

July 19th, 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, July 19th

Ushers: Kathy Olson & Maureen Sybrant

Musicians: Praise Band

AV: Cindy Hagen

Acolytes:

Lector: Riley Zeltinger

Prayers/Liturgists: Alex Flaten & Gracie Larson

Communion Assistants: Jamie & Emily Smuder

Altar Guild: Sue Griffin & Pam Meissner

Flowers on the Altar:

Events This Week

July 19

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

July 22

9:00 AM: Quilters

1:00 PM: Bible Study

7:00 PM: Call Committee Meeting

July 26

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

Call Committee Update

The call committee will soon receive pastoral candidates for interview and they're just about ready! With the committee and process for interview and discernment prepared, the committee is conducting mock interviews to practice and prepare before they interview serious candidates. Keep them in your prayers in the coming weeks as they forge ahead in discernment with the Holy Spirit and our potential new pastor.

County Fair Parking

Thank you to all those who helped with the county fair parking lots last weekend! Thank you to Becky Winberg who organized the whole effort this year. Thank you to Vern Koepp who took on the RCEF volunteers and the lot set up. Thank you to those who helped him and Becky to set up everything. Thank you to those who served shifts. Thank you to Alissa Zeltinger who took on some of the organizing over the weekend.

Your efforts fulfilled our mission to serve all people including the whole county and beyond. Our presence and God's grace was known through your actions at the gate. You also helped our church raise some funds for future ministry through First Lutheran.



Thank you to Vern Koepp who made the sandwich board signs and Kathy McDonald and McDonald's Distributing for donating the First Lutheran parking sign.



Farewell Celebration for Bishop Lull

"Other seeds fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." — Mark 4:8



The Saint Paul Area Synod invites you to join us for a celebration of thanksgiving and blessing as we honor Bishop Patricia Lull and her 12 years of faithful service among us. Like the sower in Jesus' parable, Bishop Lull has scattered seeds of faith, hope, and love through her leadership, encouragement, wisdom, and care. During her tenure, congregations have been strengthened, leaders have been nurtured, and communities have been inspired to live more deeply into God's mission.

As Bishop Lull concludes her service as bishop, we gather in gratitude for God's many gifts embodied throughout her ministry. Together we will celebrate the seeds she has sown, the growth God has given, and the abundant blessings that will continue to bear fruit for years to come. Please join us for an afternoon of hymn singing, story-telling and thanksgiving for Bishop Lull's faithful leadership as we commend her to the next chapter of God's call. *Note: a program and hymn sing will begin at 3:00 PM.*

If you plan to attend, please fill out a brief sign-up form so we have an idea of how many people to plan for. To link to sign up is: <https://bit.ly/celebratelull>

Can't attend in person? The livestream link is:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/2SKU9SmXBA0?si=CQ8DXcFFWi5xssFN>

Church Office Hours This Week

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

Scripture for the Coming Week

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

June 2026 Giving

General Fund

\$12,502



Payment Type	Amount
Checks	\$9,315
Cash	\$1,117
Online	\$2,070
Total	\$12,502

Worship Leaders: Next Sunday, July 26th

Ushers: Mary Hutchens & Clarice Stream

Musician: David Langemo

Acolytes:

Lector: Alex Flaten

Prayers/Liturgist: Teresa Hasbrook

Communion Assistants: Jean Hoffman & Cindy Koepp

Altar Guild: Sue Griffin & Pam Meissner

Flowers on the Altar: