



# First Light

## Worship at First

Worship at First - Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the Courtyard  
and 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Weekend Worship is livestreamed each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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### EVENTS HAPPENING IN AUGUST

- ♦ Saturday Worship, 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Sundays –Worship Service, 8:00 a.m. in the Courtyard and in person and livestreamed at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Nursery Sundays, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
- ♦ FELC Golf League – Mondays, 4:30 pm.
- ♦ Staff Meeting – Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Homebound Communion – Sunday, August 2
- ♦ Coffee with Council – Sunday, August 2, Fireside Room
- ♦ LWR Sewing Group – Wednesday, August 5, 9:00 a.m., Room USW-B
- ♦ Touch of Craft – Wednesday, August 5, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 P.M., Room 6
- ♦ Good Samaritan Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 5, on Zoom

- ♦ Reconciling in Christ Meeting, – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, August 6, Conference Room
- ♦ Prayer Shawl Group – 9:30 a.m., Friday, August 7, Fireside Room
- ♦ FLW, 8:30 a.m., Sunday, August 9, Conference Room
- ♦ Reconciling in Christ Creativity, Connection & Conversation – 10:45 a.m. Sunday, August 9, Big Room
- ♦ Council Meeting – Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 p.m. Conference Room
- ♦ Third Saturday Game Night – Saturday, August 15, 6:30 p.m., Big Room
- ♦ Blessing of the Backpacks, Sunday, August 16, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- ♦ Youth Pool Party - Sunday, August 16, 6:00 p.m., Longmont Shores Neighborhood
- ♦ Seasoned Saints – Wednesday, August 19, 10:00 a.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ LWR Sewing Group – Wednesday, August 19, 1:00 p.m., Room USW-B
- ♦ Reconciling in Christ Meeting, – Thursday, August 20, 5:00 p.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Mission and Mahjong –Friday, August 21, 9:30 a.m., Room 5
- ♦ Sunday School Kick Off / Rally Day – Sunday, August 23 10:45 a.m.
- ♦ Confirmation Kick Off – Sunday, August 23 11:45 a.m., Big Room
- ♦ Touch of Craft – Wednesday, August 26, 5:00 p.m., Room 6
- ♦ Coffee with Council – Sunday, August 30
- ♦ Special Congregational Meeting – Sunday, August 30, 10:45 a.m., Big Room

## 2026 JUNE COUNCIL CORNER

### **Church Council Meeting Highlights – Tuesday, July 21, 2026**

Your Church Council met on Tuesday, July 21, and took several important actions as we continue to prepare for the next chapter in the life of First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The Council:

- **Scheduled a Special Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 30, 2026, at 10:45 a.m.** Additional information regarding the August 30 Special Congregational Meeting will be shared in the coming weeks.
- **Brian Mason, District Attorney for Colorado's 17th Judicial District, was recommended by the Rocky Mountain Synod and has been appointed** by the council to serve as **Chair** of the Special Congregational Meeting, August 30, 2026.
- **Unanimously adopted a Resolution** establishing the factual background relating to **Pastor Garrett's End of Call**.
- **Approved a Transition Agreement** with **Pastor Stephanie Kopsch** to serve as our **Interim Pastor** beginning **August 1, 2026**, and continuing until a new pastor has been called.
- **Unanimously approved the** recommendation of the **Parish House Committee**, authorizing the committee to move forward in securing funding for the Parish House project for 2 living units for transitional housing and continuing to work with the OUR Center. The congregation will be asked to consider this proposal at a meeting to be scheduled January 2027.
- **Adopted an updated S.A.F.E. Policy** to help provide a safe and secure environment for our congregation, staff, volunteers, and visitors.
- **Approved Mike Witmore** as a member of the **Personnel Committee**. **Approved Preston Johnson** as a member of the **Constitution Review Committee**.

The Council appreciates the continued prayers, support, and involvement of our congregation as we work together during this important time of transition.

## PASTOR STEPHANIE KOPSCH TO SERVE AS INTERIM PASTOR

The church council unanimously has chosen the Reverend Stephanie Kopsch as Interim Pastor for First Lutheran Church. Pastor Kopsch comes highly recommended by the Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop and staff. She will begin her interim ministry with our congregation August 1 and 2. She is a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has served parishes throughout the Rocky Mountain Synod and the Central States Synod of the ELCA.



Pastor Stephanie was born and raised in Germany and was in the first generation of women admitted to the Ecumenical Institute. During her years growing up in Germany she was a chorister and sang with several choral groups in Germany. She graduated in 1989 from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Austin, Texas. She then attended Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and was ordained in 1993. In 1996, Pastor Stephanie was then accepted in the graduate program in Ecumenical Theology at the University of Geneva, Switzerland.

Since returning to the United States, she has served congregations in Kansas and Colorado, both Lutheran and Episcopalian. Pastor Stephanie is an intentional Interim Pastor of the Rocky Mountain Synod working with congregations moving through the transitional time of a vacancy and call of a new pastor. She has also served as Pastor of Lord of the Mountain Lutheran Church in Dillon.

We are so grateful for the leading of God to bring Pastor Stephanie to our congregation. Let us fill our worship areas to welcome her to our congregation. She is excited and eager to meet all of you. Please join Pastor Stephanie in worship August 1, 5:30 p.m. and August 2, 8:00 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. and at receptions following each worship service. She will serve with our congregation until a new pastor has been called. You are encouraged to wear your name tags so Pastor Kopsch can get to know each of us by name. If you need a nametag, call the church office 303-776-2800.

## DEACON KORRA REFLECTIONS

Dear First Lutheran,

I recently read an article about “*Exploring Gen Z’s Approach to Religion & Spirituality*” based on recent research done by the Barna Group, Fuller Institute and the Asian American Christian Collaborative. The results showed that Gen Z are highly spiritual or curious about spirituality. The top three things Gen Z are looking for in spirituality as follows: Hope, Healing, and Growth. “The data speaks to a need for pastors, deacons, and churchgoers of other generations to connect with Gen Z and meet them where they are in their spiritual journey. It’s hard to start relevant faith conversations with members of Gen Z when you’re unaware of the needs and desires of this generation when it comes to religion and spirituality. David Brana says, “For this rising generation to grab hold of the faith we have in Christ, they need to see a God worth following...Essentially, our research shows people are loved into loving Christ.” As a faith community, may we ask ourselves, what would help create space for conversations that allow people to express their views? Welcome and normalize doubts, questions, uncertain or even misunderstandings? The data shows that Gen Z are more likely than any other generations—including millennials—to say that it’s important to be open to where their faith leads them. Our Faith Formation Team is exploring this question and opportunity for the future. Thank you for praying for our team, our youth, children, and families. May we continue to help all generations grow deeper in their faith and relationship with one another.

*Deacon Korra*

## AUGUST FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

### **Blessing of the Backpacks-**

Sunday, August 16 at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. All students, teachers, and administrators are encouraged to bring their backpacks for a blessing in worship. Afterwards, enjoy games and snacks in the big room!

## NOISY OFFERING

Save your change! Bring it to our "Noisy Offering" on Sunday, August 16 when we have the Blessing of the Backpacks.

## **Youth Pool Party**

Sunday, August 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Longmont Shores Neighborhood. Middle and high school youth will join with youth from Bethlehem Lutheran for a pool party, games, and snacks. Sign up to bring your favorite treat.

## **Sunday School Kick-Off/Rally Day**

Sunday, August 23 10:45 a.m. Can you hear them? They are headed your way! Be ready to greet them at First Lutheran on August 23. This year we will be studying many of the heroes of the Old Testament. We will learn about the Battle of Jericho, Ruth’s love and care of Naomi, David’s fight with Goliath, Queen Esther’s courage, and many more of God’s Super Heroes. But wait—Super Heroes are not just in stories. We are surrounded every day by God’s Super Heroes—our friends, our parents, our classmates and teachers. We all are God’s Super Heroes! Each of God’s children is a super hero working to do learn God’s stories and do God’s work, and FLC Sunday School is a great place to start! Please join us August 23, after church in the courtyard for song, activities, and celebration!

## **Confirmation Kick Off**

Sunday, August 23 11:45 a.m. in the Big Room. Join Deacon Korra and Pastor Katie Chillino from Bethlehem for our first class of the year. All parents are asked to attend to hear about the upcoming year and to ask questions. Snacks will be provided. All future confirmation classes will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 11:45 a.m.-1:45 p.m., alternating between the two churches.

## OUTREACH/SERVICE EVENTS:

### **Hydration Station at the Boulder County Fairgrounds**

*Come, help provide cold water on a hot day at the following celebration! First Lutheran will be giving out free water for the thirsty community at the: **Boulder County Fair Parade, Saturday, August 1, 10am at Roosevelt Park. Sign up with the link below or use the QR Code. Volunteer opportunities start at 8:30am for set-up. See you there!***

### **God’s Work. Our Hands.**

**Service-Learning Day** – Sunday, September 13. This annual day of service is the ELCA’s annual day of service which is an opportunity for congregations to celebrate who we are as a church, engaging in projects that explore our convictions as Lutherans. Choose from one of the following activities to participate that morning after worship:

**Lutheran Family Services** – We will be collecting knitting supplies, yarn, wool, arts & crafts, sketch pads, paints, paint brushes, spiral notebooks, pens, and pencils. All items will be donated to the Women's Group of LFS. Please bring your donated items to the box in the narthex by September 6. On Sunday, September 13 folks will assemble the items and then hear from LFS staff and Women about their programs.

**Our Center** – We will be collecting adult diapers and kids' diapers sizes 5 and 6. Please place the donated diapers in the box in the narthex. On that Sunday, folks who sign up for the project also have the opportunity to assemble rice and beans. After the assembly we will travel to the Our Center for a tour and learn more about the organization.

**St. Vrain Manor** – Have a cookies and coffee conversation with members at St. Vrain. Prior to our visit we will write cards or draw pictures for the members.

**Nicaragua Project** – Hear from a First Lutheran member about the annual mission trip that takes place in Nicaragua and our partnership.

**Friendship Colorado** – Possibility of participating in a food assembly. More information to be determined.

## Order Your God's Work, Our Hands T-Shirt

Order your "God's Work. Our Hands" t-shirt before August 16. To receive our shirts before "God's Work Our Hands Day" on September 13 we need to have everyone's orders in early August. To get a t-shirt, sign up on the flower bulletin board located in the narthex. Cost is \$15. Please pay Maria in the front office upon placing your order.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Confirmation Fall Retreat

Friday, October 2-Sunday, October 4 at Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. Enjoy the beauty of the mountains in the fall for a fabulous prequel to Halloween! Campers will enjoy all the great meals, camp activities, and costume party. The theme is, "Who Am I and How Can I Be a Reformer/Transformer?!" Registration will begin August 23<sup>rd</sup> with a \$50 deposit. For more information, contact Deacon Korra.

### Save the Date! The ELCA National Triannual Youth Gathering

Will be held in Minneapolis June 28-July 2, 2027. Registration will begin in November 2026. All youth entering grades 9-college freshmen are eligible. This is an experience you do not want to miss! See more details by visiting the following link [elca.org/gathering](http://elca.org/gathering).

## RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) UPDATE

First Lutheran has begun the Reconciling in Christ process! Over the coming months, we'll be learning together, listening to one another, and exploring what it means to be a church that intentionally welcomes and celebrates people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

Our first gathering will be Sunday, August 9 at 10:45 a.m., following worship. Join us for creativity, connection, and conversation: an informal time to get together, paint a postcard, and chat about our journey toward becoming a more welcoming and affirming community. Art supplies will be provided, and no artistic experience is needed!

In the meantime, be sure to stop by the RIC bulletin board, located in the main hallway across from the Pastor's Office, to learn more about the journey we're beginning together. We hope you'll join us!

## THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY

The Little Free Pantry Team extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone who continues to support this important ministry. We are so grateful for the generosity of our members, visitors, neighbors, and those throughout the Longmont community who simply want to help.

Thank you for your donations of food, as well as your financial contributions. We also want to recognize the dedicated members who faithfully restock the pantry each week. Your commitment makes this ministry possible, and we couldn't do it without you.

In addition, please know that if there are items our unhoused neighbors are unable to use, they are donated to the OUR Center, ensuring that nothing goes to waste!

Every donation, no matter the size, makes a difference. Thank you for your kindness, generosity, and continued support. We appreciate each and every one of you!

God's peace,  
The First Lutheran Little Free Pantry Team



## **TOUCH OF CRAFT**

### **Quarterly Greeting Card Ministry Report**

**Reporting Period:** April – June 2026

#### **Overview**

Touch of Craft continued its greeting card ministry throughout the second quarter of 2026, creating and distributing handmade cards to celebrate, support, and encourage members of First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We continue to average 7–10 members at each gathering and have recently begun planning for



2027. Including: FELC's 150th anniversary and the 2027 Smorgasbord. In addition to supplying cards for our congregation, we are now providing greeting cards for the Church Council and Deacon Korra. We look forward to partnering with additional ministries as opportunities arise to help share encouragement within our church community.

#### **Cards Created & Distributed-**

##### **April**

- Birthday: 49
- Get Well: 1
- Thank You: 17
- Sympathy: 2
- Thinking of You: 3
- Total: 72**

##### **May**

- Birthday: 43
- Get Well: 3
- Welcome New Member: 4
- Total: 50**

##### **June**

- Birthday: 46
- Thank You: 1
- Sympathy: 1
- Thinking of You: 2
- Total: 50**

#### **Second Quarter Totals**

- Birthday: 138
- Get Well: 4
- Thank You: 18
- Sympathy: 3
- Thinking of You: 5
- Welcome: 4

**Total Cards Distributed: 172**

#### **Join Us!**

Touch of Craft is always welcoming new members—and no crafting experience is required! If you're looking for a meaningful way to serve FELC while enjoying wonderful fellowship (and some pretty great potlucks!), we'd love to have you join us.

#### **Upcoming Meetings (*Downstairs, Room 6*)**

- **July 22** • 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- **August 5** • 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **August 26** • 5:00–8:00 p.m.
- **September 2** • 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
- **September 23** • 5:00–8:00 p.m.

Our greeting card ministry remains an important outreach effort, providing encouragement, comfort, and connection within our FELC family. Thank you for your continued support as we share Christ's love, one card at a time.

Donations of cardstock, ink pads, rubber stamps, postage stamps, or monetary gifts to help purchase supplies are always appreciated. If you'd like to contribute, learn more about Touch of Craft, or request our assistance with decorations, please contact Jenn Samson at [jennsamson1@gmail.com](mailto:jennsamson1@gmail.com) and include "TOC" in the subject line

## FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

We are looking forward to our Meeting on Sunday, August 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the conference room. Seems impossible that the summer is coming to an end and school beginning on August 18! The wonderful celebrations of the 250th year of the USA has First Lutheran Women looking forward to the 150th celebration of First Lutheran. I know so many wonderful activities are being planned. We hope to be a part of them. Thanks to all who give time and food to the many receptions FLW puts on. It all is greatly appreciated.

## DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR FIRST LUTHERAN'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

In honor of First Lutheran's upcoming 150th anniversary, we are creating a special daily devotional booklet written by members of our congregation—past and present.

We invite you to be part of this meaningful project! Sample devotional entries are available on the table in the narthex to help guide and inspire you as you write your own.

To get started, please use the Google Doc template created by Kristie Venrick:



<https://forms.gle/XtsGQVrcde9rrwx29>

We kindly ask that the personal reflection section be limited to **300 words maximum**. Once completed, you August submit your entry online or place a handwritten copy in the drop box on the narthex table. Printed templates are also available there, and we would be happy to type your handwritten submission for you.

**Submission deadline: October 31, 2026**

This date has been changed from January 2027, to allow ample time for proofreading, publication, and distribution 150 days ahead of our January 2028 anniversary celebration.

Our hope is that this devotional booklet will be a lasting source of comfort, encouragement, and blessings for our congregation. What a meaningful gift it would be to receive a daily devotion from each of you!

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact:

Susan Osberg – [sosberg@hotmail.com](mailto:sosberg@hotmail.com)  
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## ANN NOBLE ART GALLERY

### NEWS

"In the Beginning God created the heavens and the earth" and he separated the sky from the earth. (Day 2)

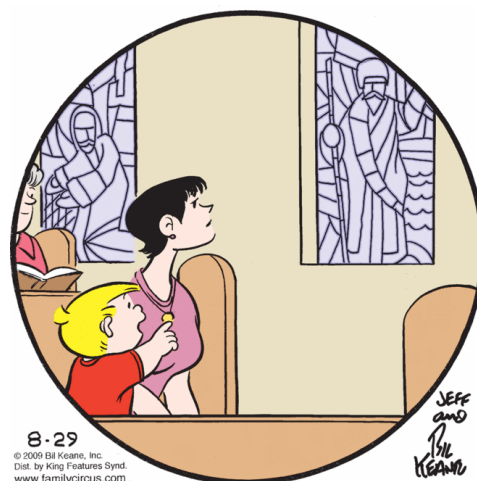
Take a walk through the Ann Noble Art Gallery. We certainly appreciate the Thorvaldson Family, Kirsten Simpson, the Treharnes and Joyce Crozier for sharing some of their artwork.

We want to pay tribute to the beautiful sky and the water on the earth. We still have a whole wall to fill in the gallery. We know you have wonderful pictures of sunsets, sunrises, cloud formations, oceans, lakes or rivers and YES - Rainbows! Please share more of God's creation with us through September 30th. We love kids' art, too.

You can continue to bring your ready-to-hang pictures to the church office anytime. Please label with your name and a description if one is available. We really appreciate your participation, and the congregation loves the view!!

This idea was suggested by Bill Thorvaldson - we are very open to other themes. If you have an idea, please share it with us!! Or a one-person show is an option, too. Know someone?

Joyce Crozier and Viki Samson



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**"It must be hard work being a saint.  
You hafta pose for a lot of windows."**

## AUGUST 2026 CALENDAR

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                          | Monday                      | Tuesday                                                  | Wednesday                                                                                              | Thursday                                  | Friday                          | Saturday                                                                                 |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                 |                             |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                           |                                 | 10:00 a.m. - Boulder County Fair Parade Hydration Station<br>5:30 p.m. – Worship Service |
| <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>3</b>                    | <b>4</b>                                                 | <b>5</b>                                                                                               | <b>6</b>                                  | <b>7</b>                        | <b>8</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>Homebound Communion</b><br><b>Coffee with Council</b><br>8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Courtyard<br>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service                                                 | 4:30 pm. – FELC Golf League | 1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting                                | 9:00 a.m. – LWR Sewing Group<br>11:00 a.m. – Touch of Craft<br>7:00 p.m. – Good Samaritan Zoom Meeting | 5:00 p.m. – Reconciling in Christ Meeting | 9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Group  | 5:30 p.m. – Worship Service                                                              |
| <b>9</b>                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>10</b>                   | <b>11</b>                                                | <b>12</b>                                                                                              | <b>13</b>                                 | <b>14</b>                       | <b>15</b>                                                                                |
| 8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Courtyard<br>8:30 a.m. – FLW Meeting<br>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service<br>10:45 a.m. – RIC Creativity & Conversation                                    | 4:30 pm. – FELC Golf League | 1:00 p.m. – Staff Meeting<br>6:00 p.m. – Council Meeting |                                                                                                        |                                           |                                 | 5:30 p.m. – Worship Service<br>6:30 p.m. – Third Saturday Game Night                     |
| <b>16</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>17</b>                   | <b>18</b>                                                | <b>19</b>                                                                                              | <b>20</b>                                 | <b>21</b>                       | <b>22</b>                                                                                |
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| <b>23</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>24</b>                   | <b>25</b>                                                | <b>26</b>                                                                                              | <b>27</b>                                 | <b>28</b>                       | <b>29</b>                                                                                |
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| <b>30</b>                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>31</b>                   |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                           |                                 |                                                                                          |
| 8:00 a.m. – Worship in the Courtyard<br>9:30 a.m. – Worship Service<br>10:45 a.m. – Special Congregational Meeting<br>10:45 a.m. – Children's & Youth Sunday School             | 4:30 pm. – FELC Golf League |                                                          |                                                                                                        |                                           |                                 |                                                                                          |

## FINANCIAL UPDATE: JUNE 2026

|                    | June 2026 Month-To-Date |            |                         | June 2026 Year-To-Date |             |                         | Full Year    |
|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|
|                    | Actual                  | Budget     | Variance<br>Fav/(Unfav) | Actual                 | Budget      | Variance<br>Fav/(Unfav) | Budget       |
| Income             | 45,211.82               | 59,289.35  | (14,077.53)             | 367,764.16             | 381,928.75  | (14,164.59)             | 702,462      |
| Expenses           | 65,253.11               | 68,822.08  | 3,568.97                | 395,125.58             | 417,903.83  | 22,778.25               | 833,142      |
| Net Income/(Loss): | (20,041.29)             | (9,532.73) | (10,508.56)             | (27,361.42)            | (35,975.08) | 8,613.66                | (130,679.51) |

## GIVING OPTIONS

**Giving Online** is available on our website! Giving online allows you to make one-time or recurring offering contributions with a Credit or Debit Card or ACH bank transfer through Breeze ChMS (our church management system) who partners with Stripe for secure financial services. As with any electronic transaction, our church pays a small transaction fee to process the online payments. If you choose, you August cover that fee for the church at the same time you give which increases your contribution.



<https://firstluth.breezechms.com/give/online>

**Thrivent Choice Dollars** – Eligible clients with Thrivent membership can recommend where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. These recommendations are shared by directing Choice Dollars to enrolled nonprofit organizations, including churches.

**Thrivent Action Grants** – Thrivent Action Grants are financial awards designed to empower individuals and groups to initiate small-scale projects that benefit their communities. Sponsored by Thrivent Financial, these grants provide **up to \$250** to help kickstart service projects addressing various social needs, such as feeding the hungry, supporting education, or enhancing community facilities

**King Soopers Community Rewards** – This program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your King Soopers Rewards Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your Shopper's Card.

**Safeway Community Giving Card Program** returns 5% of amounts loaded on reloadable grocery gift cards provided to First Lutheran after we meet minimum thresholds. Simply load your gift card at the grocery store, shop for groceries at Albertsons or Safeway using the gift card and reload the card when it gets low. Every time you reload the gift card, we get closer to earning 5% cashback. See Maria in the office to pick up a reloadable gift card that is linked to First Lutheran.

*Please contact the office at (303) 776-2800 if you would like more information about any of these ways of sharing your generosity!*





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|------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Lewis Geyer II   | August 01 | Sherri Reed          | August 15 |
| Amanda Menihan   | August 01 | Chris Treharne       | August 15 |
| Cindy Green      | August 02 | Christie Denniston   | August 16 |
| Ann Roadarmel    | August 02 | Dean Lottman         | August 16 |
| Bill Thorvaldson | August 02 | Eric Burfeind        | August 17 |
| Sarah Gerber     | August 05 | Deborah Carlson      | August 17 |
| Marcia Grummert  | August 05 | Rachel Green         | August 17 |
| Graham Lier      | August 05 | Viki Samson          | August 17 |
| Noelle Abarelli  | August 07 | Peter Nieuwlandt     | August 18 |
| William Allison  | August 07 | Alyssa Wilson        | August 18 |
| Melanie Grijalva | August 07 | Scott Criswell       | August 19 |
| Mark Mills       | August 07 | Doris Haley          | August 19 |
| Sarah Mitchell   | August 07 | Scott Jordison       | August 20 |
| Madison Jayne    | August 08 | Melanie Sheehan      | August 20 |
| Evelyn Hess      | August 09 | Kaleb Howell         | August 21 |
| Judy Krohn       | August 09 | Ardis Jacobson       | August 23 |
| Connie Melvin    | August 09 | Richard Burton       | August 24 |
| Eric Danielson   | August 11 | Gregg Majors         | August 24 |
| Mark Koschade    | August 11 | Lauren Lovik         | August 25 |
| Bob Carter       | August 12 | Gary Elmquist        | August 26 |
| Leslie George    | August 12 | Todd Gould           | August 26 |
| Brittany Maley   | August 12 | Dennis Johnson       | August 26 |
| Debra Judy       | August 13 | Barb Mohr            | August 26 |
| Mary Lou Moore   | August 13 | Donita Vogt          | August 28 |
| John Gaddis, Sr  | August 14 | Joe Melvin           | August 29 |
| Anna Henry       | August 14 | Brie Musser          | August 29 |
| Dee Mueller      | August 14 | Anastasia Roberts    | August 29 |
| Holly Danielson  | August 15 | Michele Hysell       | August 30 |
| Lindsay Imhoff   | August 15 | Stephanie Nieuwlandt | August 30 |
|                  |           | Bernis Rubright      | August 30 |

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