

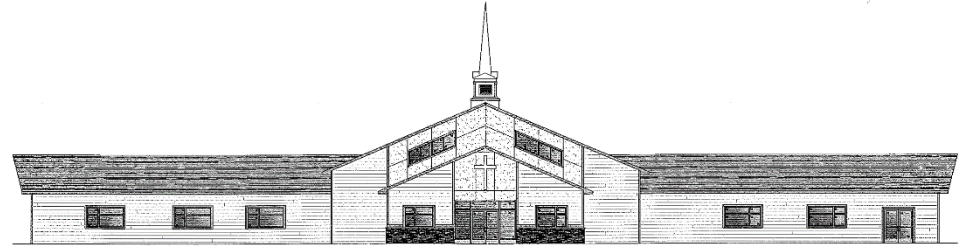
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"Growing God's Family by Serving"



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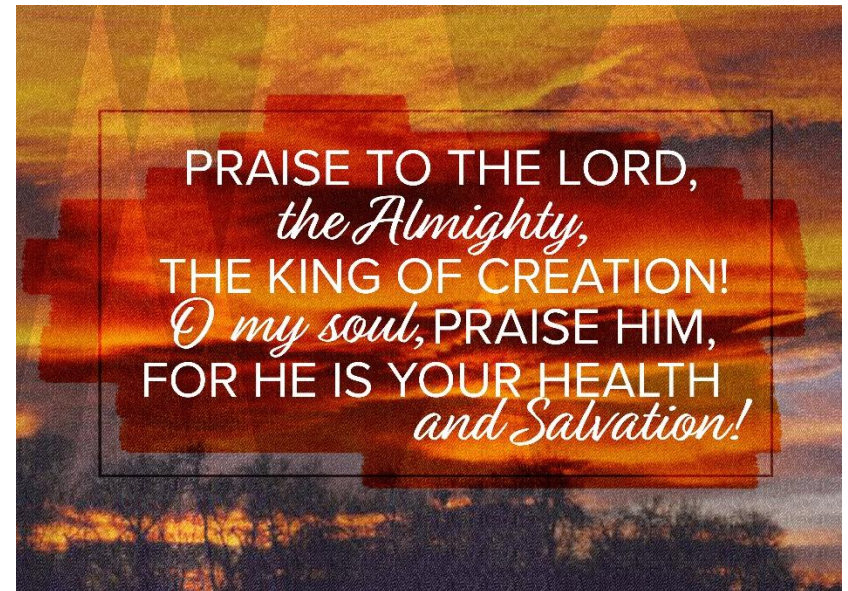
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October 2025

Worship Considerations

At the Council meeting in August, your leadership decided to investigate the possibility of uniting the two worship services into one. You may recall this has been the practice the last two summers. They called the experiment, “The Summer of Unity”.

To consider the matter more fully, a committee is forming to research the issue. This group will include folks from both services who serve in leadership positions, along with our music director, Brian Wick, and two Council representatives. The first question to be addressed is whether we should unite the services or not. The committee will investigate the pros and cons of such action and report back to the Council.

All the congregation will get to voice their opinions on the matter through the use of a survey and/or some kind of listening post event. You are invited to stay up to date on the discussion through periodic updates in the newsletter and announcements. Whatever decision is finally made, it will be done with input welcome from all. Only after careful study and consideration. And we certainly hope to hear from you, so please lend your voice.

To be perfectly transparent, I have been thinking keeping both services would be the best option but I am open to the discussion process. Whatever the final decision, we will always have the same goal of “Growing God’s Family by Serving”, as our mission statement says. Please keep everything in prayer.

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



Wednesdays at First are for Food, Fun, Faith and Fellowship



Since last Easter, friends gather at First Lutheran every Wednesday evening for a meal followed by fellowship and fun. The festivities begin with a potluck meal at 5:30 PM with the church providing the main dish. Many people bring a dish to pass, but nothing is obligated. Each week a volunteer kitchen host is in charge of the details.

Since confirmation classes have started, we are seeking additional individuals or families to sign up for a Wednesday to host the supper. **What does this hosting involve?** Hosting simply means that you and your crew “run the kitchen” by preparing the main dish for the evening, putting out the beverages, the utensils and then clean up afterwards. All expenses for the evening to purchase milk and the ingredients to prepare your main dish of choosing are charged at Nilssen’s and are paid for from the freewill offering received.

A variety of activities have taken place after the meals. At 6:15 PM the gathering breaks into small group activities. Some youth head off to the seventh and eighth grade confirmation classes. Sometimes there are games in Fellowship Hall. Other times there are crafts, campfire or outdoor games. Some small groups stay in Fellowship Hall and simply visit. Another small group has been watching an episode of **The Chosen** series each week in a classroom. Soon there will be a high school youth Bible or book study and hopefully some form of music activity gets added eventually too. Our activities on Wednesday are only limited by your imagination and our growing pool of volunteers.

We especially encourage our Confirmation families to get involved in serving the fellowship meal on Wednesdays, or at the very least, enjoying the meals with your whole family. Don’t just drop off your youth after a gas station run for junk food. Come on in and have a family style meal together and lose the burden of cooking on Wednesdays. Also consider staying to enjoy fellowship and faith building in place of a hurried trip home and then running back for a pick-up.

Sign-up to volunteer on our Facebook page or Church Website.

Any further questions can be directed to Tim Wyss (715-263-2118) or Dale Wirth (715-263-3310). Join your brothers and sisters in Christ on Wednesday!



STUDENT RIGHTS

You have the religious freedom to pray or read the Bible—as long as these activities are done voluntarily, led by students, and not done in a way that interrupts school lessons. Talking about God or reading the Bible during free time is almost always okay. As long as you are acting voluntarily and not disturbing class, then most of the time you have constitutional rights to express a personal, faith-based viewpoint.

Bring their Bible

Just as students can bring other favorite books they are reading to school, they can also bring their Bibles or other religious books and read them during free time. You can even use the Bible in a class assignment as long as you do so in a way that is relevant to the subject the teacher has assigned and meets the requirements of the assignment.

Pray

You can silently or quietly pray before eating lunch, gather in groups to say a prayer around the flagpole before or after school, or pray before or after a sporting event. Student prayers are considered to be private, personal speech. You are allowed as long as they are student-led (rather than being adult-led or school endorsed), aren't disrupting academic instruction, and are voluntary.

Share Bible verses

In general, you can voluntarily express your personal and religious beliefs to their classmates through verbal or written expressions, as long as they follow their school's policies and do not engage in these activities during classroom or instruction time. Schools can enforce reasonable limits on times and locations for where students are allowed to distribute materials. But these regulations must be applied equally to all students. That means schools cannot impose an outright ban on religious-themed materials if they already allow students to distribute non-religious materials.



BYBTSD 2025
Thursday, October 2nd

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH Council Meeting Minutes - September 8, 2025

Present: Pastor Bryan Anderson, Aaron Buhr, Kevin Kamm, Bill McIntire, Liane Petersen, Hannah Eckwall, Dan Cain, Anna Buhr and Becky Schramski.

Meeting called to order by Aaron Buhr

Reports: Liane made a motion to approve reports as presented; Kevin 2nd - passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Finance - Discussed account balances and possible budget items, including pay-off of current mortgage, financing completion of the building with canopy over sidewalk, bell tower, signage, purchase, consideration for a youth pastor, etc. These were tabled for future discussion during budgeting.

Property - Bill to get a quote for dusk to dawn parking lot lights, Bill/Kevin to look into hanging confirmation photos in the Sunday School hallway. We received a quote for snow removal for the winter season, and we are waiting on one additional quote, as we will be losing our previously contracted service.

Worship - An ad hoc committee will be formed to discuss the possible move to a single Sunday worship service.

Education - Pastor encouraged everyone to join one of our many Bible studies.

Outreach - Members should complete their online forms and provide a photo to update the online church directory. Council wants to see online directory finished.

Youth/Family - Remember to greet new faces you see at church. There will be monthly youth and family events scheduled in the coming months.

Old Business: Church signage/ bell tower/Refi - Pastor to contact Cedar Corp to review cost of architectural plans for design of canopy with signage & bell tower

New Business:

- Worship committee meetings - An ad hoc committee will be formed to discuss worship services. Move to approve all confirmands as presented - Motion, Hannah, 2nd, Dan - Passed unanimously.
- Checklist Updates - Discussed possible need for updates or creation of checklists for the following: ushering, cleaning, kitchen clean-up expectations after events.
- Kevin shared some research which was done about robotic vacuum cleaners to consider. This was tabled for possible future discussion.

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Liane Petersen

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Building Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Dean Scholz	Tim & Patti Wyss
Darlene Jungmann	Tim & Patti Wyss
Dean Scholz	Eva Wilson
Darlene Jungmann	Eva Wilson

Memorial Given to the Sunday School

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Dean Scholz	Jane Scholz & Family

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Jack Jungmann	Judi Desmond
Dean Scholz	Judi Desmond
Norman Anderson & Jack Steinberger	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Tom McIntire & Dean Scholz	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Dean Scholz	Derry & Janet Monson
Dean Scholz	Bob & Terri Moe
Dean Scholz	Charlene Lemke
Dean Scholz	Paul & Penny O'Connell
Dean Scholz	Jennifer (Coco) Morse
Dean Scholz	Phil & Lorna Rogers
Darlene Jungmann	Larry & Cindy Nilssen
Darlene Jungmann	Derry & Janet Monson
Darlene Jungmann	Lois Campion
Darlene Jungmann	William & Marilyn Averbek
Darlene Jungmann	Randy & Bernice Darling
Darlene Jungmann	Kerry & Marthann Peterson
Jack Steinberger & Norman Anderson	Gloria Hedquist
Jack Jungmann & Three Friends from Dialysis	Gloria Hedquist

Memorials Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Charles Clark	Dennis & Cindy Nelson
Dean Scholz	Dennis & Cindy Nelson
Darlene Jungmann	Dennis & Cindy Nelson
Ashley Rosen	Larry & Mary Jo Lien

October Birthdays



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| <p>1: Deb Arcand
 Sherry Klinger
 Darla Cain
 Chris Petersen</p> <p>3: Matthew Magnuson
 Samantha Haley
 Mackenzie Ward</p> <p>4: Angela Harris</p> <p>5: Leona Voss
 Aaron Buhr
 Nolan Pittman</p> <p>6: Nancy Luehman</p> <p>7: David Callaway</p> <p>8: Jordan Witthoft
 Kristen Otis
 Eric Moll</p> <p>9: Greg Dodge
 Anna Wilson
 Duke Krueger</p> <p>11: Dale Wood
 Sheila Dipprey</p> | <p>12: Russell Arcand
 Matt Steffen</p> <p>13: Nicholas Haley</p> <p>14: Brenda Campion</p> <p>15: Terri Moe
 Nickolas Witthoft
 Paul Warner
 Melvin Paulson</p> <p>16: Rhianna Campion</p> <p>17: Amber Paulson
 Kenneth Cuper</p> <p>18: Crystal Sloan</p> <p>19: Ben Kobernick
 Maurice Hanson
 Barb Juleff</p> <p>21: Patti Wyss
 Melanie Cuper</p> <p>22: Eric O'Connell</p> <p>23: Gina (Somsen) Akselrod</p> <p>24: Burton Beckman</p> <p>25: Jordan Olson
 Levi Kuhn</p> <p>26: Steven Paulson
 Neil Larson</p> <p>27: Denny Benson</p> <p>29: Brooke Hadac
 Emily Hadac</p> <p>30: Richard Becker
 Toby Larson</p> <p>31: Ken Iverson
 Kellie Kjeseth-Scholz</p> |
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OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Hannah Eckwall

GREETERS: Neil & Emily Larson Family and Tim & Patti Wyss

READERS

5 Don Dipprey
12 Hailey Seaman
19 Griffin Colbeth
26 Bill McIntire

COUNTERS

5 & 12 Liane Petersen & Bill McIntire
19 & 26 Liane Petersen & Tim Wyss

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Liane Petersen

USHERS

5 & 12 Derry Monson & Terry Monson
19 & 26 Neil & Nevaya Larson

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

5 Kristi Niles
12 Potluck – Deann & Tiffany Wagner
19 Mike & Kim Elwood Family
26 Kyle & Shari Overby



NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love:
Judi Desmond and Dick Lambert. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to following on the death of a loved one:

- Brenda Campion (mother, Darlene Jungmann)
- Jane Scholz and Colin & Kellie Scholz (husband & grandfather, Dean Scholz)

Time to be planning for the raffle that will take place during the Church Dinner in November!

Our popular basket raffle is planned to go along with our church dinner in November. Fill a basket with a gift theme. Empty baskets are available in the entry. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have a basket made, donations can be made until October 12th.

From the family of Dar Jungmann,

We would like to express our deepest gratitude to the First Lutheran Church for all that you did for Dar's funeral. We feel she would have felt truly honored by the efforts you put forth to give her a beautiful ceremony. From the beautiful arrangements, the beautiful music, as well as the delicious meal that was provided. All of these showed us how much Dar was truly loved and respected by her church family at First Lutheran.

We also can't thank Pastor Bryan enough for a truly personalized funeral with comforting messages about the peace and happiness Dar is now experiencing with God as well as heartwarming sentiments about Dar character and day to day life. It brought back many memories for each of us. Also, to Brian and Terri for being available to answer any of our questions leading up to and during the funeral, as well as the church ladies for cooking the delicious meal.

Once again, we are so appreciative of all that you have done and are so grateful to have been able to pay our respects to Dar at a place she called her church home for so many years.

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for August \$19,708.30 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)
August year to date offering \$149,189.25 (\$167,358.00 YTD Budget)

Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$34,210.48