

July 27th, 2025

First Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Worship Leaders: Sunday, July 27th

Ushers: Jill Olson & Beth Shephard

Musicians: Praise Band

AV: Cindy Hagen

Lector: Alex Flaten

Acolytes:

Communion Assistants: Deb Dahlberg & Teresa Hasbrook

Altar Guild: Sue Griffin & Pam Meissner

Flowers on the Altar: Glen & Carolyn Holmstrom in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Events this week

July 27

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

10:30 AM: Christian Education Meeting

July 30

9:00 AM: Quilters

August 1

10:00 AM: Bronson Erickson Visitation

11:00 AM: Bronson Erickson Funeral Service

August 3

9:00 AM: Worship

10:00 AM: Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Hour Conversation

John and Nadine Omans attended the EcoFaith Summit in April of 2025. This was the second year they attended. The EcoFaith Network of the St Paul Area Synod, the Northeastern Minnesota Synod, and the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin plan and sponsor an annual EcoFaith Summit. This powerful day had a theme of "Earth's Cries, Earth's Call: Becoming Midwives of Hope for the Healing of Creation." This was an inspiring event, and it was very well organized. They were moved by the keynote address by Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda author of *Building a Moral Economy: Pathways for People of Courage*. Dr. Moe-Lobeda is a theological ethicist. She said clearly that this is the most important and consequential time to be alive. Creation is desperate for us to change our ways. Dr. Kelly Sherman-Conroy's response to the keynote address was filled with insight and wisdom. John and Nadine look forward to sharing their experience of this event today during coffee hour fellowship, please join us!

Church Office Hours This Week

Monday, July 28th: 1:00 – 5:00 PM

Wednesday, July 30th: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Thursday, July 31st: 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Worship Next Sunday, August 3rd

Next Sunday we're worshipping outdoors! Bring your lawn chair & something cool to drink. We'll be in the shade of the trees for the morning. In the case of rain, worship will be indoors as usual.

In Sympathy

To the family of Bronson Erickson who died on Friday, July 11th.

Visitation: 5:00 – 8:00 PM Thursday, July 31st at the Olson Funeral Chapel.

Funeral: 11:00 AM Friday, August 1st with visitation one hour prior here at First Lutheran Church.

Burial: Immediately following the funeral service.

Luncheon at the church will follow the burial.

Church Council

We need YOU! Church Council is on the next step of our membership roll update. In two weeks, we will be sending a letter to you. Included with that letter will be a form to update all your information. We need to have these forms returned to us by August 17th. There will be an online option on our webpage if you prefer. If you do not want to wait and are super excited about filling out forms, we will have some available during Coffee Fellowship!

RAISE THE ROOF!

Or in this case - FIX THE ROOF! We have secured the funds to fix the roof and it couldn't have come at a better time! We have secured the funding necessary to get our roof repaired through generous donations from the Frandsen Foundation, the Erickson Estate, The Erickson Memorial Fund and all of your generous donations to the building fund. Thank you all so very much for the continued care of our beautiful building.

Lutheran Night at Target Field | Thursday, August 14th - 6:40 PM | Target Field, Minneapolis

Take yourself out to the ball game with other area Lutherans! There are a variety of seating options and pricing, ranging from upper level (\$18) to club level (\$51) and more. For group or individual tickets, contact Ryan Thomson at 612-659-3582 or ryanthomson@twins.com.

National Anthem Lutheran Mass Choir

Let's show Minnesota that Lutherans can SING! Gather with other voices to sing the national anthem at the start of the game at Lutheran Night on Thursday, August 14th. You will need to get to the field by 5:40 PM and meet the group outside the stadium by Gate 6. For complete instructions or any questions about joining email lutherannight@gmail.com.

Call Committee Presentation

Save the date to hear a presentation from the call committee & launch of a congregation survey on August 17th during coffee hour!



Scripture for the coming week

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

Worship Leaders: Sunday, August 3rd

Ushers: Randy & Sue Mold

Musicians: Troy Heling & Jim Schoolmeesters

Acolytes: Addie Stavig & Kinley Zeltinger

Lector: Riley Zeltinger

Assisting Minister: Pastor John Omans

Communion Assistants: Cindy Koepp & Millie Peters

Altar Guild: Muriel Bungert & Millie Peters