

May 3rd, 2026

# First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## Worship Leaders: This Sunday, May 3rd

**Ushers:** April Klar & Chase Carlson

**Musicians:** Praise Band

**AV:** Brenda Taylor

**Acolytes:**

**Lector:** Shari Schlagel

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

**Communion Assistants:** Maureen Sybrant & Alissa Zeltinger

**Altar Guild:** Shari Schlagel

**Flowers on the Altar:**

## Events This Week

May 3

9:00 AM: Worship with Praise Band

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

May 6

9:00 AM: Quilters

May 7

9:30 AM: Ruth Circle Meeting

7:00 PM: Call Committee Meeting

May 9

8:00 AM: Church Clean Up

May 10

Mother's Day

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

## Dear People of First Lutheran

Thank you for the invitation to be among you last Sunday. It felt great to see and visit with so many of you. I was grateful for the opportunity to preach to you and to affirm your call as God's people. I am excited for your future! Peace be with you, Pastor Nathan.

## 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 on the bulletin board in the church hallway 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.

## Our Call Process

In April we elected four additional members to our call committee as they enter into the second phase of the committee's work.

Thank you Nadin Omans, Mike Papke, Brenda Taylor, and Tim Zaske for allowing their names to go forward and for being willing to serve.

In May the Call Committee will begin meeting with our synod liaison to search for and discern with potential pastoral candidates. We are grateful for your participation and investment in the transition and call process thus far. Please keep the call committee and potential pastoral candidates in your prayers as we head into the next phase of our call process.

## **Ruth Circle**

Meets on Thursday, May 7th at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

## **Spring Clean Up Day**

Saturday, May 9th from 8:00 AM – 12 Noon. We're going to cut down trees, fix the ditch drainage, wash windows, and trim shrubs. If you have equipment to lend a hand, please bring it! If you only have hands to lend, we're grateful for them. Many hands make light work to steward this precious resource. If you have questions, contact Mike Griffin at 651-245-2403.

## **Dine & Discover**

Wednesday, May 13th at 3:30 PM at the Rush City Community Center. The topic is Safe Use of Medications: hidden hazards of on-line and over-the-counter drugs and more. This is for older adults and caregivers. Hosted by the Chisago Age Well Coalition with the assistance of the Initiative Foundation and a Title III Grant from the Central Minnesota Council on Aging as part of the Older American Act. Register by Friday, May 8th by calling 651-674-1025.

## **Attention Knitters and Crocheters**

Prayer Shawl will meet on Thursday May 14th at 1:00 PM. Please join us in this important ministry for fellowship, support and community. All are welcome regardless of your skill level.

## **East Central Minnesota Chorale and Unum Vox Spring Gala**

Concert, Scholarship Fundraiser and Basket Raffle will be on Saturday, May 16th at the Braham Event Center. Tickets are \$50 and are available from Chorale and Unum Vox members or online at: [www.eastcentralmnchorale.org](http://www.eastcentralmnchorale.org)

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# Baccalaureate Sunday

GRADUATION QUILTS, SCHOLARSHIPS,  
BLESSING THEM FOR THE NEXT CHAPTER



MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

# PENTECOST SUNDAY

Worship together with First Rush  
City, Calvary, First Harris, & Spring  
Lake Lutheran Churches  
*potluck after worship*



## **Can You Potluck?**

This is our call for all your best Jello salads, ham roll-ups, breakfast bakes, and last-minute bag of chips from the Kwik Trip. If Jesus feeding more than 5,000 people taught us anything it's that little bits add up to more than enough. All are welcome regardless of contribution. Thank you to those who are able to share a dish for our Memorial Day / Pentecost potluck on May 24th.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

The Annual WELCA Salad Luncheon is Wednesday, June 10th from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy a wide variety of salads. Take outs available. Free-will offering. Questions: contact Sue Mold.

## **Piecemakers Quilt Guild**

Annual Community Event will be on Monday, June 15th at 7:00 PM here at First Lutheran Church. Featuring gifted quilting artist Nancy Swanwick of Fort Scott, Kansas. The presentation will include hand-pieced, hand-appliqued and hand-quilted works of art. There is no cost to attend this event. All are welcome! Refreshments will follow.

Note: Nancy will be teaching a class the same day here at 9:00 AM. The class, Random Access, is an original quilt design using Fat Quarters and will be sewn on your machine. The fee is \$30 and participants must register for this class in advance. Homework instructions will be provided following registration and payment. For information or to register, call or text Kathy at 651-248-0243.

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

Monday, May 4th: 1:00 - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday, May 6th: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
**Please Note: Thursday, May 7th: CLOSED**

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

*Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31*  
*Psalm 66:8-20*  
*1 Peter 3:13-22*  
*John 14:15-21*

### **Worship Leaders: Next Sunday, May 10th**

**Ushers:** Dawn & Skylar Nelson

**Musician:** Malcolm Anderson

**AV:**

**Acolytes:** Skylar & Chloe Nelson

**Lector:** Riley Zeltinger

**Prayers/Liturgists:** Pastor John Omans

**Communion Assistants:** Sue Griffin & Millie Peters

**Altar Guild:** Shari Schlagel

**Flowers on the Altar:** Gloria Oscarson