

February 1st, 2026

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Leaders: This Sunday, February 1st

Ushers: Kathy Olson & Gloria Oscarson

Musician: Kaia Sand

Acolyte: Hunter Brant

Lector: Gracie Larson

Assisting Minister: Marlys Olson

Communion Assistants: Chase Carlson & Sue Griffin

Altar Guild: Muriel Bungert & Millie Peters

Flowers on the Altar:

Events This Week

February 1

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

February 4

9:00 AM: Quilters

10:00 AM: Marcia Granroth

Visitation

11:00 AM: Marcia Granroth

Funeral

6:00 PM: Bell Choir

February 5

9:30 AM: Ruth Circle Meeting

February 8

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM: 150th Anniversary

Planning Meeting

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.

Save the Dates

Church Council Installation: Sunday, February 1st during worship

Ash Wednesday, February 18th: Worship at 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM

Lent Family Dinner Church: Wednesdays in Lent at 5:30 PM

In Sympathy

To the family & friends of Marcia Granroth who passed away on Tuesday, January 27th. Marcia's funeral service will be on Wednesday, February 4th at 11:00 AM with a time for family & friends to gather one hour prior to the funeral service all here at FELC.

Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesdays, February 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to join us for a winter of ringing. If you're interested but unsure, call Wendy Schmidt at 507-923-8298.

Special Offering

Each month of 2026 we will highlight a ministry or partner of our congregation and honor them with a special offering. This month's special offering is in honor of the greater church. As a congregation that is part of a denomination we participate in the cooperation of many

congregations across the nation. Here, in our synod – the St. Paul Area Synod – is where our cooperation is strongest.

The Saint Paul Area Synod is made up of 102 congregations; mission starts and institutions committed to growing in faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Living out of our identity as Lutherans, we recognize we are grasped by grace and are free to devote our energy to being church in a way that is rooted in tradition and open to experimentation. When the congregations & ministries of our synod assemble together for the annual business in May there will also be time to worship together. In that worship service will be an opportunity for offering. Offering collected at the synod assembly benefits a different ministry each year. While we do not yet know this year's designated ministries, we are committed to making an offering of at least \$100.00. If you would like to honor this offering to our shared ministry with other people and communities, you can do so in this month's special offering.

Options for Women & Families Annual Sweet & Savory Social

Saturday, February 7th at 6:00 PM at St. Bridget's Catholic Church, 13060 Lake Blvd, Lindstrom. Enjoy a free will offering meal of soups, salads, breads & desserts. There will also be a silent auction & raffle.

ReFresh ReNew ReClaim: A Day for Women Connecting

Saturday, February 21st - 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Bethesda, Inver Grove Heights

The women's ministry of Bethesda invites women from across the synod to this event featuring Cathy Nordheim, an educator and spiritual director for women of all ages. She will bring music, humor and perspective to the joys and challenges of womanhood in these stressful times. The cost is \$35, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch, music and worship, small groups and fellowship.

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday, February 2nd: 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Wednesday, February 4th: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Thursday, February 5th: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Scripture for the Coming Week

Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
Psalms 112:1-9 [10]
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
Matthew 5:13-20

Worship Leaders: Next Sunday, February 8th

Ushers: Brian & Diana Flaten

Musicians: Praise Band

Acolytes:

AV:

Lector: Sandy Holmberg

Prayers / Liturgists: Alex Flaten, Gracie Larson,
Marilyn Schoolmeesters

Communion Assistants: Deb Dahlberg & Teresa Hasbrook

Altar Guild: Muriel Bungert & Millie Peters

Flowers on the Altar: