

# THE JUNE MESSENGER

*The monthly newsletter of First Lutheran Church, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

Hello First Lutheran Family!

We're thrilled to share more about our upcoming Mission Trip to Asheville, North Carolina. After months of thoughtful planning, prayer, and preparation, our team is ready to step into this incredible opportunity to serve and grow. This isn't just a trip—it's the beginning of a powerful partnership with churches and organizations working to bring healing and hope to a region deeply affected by Hurricane Helene.

The devastation in North Carolina is far from over. In fact, the road to full recovery could stretch over the next 15+ years. But here's the good news: we get to be part of the healing. Thanks to the wider ELCA, a dedicated volunteer coordinator is now helping to guide the many hands and hearts reaching out in service—and we're answering that call.

On a personal note, I remember the time I joined a mission team through Hastings College. We traveled to Colorado to help with flood recovery efforts. It was hard work—hauling metal from rivers, clearing out ruined belongings, painting homes—but it was also deeply meaningful. We heard stories of survival, resilience, and hope. And through it all, I realized something profound: we were Christ's healing hands in action.

Now, our church is forming its own mission team—and that fills me with joy and gratitude. What an amazing opportunity to live out our faith, to love our neighbors, and to make a tangible difference in the lives of others.

As we prepare for this journey, we humbly ask for your prayers—for our team, for those already serving on the ground, and for the work that lies ahead. We believe this is just the beginning of a meaningful relationship between our cluster of churches and the communities of Buncombe County.

Stay tuned! There will be more chances to connect, learn, and support this vital ministry as the summer unfolds. God is doing incredible things—and we're honored to be part of it.

With joy and hope,  
Pastor Logan



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**800-638-3522**

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**402-896-5311**

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**Lutheran World Relief: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org)**

**800-597-5972**

**Lutheran Disaster Response:**

**[www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response](http://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response)**

**800-638-3522**

## Prayers of Comfort and Peace for...



- Andrew and Miranda Obermeier on the death of Andrew's grandmother, Lois Obermeier.
- Sharon Liljehorn on the death of her husband, Jim Liljehorn.
- Carl Weber's family and friends on his death.

## THANK YOU

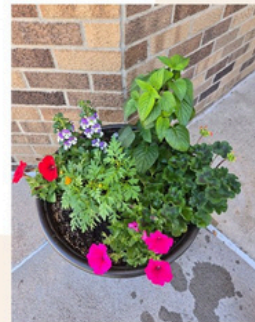
**THANK  
YOU**

**Thanks to the generous offerings received during our Lenten Services, Mission Outreach's Collection for California Fire Relief received \$985.**

“Dear Pastor Michelle, Pastor Rick, Church Family and Office Staff,  
Thank you so much for your kindness and your prayers when Steve was in the hospital and upon his passing. Thank you Pastor Michelle, for being at the hospital with me and my family, especially when talking to the palliative caregiver. Thank you for giving Steve and our family communion. Your presence meant so much to me.  
Thank you Church Family for your prayers, the food that was brought to my house, your love and prayers, and kindness.  
Thank you ladies for a wonderful lunch after the funeral, it was so comforting. I am so blessed to be part of this family of First Lutheran.  
Love, Betty Heggemeyer and family”



**Thank you  
Elyria Gardens  
for donating and  
planting the  
beautiful  
outdoor flowers!**



**Growing in God's grace, reflecting Christ's love,  
and living in the Spirit.**

## MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES:

### S.A.F.E. Center June Donations: Shelf Stable Foods

**S.A.F.E. Center Donations for June:**  
*Shelf Stable & Microwavable Foods*

Please put on the sharing shelf in the narthex.

Peanut Butter	Instant Oatmeal Cups
Crackers	Cereal
Trail Mix	Pop Tarts
Rice or Pasta Pouches	Protein/Granola Bars
Instant Mac and Cheese Cups	Canned Fruit
Ramen Noodles	
Instant Soup	
Pudding Cups	
Jello Cups	
Chips	
Canned Tuna or Chicken	

 **S.A.F.E. Center**  
Empower. Support. Educate.

You can also donate used/seasonal clothing and furniture.  
Please call ahead with furniture donations.  
The Safe Center has a wish-list on their website of needed items.  
[safecenter.org](http://safecenter.org)

Hours: Monday-Thursday 9am - 5pm Phone: 308.237.2599  
Crisis Line: 877.237.2513  
Address: 620 E. 25th Street Suite 14, Kearney, NE 68847

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Hello First Lutheran Families,

As we celebrate our beautiful new office space, I want to take a moment to highlight a very special room: *the Stephen Ministry Training Room*. In the coming months, we will begin preparing our first group of Stephen Ministers in this dedicated space. This powerful program is designed to equip individuals with the tools and training to offer compassionate, Christ-centered care. Over the course of 50 hours of training spread across several weeks, participants will learn how to truly listen and walk alongside others through life's challenges.

Once this team is ready, they will be available to offer support, encouragement, and a prayerful presence to anyone in our congregation who may be facing trials or simply needs someone to walk with them. This is an exciting new chapter in the life of our church—one that deepens the ways we connect and care for one another. We look forward to seeing how God will use this ministry to bless and strengthen our First Lutheran Family.

With gratitude and hope,  
--Pastor Logan





# MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



Matthew 5:28 MSG

*“Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.”*

Habitat for Humanity is a wonderful opportunity to live out our God-created identity. Habitat has built 100 homes in Kearney and is constructing three new homes in 2025.

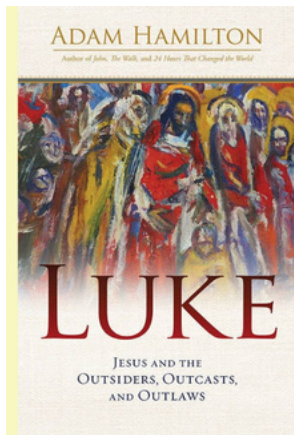
Volunteers work with homeowners to construct affordable housing. Homeowners, family, and friends contribute sweat equity toward their homes before starting their mortgages when they move into completed homes. Volunteers with novice to experienced building skills are welcome.

Morning devotionals, with coffee and donuts, and provided lunches are valuable parts of the Habitat volunteer experience. New volunteers are welcome on Saturday mornings at 1600 Avenue P.

FLC members are regular volunteers building homes for God’s people.



## SPECIAL DATES / EVENTS



### Please join us for an Adult Bible Study!

- Every Wednesday Morning through June 25th
- 10:30 am - 12noon
- Fellowship Hall

The link to order the book is on the FLC website and in the weekly newsletter.

Most of us have at some point felt like a nobody—insignificant, invisible, worthless. The Gospel of Luke is a first-century portrait of Jesus with a particular focus on his ministry with those who were thought to be nobodies. Join us as we read through the Gospel of Luke together. Each week, turn your attention to specific stories that illustrate Jesus' concern for those who were considered unimportant and hear his word for our lives today.

Many hymns have compelling stories behind their creation. For example, "It Is Well With My Soul" was written by Horatio Spafford after a family tragedy. Charlotte Elliott wrote "Just As I Am" after feeling unworthy of God's grace due to physical disabilities. These are just a few examples of how personal experiences can inspire powerful hymns. Here is an opportunity to learn about the hymns we sing! Our first session will be offered between services on Sunday, June 8th in the Sanctuary. Contact Pastor John Gosswein, Natalie Radcliffe or CJ Sabah with any questions.

### Hymns of Faith, Pentecost Party

An opportunity to learn about the hymns we sing will be offered on June 8<sup>th</sup> between services in the Sanctuary.

If you come to the early service, stay and learn about the background and hear the stories of some of our hymns. If you usually come to the late service come early and join the party.

TO ALL THE FATHERS,  
GRANDFATHERS,  
GODFATHERS &  
FATHER FIGURES  
AMONG US WHO HAVE  
ALWAYS BEEN  
PILLARS OF STRENGTH  
FOR US, THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
STEADFASTNESS,  
LOVE AND SUPPORT.



Sunday, June 15th

## SPECIAL DATES / EVENTS



### Budget Forum

- **Sunday, June 15**
- **9:45 am**
- **Centennial Hall**

**Please attend the budget forum.  
The 2025/2026 financial plan will be  
discussed and congregational  
input is needed!**

The Budget Forum is a platform for discussion and an opportunity to exchange ideas related to church finance, budgeting, and management. We need you to share insights and tools for creating and managing the church budget.

We ask all members to attend the annual meeting if you can. We will be voting on the budget and the next year's leaders.

### Annual Meeting

- **Sunday, June 29**
- **9:45 am**
- **Centennial Hall**

WE NEED ALL CHURCH MEMBERS TO ATTEND. WE WILL VOTE ON ELECTED OFFICIALS, VOTE ON THE BUDGET AND CELEBRATE THE CONGREGATION'S ACTIVITIES.



**You can bid on this beautiful quilt!  
Details on the Carol Joy Holling  
Website: [www.CJHCenter.org](http://www.CJHCenter.org)**



Quilt donated by: Judy Niemann

**Auction will be:  
Saturday, July 26, 2025  
Please Check  
Carol Joy Holling's  
website for updates.**



## FLY NEWS

Hey FLY Fam! 🚀

(First Lutheran Youth – You Rock!)

This is Pastor Logan, and WOW—what an awesome year it's been!

From rolling up our sleeves to help local organizations, to diving into the lives of inspiring,

Christians, to just doing life together, this past year has been packed with purpose, laughs, and unforgettable moments. 🌟🙌  
We've built friendships, grown in faith, and made some seriously great memories.

### 🌟 Mission Trip Update

Okay, real talk—due to scheduling conflicts, we won't be heading out on a mission trip this summer. 😞 BUT don't worry! **Next year's trip will be back and better than ever**—with a fresh twist that we think you're going to love. Stay tuned...

### 🌟 SUMMER IS STILL ON!

Just because we're not traveling far doesn't mean we're not having fun! We've got some epic plans lined up right here at home:

🎬 **Movie Night** – Wed. July 16 | 8pm – Kick back and relax after VBS with snacks, friends, and a great film.

🎡 **Nebraska State Fair Adventure** – Let's ride the rides, eat the funnel cake, and soak in the fun.

🍴 **Farmers' Market Cook-Off** – Sat. July 26 | 10am – We'll shop local, cook together, and see who's the next FLY Top Chef!

✉️ **Check your email all summer long** for exact dates, times, and more surprises. You don't want to miss out!

🎓 To our incredible graduating seniors—we're cheering you on as you take your next steps!

🌟 And to our awesome **new confirmands**—welcome! We can't wait to have you join the crew.

This group is something truly special, and I'm so grateful to walk this journey of faith with you all. God's got big things ahead for us—and I can't wait to see where He leads us next.

**Let's make this summer one to remember!**

In Peace,  
Pastor Logan





## LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Often when natural disasters strike or when war drives families from their homes, we don't know how to help. One way to offer comfort to those suffering and express love to our neighbors is by making personal health care kits. These kits help to provide much needed self-care and critical germ fighting items.

Items needed for First Lutheran to send this care to those in need are:

- dark lightweight bath towels
- bath size bar soap
- metal nail clippers

If you purchase any of these items, please place them in the collection box located in the Quilt Room.



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

**Our Volunteer of the Month for June is Terry Volker.**



**Terry has been a member of First Lutheran Church for 40+ years and serves in the following areas:**

- Served on Property & Management Team for over 9 years
- Trimmed the Memorial Rose Garden
- Volunteers weekly cleaning the church
- Habitat for Humanity
- God's Work Our Hands
- Meals on Wheels
- Central Nebraska Car Club

**Thank you, Terry for all the compassion and stewardship you provide!**

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**Who doesn't love a Road Trip? Join us!**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JULY 14 – 17 & 20**

**WEEKDAYS 6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Check-In & Free-Will Donation Meal 5:15-5:50pm

**SUNDAY, JULY 20:**

**10:30am WORSHIP SERVICE**

VBS Takeover: 5th Lesson, Perform Songs, Party After



REGISTER



VOLUNTEER

**Direct links to register can be found on our website:  
FirstLutheranKearney.org**

**Volunteers are  
needed 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
and up!**



**VBS Meal served  
Monday through  
Thursday:  
5:15 pm – 5:50 pm for  
all participants and  
volunteers**

**Vacation Bible School takeover will be at the 10:30 am service  
on Sunday, July 20th  
We'll perform songs and following service there will be a party  
for EVERYONE.**



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### **Items needed for Vacation Bible School:**

Brown grocery paper bags, Glue sticks, Crayons, Markers,  
Rectangular plastic table cloths (white is fine), Hobby Lobby and  
Walmart gift cards, Monetary donations.

*A Collection Box will be set up soon in the Narthex. Until then, please  
start collecting these items.*

*Please check the weekly newsletter for an updated list*

**Volunteers  
needed**

**Volunteers are needed in several areas. You can  
help with food, teaching or assisting, working  
the craft table and many more areas.**

**Please check the registration link on the FLC  
website to view all the opportunities!**

**[firstlutherankearney.org/vacationbibleschool](https://firstlutherankearney.org/vacationbibleschool)**

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### Affirmation of Baptism May 4, 2025



Back Row: Pastor Michelle Carlson, Lily Wegner, Jacob Schmidt, Grace Means, Trey  
Turner, Harmony Behrendt, Charly Fehringer, and Pastor Rick Carlson  
Front Row: Brynn Thoene, Madison Wulf, Jackson Weaver, Olivia Cardenas, Emersyn  
Fritson, Greyson Meredith, Cosette Wagner, and Averie Buckley



## FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL

Greetings First Lutheran Congregation,

Here is an update from your Church Council and the latest happenings at First.

-The staff has officially moved into the new office space! We thank everyone for their patience during the construction and relocation of the offices. We look forward to the efficiencies this creates!

-An adult mission trip to North Carolina is being planned for the Fall of 2025! We have been coordinating with the North Carolina Synod to assist with the clean-up/restoration from Hurricane Helene. The Council has agreed to pay for transportation to North Carolina, room and board, and transportation while in North Carolina. Ages High School on up welcome to come. This was paid for with the tithe from the estate gift of Mary Wright. Please contact a Council Representative if you would like more details.

-Important dates in June for First Lutheran include:

- Budget Forum: June 15<sup>th</sup> (in between services)
- Annual Meeting: June 29<sup>th</sup> (in between services)

Yours in Christ,

Lee Fritson  
Council President

*On behalf of PJ Bartels (VP), Deb Schauer (Secretary), Lisa Parish (Treasurer), Karen Emal, Christine Fisher, Bill Schmidt, Tyler Schwartz, Shirley Smalley, Pastor Rick Carlson and Pastor Michelle Carlson.*

Sample Ballot:

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL	PRESCHOOL BOARD	NOMINATING COMMITTEE	ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE
Vote for three Candidates for a three year term.	Vote for three Candidates for a three year term.	Vote for four Candidates	Vote for one Candidate.
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Write in _____ Write in _____	Write in _____ Write in _____	Write in _____ Write in _____	Write in _____ Write in _____



FIRST LUTHERAN  
Church of Kearney



# WOMEN OF THE ELCA



## NEEDED

### ***Hospitality Coordinator***

We are looking for someone to serve as the Hospitality Coordinator. We need to have someone start this ministry on June 1st. The Hospitality Coordinator sends cards to members of the congregation. Information is available by contacting the church office or one of the Women's Board Officers.

### **First Lutheran Women's Events Calendar**

- June 2**     **Board Meeting** 7Pm, in Centennial Hall  
**July 7**     **Election of Officers / girls night event** *(check the June Newsletter for details)*  
**Sep 26-28** **NSWO Biennial Convention:** Camp Carol Joy Holling

### **The Nebraska Synodical Women's Events Calendar**

- Aug 1-3**     **Saved to Serve, "Mosaic"** at Beatrice. Spending time with the residents.  
**Sep 26-28** **Biennial NSWO Convention** at Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland.  
The Theme is *"Wrapped in God's Love"*.

**All women can attend these planned events, as they are open to everyone.**



## **2025 Saved To Serve Opportunity Retreat Mosaic/Beatrice**



**Friday, August 8, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 10, 1:00 p.m.**

### **Learn about Mosaic's program and spend time with Mosaic's clients**

Spend time with your Sisters in Christ, make new friends, and renew continuing friendships as we have a fun weekend in Beatrice at the Mosaic facility. Come join us to learn about Mosaic new and existing programs. Hear from individuals sharing their stories. The weekend will also include devotions, Bingo, bell ringing, sing-a-longs with Karaoke, jokes, a picnic, jewelry making, a tour of the campus, worship will be held in the Mosaic Chapel, the closing group hug, and of course, food.

Individuals, churches and women's units are encouraged to participate by collecting and bringing items for the tangible offering.

### **Tangible items being collected:**

Large hole beads, crosses, 1/8" satin ribbon, Ty or other small stuff animals, terrycloth shower mitten, and fun pillowcases

Registered attendees will receive a letter or email with more information. For answers to retreat questions, contact Mary Mayfield, call 402-778-0291, or text 402-660-9450; or Donna Bentjen, 402-429-0745.

Registration forms can be found on the Women of the ELCA Bulletin Board

Please find our **complete** newsletter on the website: [FirstLutheranKearney.org](http://FirstLutheranKearney.org) then click the "Get Connected" tab.

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

Wow—what a fantastic month (and year!) we've had with our little learners!

In May, we celebrated the amazing way God made families and each of our students so uniquely special! The kiddos created sweet gifts for their moms and dads—adorable treasures made with tiny hands and lots of love. 🧡 We also wrapped up our Creation Book, reviewed letters and numbers, and believe it or not... our preschoolers can even solve story problems using manipulatives! 🧠🧩 Each child now has over 29 books in their book box—future bookworms in the making! 📚🧶

Our 3-4-Year-Old Class dove into some seriously fun topics like the life cycle of a butterfly 🦋 and explored their five senses—with lots of giggles along the way!

They also crafted beautiful Mother's and Father's Day cards. Their artwork?

Absolutely precious. You'll want to keep it forever.

Academically, these kiddos are ROCKSTARS! 🌟 They can:

- Count up a storm 🎉
- Recognize most uppercase & lowercase letters
- Identify numbers 0-20
- Know their coins (pennies to quarters!) 💰
- Understand the basics of telling time on an analog clock 🕒
- Rhyme, write, draw, cut, sound out words,
- and even build full sentences! 📖✏️

Can you believe how much they've grown? It's nothing short of amazing—and we're SO proud of each one. Their futures are bright, and we know that with God by their side, they'll face every challenge with courage and joy, and give thanks for the good things too. ❤️

We celebrated this incredible growth with our Graduation Ceremonies:

🎓 May 8 | 3-4-Year-Old Class

🎓 May 9 | Pre-K Class

There were songs, certificates, keepsakes, goodie bags, playground games, ribbon dancing, chase tag, pop-ice, and bottles of water. It was joyful, silly, sweet, and totally unforgettable!

🌟 **We do have a few openings left in the Pre-K class—please help us spread the word!** We'd love to welcome more amazing families into our preschool family.

A huge thank-you to all of YOU and our incredible church family who support us day after day. Your love and dedication help make our preschool the warm, wonderful place it is. We are truly blessed.

*With hugs, gratitude, and so much love,  
Mrs. Amanda, Ms. Marissa & Mrs. Sonya*



# PRESCHOOL NEWS



## Exciting News from First Lutheran Church Preschool!

We still have a few spots open in our PreK Class — now moving to All Day, Monday – Friday!

*Our Three/Four-Year-Old Class will stay half days, Monday–Thursday.*

Why choose us?

- Twice-a-year parent-teacher conferences to keep you in the loop
- Weekly Chapel time with our Pastors — faith-filled and kid-friendly
- A private parent Facebook group for sharing photos, updates, and reminders

Want to hear what other parents say about us?

Check it out at: [firstlutheranearney.org/first-lutheran-preschool](http://firstlutheranearney.org/first-lutheran-preschool)

Have questions or want a tour?

Call us at (308) 237-5544 and ask for Kandy — we'd love to show you around!

Since we're moving to all day, we have a new kitchen to prepare lunches.

Please help us fill it!

## Preschool Kitchen Shower

**Help us stock our NEW Preschool Kitchen!**



### Items needed:

Children's Plates, Cups, Cooking Utensils, Step Ladder, Microwave, Refrigerator, Visa Gift Cards (to purchase small items).

**A complete list can be found on the bulletin board in the Narthex.**



# WORSHIP THEMES

**JUNE 1, 2025**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

ACTS 16:16-34; PSALM 97;  
REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21;  
JOHN 17:20-26

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history – to our day – and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the food of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints.

**JUNE 8, 2025**

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

ACTS 2:1-21; GENESIS 11:1-9; PSALM 104:24-34, 35b; ROMANS 8:14-17;  
JOHN 14:8-17 [25-27]

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides us in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path. Filled with the Spirit of truth, we go out from worship to proclaim the saving power of Christ's love and the freedom of God's grace with all the world.

**JUNE 15, 2025**

**THE HOLY TRINITY**

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

PROVERBS 8:1-4, 22-31; ROMANS 5:1-5, JOHN 16:12-15

"O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity.

Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.

**JUNE 22, 2025**

**TIME AFTER PENTECOST**

ISAIAH 65:1-9; PSALM 22:19-28;  
GALATIANS 3:23-29; LUKE 8:26-39; 1  
KINGS 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a

This Sunday's texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church's repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of "how much God has done for you".

**JUNE 29, 2025**

**PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

ACTS 12:1-11; PSALM 87:1-3, 5-7; 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 17-18; JOHN 21:15-19

Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.



<b>April Finance Report</b>				
Ministry Budget:	Apr 2025	YTD '24-'25	YTD '23-'24	
Budget Supporting Revenue	\$56,270	\$650,020	\$608,410	
Budget Related Expenditures	\$(61,598)	\$(686,167)	\$(627,291)	
Total 2024-2025 Ministry Budget: \$768,954				
Facilities Budget:	Apr 2025	YTD '24-'25	YTD '23-'24	
Revenue	\$5,925	\$55,606	\$55,526	
Expenditures	\$(2,961)	\$(24,616)	\$(18,121)	
Total 2024-2025 Facilities Budget: \$44,100 (Facilities Budget is not the same as the Capital Campaign)				

If you have any questions or need assistance using the electronic giving options, please contact Stacy Seim in the church office:  
(308)237-5544 or [SSeim@FirstLutheranKearney.org](mailto:SSeim@FirstLutheranKearney.org)

### Donate On-line

Please consider using VANCO Mobile Faith, as you give and donate to help us lower expenses.

Please contact Stacy if you are willing to discontinue receiving offering envelopes, especially if giving electronically.

**Thank you so much for your faithful generosity to  
First Lutheran Church's ministry!**

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*Treasurer*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Please review the calendar at [FirstLutheranKearney.org](http://FirstLutheranKearney.org) for updates

### June Events

#### Laying on of Hands First and Third Weekends

Sat./Sun., May 31/June 1  
Sat./Sun., June 7/8  
Sun. June 8  
Sun. June 8

Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 10:30 am  
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Hymns of Faith, Pentecost Party - 9:45 am | Sanctuary  
Confirmation Camp Orientation -  
**Confirmands and Parents**: 12:30 pm - Centennial Hall

Sun. June 8 - Fri. June 13  
Sat./Sun., June 14/15  
Sun. June 15  
Sat./Sun., June 21/22  
Sat./Sun., June 28/29  
Sun. June 29

Confirmation Camp  
Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 10:30 am  
**Budget Forum Meeting** - 9:45 am - Centennial Hall  
Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 10:30 am  
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**Annual Congregational Meeting** - 9:45 am -  
Centennial Hall

### July Events

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Fri. July 4  
Sat./Sun., July 5/6  
Sat./Sun., July 12/13  
M-TH., July 14-17

Church Office closed  
Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 10:30 am  
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Vacation Bible School 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
(VBS Meal served 5:15 pm - 5:50 pm)

Wed. July 16  
Sat./Sun., July 19/20  
Sun. July 20

FLY Movie Night 8:00pm  
Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 10:30 am  
VBS Take over 10:30 am service w/VBS Picnic  
Celebration

Sat. July 26  
Sat./Sun., July 26/27

FLY Farmer's Market Activity  
Worship - Sat. 6:00 pm, Sun. 8:45 am and 10:30 am

\*\*\*Sat. August 2 \*\*\*\* First Lutheran Church Habitat for Humanity Work Day

# SUMMER

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

11:00 AM HAS CHANGED TO 10:30 AM

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