

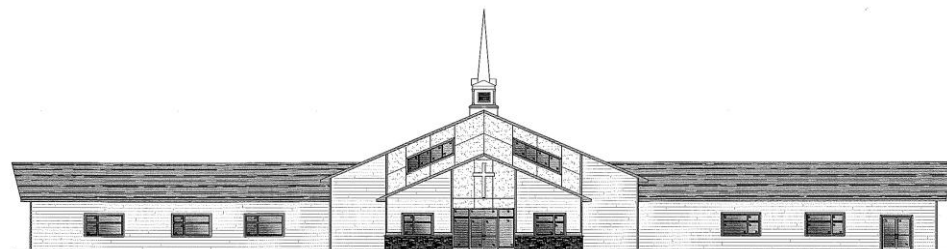
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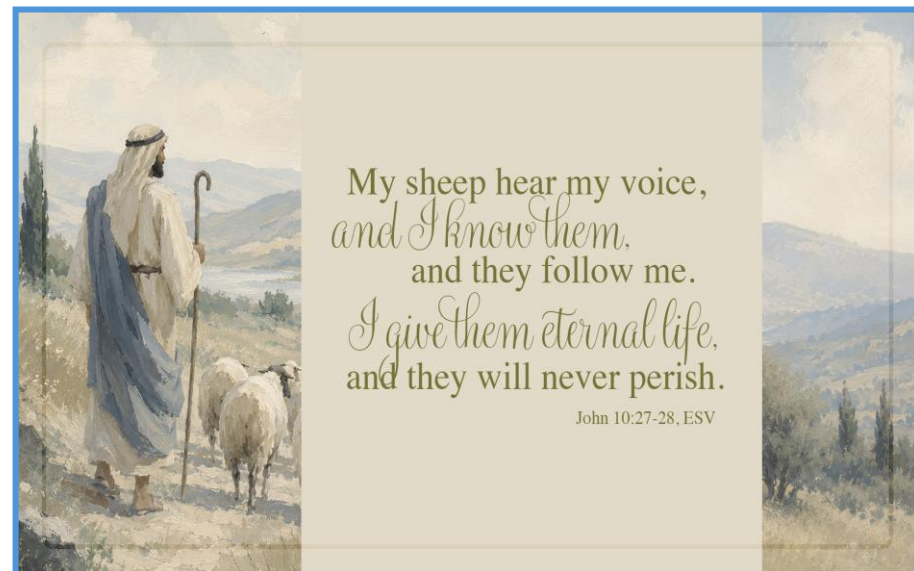
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August 2026

August Excitement

August is here. It's an exciting time. We have a foot still in vacations and summer schedules. But we also start to get a foot in the return to fall routines. School will return and so will lots of activity elsewhere.

What have you done this summer? We've enjoyed celebrating weddings with family and church members. One such wedding took us to Alabama and then a few days in Florida. I got to eat at the infamous Waffle House chain! The twins went para sailing. I like to keep my feet on the ground. Walking the beach was a treat but it sure was hot. Summer is not over yet. We still have a few adventures to squeeze into August.

I give thanks to God for the break from routine. It's a blessing to experience new things. Celebrating milestones with family is also a treasure. We have enjoyed worship wherever we have gone. We had a wonderful Bible study and worship experience at a Baptist church with family in Alabama. The first week of August our family will be at Bible Camp in Chetek, worshipping among the pines. Have you found time to nurture your faith? Its never too late. You still have a month of summer left.

Exciting times are here. Get those last-minute outings planned. Remember, Jesus himself took time away from the crowd. But he also had picnics in the countryside with thousands fed. He enjoyed the wedding at Cana. There he even turned water into wine. Certainly, he must have danced to the traditional wedding songs. Why not? He was a man of joy.

It's time you get a little joy in your schedule too. Don't let August pass without a little excitement!

In Christ,
Pastor Bryan



ALTAR GUILD: Hannah Eckwall

GREETERS: Laura Lieffring and Bert & Sharon Petersen

READERS

2 Kiley Munson
9 Patti Wyss
16 Chris Petersen
23 Eva Wilson
30 Bert Petersen

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Dan Cain

COUNTERS

2 & 9 Dan Cain & Penny O'Connell
16, 23 & 30 Dan Cain & Richard Selvig

USHERS

2 Ben Kobernick
9 Travis Anderson & Ben Kobernick
16, 23 & 30 Tom Levendoski

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

2 Jane Scholz & Colin & Kellie Scholz
9 Ben & Gail Kobernick
16 Paul & Heidi Colbeth
23 Tom & Lori Levendoski
30 Linn & Laura Case

FINANCES

Giving:

Total offering for June \$15,235.55 (\$21,874.25 needed monthly)
June year to date offering \$101,691.80 (\$131,245.50 YTD Budget)

August Birthdays

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| 2: John Hoefflerle | 16: Cassandra Kuhl |
| Hannah Wickum | 17: Ron Fox |
| 3: Camden Schramski | Elizabrin Thorud |
| 4: Greta Kamm | 18: Candy Monson |
| Jack Wickum | Nora Buhr |
| Glenn Seaman | 19: Kim Elwood |
| 5: Tom Levendoski | 20: Dava Manning |
| Jackie Goodmanson | 22: Sean Hoefflerle |
| Danette Buhr | Greta Wickum |
| 6: Melissa Moll | 23: Madeline Tomesch |
| Adam Kaczmarski | 24: Nancy Aeschliman |
| Jackie Johnson | Lydia Buhr |
| Brantley Harris | 25: Sarah Peper |
| 7: Amanda Curtis | 26: Darci Eckwall |
| 8: Greg Warner | 27: Megan Kuhl |
| Sharon Petersen | Brenda Johnson |
| Delores Levendoski | Janette Cain |
| 10: Alana Cain | 28: Cindy Nilssen |
| 11: Taylor Cardinal | Gwen Amick |
| 12: John Campion | Harper LaBlanc |
| Katie Wagner | Ashley Pittman |
| 14: Amber Brannon | 31: Nora Kamm |
| 15: Eric Brihn | |
| Emily Raddatz | |



Help Needed

Many hands make for light work. The Property Committee has identified several projects that volunteers are invited to tackle sometime over the summer.

Please notify the office if you can help today. Further questions can be directed to Property Committee leaders Bill McIntire at 715-607-1925 or Kevin Kamm at 715-222-1493.

- Touch up painting bumps and scratches where needed throughout the building
- Paint wall in youth room behind TV
- Check and replace all light bulbs in building as needed except high light fixtures
- Finish staining the ball pit





As you purchase back-to-school supplies, consider picking up extras to be sent to kids around the world!



Lutheran World Relief School Kit Supplies:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

A drawstring backpack will be provided at church for all of the supplies.

Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

All items should be new and in good condition.

Remove any excess packaging.

Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.



Please return School Kit supplies to First Lutheran by
Sunday, September 13th.

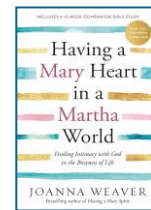
NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Cyndy Witthoft (Sister of Deann Wagner). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

Sympathy: Our sympathy is extended to Jessica Messer, Kyle Christensen, Bonnie Burns and Lou Ann Hansen on the death of their daughter and granddaughter, McKenna Christensen.

WEDDING: Denny Benson & Mary Porter (July 18th).



WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY. A sign-up sheet is available at church for the next book, Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World by Joanna Weaver. The book study will begin in September. Join us for a summer get together with some faith, fellowship, and devotion time on Saturday, August 8th at 7:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. Any questions please see Laura Boche-Case.

We need you to join us for Food, Fellowship, Faith & Fun!

A casual supper is served by volunteers every Wednesday starting at 5:30 and followed by your choice of small group conversations, faith study or games. No one is too young and no one is too old; this invitation is for everybody. Come when you can and leave when you have to.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

In Memory of	Given by
Emma Joy O'Connell	Paul & Penny O'Connell

Memorial Given to the Unspecified Fund

In Memory of	Given by
McKenna Christensen	Tim & Patti Wyss

Memorial Given for Maintenance

In Memory of	Given by
Dave O'Connell	Bob & Brenda Campion

Memorial Given for Parking Lot Lights

In Memory of	Given by
Joanne Hemaueur	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson