



First Light

Worship at First

Worship at First - Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Weekend Worship is livestreamed each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

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PASTOR STEPHANIE'S NOTE

Dear People of God at First Lutheran,

The times of the church year tend to come to me in their hymnody. Courtesy of my years as a chorister, I know many hymn texts by heart, some of them in their entirety, others just in random lines and verses. And when we come to the month of November, three hymns shape for me the concluding of the church year and the beginning of another.

On All Saints Sunday, we sing For All the Saints in its most triumphant version by Ralph Vaughn Williams. "For all the saints who from their labors rest, for those who, by faith, before the world confessed your name, o Jesus, be forever blessed: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia." Vaughn Williams named the tune Sine Nomine, Latin for, without a Name, and I want to believe that he did so because it bears all our names — the names of all, the living and the dead. And I hope you will particularly listen for the three Alleluias that conclude each of the seven verses. They reflect

the words of the Burial liturgy, even from the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. There is power and hope in such communal resistance: we will not be defeated by death. God can redeem the worst of our experiences and losses and create new things for us. It is the first Sunday in November on which we remember, and hope with this hymn.

Sometimes two, sometimes three weeks later we observe the last Sunday of the church year called, Christ the King Sunday. The name is fairly recent considering the 2000-year history of the church, only 101 years old, established by Pope Pius XI who thought that the secularism of his time needed to be countered by adding another festival Sunday to the church year. Christ the King's great hymn is, O Christ the Same, also quite recent, written by Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith in 1984, and sung preferably in the tune of Londonderry Air (aka, O Danny Boy). Its text takes us with gratitude through the past, to the present, and into the future, and I hope you'll pay particular attention to two of the most poignant and moving phrases in verse one and two: O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation; and O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given. I often say that with the selection of profound congregation hymns, sermons become (almost) superfluous, and like For All the Saints, O Christ the Same can carry the full theological weight of a worship service.

Well, and then we begin our next church year with the hymn, O Come, O Come, Immanuel. Its haunting plainsong melody points us to the expectancy of the time, the wait for the one who's to come, so different from the triumphant hymns with which we just concluded the last church year. Its verses take us through the O Antiphons that describe Jesus in the context of the history of faith and which date back all the way to the 9th century.

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Just imagine: if the church sings For All the Saints and O Christ the Same for as long as the church has sung the O Antiphons, it will be the year 3200!

So please, come and sing with us. So much more theology and faith is imprinted on us through music than through words, and First is gifted with musicians who brilliantly lead and support the magnificent hymns that both feed and express our faith. Let's conclude this church year together and begin the new one, waiting for the one who is to come.

See you in church!

Stephanie +

2. *To grow our sense of community and develop Christ centered relationships among all generations.*

Recently we have tried the following things to reach these goals:

1. *Utilized table tent discussion guides at game night so people can get to know each other better.*
2. *Led a Spiritual Gifts inventory for youth to discover their God given spiritual gifts and how they can use them.*
3. *Refine Children's Sermon's to help connect the generations and answer "why" questions.*

How can you support the efforts of the Faith Formation Team and the goal of rooting young people in a lifelong transformative faith in Jesus Christ? First, be in prayer and listen to how the Holy Spirit is calling you to be involved. Second, participate in cross generational gatherings such as Reformation Sunday and the Advent Workshop on November 29. Third, get to know someone from another generation. Show genuine interest. Finally, be open to hearing new ideas and opinions. Listening may guide us in how the Holy Spirit is calling us forward. Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

In His Service,

Deacon Korra Looschen

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Cross Gen Advent Workshop, Sunday, November 29 10:45-11:30 a.m.

Join us in the Friendship Center to make advent wreaths, participate in Advent Trivia, and get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ of all ages. Receive advent devotionals and get centered on Christ for the season. Free! Please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of the Fireside Room or outside the Sunday School room 5 downstairs so we know how many supplies to prepare.

DEACON KORRA REFLECTIONS

Dear First Lutheran Friends,

Last spring, some folks from our Faith Formation team began participating in a Synod sponsored Faith Formation CO-OP sponsored by the ELCA and the ELCA Youth Ministry Network. Since then, our team has participated in three training retreats and hosted seven listening sessions. Our vision statement is, *"To help youth experience the love and grace of Jesus in community so that they are rooted in a lifelong transformative faith in Jesus Christ."*

Key Insights we heard from our listening sessions is that *people are thankful for the opportunity to serve, the traditional worship, and for caring relationships with one another. Folks are thirsty for meaningful, Christ-centered relationships.*

Through our listening and learning we observed the following challenges and opportunities: Sometimes, *children, youth and adults do not understand why we do certain things. Examples include why they serve, worship, tithe, attend confirmation, have a Santa Lucia Program, host a Smorgasbord Event, and have the Gospel lesson read in Swedish at the Candlelight Ryssby Service. How do these things help us grow in faith and experience God's presence?*

In response to these observations, we set the following goals:

1. *Create opportunities to help youth (and adults) experience their, "why" of Christian Faith practices.*

EVENTS HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER

- ♦ Saturday Worship, – 5:30 p.m.
- ♦ Sundays –Worship Service in person and livestreamed at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Nursery Sundays – 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon
- ♦ Faith Formation Classes – 10:45 a.m., Room 5 – Preschool – Grade 5, Fly Room – Middle School and High School
- ♦ Adult Forum Class, 10:45 a.m. – Conference Room *
- ♦ Brass Angels Bell Choir – Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m., Choir Room
- ♦ Staff Meeting – Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Adult Lectionary Study – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Homebound Communion – Sunday, November 1
- ♦ Middle and High School Youth, Sunday, November 1, 5:30 p.m., Atlas Escape Room
- ♦ Council Agenda Planning Meeting – Tuesday, November 3, 4:00 p.m.
- ♦ LWR Sewing Group – Wednesday, November 4, 9:00 a.m., Room USW-B
- ♦ Parish House Return to Housing, – Wednesday, November 4, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Reconciling in Christ Meeting, – 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 5, Conference Room
- ♦ Touch of Craft – Wednesday, November 4, 11:00 a.m., Room 6
- ♦ FLW – 8:30 a.m., Sunday, November 8 Conference Room
- ♦ Confirmation Class, – Sunday, November 8, 11:45 a.m., First Lutheran Church
- ♦ Council Meeting – Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 p.m., Conference Room

- ♦ Worship Music Planning Meeting, – Wednesday, November 11. 10:00 a.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Prayer Shawl Group – 9:30 a.m., Friday, November 13
- ♦ Commitment Weekend – Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15
- ♦ Middle and High School Youth Group with Bethlehem at First, Sunday, November 15, 11:45 a.m., Youth Room
- ♦ Seasoned Saints – Wednesday, November 18, 9:00 a.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Touch of Craft – Wednesday, November 18, 5:00 p.m., Room 6
- ♦ Personnel Committee Meeting – Thursday, November 19, 4:00 p.m., Conference Room
- ♦ Mission and Mahjong –Friday, November 20, 9:30 a.m., Room 5
- ♦ LWR Sewing Group – Wednesday, November 21, 1:00 p.m., Room USW-B
- ♦ 3rd Saturday Game Night – Saturday, November 21, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room
- ♦ Stewardship Celebration – Sunday, November 22
- ♦ **Thanksgiving Break** – November 22 – No Sunday School,
- ♦ Confirmation Class – Sunday, November 22, 11:45 a.m., Bethlehem Lutheran Church
- ♦ Thanksgiving Eve Worship – Wednesday, November 25, 6:00 p.m.
- ♦ Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social, – following worship, 6:45 p.m., Friendship Center (Big Room)
- ♦ **Thanksgiving Holiday – Church Building Closed, November 26 and 27**
- ♦ Deck the Halls – Saturday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m., Decorate the church
- ♦ Cross Generation Advent Workshop – Sunday November 29, 10:45 a.m. in the Friendship Center (Big Room)



COUNCIL CORNER FOR OCTOBER

150th Celebration Committee—Gary Elmquist, Viki Samson, Kristie Venrick, and Lorraine Stromquist—has worked overtime to plan a spectacular First Lutheran 150th Celebration.

- ◆ Mark your calendars to join everyone **Saturday, January 23, 2027** for international congregation potluck, **we are First Lutheran: One Table, Many Traditions**
- ◆ Watch for information about the New Pictorial Directory! We will be asking for you to be a part of our Directory. **MORE TO COME ON THIS PROJECT!**

Constitution Committee —Brad Hall and Preston Johnson—has been reviewing the Constitution so that it is current and can be adopted by the congregation at the Annual Meeting, January 24, 2027.

Other News

Transition News—Pr. Stephanie continues to assist us in our healing and moving forward as a congregation. We are encouraged to think about who we are and how we care for each other as we discern God's plan for First Lutheran. She will select the Transition team in mid-November.

Facilities—Repairs have been made to the HVAC systems in the Sanctuary and Room 5 with the system in the Friendship Center set for repairs soon.

The Parish House

Vicki and Herb Hergott held an informational meeting about the project on September 20 with 30 members attending.

- ◆ Application to Home Aid was submitted, asking them to be the general contractor for the Parish House Project, in the event that the congregation approves the project.

The Transition conversation on October 11th

- ◆ Forty-five members attended to discuss the findings of the Synod Listening team and their thoughts about the Church.
- ◆ If you would like to have copies of what some members have to say about our Church and an AI analysis of their comments, contact Dorothea Ekx: dorotheaekx@gmail.com or 720-220-6111 or pick up hard copies in the lobby of the Church.

Church Council or Committee work—Join us on Council or one of our committees as we plan for our future mission! Contact Sally Campbell 303-775-6874, Barb Mohr 970-461-8719, or Eric Doering 303-776-2800 to express your interest!

Watch for Stewardship Information: Giving of your Time, Talents, and Treasures

Prayerfully consider the gifts you plan to share in support of Christ's work at First Lutheran in 2027. Your generosity helps us grow in faith, care for one another, and share Christ's love with our community and the world.

November 14–15, 2026 is Commitment Weekend!

Join us in the Fireside room for fellowship and coffee before or after worship any Sunday!

NOMINATIONS FOR CHURCH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

The nominating committee is already hard at work gathering names for Church Council positions and committees of the church to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in January 2027. Prayerfully consider your participation in a leadership role in the life of this congregation. We need each and every one of us to consider how we can help First Lutheran grow and minister to our congregation and our community. If you receive a call or are interested in serving let Sally Campbell or Barb Mohr know or let Eric or Maria know in the office, 303-776-2800. Thank you for your consideration.



"Blest Be the Ties That Bind"

Celebrating our Past, our Present and our Future

Did you know...

...the Ryssby Church was founded in 1878, the same year Thomas Edison patented the phonograph?

...FELC currently participates in 12 different community partnerships?

...the first event of the 150th Anniversary Celebration will be a potluck event on January 23, 2027?

“IT’S TIME TO DECK THE HALLS”



A well-organized band of volunteers is getting ready to bring out the Sanctuary décor for the Advent season. We’d love some willing hands to pitch-in for

approximately an hour on **Saturday, November 28 at 9:00 a.m.** to help put up wreaths, garlands, tree and candles and creche. There will be patient guidance and warm, grateful thanks.

JULOTTA

Julotta (pronounced *yoo-LOH-tah*) is a traditional early-morning church service held on Christmas Day (December 25) in Sweden and among Swedish communities worldwide.

KEY FEATURES & HISTORY

- ♦ **Timing:** Historically held as early as 4:00 a.m. in the Middle Ages—and set to 6:00 a.m. by Swedish church law in 1686—most modern services now take place at **6:30 a.m.** timed so that the service finishes as the sun rises.
- ♦ **Atmosphere:** Worshippers gather in the dark of winter to enter an illuminated sanctuary filled with candlelight and greenery.

OPPORTUNITY

You are invited to our traditional Julotta service on December 25th at First Evangelical Lutheran Church 803 3rd Ave. Longmont, CO 80501. We begin with the service at 6:30 a.m. that includes communion and follow the service with fellowship/breakfast that includes Swedish pancakes.



FIRST LUTHERAN WOMEN

Thank-Offering Boxes are available on the table across from the windows. Please pick up one (or more if you want), fill it with coins, bills or a check made out to First Lutheran Church. These will be collected at the Thanksgiving Eve service on the evening of November 25, 2026. FLW matches the money given in the boxes and gives it to the Rocky Mountain Women of the ELCA. Your generosity is appreciated!



Advent bags for those who are unable to attend services at First Lutheran have been filled with four flameless blue candles, an Advent Calendar, an

Advent activity tree, a Christmas ornament, a bag of scripture jelly beans, an Advent devotional and a greeting from Paster Stephanie Kopsch. They will be delivered by FLW members before November 29, 2026.

Judy Burris and Margaretha Magnusson have one final proofing of the recipes from Jean Larson before it will be bound into a beautiful cookbook. The cookbook is titled “LOVE on a Plate”, with a drawing of Jean’s signature biscotti. Under that is reads – “A selection of Jean Larson’s recipes with memories from her children”. Look for it to go on sale soon!

FLW continues to provide families with food and comfort when dealing with the grief of losing a loved one. There are services planned for November 6, 2026 and November 18, 2026. Thank you to all the ladies who continue to help with these receptions.

AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GRATITUDE

Dear First Lutheran Parishioners,

A big thank-you and heartfelt appreciation to everyone who contributed a devotion to First Lutheran’s 150th Anniversary Devotional Book. We are so grateful to have heard from so many members and friends of our church family, both past and present, who helped make this possible.

We reached for the sky when we set our lofty goal of 150 devotions. Although we didn’t quite reach that number, we agreed that we would make the most of what we received—and what a beautiful collection it will be! We have 83 lovely devotions that will offer days of blessings, comfort, and inspiration to all who read them.

Finally, you may be wondering, where do we go from here? We asked for an early deadline because there is still plenty of work ahead to turn these heartfelt contributions into a true treasure for our congregation. Our committee will now begin proofreading, formatting, and printing the book before distributing this special collection of blessings to members and friends of First Lutheran.

Thank you once again to everyone who shared their faith, stories, and reflections with us. Your contributions will help us celebrate 150 years of faith and fellowship while creating a lasting gift for our church family.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The First Lutheran 150th Anniversary Devotional Committee



Under the theme “**Blest Be the Ties That Bind,**” plans are underway for a year filled with special worship services, fellowship gatherings, and opportunities to celebrate the rich history and faithful ministry of First Lutheran

Church and to look to the future with excitement and anticipation. Throughout 2027, we will honor the people, traditions, and shared experiences that have shaped our congregation as we prepare for our official 150th Anniversary celebration with special culminating events the weekend of January 8-9, 2028!

A Special Beginning: January 2–3, 2027

Our anniversary year will officially kick off with a special guest preacher, Rev. Kent Mueller, who will join us for worship on Saturday, January 2, at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 3, at 9:30 a.m. January 3 marks the 149th anniversary of our congregation's founding, making this a particularly meaningful weekend to begin our year of celebration!

Rev. Mueller, a son of First Lutheran, will be the first of several special guest preachers joining us throughout 2027. These guests will include sons and daughters of First Lutheran who have answered God's call to ordained or rostered ministry in the ELCA, as well as former pastors who have served our congregation.

One Table, Many Traditions: January 23, 2027

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. when we will host our first major fellowship celebration of the year! This potluck promises to be an evening of delicious food, meaningful conversation, and plenty of laughter as we gather for “**We Are First Lutheran: One Table, Many Traditions.**” Food has a wonderful way of bringing people together, and what better way to celebrate our connections than by sharing dishes that reflect our family favorites?

We invite everyone to bring a favorite dish to share - perhaps a treasured family recipe, a food that reflects your heritage, or simply something your family has always enjoyed. Whether it is a recipe passed down through generations or a newer family favorite, every dish has a story!

But this evening will be about more than sharing a meal. We'll also gather around our tables for informal conversations, sharing stories of our family backgrounds, our connections to First Lutheran, our

faith journeys and our hopes and dreams for the future of our congregation. Deacon Korra Looschen will help guide these conversations as we reflect on our shared past and imagine the possibilities that lie ahead. There may even be a trivia contest and prizes!

The First Lutheran Women (FLW) will also be helping make this special evening possible by providing beverages and assisting with setup and cleanup, and our TOC group providing the decorations.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you have been part of First Lutheran for generations or have joined us more recently, this is an opportunity to celebrate the many backgrounds, stories, and traditions that make us one church family.

Stay Connected—There's More to Come!

The 150th Anniversary Committee is planning a variety of special activities throughout 2027, with something for everyone to enjoy. Thank you to those who have submitted an entry into our Daily Devotion Booklet that will be distributed in 2027 for all members to enjoy. A special thanks to Holly Keenan and Susan Osberg for their work on this exciting project! Also thank you to the Lutheran World Relief Quilters who designed and created the Anniversary Quilt that everyone has been signing after worship services! If you have not already signed the quilt, please be sure to do so the first two weeks of November at either the Saturday night or Sunday morning worship services. The group will be completing the quilt in the months to come and it will be displayed, alongside a quilt from our archives that was created by our founding members! What a special tribute connecting our past to our present-day members!

Watch for the more anniversary celebration details that will be displayed in the large glass-enclosed bulletin board near the Friendship Center (Big Room) and the Ann Noble Art Gallery. The display will be refreshed frequently with upcoming events, historical highlights, and opportunities to participate in our yearlong celebration. Be sure to check it regularly, watch for announcements in the newsletter, and mark your calendars!

Honoring Our Past, Celebrating Our Present, Embracing Our Future

Our 150th Anniversary is about much more than looking back at our history. It is an opportunity to celebrate the relationships that connect us, give thanks for the generations of faithful people who

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have brought us to this moment, and look forward with hope and expectation.

As we reflect on where we have been, we also have an opportunity to consider where God is calling us next. Together, we will continue to shape the ministry and mission of First Lutheran for generations to come.

After all, it is the ties of faith, friendship, service, and love that truly bind us together.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

THANK YOU

Thanks to Al Manly, Bill Thorvalson, and Ralph Ponfick for painting the youth room. We are still in the process of decorating but take a look if you haven't seen it yet.

Thanks to our F3 Household Team who planned and led the Fall Family Halloween Festival last month. The team includes the following people: Amanda Fan, Kayla Morelli, Sandy Moore, and Stephanie Nieuwlandt. Thanks to everyone who attended and contributed.

RECONCILING IN CHRIST

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Reformation Sunday gathering! It was wonderful to come together, share stories, get creative, and reflect on what makes our community unique. As we head into November, the RIC team invites you to join us for our next meeting on Thursday, November 5 at 5pm in the conference room. Whether you've been part of these conversations from the beginning or are just curious about getting involved, there's a place for you here! We look forward to continuing to build a community rooted in kindness, connection, and belonging for all.

RYSSBY CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

Ryssby Candlelight Services December 12 and 13

Reservations are available to First Lutheran attendees starting **Sunday, November 1!** Please fill out and return a Ryssby Candlelight Reservation form to the box in the Narthex or contact Peggy Shupe, peggyshupe@outlook.com or [303-638-0036](tel:303-638-0036) or call the church office.

The dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, December 12, 4:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 13, 4:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

You can also make or change reservations online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2026-ryssby-church-candlelight-services-tickets-1997388000277> starting Tuesday, November 17 when tickets open to the general public. Space is limited to 175 per service and space will fill up fast! If you have made a reservation that you will not be using or if you need to change a reservation, please let us know, so we can make the reservation available to others. Thank you!

STEWARDSHIP

Our Fall Stewardship Emphasis kicked off Sunday, October 24 and 25 in worship with Temple Talks by members of the congregation who will share their message about giving to the work of the congregation. You should have received the letter from Pastor Stephanie regarding this year's Stewardship efforts. Look for your 2027 commitment cards in the mail in early November with our Commitment Services, November 14-15. Making this commitment through your Estimate of Giving helps support the many ministries of First Lutheran Church here in our church, our community, and the wider church, and the estimates of giving helps leadership of the church know how to plan to the priorities of the congregation.

YOUTH CHALLENGE AT THE ESCAPE ROOM!

Sunday, Nov. 1-Youth Adventure at Atlas Escape Room, 5:30 p.m.

Meet at 350 Terry Street, Suite 315 at 5:15 p.m. Join the challenge and adventure of solving the mysteries together. Free!!!! Please RSVP to Deacon Korra by Oct. 28.



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"When we say grace, do we look up at Heaven or down at the food?"
By Carl Jeff KEANE

NOVEMBER CALENDAR 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Homebound Communion 9:30 a.m.– Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Faith Formation Class 5:30 p.m. – Middle/High School Youth at Atlas Escape Room		9:00 a.m. – Brass Angels Bell Choir, 1:00 p.m.– Staff Meeting 4:00 p.m. – Council Agenda Planning	9:00 a.m. – Parish House Project Meeting 9:00 a.m. – LWR Sewing Group 11:00 a.m. – Touch of Craft	10:30 a.m., – Adult Lectionary Study, 5:00 p.m.– Reconciling in Christ Meeting 7:00 p.m., – Chancel Choir Rehearsal	11:00 a.m. Cary Hall Memorial Service & Reception	5:30 p.m.– Worship Service
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 a.m. – FLW Meeting 9:30 a.m.– Worship Service 10:45 a.m. – Faith Formation Class 11:45 a.m. – Confirmation Class First Lutheran		9:00 a.m. – Brass Angels Bell Choir, 1:00 p.m.– Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. – Council Meeting	10:00 a.m. – Worship Music Planning Meeting	10:30 a.m., – Adult Lectionary Study, 7:00 p.m., – Chancel Choir Rehearsal,	9:30 a.m. – Prayer Shawl Group	5:30 p.m.– Worship Service
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Stewardship Celebration 9:30 a.m. – Worship Service No Sunday School 11:45 a.m. – Confirmation Class at Bethlehem Lutheran		9:00 a.m. – Brass Angels Bell Choir, 1:00 p.m.– Staff Meeting	6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship followed by a Pie Social at 6:45 p.m.	Thanksgiving Holiday Church Building Closed		9:00 a.m. – Deck the Halls 5:30 p.m.– Worship Service
29	30					
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FINANCIALS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

	September 2026 Month-To-Date			September 2026 Year-To-Date			Full Year
	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	Actual	Budget	Variance Fav/(Unfav)	Budget
Income	106,180.26	49,006.24	57,174.02	571,365.99	524,570.21	46,795.78	702,462
Expenses	73,289.97	75,091.14	1,801.17	605,219.45	620,231.72	15,012.27	833,142
Net Income/(Loss):	32,890.29	(26,084.90)	58,975.19	(33,853.46)	(95,661.51)	61,808.05	(130,679.51)

Note: September income includes \$41,504 transfer from Estate Gifts that was approved in the 2026 Budget.

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 can 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 Teams - Thrivent Action Team grants give eligible Thrivent members up to \$250 in seed money for community service projects, fundraisers, or educational events. Benefit members can apply for two grants per calendar year, while associate members get one, and you apply online through your Thrivent account. Grants support a wide range of community needs — from buying supplies for quilts and hygiene kits to serving meals or purchasing food for the Little Free Pantry or blankets for those in need.

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!



Alex Rutt	November 01	Curt Danielson	November 17
Richard Levarsky	November 02	Maxine Berg	November 18
Violet Oliver	November 03	Audrey Warriner	November 20
Delbert Spaur	November 03	Bruce Tveten	November 20
Kimberly Cabrera	November 04	Scarlett Leos	November 21
Bobby Stover	November 04	Shannon Satur	November 21
Bill Roadarmel	November 04	Robbi Dollar	November 21
Donna Jordison	November 05	Seth Powell	November 22
Pauly Brockmann	November 06	Emma Gamber	November 23
Mary Johnson	November 06	K.C. Campbell	November 23
Ray Grummert	November 06	Myrna Sjostrand	November 23
Susan Osberg	November 07	Gary Osborne	November 23
Deanna Levarsky	November 08	Cliff Looschen	November 26
Anna Bassoff	November 09	Marsha Hansard	November 26
Larkin Berry	November 10	Donna Collins	November 26
John Olson	November 10	Jane Haeker	November 27
Anna May Flynn	November 10	George Zukauskas	November 27
Bobbie Nolan	November 11	Ava Abarelli	November 28
Betty LaVelle	November 12	Kat Peters	November 28
Marilyn Miner	November 12	Ann Carrico	November 28
Enid VanDeWalker	November 13	Kerry Nieberger	November 29
Sally Ponfick	November 15	Angel Hayse	November 29
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Cheryl Gilliam	November 17	Rhett Osborne	November 30

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