHIP

Aug. 17 - Nicole Meier

Aug. 24 - Kris Hills