November 22nd, 2026

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Led by the Spirit, growing in faith, to welcome and serve all.

Worship Leaders: This Sunday, November 22nd
Ushers: Mike & Kristin Papke
Musicians: Praise Band & Bell Choir
AV: Brenda Taylor
Acolytes: Gavin Moulton & Castle Baylor
Lector: Mike Carroll
Prayers/Liturgists: Praise Band Team
Communion Assistants: Sue Griffin & Cindy Koepp
Altar Guild: Julie Carlson & Jill Olson
Flowers by the Altar: are placed in celebration of Skylar Nelson's confirmation by her family

Events This Week

November 22
9:00 AM: Worship with Praise Band, Bell Choir & Skylar Nelson's Confirmation
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship
Church Christmas Decorating

November 24
6:30 PM: Personnel Committee Meeting

November 25
9:00 AM: Quilters
7:00 PM: Bells

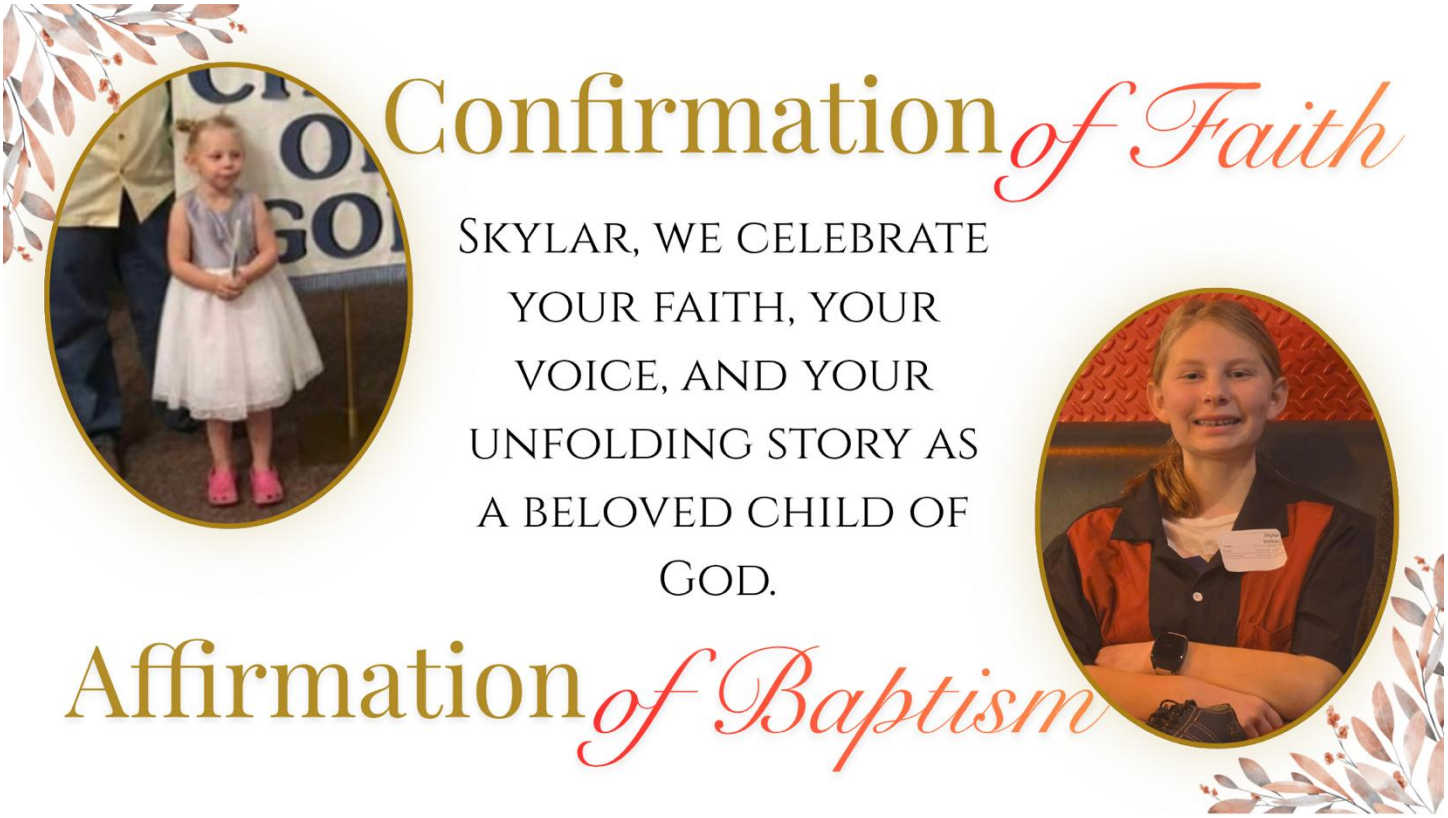
November 29
9:00 AM: Worship with Praise Band
10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship





Scripture for the Coming Week
Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Church Office Hours This Week
Monday, November 23rd: 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, November 25th: 8:00 AM –1:00 PM
Thursday, November 26th: **CLOSED**





Santa Store

The High School Leo Club, a student group affiliated with the Rush City Lions will be hosting a Santa Store at Chuckers again this year. You are encouraged to make donations of gently used items that children or families can select as gifts for family members or loved ones. Donations can be dropped off **by Monday, November 23rd** at the High School office or the Elementary School office. Some donation ideas are: puzzles, games, toys, action figures, books, stuffed animals, jewelry, candles, tools. Leos will display donated items, help children find gifts, and gift wrap items; all at no cost to children or families. The Santa Store will be open November 28th from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. Thank you for helping the Leos make the holiday season a bit more merry for some of our children and families!

Dayspring Card Sale

For years, Muriel Bungert has curated and sourced Dayspring cards for sale in the Narthex of the church. Maybe you've seen them on their spinning rack between the front doors and the office. Muriel has discerned that this ministry of hers has fulfilled its purpose and come to an end. Muriel is offering a clearance sale on cards. On the countertop in the Narthex you can find 6 cards for $1 and varieties of Christmas Card packs for sale. We give thanks for what she has shared with us in the past and for the benefit it has brought to the congregation.



Christmas Caring Tree

The Christmas Caring Tree will be in the Rush City Library from November 17th – December 12th. The library hours are Tuesday: 10 AM – 7 PM, Wednesday: 10 AM – 5 PM, Thursday & Friday: 12 Noon – 5 PM, Saturday: 10 AM – 1 PM. Pick a tag from the tree and make a child happy!

November Special Offering: Decorating Committee

The purpose of this committee is to enhance the sanctuary, narthex and fellowship hall. Enhancing these spaces is good hospitality; a sign that we celebrate our gathering together. It is also a way to tie our worship of God to the seasons of our lives.

We have decorated 2 large grapevine wreaths that are hung behind the altar with appropriate colors of the seasons. During Advent we have placed lighted artificial birch trees in several areas, lighted artificial evergreen trees in the front by the altar, and vases with mini lights and greens in the windows. We have also purchased a large evergreen tree for the narthex. Our love of lights also shows on the hedges that line the driveway. The tables in the fellowship hall also have seasonal decorations. Throughout the year we change the arrangements on the wreaths and add appropriate items to the tables.

The members of the decorating committee are: Diana Flaten, Sue Griffin, Cindy Koepp, Yvonne Lind, Kathy McDonald, Shari Schlagel, Marilyn Schoolmeesters, Maureen Sybrant. Our ladies are a fun group and we always welcome new members. If you'd like to be a member of the decorating committee, contact any of these members so we can include you.

We have generous members that donate large fall flowers and decorated pots at the entrance to the church for each season. For everything else, we purchase items using donations from our members. Most of our fundraising until this point has been from coffee hour hosting for fellowship hour.

The decorating committee is a part of the ministry of our WELCA group (WELCA stands for Women of the ELCA) here at First Lutheran. This group is a separate non-profit organization within our congregation and is made up of all the women of the church. While their finances are separate, there is much overlap in the ministry and mission of the congregation that wouldn't be possible without the leadership and resources of WELCA.

The special offering for the month of November will be the decorating committee. Funds gathered from these donations will be used for things such as the new church photo taken on our 150th Anniversary, a new evergreen tree to put up with the others in winter, or updated decor for any of our communal spaces.

CODA Concert



CODA is a smooth jazz duo consisting of Scott Dorff playing saxophones and Malcolm Anderson playing keyboards. The program will present both secular and sacred renditions of many holiday favorites in an energetic, contemporary style. This concert is guaranteed to enrich your holiday season and provides a marvelous opportunity for outreach to the local community. So, why not plan now to attend and invite your neighbors and friends to join you!

After the concert there will be holiday refreshments including a light soup supper. If you have questions or are able to contribute to the soup supper, please contact Teresa Hasbrook at 763-227-0056.

Annual Reports Are Almost Due!

Did you help to organize an event, project, or program in 2026? **We need a recap of what you did for the annual report!** Please write a paragraph or two about what you did, include any pictures you have, include any financial reports or bookkeeping, and send it all to Kayleen in the office by dropping them off during office hours or emailing it to: office@rushcityfirstlutheran.org

We still need reports from:

Council
Treasurer
Finance Secretary
Call Committee
Synod Voting Members
Property Committee
Cemetery Committee
Personnel Committee
Kitowo Committee
WELCA
Decorating Committee
Quilters
Praise Band
Choir
Handbell Choir
Ushers
Communion Servers
Readers
Prayer Shawl ministry
150th Anniversary Committee
Family Tubing outing
County Fair Parking

Please have your annual reports turned into the office no later than Monday, December 7th.



Fare For All

The Fare For All low-priced food sale is returning to Rush City High School (at Door 5) on Friday, December, 11th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM! A selection of Hot Buys will be available, as well as Mega Meat Packs ($25) and Produce Packs ($10). Fare For All is open to ALL. There are no eligibility requirements and pre-registration is not needed, just show up and shop! Please note that Fare For All accepts cash, credit, debit, and EBT cards, but they do not accept checks.

Worship Leaders: Next Sunday, November 29th

Ushers: Dawn & Skylar Nelson
Musicians: Praise Band
AV: Brenda Taylor
Acolytes: *We need someone to light the Advent Wreath!*
Lector: Vern Koepp
Prayers/Liturgists: Praise Band Team
Communion Assistants: Yvonne Lind & Kathy McDonald
Altar Guild: Julie Carlson & Jill Olson
Flowers by the Altar: Elaine Waxberg