



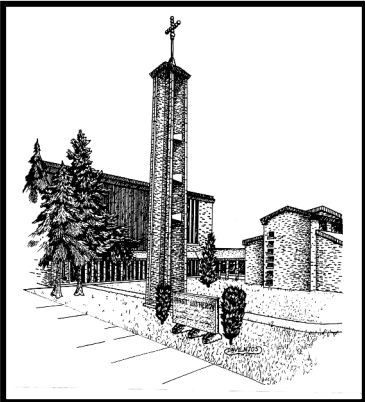
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Letter to God's People



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Remember our Mission:

**"The Mission of FLC is
To share God's Love by
Engaging, Inspiring and
Renewing."**

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SEPTEMBER

Engage. Inspire. Renew. — A New Wave of God's Love

God's love is on the move.

As fall begins, a new season of worship, learning, friendship, and service is taking shape at First Lutheran. School is back in session, routines are returning, and opportunities are opening to grow in faith, build meaningful relationships, and discover the joy of following Jesus together.

This year, that journey begins with a new sermon series:

Engage. Inspire. Renew. — Using our FLC Mission Statement as a framework, Matthew's Gospel explores the heart of God's mission for the church. Jesus gathers the church into real community, breaks open the power of forgiveness, disrupts our ideas of who is deserving, calls us beyond words into action, asks us to bear fruit, and sends us to invite others into the feast of grace.

This series is more than the start of another program year- it is a renewed calling!

Gathered by grace, we are sent in love.

That calling belongs to every Christian. In the Gospel of John, when Nathanael is unsure, Philip offers one of the simplest and most powerful invitations in Scripture: **"Come and see."** (John 1:46)

Those three words have shaped the mission of the church ever since.

Most people begin their journey in a congregation because someone invited them. A friend. A neighbor. A coworker. A family member. Someone cared enough to extend a personal invitation and say, "Come and see."

That is why **September 20** will be **Bring a Friend Sunday** at First Lutheran. Everyone is invited to share in the invitation.

Who might God be placing on your heart? Is there a neighbor looking for a connection? A friend searching for hope? A coworker who has questions about faith? A family member who has been away from church for a while?

A simple invitation can become something much bigger. It can become a new friendship, a renewed faith, a place of belonging or even a church home.

This spirit of invitation is woven throughout everything happening this fall. Community meals, Wednesday worship, church school, confirmation, youth ministry, and opportunities for all generations to grow together are being shaped around a simple conviction: faith grows best when people gather around Christ and walk together in community.

For those wanting to learn more about First Lutheran, **New Member Orientation Classes** will be held after worship on **September 20** and **September 27**. These gatherings provide an opportunity to learn about the Lutheran faith, the mission of First Lutheran, and the many ways to become connected to the life of the congregation. New members will be welcomed during worship on October 4.

For more than 120 years, God has been gathering people through First Lutheran Church. That story continues today through every invitation extended, every friendship formed, and every person who discovers that they belong to a community rooted in the grace of Jesus Christ.

September is shaping up to be a month of invitation, celebration, and new beginnings. From Rally Sunday and Rally Wednesday to Bring a Friend Sunday and New Member Orientation, every gathering is an opportunity to welcome others into the story God is still writing at First Lutheran.

The future is bright.

The invitation is open.

The Spirit is moving.

And a new wave of God's love is already reaching into our community.

Come and see.

God's Joy,

Pastor Stephen Hilding

MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

After nearly **seven years of faithful service** to First Lutheran Church, **Meriel Lora**, our Worship and Music Coordinator, has submitted his resignation. Meriel's final day with us will be **September 6, 2026**.

Throughout his years of ministry at First Lutheran, Meriel has shared his gifts of music, leadership, worship planning, and numerous special musical events with dedication and grace. His contributions have enriched our worship life, fostered meaningful congregational participation, served the larger Williston Community, and helped create countless moments of reflection and praise.

We are deeply grateful for Meriel's commitment to First Lutheran and for the many ways he has helped lead our congregation in worship over the past seven years. While we are saddened to see him leave, we give thanks for his ministry among us and wish him God's abundant blessings as he begins this next chapter.

Please keep Meriel in your prayers and take the opportunity in the coming weeks to thank him for his service and wish him well.

A reception will be held for Meriel in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 6 during the Coffee Hour following the 9:30 am Worship Service.

"Well done, good and faithful servant."

Matthew 25:23

First Lutheran Church Council & Staff

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF PACKING & SHIPPING DATE IS COMING IN MID OCTOBER

"Thank you!" for all your donations of money and we do the shopping and your support of needed items.

Presently we need more dark colored bath towels.

(Not heavy bulky ones), for our health kits to be distributed in the USA.

FROM DEACON LYNEA - “New Ministry “

We have all heard the old adage “Cleanliness is next to Godliness.” Did you know it does not originate from the Bible? It was actually a phrase popularized by John Wesley, co-founder of Methodism, in a sermon titled “On Dress” in 1791. We do read of rituals of purity and cleanliness in the Bible. One of the most notable is Jesus washing the feet of the disciples (John 13:1-17).

Washing the feet of someone entering a home was the duty of the lowest of household servants. Even though someone may have bathed just before entering a home, their feet would still be washed because they would have gotten dusty as they walked over. We also know that being clean helps keep us healthy. We brush and floss our teeth so we don’t get cavities or gum disease and we wash our hands so we don’t get sick. It is also important for us to be clean and well groomed when we go to our jobs, church, to visit friends or family, or other activities.

We have all noticed the cost of everything rising the past couple of years. It has become more and more difficult for some to afford to buy food for their families making it difficult to purchase things like soap, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.

Over the past six to twelve months there has been an uptick in people coming to ask for personal hygiene items. In particular people graduating from programs at Providence House, an inpatient addiction facility, and Family Crisis Shelter. I began having conversations with staff at the two programs as well as with someone at the High School and the Gloria Dei Lutheran Food Shelf. All have said they see a need for personal hygiene items to help people as they build a new life. Some simply need somewhere to go for these items to help their budgets.

We here at First Lutheran will be partnering with Providence House, Family Crisis Shelter, Williston High School Kindness Closet, and Gloria Dei Lutheran Food Shelf to provide personal hygiene items to those in need in our community.

We are starting off the new ministry in a way in which we hope you will have some fun. Help us name the ministry by using your imagination to come up with a fun name. There are boxes in the Narthex and at the Reception Desk along with slips of paper and pens to submit your ideas. All ideas will be considered and no idea is too silly or dumb. Please submit your ideas by September 4. The winning name will announced on Rally Sunday.

Deacon Lynea

Personal Hygiene Ministry Timeline

August 31	Begin to accept donations
September 4	<i>Deadline for naming submissions</i>
September 13	Rally Sunday Hygiene Drive
October	Wednesday Serve Night-date to be determined

Personal Hygiene Kits Shopping Lists

Please bring in new, unopened full-size items

Men's List

- Shampoo
- Soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Razor
- Shaving cream or gel
- Deodorant
- Washcloth
- Nail clippers
- Comb

Women's List

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap or body wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Razor
- Deodorant
- Washcloth
- Nail clippers
- Comb or brush
- Tampons or pads

Children's List

- No-tears shampoo
- Soap or body wash
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Washcloth
- Comb or brush



**SOUND AND TECH
VOLUNTEER TEAM
MEMBERS NEEDED**
Please Contact Zach Myhrer
for more info!

Email: zach@flcwilliston.com

2027 TRUST FUND REQUEST FORMS
*are available at the receptionist's desk.
Please fill them out and return them to the
church office by Sept 21st. For in-house
committees there is the simplified form and
for outside organizations the longer form.
Thank you!*



Memorial Donations

**The Memorial Committee offers
three categories for those
who are interested
in making contributions.
These categories are:**

Property: Donations can be directed
toward property, supporting the acquisition,
maintenance, or enhancement
of physical assets.

Programs: Contributions may be allocated to
support various programs, ensuring the
continuation and growth of initiatives within
the church.

Undesignated: Gifts can also be made
without a specific designation, allowing the
committee to allocate resources where they
are most needed.

TRUST FUND REMINDER

Please remember that the Trust Fund year ends
September 30th. If you have grant monies to use
up please do so and get the receipts to
Randi by the
middle of September.



BAPTISMS



*Baylor Elliott
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**LUTHERAN
MEN IN MISSION**
Building men for Christ

**Men in Mission is meeting Thursday, September 3, 2026
at noon in the Parlor.
Ron Walters from
Heartview Foundation will be the speaker.
Meal will be provided.**

SEPTEMBER

WELCA Newsletter



DATES TO KNOW

Sept 14 – WELCA Board Meeting @ 11 am in Parlor

Sept 16 – Faith Circle @ 9:30 am in Parlor

Sept 19 – Hope Circle @ 10 am in Parlor

Oct 3 – Fall Cluster @ 9:30 am Springbrook Bible Camp

Oct 5 – WELCA Board Meeting @ 11 am in Parlor



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

*****All Women are Welcome to Attend*****

Weekly Study

Meets Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Hope Circle

Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor

Faith Circle

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m in the Parlor



SAVE THE DATE

2026 Fall Cluster Gathering
Saturday, October 3rd, @
Springbrook Bible Camp

Theme: "Spread the Good News....When Something's this Good, you just Wanna Share it!".

Registration @ 9:30, Event @ 10 am. Love Offering will be items to share with the Bible Camp. Offering will be directed to SWO and the Eckert Youth Home in Williston. A rep from the Youth Home will join us as well.

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Support Lynea's hygiene kits.



CONTACT INFO

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

August 11, 2026- (Unapproved)

Baylee Hanson served as secretary

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by President Travis Feiring. Prayer was shared by all.

Roll Call: Travis Feiring, Steve Slocum, Beverly Conway, Kathleen Sinclair, Phyllis Stokke, Pauline Everson, Steve Rehak, Baylee Hanson, and Pastor Stephen Hilding.

Devotions: Pastor Stephen reflected on Isaiah 43:19, we are beginning a new ministry year and are heading into a season of possibility.

Minutes: July 14, 2026 minutes were reviewed. Motion made by Steve Slocum to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Pauline Everson. Minutes were approved.

Consent Agenda: Added 12.e Bell Tower, 12.f Wedding Policy, and 12.g Music Director. Motion by Steve Slocum and 2nd by Kathleen Sinclair to accept the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Pastor Report: *Attached.* Pastor Stephen shared about the 6 week scripture series, the new Wednesday night worship structure, and updates to the chapel. Merial has submitted his resignation as Music Coordinator, effective September 6, 2026.

Council will get a cake for coffee hour on September 6. Zach continues extended hours through the end of August, Hailey is returning as Director of Children's Ministry, and Lynea will be back August 16. Kathleen asked about a schedule for Wednesday meals. This task will be delegated to Youth Committee.

Manager Report: *Attached.* 2 requests for facility use by Jean Lindvig/Emily Driscoll for Williston Concert Chorale. The first request is for use of the Parlor, Parlor Kitchen, Chapel, and Sanctuary on Monday Evenings (November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and December 7) for rehearsals. The second request was for use of Fellowship Hall, Fellowship Hall Kitchen, Chapel, and Sanctuary on December 10, 12, & 13 for dress rehearsals and concert. Steve Slocum motioned to approve both requests, seconded by Kathleen Sinclair. Motion passed. There were also three members who requested to be removed as members. This came to light as Pastor Stephen was calling confirmation families. These two families (3 members) are worshipping elsewhere now. Kathleen Sinclair motioned to write a note to these families stating removal has been done at their request and we appreciate their time at First Lutheran Church. Steve Slocum seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report: General Fund balance is \$72,051.94. We are at 64% of budgeted giving. Motion by Steve Slocum, seconded by Kathleen Sinclair, to approve the financial report. Motion passed. Travis pointed out that many trust fund grants are currently unused. Council members are urged to reach out to the committees/groups to ensure funds are used before the end of September.

Committee reports:

Marketing Committee- A few marketing needs are coming up. \$2,000 was sent to Vocella for marketing during the last quarter of the year. Radio intro/outro is going to be updated to include both Sunday and Wednesday services and service times. Pastor Stephen will record the intro/outro.

Finance Committee- no report as there was not a quorum at the meeting.

Property Committee- Discussed proposed chapel improvements for Wednesday services and various other little things.

OLD BUSINESS

11a. **Preschool Lease-** The church received a letter from the lawyer for Jody/Little Scholars Preschool stating their belief that the current signed lease is valid. Travis will review documents and meet with the church's lawyer to discuss next steps.

11b. **Bible Camp/VBS recap-** VBS went great! Everyone involved was happy with how Springbrook Bible Camp ran their day camp. There were about 45 children who attended. Youth Committee will discuss more details at their next meeting. Youth Committee will be reviewing registration and volunteer policies.

11c. **Sunday Service Groups-** this is place holder for future attention

11d. **Website App Subgroup-** Zach and Pastor Stephen are compiling data from the website survey.

11e. **Confirmation/Wednesday Night-** this was covered in the Pastor Report

11f. **Wiederander's Art-** place holder for September Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

12a. Trust Grants due mid-September- tell committees. Check with groups with unused funds. Trust fund amount sits around the same amount as last year.

12b. Position- A handout was passed around for a proposed position to ensure that the church's administrative, financial, and facility systems are aligned, well managed, and supportive of our mission to "share God's love by Engaging, Inspiring, and Renewing". Motion by Steve Slocum, seconded by Steve Rehak, to have Personnel Committee continue to build the position AND to combine the Music Director and Music Coordinator positions and salaries into one full time position. Motion passed.

12c. Child Protection Policy- covered in section 11b.

12d. Hymnal Donation to Trinity Lutheran- We received about 90 hymnals from Trinity Lutheran Church and Travis proposed a monetary donation to Trinity for the hymnals. Motion by Steve Slocum to donate \$300 for the hymnals, seconded by Beverly Conway. Motion passed. Travis stated the money will go toward their cemetery fund.

12e. Bell Tower- Kids have been climbing up the bell tower, in between the pillars. Suggestion to put a no climbing sign out for liability purposes. Steve Slocum asked for Property to discuss this and give their blessing to council to create and place a yarn sign next to the bell tower.

12.f Wedding Policy- An upcoming wedding requested a reception in the Fellowship Hall. Council had no objection as long as the no alcohol policy is followed. Pastor Stephen suggested the wedding policy be reexamined as it is outdated.

12.g Music Director- discussed in Pastor Report

Consent Agenda: Motion by Steve Slocum, seconded by Beverly Conway to approve the consent agenda and all items and reports offered without motions made previously. Motion passed.

The meeting closed at 8:02 after prayer for congregation members and Blessing. September Exec Committee meeting will be Sept. 1, 2026 @5:00pm.

September Council meeting will be Sept. 8, 2026 @6:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by Baylee Hanson, August meeting temporary Secretary.

Approved _____, 2026. _____ Council President

The Annual Meeting for *Bethel Lutheran Nursing & Rehabilitation Center* and *Bethel Lutheran Foundation* will be held **September 16, 2026**, in the Activity Room at BLNRC. All Delegates, Pastors and Congregation Members of the owner churches are welcome and encouraged to attend. Dinner will be catered by Courthouse Café @ 5:30p with meeting to follow.

Bethel Lutheran

We look forward to once again connecting with [Bethel Delegates](#), [Pastors](#), [Congregation Members](#), and their Guests at our Annual Meeting!

09.16.26

ANNUAL MEETING

Dinner: 5:30p

Meeting: 6-8p

BLNRC ACTIVITY ROOM

AGENDA

- BLNRC Annual Report
- Bethel Foundation Annual Report
- Election of Board Members
- Updates on Building Project & Capital Campaign

RSVP

WE KINDLY ASK THAT YOU RSVP
PRIOR TO [SEPTEMBER 4TH](#)

📞 701-572-6766

✉ contact@blnrc.com

THANK YOU!

With grateful hearts, we thank you for sharing in the celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary. Your presence, whether in person or in thought, was a precious gift that filled the day with love, laughter, and the warmth of treasured friendships and family. Every conversation, embrace, and greeting became another thread woven into the tapestry of a day we will cherish forever.

Our heartfelt thanks to Pastor Stephen for leading such a beautiful vow renewal ceremony. Your thoughtful words gently reminded us of the promises made before God so many years ago and the countless ways those promises have been renewed, day after day.

As we look back on fifty wonderful years, we are reminded that life's greatest blessings are not measured by time alone, but by the people who walked beside us along the way. Thank you for helping us celebrate a lifetime of love and for giving us memories that will forever live in our hearts.

With love and heartfelt gratitude,

Allen and Lavina Domagala

A New Wednesday Rhythm: Rooted in Faith, Growing Together

One of the most exciting opportunities this fall is the launch of a new Wednesday evening rhythm designed to place worship, relationships, and faith formation at the center of our life together.

Beginning on **Rally Wednesday, September 16**, we will gather each week for:

5:30 PM — Community Meal (For All Ages)

6:00 PM — Midweek Worship (For All Ages)

6:50 PM — Church School & Confirmation

7:30 PM — Youth Group

At First Lutheran, we believe faith is formed through worship, community, service, and relationships. That's why this new schedule is intentionally built around a simple conviction:

Worship is the center from which everything else flows.

Each Wednesday begins with a shared meal where children, youth, parents, grandparents, and members of every generation can gather around the table, build relationships, and experience the gift of Christian community. From there, we move into worship, where we hear God's Word, pray together, remember our baptism, and receive God's grace.

This worship service is not just for families with children. It is for the entire congregation. Whether you are six or ninety-six, lifelong Lutheran or newer to First Lutheran, Wednesday worship is an opportunity to gather around Christ together in the middle of the week.

A Renewed Vision for Confirmation

This same vision is shaping our confirmation ministry.

For over 120 years, First Lutheran has helped young people grow in faith. As we look to the future, we are building on that tradition with a renewed emphasis on worship, relationships, service, and baptismal identity.

At First Lutheran, confirmation is not a graduation from church or a finish line for faith. Confirmation is a deeper step into the promises God has already made in baptism and a growing participation in the life and mission of Christ's church.

Students will gather weekly for worship, pastoral teaching, small-group discussion, service and mentoring. They will learn Scripture, the Small Catechism, Lutheran theology and what it means to follow Jesus in everyday life. Just as importantly, they will learn by doing.

Students will actively participate in worship leadership through reading Scripture, serving as ushers and greeters, assisting with communion, helping with technology and music, participating in service projects, and serving alongside adults throughout the congregation.

Research consistently confirms what the church has long known: faith grows through meaningful relationships. Young people develop lasting faith when they are known, encouraged, prayed for, and supported by caring Christian adults.

Because of that conviction, this year will also serve as an important transition. **Our current 9th and 10th grade students will be confirmed together in the spring of 2027**, allowing us to honor the work they have already completed while creating a clear path forward for future classes.

Beginning next year, **9th grade will become a year of preparation for Affirmation of Baptism**, while **10th grade will become a mentor year focused on leadership, service, vocation, and helping guide younger students in faith.**

This reflects a deeply Lutheran conviction:

Affirmation of Baptism is not the end of faith formation—it is a milestone within a lifelong journey of discipleship.

A Call for Confirmation Guides and Mentors

This vision cannot happen without caring adults.

We are looking for **Confirmation Guides, Mentors, and Wednesday evening volunteers** who are willing to walk alongside our students. You do not need a theology degree or all the answers. We simply need adults who are willing to listen, encourage, ask good questions, share their faith, and remind young people of God's promises. Many of us can name a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, choir director, grandparent, or faithful church member who helped shape our faith. Now we have the opportunity to become those people for the next generation.

If you feel called to serve as a guide, mentor, small-group leader, worship coach, kitchen volunteer, or Wednesday helper, I would love to visit with you.

Join Us

Parents and students are invited to attend Confirmation Orientation Night on Wednesday, September 16, as we launch this exciting new season together.

We truly believe this new Wednesday rhythm has the potential to strengthen our entire congregation. Through meals, worship, learning, mentoring, service, and relationships, we are creating opportunities for all generations to grow together as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our hope is simple:

That every child, youth, and adult will know they are claimed by God in baptism belong to Christ, have gifts to share, and have a place within the life and mission of First Lutheran Church.

We can't wait to begin this journey together.



Student Registration:

Register here by scanning the QR Code
or complete a paper copy of the registration form.



FIRST LUTHERAN
CHURCH

RALLY SUNDAY

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

After Worship (10:30am-11:30 am)

REGISTRATION - POPCORN- GAMES

- Register for:
 - Church School
 - Confirmation
 - Youth Group
 - Mentor Program
- Class for anyone interested in teaching church school.
(We are in need of teachers and subs!)

**(Registration will also take place at
Rally Wednesday on the 16th.)**



Teachers Wanted

We are looking for Sunday School teachers, Substitutes, and Confirmation teachers!

Please contact Hailey Smith or the office if you are interested!
(Class available Rally Sunday and Rally Wednesday for help in what is expected.)

YOUR ONE-STOP *Wednesday* WORSHIP SPOT!



Dinner



Worship



Community



Service

*A welcoming Wednesday evening
for the whole community!*

Rally Wednesday Sept. 16

- **5:30PM Community Meal**
Fellowship Hall.
- **6:00PM Contemporary Worship**
Chapel. An Interactive experience for all ages.
- **6:50PM Parent & Student Orientation**
Confirmation. Church School. Youth Ministry.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Come for dinner.
Stay for worship.
Leave *connected.*



Tentative 2026-27 Youth and Children's Ministry Calendar*

*All Dates are subject to change

Month	Date	Key	Event
August	31		Youth Committee Meeting
September	13th		Rally Sunday
	16th		Rally Wednesday
			1st Day of Confirmation- Parent & Student Meeting Grade 6-10
	20th		1st Day of Sunday School
October	TBD		Special Event
November	1st		3rd Grade Bibles
	22nd		Turkey Bingo
December			Advent Services
	13th		Christmas Program
			Gingerbread Houses
January	TBD		Special Event
February	TBD		Special Event
March	TBD		Special Event
	10th		Ash Wednesday ?classes
		†	Lenten Services
	21st		Palm Sunday
	24th		Holy Week- Serve night
	25th		First Communion (Maundy Thursday)
	28th		Easter
April	TBD		Special Event
	25th		Last Day of Sunday School
	28th		Last Day of Wednesday School
May	2nd		10th Grade Confirmation
	9th		Muffins with Mom or Someone Special
June	20th		Donut with Dad or Someone Special

FLC Sunday/Wednesday School Calendar 2026/2027

September 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	31	1	2	3	4	5
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October 2026

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November 2026

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December 2026

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Sunday Schools

Wednesday Schools

No Sunday School or Wednesday School

First Day/Last Day

Special Event

Family and Youth Committee Meeting

January 2027

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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February 2027

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March 2027

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April 2027

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May 2027

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of
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Loving
Memory*

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Gary Postorit
Mary Ann Gaudreau

Director of Worship & Music

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

First Lutheran Church in Williston,
North Dakota, is seeking qualified
candidates for a full-time
Director of Worship & Music.

We seek an accomplished, faithful, and
collaborative church musician who will
provide organ and piano leadership,
strengthen congregational singing, direct
choirs and handbells, develop musicians
of all ages, and build
community through music.

Grounded in Lutheran tradition and
centered in Word and Sacrament,
this position offers an opportunity
to honor First Lutheran's rich musical
heritage while developing new leaders and
guiding the congregation's worship
and music ministry into the future.

Williston, North Dakota

For the complete position description and
application information, or to submit a
résumé, please email

office@flcwilliston.com

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Contributions 2026

2026

Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
\$620,000	\$ 413,328	*

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Sunday

August	2	84
August	9	103
August	16	88
August	23	80
August	30	*

- reporting info thru August 30 not available

COMMUNITY

Office Hours

Mon-Thur 8 am - 4 pm

Fri - 8 am - 2 pm

Gospel Music Group

The Gospel Choir Group is holding practice.

All are welcome!

Contact Karla Osborn 701-572-3987 for more information.

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Gospel Choir practices in the Parlor before the 9 : 30 am church service.

On the 4th Sunday of each month, the Gospel Choir sings in church.

STEWARDSHIP

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back'
It's all about God.

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PRAYER & VISITATION REQUESTS

Please contact the office staff or Pastor
with any of your prayer requests or if
you would like
a visit from the Pastoral staff!!

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NEEDED TO CONTINUE 4-H YOUTH QUILT CLASSES

As most of you know, Bill & Ruth Glen are moving to Bloomington, Illinois Sept. 9th. Therefore, FLC needs some helping hands to continue with the 4-H kids Sewing/Quilting Classes. Currently, they have classes 3:30 to 5:30 pm Mondays & Thursdays each week with two different groups of kids. The class teaches kids to sew and provides fun and easy projects for them to make. Bev Brevik volunteers on Mondays and Jan Stoner from Gloria Please let Bev & Ruth if you can volunteer to keep this program going strong.

Fall Classes will resume in October. 4-H Members register with the local extension office. FLC youth please contact the church office for more information.

FYI: The patriotic quilt the kids just finished raised \$7,430 from raffle sales for 4-H's Upper Missouri Fair program. We are all so proud of these 4-H kids and how quickly they learn how to sew a variety of projects.



FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR MERIEL LORA

Please join us as we recognize and thank **Meriel Lora** for his faithful service in the **Music Ministry** at First Lutheran Church.

- ☐ **Sunday, September 6**
- ☐ **10:30 a.m.** (following the 9:30 a.m. Worship Service)
- ☐ **Fellowship Hall**

Come enjoy fellowship and take the opportunity to express your gratitude and best wishes to Meriel as we celebrate his contributions to our worship and music ministry. We hope you will join us for this special farewell reception.

Thank You, Bill & Ruth!

Thank you, Bill and Ruth Glen, for your faithful service to First Lutheran Church.

Through your involvement with **sound ministry, construction projects, quilting, and countless other acts of service**, you have made a lasting impact on our congregation.

You have been an important part of our ministries and our church family. May you leave FLC knowing that God placed you in Williston for a purpose and that your efforts have made a difference.



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FLC COMMITTEES, MINISTRIES, AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS

As a new season of ministry begins, you are invited to explore the many ways God is at work through First Lutheran Church. Whether you feel called to serve, sing, lead, teach, pray, care for others, or work behind the scenes, there is a place for your gifts here. We encourage you to learn more about the ministries that interest you, talk with those involved, and prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to grow, serve, and belong. Together, let us continue sharing Christ's love with one another and our community.

Governance and Administrative Committees

Church Council: Provides leadership, governance, strategic direction, and oversight.

Audit Committee: Monitors financial management and accountability.

Finance Committee: Oversees finances, budgeting, and resources.

Personnel Committee: Develops and reviews personnel policies.

Property Committee: Oversees buildings, grounds, and property stewardship.

Memorial Committee: Administers memorial funds and purchases.

Call Committee: Assists with pastoral or staff call processes.

Trust Committee: Oversees trust funds and designated gifts.

Ministry and Mission Committees

Christian Concerns Committee (Evangelism Committee): Leads care, outreach, service, and advocacy ministries.

Stewardship Committee: Encourages stewardship of time, talents, and financial resources.

Youth and Family Committee: Provides Christian education, faith formation, and youth ministry.

Youth Education & Recreation Trust Committee: Administers resources supporting youth programs.

Music & Worship Committee: Supports and enhances the worship experience through music ministry and special musical events

Worship and Music Ministries

Altar Guild: Prepares communion and worship elements.

Readers: These individuals read verse and prayers aloud during the service

Communion Servers: These individuals assist the pastor in dispensing communion to the congregation.

AWE Worship Ensemble: This is a music ensemble leading worship songs.

Gospel Choir: Sings gospel music during the church service one time per month with one practice per month.

Handbell Choir: This group provides music for worship and special events

Media & Technology Committee: This team spreads the word of the good works of FLC over electronic transmissions.

Care and Fellowship Ministries

Befrienders: Provides visitation, and spiritual support for grieving families.

Funeral Committee: Provides meals and support for grieving families.

Pray Knit Chat: Provides fellowship, prayer, encouragement, and service.

Auxiliary and Service Organizations

Men in Mission: Supports ministries through service, fellowship, and fundraising.

WELCA (Women of the ELCA) Supports congregational ministries through

service. Baby Layette Project - Backpack Project

Quilters: Creates quilts for ministry and fundraising efforts.

Lutefisk Committee: Coordinates the annual Lutefisk Dinner fundraiser.

Graduating Senior Recognition: Recognizes graduating seniors

Community Partners and Facility Users

First Lutheran Church is open to many community groups who are welcome to use church facilities for gatherings and meetings. There is a preschool in the newly renovated Education Wing three mornings a week. Both Scouts and Cub Scouts hold weekly meetings here. Other groups occasionally use the kitchen for meals or prep for community events. Supporting the community and other ministries outside of the Church occurs frequently.

Thank you for taking time to explore the ministries of First Lutheran Church. We hope you will prayerfully consider where God may be calling you to serve, grow, and connect in the coming year. No matter what your gifts, interests, or experience are, there is a place for you here. Together, we share God's love by Engaging, Inspiring, and Renewing people in Christ. And if you do not see a ministry that fits your passion, perhaps God is calling you to help create something new. The opportunities for ministry continue to grow as we listen for God's leading and serve together.

Fall Ministry Is Coming... and We Need You!

Mark your calendars and watch for upcoming volunteer sign-ups!

Opportunities will be available for
Sunday School, Wednesday School,
community meals, Wednesday worship, and Confirmation mentoring.

Consider serving on Sunday morning as a: greeter, usher, reader,
Communion assistant, audio technician, gospel choir member, bell choir,
instrumentalist, vocalist, Coffee Hour Server.

Is there a committee that interest you? Consider joining a Circle
or service committee.

Your gifts can help nurture faith, build community,
and strengthen our congregation.

Need more information? Contact the office at 701-572- 6363

There's a place for everyone to serve!

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 1

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 Gramma Sharon's
 1 pm Staff Meeting - MR
 5 pm Council Exec Committee - MR
 6:30 pm Personnel Committee - MR

Wednesday, September 2

2 pm Women's Bible Study - P

Thursday, September 3

10:00 Coffee Group - P
 Noon - Men in Mission - P
 1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat - P
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts - P

Friday, September 4

Saturday, September 5

Sunday, September 6

9:30 am Worship Service - S
 10:30 am Meriel Lora
 Farewell Reception - FH

Monday, September 7

Labor Day - Office Closed
 NO Quilting for adults - QR

Tuesday, September 8

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 Gramma Sharon's
 1 pm Staff Meeting - MR
 6 pm Council - R

Wednesday, September 9

1 pm Golden Estates
 2 pm Women's Bible Study - P

Thursday, September 10

10 am Coffee Group - P
 1-3 pm Quilting for adults - QR
 1:30 Pray, Knit, Chat - P
 6:00 pm Cub Scouts—YR

Friday, September 11

6 pm-8 pm Cub Scouts - FH

Saturday, September 12

Sunday, September 13 - Rally Sun.

9:30 am Worship Service - S
 10:30 am Rally following Church
 FH

Monday, September 14

8:00 am Pastor's/Lay Preacher's
 Text Study
 1-3 pm Quilting for adults - QR

Tuesday, September 15

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 Gramma Sharon's
 1pm Staff Meeting - MR

Wednesday, September 16

Rally Wed

2 pm Women's Bible Study - P
 5:30 pm - Community Meal
 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 6:50 pm - Renewed Confirmation &
 Children's Church
 7:30 pm - Youth Group

Thursday, September 17

10 am Coffee Group - P
 11 am - Finance Committee - MR
 12 noon - Trust - MR
 1 - 3 pm Quilting for adults - QR
 1:30 am Pray, Knit, Chat - P
 6 pm Cub Scouts - FH

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

Sunday, September 20

9:30 am Worship Service - S
 10:30 am Coffee Hour - FH
 10:30 am New Member
 Orientation - P

Monday, September 21

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
 Preachers text study
 1-3 pm Quilting for adults - QR

Tuesday September 22

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 Gramma Sharon's
 1:30 pm Staff Meeting - MR

Wednesday, September 23

2 pm Women's Bible Study - P
 5:30 pm - Community Meal
 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 6:50 pm - Renewed Confirmation &
 Children's Church
 7:30 pm - Youth Group

Thursday, September 24

10 am Coffee Group - P
 1-3 pm Quilting for adults - QR
 1:30 pm Pray Knit Chat - P
 6 pm Cub Scouts - YR

Friday, September 25

Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27

9:30 am Worship Service - S
 10:30 am Coffee Hour - FH
 10:30 am New Member
 Orientation - P

Monday, September 28

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
 Preachers text study
 1 pm Arbor House
 1-3 pm Quilting for adults - QR

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
 Gramma Sharon's
 1 pm Staff Meeting—MR

Wednesday, September 30

2 pm Women's Bible Study-P
 5:30 pm- Community Meal
 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 6:50 pm - Renewed Confirmation
 & Children's Church
 7:30 pm - Youth Group

Upcoming Events

**Sunday School/Wednesday School
 Volunteer Teacher Training -**
 September 13 & September 16

NEW MEMBER

ORIENTATION CLASS

September 20 and 27 following
 Worship - P

Rally Sunday - September 13

Rally following Church - FH

Rally Wednesday - September 16

Wednesday School and
Parent/Youth Confirmation
Orientation grades 6-10

Sunday, September 20

First Day of Sunday School
 1-3pm Lyla Semenko
 90h Birthday Celebration FH

Wednesday, September 23

First Day of Wed Meal,
 Wed Worship,
 Wed School and Confirmation
 Classes

NEW - REVISED FORMAT

*Your New Wednesday Night
 Routine*

5:30 pm - Community Meal
 6:00 pm - Worship Service
 6:50 pm - Renewed Confirmation &
 Children's Church
 7:30 pm - Youth Group

Sunday, October 4

9:30 am Worship & New Member
 Recognition Sunday

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