

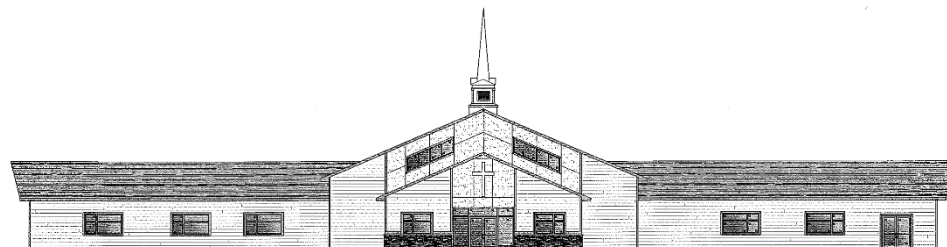
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# First Edition

*"Growing God's Family by Serving"*



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**February 2026**

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## I Am the Way

At first it might sound a little off putting. But when we take time to reflect, it makes perfect sense. Jesus is God in the flesh. If our reason for existence says he is our way to salvation, who are we to question? It may not always tickle the ears but it's the truth. And the truth is true no matter how it rubs us.

I am the way. That will be the theme of our Lenten Sermon Series. We will be taking a look at the other religious options out there and seeing for ourselves how Jesus stands head and shoulders above the rest. Indeed, the other options are simply dead ends – literally.

Before the 7:00 PM Lenten Worship we will be having our soup dinners at 6:00 PM. Confirmation youth are expected to attend with parents or another adult. We trust they and all others will be blessed to see the truth of Christ when compared to his rivals. Invite a friend. Reach out and share the Good News. Also know we will be enjoying the Holden Evening Prayer for our liturgy.

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" John 14:6

In Christ,  
Pastor Bryan



# Abundant Grace

## Women's Event

*Three hours.  
Two Speakers.  
One Purpose.*

*February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 8:30am-11:30am*

### *Contact:*

*Findingbeautiful4@gmail.com  
Https://www.firstluthclearlake.com  
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*Scan To Register*



*\$15 Admission*

## *Lent Worship Schedule*



**Lenten Theme: I Am the Way  
with Holden Evening Prayer**



### **Ash Wednesday – February 18<sup>th</sup>**

4:30 PM-6:45 PM – Spaghetti Dinner Servant Trip Fundraiser  
(Free-Will Donation)

7:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Worship (Christianity: I Am the Way)

### **Week 1 – February 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 2)

Candy Monson & Eva Wilson– Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Hindu: A Drop Absorbed)

### **Week 2 – March 4<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 3)

Dawn Peterson & Chris Wood – Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Buddhist: A Flame Extinguished)

### **Week 3 – March 11<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 1)

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Islam: A Will Submitted)

### **Week 4 – March 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM – Soup (Men's & Youth Group)

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (New Age: Whatever I Like)

### **Week 5 – March 25<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM – Soup (Serving Group 4)

Liane Petersen & Patty Sullwold – Co-Chairpersons

7:00 PM – Lenten Service (Atheist: Despair)

## **FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Diane Paulson

**GREETERS:** Jodi & Tristan Barney and Chris & Liane Petersen

### **READERS**

1 Kiley Munson                      15 Linnae Seaman

8 Annual Meeting                22 Hailey Seaman

### **COUNTERS**

1 & 8 Kevin Kamm & Richard Selvig

15 & 22 Kevin Kamm & TBD

**COMMUNION ASSISTANT:** Kevin Kamm

### **USHERS**

1 & 8 Josh Buhr & Bill McIntire

15 & 22 Brad Ayer & Bert Petersen

### **FELLOWSHIP SERVERS**

1 Bill & Linda McIntire

8 ANNUAL MEETING - (Potluck) Josh & Jill Buhr

15 Brad & Jane Ayer

22 Chris & Liane Petersen

## **Youth & Family Ice Skating**

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4-6:00 PM**

**At Amery Ice Arena**

**\$5 for each family, \$3/person skate rental (or bring your own)  
Concessions available, friends welcome**





**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 12, 2026**

**Present:** Pastor Bryan Anderson, Dan Cain, Neil Larson, Kevin Kamm, Aaron Buhr, Hannah Eckwall, Anna Buhr, Laura Lieffring, Liane Petersen and Becky Schramski.

**Reports: (Secretary, Budget, Pastor**

Minutes from December meeting and Pastor's report were reviewed. Aaron made a motion to approve; Dan seconded, passed unanimously. No Budget reports to review.

**Committee Reports**

**Finance-** 2026 Budget- Aaron made a motion to approve; Hannah seconded, passed with new total of \$262,491.

**Property-** Upgrading parking lot lights to LED was budgeted. Tabled kitchen water heater replacement until February meeting.

**Education-** Bible Marathon: Two sessions will be set up. One during the day and one at night twice a month.

**Youth/Family-** Ball Policy: Waiting for Wednesday group to draft rules.

**Old Business:** Worship Survey will be handed out at Annual Meeting.

**New Business**

- Annual Meeting set for February 8, 2026.
- Approved Clear Lake Days worship but will be held at First Lutheran Church.
- Motion to change the name of Building Fund to Canopy Fund approved.

Adjournment with the Lord's prayer.

Submitted by Becky Schramski



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|--------------------------|----------------------|
| 1: Kelly Sullwold        | 20: Sheila Martin    |
| Kyle Overby              | Carson Olson         |
| 2: Adam Seaman           | 22: Tim Anderson     |
| 3: Nicole St. John       | Ashly Ninke          |
| Shannon Levendoski       | 23: Croix Wirth      |
| Becky Schramski          | Hayden Peterson      |
| 4: Eli Buhr              | 24: Rosemary Johnson |
| Kristi Niles             | Gloria Thompson      |
| 5: Cody Buhr             | Amelia Buhr          |
| 7: Aliya Kuhn            | Rachel Kaczmariski   |
| 9: Linda Shafer          | Bennett Buhr         |
| 11: Abbie Everson        | Bob Anderson         |
| 14: Steve Martinson      | Pam Anderson         |
| Michael Lillie           | Colin Scholz         |
| Kevin Kamm               | 26: Tyler Emerson    |
| 16: Eddie Johnson        | Glenn Hanson         |
| Natalie Petersen         | 27: Amy Forrest      |
| 17: Bonnie Burns         | Karen Rossow         |
| 19: Renee Alvermann      | 28: Brian Burns      |
| Tiffany (Emerson) Nelson | Montana Niles        |



## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### **Memorials Given to the Memorial Garden Fund**

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Kermit Thompson	Bob & Terri Moe
Kathy Fox	Larry & Mary Jo Lien

### **Memorials Given to the Carport Fund**

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Jerry Thompson	Gloria Thompson
Dean Scholz	Jane Scholz

### **Memorial Given for Parking Lot Lights**

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Kermit Thompson	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson

### **Memorial Given to the Sunday School Fund (Puppet Ministry)**

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Kermit Thompson	Russ & Deb Arcand

### **Memorials Given for Youth/Mission Trip**

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Pete Fall, Ruth Severson, Jeff Jungmann	Gene & Sharon Kuhl
Ed Evenson & Kermit Thompson	Gene & Sharon Kuhl

### **Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund**

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Kermit Thompson & Dean Scholz	LeRoy & Liz Johnson
Kermit Thompson	Derry & Janet Monson
Jeff Jungmann & Kermit Thompson	Tim & Patti Wyss
Kermit Thompson	Brad & Jo Nilssen
Kermit Thompson	Phil & Lorna Rogers
Kermit Thompson	Jane Scholz
Kermit Thompson	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Kermit Thompson	Eva Wilson

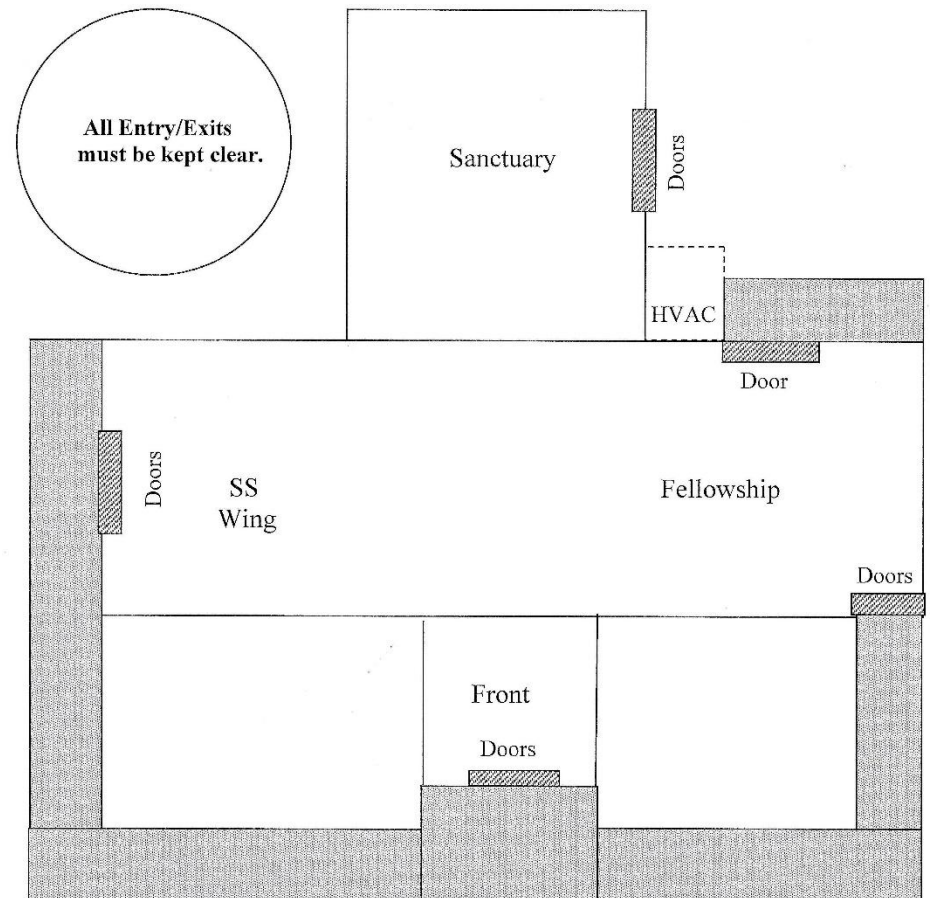
## **PLEASE HELP!**

Snow shoveling volunteers are needed by the week throughout the winter. A sign-up sheet is posted on a clipboard at the back of worship. Thank you for your service.

## **Snow Shoveling Volunteer Map**

Volunteers will clear all sidewalks and entrances as shaded below. All auto parking is cleared by a hired plow.

The church supplies shovels, ice chippers, salt or you may bring your own.

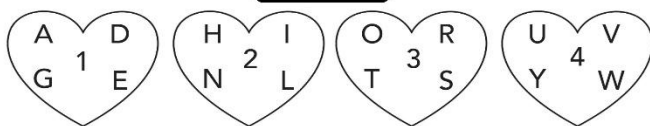


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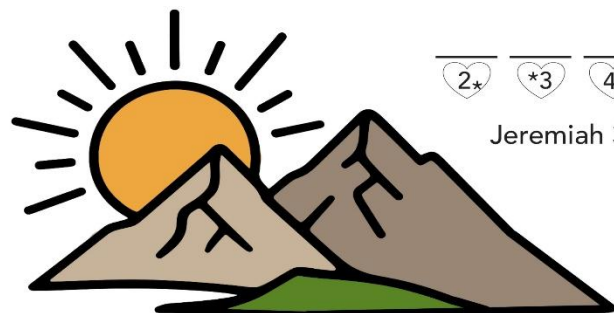
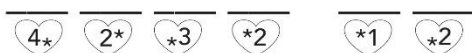
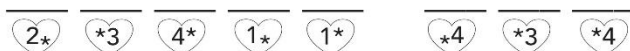
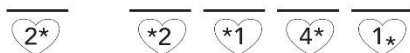
We see hearts everywhere and love sharing cards and greetings with friends and family.

Use the code to discover a special message from God — perfect for any day, any month.

CODE:



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Jeremiah 31:3

Answer: "I have loved you with an everlasting love."

## NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Dick Lambert, Tiffany Wagner, Levi Ramsey and Karleen Swanson, friend of the congregation. *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

### BAPTISMS

- Ember Nash Gehl, daughter of Graydon Nelson and Lisa Gehl.
- Rylee Joyce Johnson, daughter of Blake Johnson and Tianna Anderson.

**Thank you** to our family and everyone who attended my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party at First Lutheran Church.

LaMoyne C. Emerson

**Thank you** to everyone who sent cards or brought food and kept me in their prayers. Thanks again. May God Bless you all.

Judi Desmond

### ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30 AM

All members are encouraged to attend and share their voice and vote on important issues. The meeting will consist of reviewing the 2026 proposed budget, financial reports, and election of Council members. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting!

### **Bible Camp registration at WAPO in Amery is now open.**

First Lutheran has received a customized link for parents, which will direct you to our specific, reserved dates at the camp. That link can be found on the church website, Facebook page, or typed in directly:

<https://lwlbcj.com/first-cl>

## FINANCES

### Giving:

Total offering for December \$29,124.60 (\$20,919.75 needed monthly)

December year to date offering \$269,777.08 (\$251,037.00 YTD Budget)