

October 19th, 2025

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Worship Leaders: Sunday, October 19th

**Ushers:** Jill Olson & Beth Shephard

**Musician:** Natalia Peterson

**Acolytes:**

**Lector:** Vern Koepp

**Assisting Minister:** Marlys Olson

**Communion Assistants:** Jean Hoffman & Maureen Sybrant

**Altar Guild:** Kathy McDonald & Yvonne Lind

**Flowers on the Altar:**

## Many Thanks to Our Guest Preacher!

Pastor Joyce Ngandango is from Iringa and is currently in her second year of study at Luther Seminary, pursuing a Master of Theology with a focus on congregation mission and leadership. She has been visiting SPAS congregations about twice a month for the past year. She is a dynamic speaker and storyteller, having served in the Iringa Diocese for over 15 years as Pastor in Charge and Director of Women's Ministry in the diocese. For the 8 years preceding her arrival in Minnesota, she served as the Director of Huruma Centre, the diocese's orphanage. She is married to Moses Ngweta, and they have 3 children together.

## Prayer List/Prayer Chain

The Church Council has been doing a review of the prayer list. Many of the names on the list have been on there for an extensive period of time. This may be necessary for some, and others need to be updated. So, to start with a clean slate we are going to remove all names and start the list all over.

If you have a name that you wish to have placed on the list, please contact the church office or indicate on the back of your Count Me In form.

This will be a public list, so please verify that the recipient of our prayers is O.K. with publication of their name or family name. The Prayer Chain members will be given a copy of this list to hold these names up in prayer. The list will also be posted on the kiosk in the Narthex for anyone to review and pray for. Names will remain on the list for 30 days and can be resubmitted as many times as necessary.

## Events This Week

### October 19

9:00 AM: Worship  
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship  
Kitowo/Bega Kwa Bega  
Presentation & Raffle

### October 21

6:30 PM: Personnel Committee Meeting

### October 22

9:00 AM: Quilters  
7:00 PM: Bell Choir

### October 25

10:00 AM: Chuck Swanson Visitation  
11:00 AM: Chuck Swanson Funeral Service

### October 26

9:00 AM: Reformation Sunday  
Worship with Praise Band  
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

## Kitowo Sunday

Join us after worship this morning to hear from Pastor Joyce Ngandango in worship and then have a chance during coffee hour to win an original Jerry Mollberg hand carved bird in our raffle! All proceeds of the raffle support our congregation partner scholarships in Tanzania.

## In Sympathy

To the family and friends of Chuck Swanson who died on Sunday, October 12th. Chuck's funeral service will be held on Saturday, October 25th at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior to the service all here at First Lutheran Church.



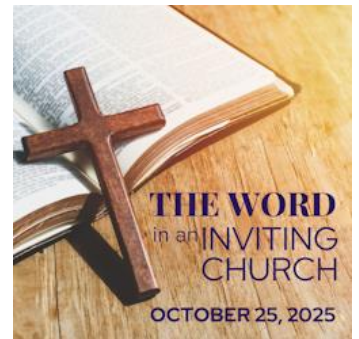
## The Word in an Inviting Church

Saturday, October 25th | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Prince of Peace Church, Burnsville

*For rostered ministers, lay leaders, worship planners and others who have a heart for worship and the importance of scripture.*

The featured speaker is the Rev. Regina Hassanally, the bishop of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod. The day will include three workshop offerings on writing/compiling liturgies, making God's word attainable for and understandable by children and youth, and the transformative power of the word. Our closing worship service will be blessed by the leadership of Prince of Peace and their contemporary style of worship. Lunch is included.



This event is the second in a three-part series called "Renewing Worship in an Inviting Church." Threading through this worship renewal emphasis is an encouragement to consider the question, "How are we inviting and warmly welcoming those who are newer to participate fully in our worship?". If you are interested in attending this event, please call the church office so we may register you for the event.

## Fare for All

When: November 7th & December 19th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Where: Rush City High School

Low-cost food sale! Open to all - no eligibility requirements or pre-registration needed! Affordable frozen meats and fresh produce. Cash, Credit/Debit and SNAP accepted (no checks). For more information visit [fareforall.org](http://fareforall.org) or call 763-450-3880.



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## *Call Process Survey*

The Call Committee is inviting you to help us write our Ministry Site Profile. Your input is vital in helping us reflect who we are as a congregation. We know that you've participated in several activities – thank you!! Your continued involvement makes a real difference. This survey is a key part of the process and will help guide writing the Ministry Site Profile.

### Survey Details

Length: 17 questions

Estimated Time: 20 Minutes or less

Deadline: Please complete it by November 2nd, 2025

### How to complete the Survey

You may complete the survey in one of two ways:

1. Electronically – you may have received an email with the survey link this week. You can also find the survey on our church website at [rushcityfirstlutheran.org/news](http://rushcityfirstlutheran.org/news)
2. Paper Form – The survey has been mailed this past week to you and available outside the church office. You may:
  - Return it in person and place it in the secure drop box outside the church
  - Or mail it back to the church office

Note: Both versions contain the same questions, so there's no need to fill out both. Thank you for being a part of this important process. Your voice matters as we prayerfully consider the future of our church.

### **Church Office Hours This Week**

Monday, October 20th: 1:00 – 5:00 PM  
Wednesday, October 22nd: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Thursday, October 23rd: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### **Scripture for the Coming Week**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**Psalms 46**

**Romans 3:19-28**

**John 8:31-36**

### **Worship Leaders: Sunday, October 26th**

**Ushers:** Jill Olson & Beth Shephard

**Musicians:** Praise Band

**Acolytes:** Bronson Brant & Kyle Winberg

**AV:** Cindy Hagen

**Lector:** Riley Zeltfing

**Communion Assistants:** Evan Currie & Addison Stavig

**Altar Guild:** Kathy McDonald, Yvonne Lind, Ava VandeKamp & Kinley Zeltfing

**Flowers on the Altar:**