

November 2nd, 2025

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Leaders: Sunday, November 2nd

Ushers: Kathy Olson & Gloria Oscarson

Musicians: Praise Band

Acolytes: Alicia & Colin Reynolds

AV: Cindy Hagen

Lector: Wendy Schmidt

Prayers / Liturgists: Alex Flaten, Gracie Larson,
Sandy Holmberg, Al Tripp, Marilyn Schoolmeesters

Communion Assistants: Yvonne Lind & Shari Schlagel

Altar Guild: Julie Carlson & Jill Olson

Flowers on the Altar: are placed by Steve & Julie Carlson
in memory of Tom & Ann Couillard

Events This Week

November 2

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

November 3

1:00 – 7:00 PM: Red Cross Blood
Drive

November 5

9:00 AM: Quilters
6:00 PM: Bell Choir

November 6

9:30 AM: Ruth Circle Meeting

November 9

9:00 AM: Worship
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

Prayer List

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

Our prayer list is 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 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.

Need a New Bible?



We are ordering Bibles for some of our students, and we thought we'd ask - do you need a Bible? Perhaps yours is falling apart and no amount of duct tape will hold it together. Or maybe you'd like the Updated Edition of the New Revised Standard Version that we're using in worship. No matter the reason, if you'd like a new Bible, we'd be happy to help you get one. Please contact the church office at office@rushcityfirstlutheran.org and let us know if you'd like a Bible.

Save the Date

Congregational Meeting to update the Constitution on Sunday, December 7th, 2025.

Bishop Election

The St. Paul Area Synod is getting ready to elect a new bishop in May of 2026. In preparation for calling a new bishop, the bishop-election committee has put together a Ministry Site Profile (MSP). This is similar to what our congregation will put together to call a new pastor in 2026. To see the MSP, scan the QR code or call the church office for a printed copy.



All are welcome to attend a Listening Session hosted by the Saint Paul Area Synod's Bishop Election Committee! This time together is organized in a large group technique called The World Café. This approach both engages people in group dialogue to generate knowledge while making meaning of what the Saint Paul Area Synod is experiencing today (Prewitt, 2011).

Please come prepared to brainstorm ideas and listen to experiences with members from around the synod. We will be discussing strengths we need in a Bishop candidate and vision for the synod moving forward. A willingness to share and actively listen to others is necessary for this 90-minute session. Refreshments will be served.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of the two offered sessions:

- Saturday, November 1st – 10:00 AM - Gustavus Adolphus, St. Paul
- Thursday, November 6th – 7:00 PM - Shepherd of the Hills, Shoreview

No registration is necessary; just show up! You are encouraged to review the Ministry Site Profile (see above) in advance of the sessions.

Low-Cost Food Sale this Week!

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 or call 763-450-3880.

Bega Kwa Bega Fall Festival

Saturday, November 8th | 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Incarnation Lutheran Church, Shoreview

Did you enjoy hearing from Pr. Joyce Ngandango last week? Join her, the leaders of Bega Kwa Bega, and the other congregations who have Tanzanian partners for the annual BKB Festival! Participants will have the chance to hear:

- Update from the BKB Scholarship & Education Committee
- Traveling with Children and Youth
- Education, Gender Equity, and Climate – researcher Laura Wangsness Willemssen
- State of the Companionship report – BKB Director Kirsten Levorson and Iringa Committee Chair Caryn Josephson

Those who desire can also join the pop-up choir to sing in closing worship. To learn more and sign up, visit spas-elca.org/event

Prayer Workshop

Saturday, November 15th | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church, St. Paul

As people of God, we are rooted and connected in prayer. Our congregations are fertile places for uniting in prayer and deepening our spiritual practices. Join us as individuals and/or teams to experience and learn spiritual practices. Participants will:

- reflect on why prayer matters
- learn about different models of prayer ministries
- experience a variety of spiritual practices

You'll leave transformed and motivated to do something powerful with prayer in your home church! Your presenters are Pastor Justin Grimm (*assistant to the bishop for congregational vitality*) and Deacon Nina Joygaard (*Faith, Forest Lake*).

New breakout options announced this week:

- Art as Prayer & Spiritual Practice – Pastor Brent Erler (Family of Christ, Lakeville)
- Ignatian Practices – Pastor Carrie Stiles (St. Paul, Wyoming)
- Centering Prayer – Pastor John Keller – (retired, co-coordinator of Minnesota Contemplative Outreach)
- Connectors Ministry - Pastor Wendy Steger (All Saints, Eagan)
- Sound Bath – Pastor Wendy Steger (All Saints, Eagan)
- Prayer Ministry for Bethlehem in the Midway – Jill Chisholm (retired teacher, member of Bethlehem's prayer team)
- Yogadevotion - Lori Buggs (owner of Yogadevotion)

If you are interested in coming along with other members of First to this workshop, please call the church office and let us know no later than November 9th.

Make Your Own Advent Wreath!

Create, Learn, and Prepare for the Season

As Advent approaches, we invite you to join us for a joyful afternoon of getting ready for the season. Together, we'll learn what Advent is and how the candles help us mark the weeks of hope, peace, joy, and love as we prepare for Christmas.

Bring your family, friends, or come on your own — everyone is welcome! We'll provide the supplies, a little guidance, and some festive snacks to enjoy while we create wreaths and traditions.

You'll leave with a wreath for your home and a family devotion for the Advent season.

Come light up the season with us! All ages welcome!



GLOW & GROW

An Advent
Wreath-Making
Event

November 23rd
1:00pm



Join us this Advent



Family Dinner Church

Wednesday evenings in December
5:15pm

December 3rd, 10th, and 17th
Come hungry — for food, for connection, and for grace. All are truly welcome.

Join us for Family Dinner Church, where faith formation happens around the table! We'll share a meal, conversation, laughter, and prayer — because we believe that Christ meets us in the breaking of bread and the sharing of the Word.

This is a place for families of every kind — big or small, blended or chosen, with kids, without kids, grandparents, neighbors, and friends who feel like family. No matter what your family looks like, there's a seat for you at the table.

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday, November 3rd: 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, November 5th: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, November 6th: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Scripture for the Coming Week

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Worship Leaders: Sunday, November 9th

Ushers: Melissa Anderson & Gloria Oscarson

Musician: Paul Damico Carper

Acolytes:

AV:

Lector: Maureen Sybrant

Assisting Minister: Pastor John Omans

Communion Assistants: Chase Carlson, Maureen Sybrant & Linda Tripp

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