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FROM THE PASTOR

YOU MAY NOT have known this, but our Youth Director, Colton Laptad, is also a seminarian at Luther Seminary studying for Word and Sacrament ministry. He's taking online classes and attends a few times a year in person. One of the requirements for Word and Sacrament ministry and a Master of Divinity degree is to complete a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education or CPE. This is essentially serving as a chaplain for three months under supervision and learning how to provide pastoral care to people who are going through some kind of hardship. Often CPE is done in a hospital, prison or mental health facility to give a students ample opportunity for visits. First Lutheran has been approved to be a site for Colton to do this work under supervision from Buen Vivir CPE. He will do the education piece from Buen Vivir and the Clinical work with First Lutheran, and I will serve as the preceptor.

What this means is that we will be inviting Colton to begin visiting members as part of our Pastoral Care team. He will be setting up pastoral visits at members' homes, assisted living facilities, rehabilitation centers as well as helping with hospital visitation and hospice care. This comes at a great time for us as Pastor Carrie is on sabbatical, and we

need the additional help in providing care to our congregation.

I have great memories of my own CPE at St. Mark's Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. I learned how to be aware of my own feelings and reactions so that I could put them aside while I was fully present with the person I was visiting. Every time I visit one of your homes or see you in the hospital or call you before a surgery, I rely on the training I received during that summer. I'm praying for Colton as he enters this time of learning and formation.

I am writing to ask you to receive him as a pastoral care giver. Please say yes if he reaches out to you to schedule a visit. Please receive him as you would one of our pastors or Christian caregivers should he visit you in the hospital or come to offer prayers for you in your last days. He will be a gift to you, and you will be giving a gift to him and to the whole Christian church as you help prepare him to offer this care to hundreds and even thousands of others throughout his career.

First Lutheran has become a teaching congregation in many ways. We have had three interns now, in Deacon Macy, in Pastor Michaela and Pastor Ashley (whom I supervised while she served elsewhere). Now we have the chance to be part of God's work to form Colton as he discerns a call to full – time ministry in the church.



PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

Sunday's Message

APRIL 19, 2026

ACTS 6: 1 – 7

PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

I WANT YOU to imagine this story of the early church as if the opposite happened. There is a problem in the early church because the church has included two different kinds of people. There were the Hebrews who spoke Aramaic and Hebrew and centered their worship on the temple. And there were the Hellenists who spoke Greek and were raised in a more secular culture. Both were Jews who had come to believe in Jesus and join this new Christian movement that started in Jerusalem. The Hellenists were the minority group. They spoke a different language; they had different backgrounds. Yet God has brought the two groups together in faith in Jesus, and now they are trying to live together as one church. The church is growing rapidly as more people come to faith. But the Hellenists notice that their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Widows at that time needed the community to take care of them and needed people to speak up for them. So the Hellenists go to the apostles and bring this problem to their attention.

Now imagine the apostles did exactly the opposite of what we read. Imagine if they ignored the complaint; they told the Hellenists to quit whining. Imagine if they said, “Hey we have more important things to deal with than worrying about food distribution.” Imagine if they looked to the Hebrew leaders and asked them to handle it and made no changes or additions to leadership. They could have decided to handle it themselves, taking an approach many leaders fall into, “If you want something done right, you have to do it yourself.” Those were all options on the table for the apostles. And if they did any of what I describe, the mission of the church falls apart. The

widows aren't cared for, or the apostles find themselves no longer attending to God's word and becoming more of a social justice movement. Or the church loses the Hellenists and becomes a small Hebrew sect. Fortunately, they didn't do what I describe. And their actions tell us a lot about the values of the early church and how they handled the growing pains as God brought all sorts of people to faith. They know what their chief job is and they don't want to make any decisions that will dilute their attention to that. But on the other hand, the gospel that they preach is inclusive. Jesus was always including the outsider. He included women and children when others excluded them. Jesus included those who were marginalized because of sickness and disability or ethnicity or profession.

A chief value of Jesus that the apostles adhered to is to include those who are being excluded. The Hellenist widows are being excluded so the apostles take action. They bring the matter to the whole church and suggest a solution, which means they don't ignore the problem. And their solution includes elevating members of the Hellenists to leadership. Every member of the seven appointed to fix this has a Greek name, not a Hebrew one. There is great wisdom here from the apostles; they make sure the ones in charge of solving this speak the language of those being neglected and were raised in the culture of those in need. They understand that failure to care will adversely impact the mission of the gospel. There is a direct correlation between making a plan to care for the widows and the growth of the church. They succeed as Luke writes in Acts 6:7, “The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples

increased greatly in the Jerusalem”.

When care fails, witness fails. When care thrives, our witness thrives. This story of the early church guides us today in how we manage our congregation. First Lutheran is a healthy church. We are growing, new people are coming every week, people are getting baptized and coming to faith. Our worship attendance has been on the increase for several years, which means we have all the same problems that the early church had. We don't have Hebrews and Greeks, but we have those raised Lutheran and those who were raised in another faith. We have all sorts of fault lines that could become divisions if we are not careful. Mainline and Evangelical, young and old. People new to First Lutheran and people who have been here for decades. The old guard and the new guard. Couples and singles, people with children and those without. White collar and blue collar, wealthy and not so wealthy.

As God grows this community, we will need to pay attention to make sure nobody is neglected, nobody is left out. And we will continue to give priority to raising up new leaders, new volunteers to serve this community. Which means even if you are brand new to First Lutheran, I need you to think of yourself as a leader, as someone who can volunteer to help us. That's the thing the apostles knew, the solution to the problem was volunteers and leaders, people who would commit to serve. Be careful what you complain about, you might get put in charge of the solution. We laugh about that, but this scripture asks us to look at ourselves as the solution to the needs of the church.

Cheryl, our Minister of Congregational Service, will tell you how important it is that we have people each week to serve in Sunday roles: people to carry the cross, give bread and wine in communion, greet people at the door, collect the offering, hand out bulletins, and be ready to assist those in need. One of the problems that people bring to our attention is that the same people tend to do this work. That leads to burnout and makes it more difficult to make sure these roles are done. The solution is the same as it has always been, we need you to help and partici-

pate. Sometimes people hesitate to sign up because they think it's covered by the old guard or they worry about not knowing what to do, or fear getting over committed. Yet we also know that many hands make light work and the more of us who say yes, the easier the work will be.

I remember coming home from seminary for the summer, and my mom had signed up to be a greeter at church. She said they needed one more person and asked if I would serve with her. I said yes, kind of thinking it was willy for a seminarian like me to be a greeter. I definitely had an arrogance problem in my first years of seminary. But I joined my mom in greeting just 15 minutes or so before the service started, and I was blown away by the experience. All I did was shake hands and smile as people came to church, but I quickly realized that for some of the people coming that would be the only touch they received all week. For some that smile from a young man gave them hope for the future of the church. For new people to the church, I was able to answer a question and make their first impression a positive one that would help them join this community. I learned of upcoming surgeries and recent losses that I was able to pass on to the pastors and volunteers in that area. Most of that 15 minutes was just creating a positive atmosphere that gave a little lift to people's hearts and prepared them for worship. We shook hands for 15 minutes and then went to worship, and I felt closer to my mom, closer to the church, and closer to God.

God humbled me that day and taught me what the apostles knew. Every act of service in the church matters, from those preparing the sermon, to those setting the communion table, to those cleaning the pews after worship. It is all aimed toward the same thing. Obviously I'm trying to get you all to sign up to serve the church in some way but not just because it's needed. I know that you will be strengthened in your own faith when you serve. You will make new friendships within this community and your spirit will be encouraged as you contribute to this mission of God at First Lutheran.

I remember when Gail Friedly first volunteered as a worship assistant, helping give the wine at commu-

nion. She came up to me afterwards with tears in her eyes and shared how surprised she was at the holiness of the work and how much it meant to give the blood of Christ to people with outstretched hands. I want as many of you as possible to have the experience of encountering God through these acts of service. There are some things in the church that almost anyone can do and we should make sure everyone gets a turn. Being an usher, a worship assistant, a greeter are some of these things. I'd include crucifer, but our cross is pretty heavy so you need at least a little muscle to do that. And there are other things that you might be called to because of your particular gifts. Being a Christian caregiver or a Sunday School teacher, or leading worship at the nursing home. Serving the Clean and Safe project downtown or helping support teachers at Sand Creek.

First Lutheran is a church that serves, we serve one another and we serve this community. Each of us plays our part and some of you already know your part and play it well. Some of you care so much about this church and the mission we share that you play multiple parts. I am grateful for that but also know we are working to get you some help because if you burn out, our mission suffers. That's why we are having this Service Fair today to see if those of you on the sidelines might say yes to helping the church. Those seven Hellenists who were chosen to make sure the widows weren't neglected helped the church reach new people with the good news of Jesus. They helped create a community where everyone was treated equally, where it was clear to new people, this was a community of love. We are always changing as a church, and change seems to come more quickly these days. But as we change, our mission to share God's love in every aspect of our organization remains the same.

The early church didn't need anyone to run the live stream or make sure the pastor's microphone was on. But the purpose of serving remains the same, helping God's word bring life to the next person. I think of the widows who started receiving food who began getting attention and love from their Christian community. Instead of being alone and vulnerable

they were wrapped up into a community of love. They knew they mattered. God is always creating the church, always working to make sure we are a community of welcome and love. I know I've received that over and over again through Christ's church. That's how it works here, we receive so much and then we give back so others can receive it, too. And somehow in that giving. God gives even more to us in our service to others. We are served by a God who made us for community, made us for each other. May God continue to bless us through the gifts of one another and use our gifts to be a blessing to others in need. Amen.

NATIONAL FAITH + CLIMATE FORUM

Grace and St. Stephen's will serve as a host site on Saturday, April 25, in partnership with All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. As the only host site in Colorado Springs, we welcome participants of all faiths to this inspiring day of learning and connection.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, author of *What If We Get It Right?* and a leading voice in climate action, justice, and community engagement.

With the theme *The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow*, the forum invites us to explore how faith communities can lead with courage, compassion, and hope. Through workshops, conversations, and storytelling, we'll learn, connect, and spark meaningful action for a more sustainable and equitable world – whether you're new to this work or deeply engaged.

EVENT DETAILS:

- Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026
- Time: 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Location: Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 601 N. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs
- Light lunch, snacks, and beverages provided

REGISTRATION IS FREE AND EASY:

Visit <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org>, choose "Attend in person at a designated host location," and select Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now \$100.

Order flowers here: <https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq>

VOLUNTEER TRAINING VIDEOS

Sometimes people don't want to volunteer in areas where they are put in the public eye (Worship Assistant and Usher). We are going to produce training videos to help teach you all the nuances of serving in these areas. If you love serving as a Worship Assistant or an Usher, we'd like you to be an actor in our training videos! Contact cheryl@flccs.net

MAY OWLS – STARS MORE VISITOR AND NATURE CENTER HUMMINGBIRD PRESENTATION

TUESDAY | MAY 12

LEAVE: 9:30 A.M. | TOUR TIME: 10 A.M.

COST: \$10 DONATION

Please join the OWLS as we step into nature in North Cheyenne Cañon at the Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center for a hummingbird presentation. The presentation will be out on the veranda, so remember to bring a jacket. We will have time to walk around the Nature Center and enjoy all the blooms of Colorado. Lunch is at the Creekwalk Shopping Center restaurants (pay on your own)

For more information, please visit their website:

<https://coloradosprings.gov/starsmore>.

Capacity of 30 guests.

Sign Up Deadline: Wednesday, May 6

Please sign up by using the following link:

<https://bit.ly/4sJzk6U> or by calling First Lutheran at 719.632.8836.



APRIL INGATHERING OF FOOD FOR CARE AND SHARE
Please bring non-perishable and unexpired food to the Gathering Place vestibule.

Most needed items include canned fruit, canned vegetables, soup, canned meat or tuna, peanut butter, cereal, oatmeal, pre-packaged snacks, and boxed dinners.

CHERYL'S CORNER

WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THERE WERE NO COFFEE AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY MORNING?

Every Sunday, our congregation is welcomed not only by worship and community but also by the warm, familiar aroma of freshly brewed coffee and the comfort of homemade bread. As many of you know, Pastor Travis — and at least one other generous member of our church family — brings in sourdough bread each week. Our volunteers slice it, set out butter, and make sure everyone has the chance to enjoy this simple but meaningful act of hospitality. A few months ago, Pastor Michaela expanded this offering by adding muffins and fruit, creating an even more inviting spread for members and guests alike.

What many may not realize is just how much work goes into making this Sunday tradition possible. We average 447 worshipers each week.

To keep the coffee pots full and the goodie tables replenished, it takes two volunteers before and after the 8 a.m. service and two more before and after the 11 a.m. service. Over the course of a quarter, that adds up to 26 volunteer slots per shift — a significant commitment.

Right now, we have 13 people willing to serve

during the first shift and eight people for the second. These are individuals who already give generously of their time in many other areas: greeting, ushering, serving as worship assistants, and helping tidy the Sanctuary. Ideally, no volunteer should feel obligated to serve as coffee reception host more than once per quarter. Yet with our current numbers, many are stepping in far more often than that.

For several weeks, we have advertised in the Ekklesia, inviting more members to join the coffee reception team. While no one has reached out to learn about this area of service, we have heard a different kind of feedback; several people have suggested that if no one signs up for a given week, perhaps we should simply not offer coffee or goodies that Sunday.


This raises an important question for us as a community. Would this be acceptable? Hospitality is one of the ways we express welcome to visitors and care for one another. A warm cup of coffee and a small bite to eat may seem like a minor detail, but for many, it is a gesture that says, “We’re glad you’re here.”

As we consider how to move forward, we invite you to reflect on what this tradition means to you — and whether you might be willing to help sustain it. Our Sunday hospitality is a shared gift, and it thrives when many hands participate in offering it.

If you feel called to serve, even once a quarter, your contribution would make a meaningful difference.



CHERYL MAHON, MINISTER OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICE



Answering God
PRAYING
the **PSALMS**

SUNDAYS | APRIL 12, 19, & 26
PEEL HOUSE | 9:15 A.M.

APRIL 12: THE PSALMS IN COMMUNAL WORSHIP SUNDAY

APRIL 19: THE PSALMS AS TOOLS FOR PRAYER SUNDAY

APRIL 26: A PLAN FOR PRAYING THE PSALMS

How do you think of the Psalms? Some of us think of them as hymns, which they are. Others of us think of them as poetry, which they also are. How many of us think of them as a template for our prayers?

This three-part series will consider the Psalms as tools for prayer, as they present the full range of human emotions in all their beauty and fury. Jesus prayed the Psalms and so can we. If your prayer life could use a boost, incorporating the Psalms into your daily prayers and devotions can be a way to feel closer to God. Bring your bibles and join our study of the Psalms.

LIFT A TORCH FOR LFSRM INNKEEPER DINNER

U.S. OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC MUSEUM

Walk amongst the legacy of some of our greatest athletes ever, as we host our annual LFSRM Innkeeper Dinner in Colorado Springs on **Thursday, September 17**. Enjoy a cocktail, a silent auction, dinner, learning about the agency's accomplishments, AND museum access from 8:30-10 p.m. For now, please mark your calendar and plan to spend this special evening supporting LFSRM's programs, clients, and mission!

INNKEEPER 2026 IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Are you interested in helping LFSRM (Lutheran Family Services Rocky Mountain) meet its mission? We are looking for individuals that are interested in joining our InnKeeper Planning Committee that plays a crucial role in ensuring the attendees to this annual fundraising event have a memorable and meaningful experience. If you are interested in volunteering for Innkeeper. Please visit

<https://www.lfsrm.org/Get-Involved-Volunteer>

REFUGEES IN NEED OF A FEW ITEMS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Our Colorado Springs Refugee and Asylee Office is looking for floor lamps, deodorant and all-purpose cleaner to support clients in need. **If you can support this request, please reach out to Adalie Duncan at Adalie.duncan@lfsrm.org, 719.922.4580.**

DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.

VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/41Rh4ff>

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 12	Nakhon Luang Thai 805 Village Center Drive
May 26	Jake & Telly's Greek Taverna, 2616 Colorado Avenue, #24
June 9	Lumen 8 402 South Tejon
June 23	Old Spaghetti Factory 3101 N New Center Point

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

SATURDAY | APRIL 25 | 9:30 A.M.

Our annual *Gallery of Living Art* has stretches of time in which the congregation sits in the dark. We're looking for ideas of ways we could fill this time with things that provide visual interest while moving the story along...visible narrators? Projection? Bring your ideas and join us for a brainstorming session at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 25, in the church library. For more information, contact Eric Wicks at eric@flccs.net.



Volunteer to Become a
COFFEE RECEPTION HOST!

Please email cheryl@flccs.net if you'd like to give it a try.

SPRING 2026 BREAKFAST FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF OF SAND CREEK

As the church partner to Sand Creek International School (K-8), First Lutheran will be providing breakfast for the teachers and staff to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week on Monday, May 4, 2026! Let's show them some love!

You can help by providing breakfast items, setting up the breakfast, or hosting and cleaning up. If you are not planning to bring your items directly to the school on Tuesday, please drop them off in the Gathering Place by Sunday, May 3, 2026.

Sign up on the "Church" app or by using this link:
<https://bit.ly/4ixFVGy>

THE EMMAUS WAY

HE IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

As we look more into Easter being a fifty-day season, I'm doing something different: I'm re-posting most of someone else's article. I'm not very familiar with Derek Penwell's writing, and I'm quite sure I don't agree with everything he says. However, this article really resonated with me concerning our idea of keeping the Easter feast as a practice, especially since he frames doing so in the midst of a troubled world. (It's a public post that he gives permission to share; I've edited it for space and content. And I respect his honesty in what he named his website, *Heretic Adjacent*; it shows me his willingness to wrestle with hard things.):

"We got it backwards. We treat Easter in our culture like a one-day event: sunrise service, too much chocolate, ham, maybe a new outfit, and then back to Ordinary Time. We act like resurrection is a finish line rather than the starting line...

The church knew better, which is why the liturgical year keeps time differently from the rest of the world.

Eastertide runs fifty days, from Resurrection Sunday to Pentecost. Fifty days of living inside the claim that death doesn't get the last word. Fifty days of practicing what it looks like to be people who refuse to be governed

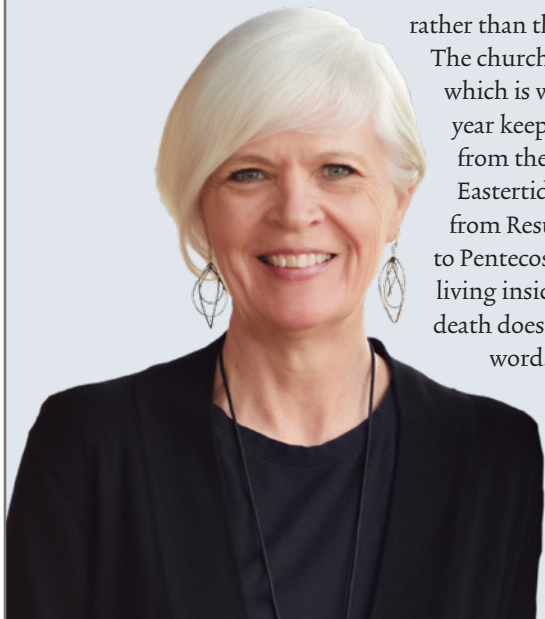
by fear, because we've staked our lives on the conviction that the worst thing that can happen isn't actually the last thing that can happen...

"[W]hen Easter collapses into a single morning, resurrection becomes sentimental.... It shrinks to become the kind of faith that feels good on a Sunday but offers nothing useful by Monday when the news is already terrible again, and the cruelty seems freshly organized... But Easter as a season? That's a story we can live inside of. That's something that can hold us.

"The earliest followers of Jesus didn't walk away from the empty tomb with their problems solved and a spring in their step. They walked away confused, frightened, and facing the same empire that'd just lynched their teacher [and friend]... What changed after Easter wasn't their circumstances so much as their orientation to those circumstances. Resurrection didn't remove the Roman boot from their necks. It told them the Roman boot wasn't the truest thing about the world...

"[After resurrection] ... there's no normal to go back to. There's only the long, stubborn, fifty-day Eastertide insistence that love is more durable than anything Caesar can throw at us. After all, what sustains us isn't optimism. It's the story of Jesus' resurrection and the promise that even the systems of domination and cruelty wielded by Caesar don't get the last word."

Alleluia! Let's keep the feast together.



LORI DUNCAN, MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL CARE

VBS



RAINFOREST FALLS

Exploring The Nature of God

Mark Your Calendars!
June 8 - 12, 2026





BASIC

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 22 - AUGUST 12
6 - 7:30 P.M. | PEEL HOUSE, ROOM 201
LED BY DEACON JANICE ZIMBELMAN

APRIL 22	BIBLE, PART ONE
APRIL 29	BIBLE, PART TWO
MAY 20	ABIDE, PART ONE
MAY 27	ABIDE, PART TWO
JUNE 10	SALVATION, PART ONE
JUNE 24	SALVATION, PART TWO
JULY 15	IMITATION, PART ONE
JULY 22	IMITATION, PART TWO
AUGUST 5	CHURCH, PART ONE
AUGUST 12	CHURCH, PART TWO

Don't miss this opportunity to build a stronger foundation – together!

Join us this Spring for the *new* BASIC – a small group experience designed to ground you in the essentials of the Christian faith. Each session, you'll watch the assigned videos on your own, then gather with others to dig deeper into what it means to believe the BIBLE, ABIDE in Christ, receive SALVATION, IMITATE Jesus, and belong to the CHURCH.

In the Life of the Church ...

Birthdays

- April 27** Amie Clearie
Fran Freese
Mark Pimental
Nathan Richard
- April 28** Ken Boehm
Candi Mountain – Gaddie
Susan Wood-Ellis
- April 29** Zachary Isidore
Britt Knox
Evie Tilton
John Tuma
Carol Yorke
- April 30** Johnny Torres
- May 1** Stephanie deGuzman
Molly Kovarna
Kathy Thorson
- May 2** Wayne Hjelmstad
Grace Morgan
Bill Phipps
Betsy Pimental
- May 3** Michael Armijo
Kylie Cohrs
Lydia Heim
Katie Kurtz
Candy Lesoin

Anniversaries

- April 28**
Art and Katy Hammersmark *42 years*
- April 29**
Don and Jane Smith *11 years*
- April 30**
Mike and Marlene Bigelow *32 years*
Kathy and Frank Schroeder *38 years*
- May 2**
Dick and Janet Bowman *56 years*



Prayer Requests

Lannette Abbey
Beth Allen
Fred Bachmeier
Brad Bauer
Elmer Bauman
Joseph Beall
Tana Beall
Joan Boehm
Brittany Bryon
Bill & Barbara Brown
Bryson
Kathleen Capron
Karl & Pam Cartwright
Tanya Charbonneau
John & Debbie Chlebus
Nell Clowder
Linda Collier
Bill Curtis
Rinda Dunson
Darlene Edwards
Alan Flinn
Karen Frank
Edna Fross
Corinne Gibson
Sandie Gilliam & Family
Dennis Goldston
Pam Goodhue & Family
Nola Gosch
Deb Grove
Judy Hagge & Family
Hannah
Private Steven Harris
Doug Hering
Ginger Hipszky
Jake Hodnett
Sonny & Deb Hood
Bill & Doreen Hulka
Irene
Alan Jacobsen
Josh Jones
Shirley Jones

Ann Junk
Jonas Kagarise
Tami Kephart
Kyong Kelley
Gaye Lynn Kielcheski
Cindy Koger
Haley Larkin
Jesse Lawrence & Family
Timothy Lillich
Dayne Lindquist
Irene Lopez
Sally Lundmark
Susan Lundmark
Jim Matthews
Nick McKibben & Family
Hugh McNeely
Karen Mena
Brandon Miller & Family
Marilyn Miller
Larry Moe
Paul Moe
Levi Morarie
Michael Morarie
Wilma Nicolaisen
Nydia and Joshua
Sam Norton
Mike Olsen
Owen & Family
Patsy Pedersen
Jack & Judy Peterson
Ralph Peterson
Darlene Radke
Jeff Rapp
Ray
Skip Robinson & Family
Mark Roth
Ron Scott
The Donna Rae Skovgaard Family
The Bruce Smith Family
Nick Smith & Esty Sihombing
Matthew Stark

Gwen Stein
Becky Sternal
Theresa & Larry Struble
Barbara Swan
Michael Taylor
Aaron & Cindi Thorson
Bob VanDuyn
Karen Henderson-VanDuyn
Doni Vest
Linda Wiegand & Family
Christine Welch
Starr Wise
Greg & Carolyn Young

Please keep these members – and family and friends – of First Lutheran in your prayers this week. If you are requesting to have a name added to the prayer list, please consult with that person prior to making your request. Prayer requests may be submitted by using a Connection Card (in church) or by emailing teri@flccs.net.

In Remembrance of **Judy Robinson**

Skip's wife, whose burial will be at a later date.

Date of death: April 14, 2026.

Worship and Study

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE SANCTUARY
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
10:15 A.M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
DINNER 5:15 P.M. | SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

ONLINE WORSHIP

STREAMED LIVE AT 9:30 A.M.
Tune in on First Lutheran's YouTube channel,
on the church website, or in the church app.

QUARTERLY ADULT EDUCATION

Four times a year, we offer Adult Education classes at a variety of times and on a wide range of interesting topics. Be sure to read the Ekklesia for announcements and information about upcoming programs.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

LUTHER HALL | 10 A.M.
Led by the preaching pastor for the week.

GENERATION TO REVELATION

FIRST LUTHERAN'S NEW PODCAST!
Find our podcast on YouTube, on the church website, or anywhere you get your podcasts.

PASTORAL TEAM

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Carrie Baylis, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES

Acts 2:42- 47
1 Peter 2:19 - 25
John 10:1 - 10

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