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Co-Pastor

Rev. Dr. Rick Carlson
Co-Pastor



Sundays 8:45 am

FLC RADIO BROADCAST

This week's radio broadcast
is sponsored by:
First Lutheran Church

Call or email the church office to
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S.A.F.E. Center Donations for June: *Shelf Stable & Microwavable Foods*

Please put on the sharing
shelf in the narthex.

Peanut Butter

Crackers

Trail Mix

Rice or Pasta Pouches

Instant Mac and Cheese Cups

Ramen Noodles

Instant Soup

Pudding Cups

Jello Cups

Chips

Canned Tuna or Chicken

Instant Oatmeal Cups

Cereal

Pop Tarts

Protein/Granola Bars

Canned Fruit



S.A.F.E. Center

Empower. Support. Educate.

Altar Flowers are
provided by
PJ and Dorann Bartels
in honor of their 51st
wedding anniversary!



**The T-coil can be heard best in
the two center aisles on the main level.**

**For the hard of hearing,
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
offers a loop system.
Hearing aid wearers with
a "T" (telecoil) setting
can now hear the service
broadcast directly through
their hearing aids.**



**For those who do NOT have a T-coil in their hearing aid
or no hearing aid, contact an Usher for the use of a
RX-20 Hearing Loop Receiver for use during the service.**



Sunday, June 15th

Monetary gifts for the Mission Trip can be placed in the donation box located on the Welcome Station.

Asheville,
North Carolina

REACHING OUT IN FAITH AND SERVICE



FIRST LUTHERAN
Church of Kearney

Mission Trip
September 14-20



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!

Preschool Kitchen Update

We've had some amazing donors
respond to our needs.

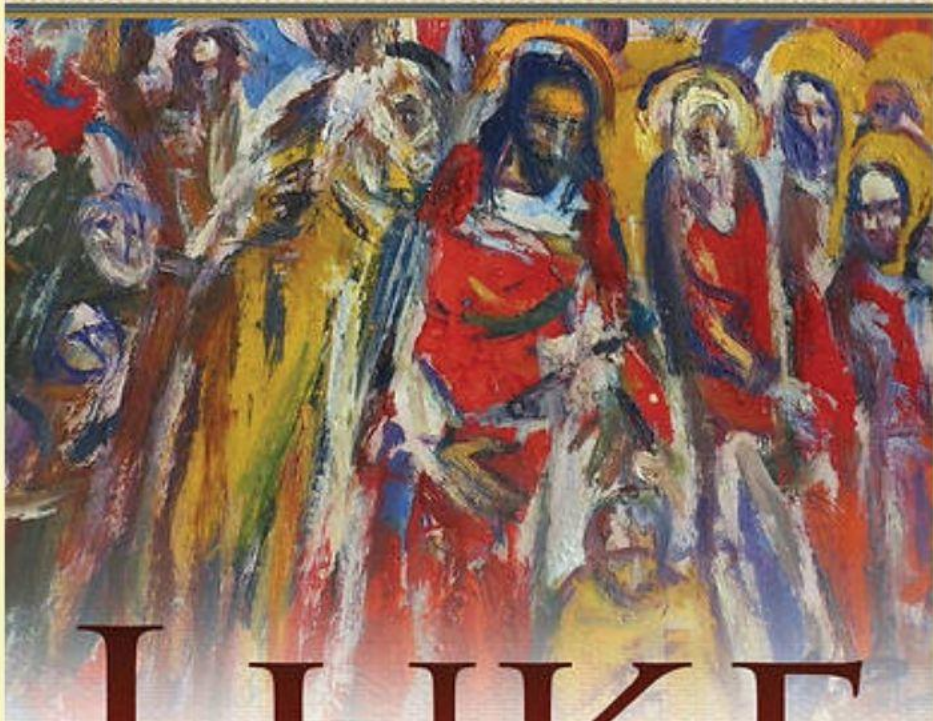
THANK YOU!!



We have a small list of
items still needed.
If interested, please see
the church office for details.

ADAM HAMILTON

Author of John, The Walk, and 24 Hours That Changed the World



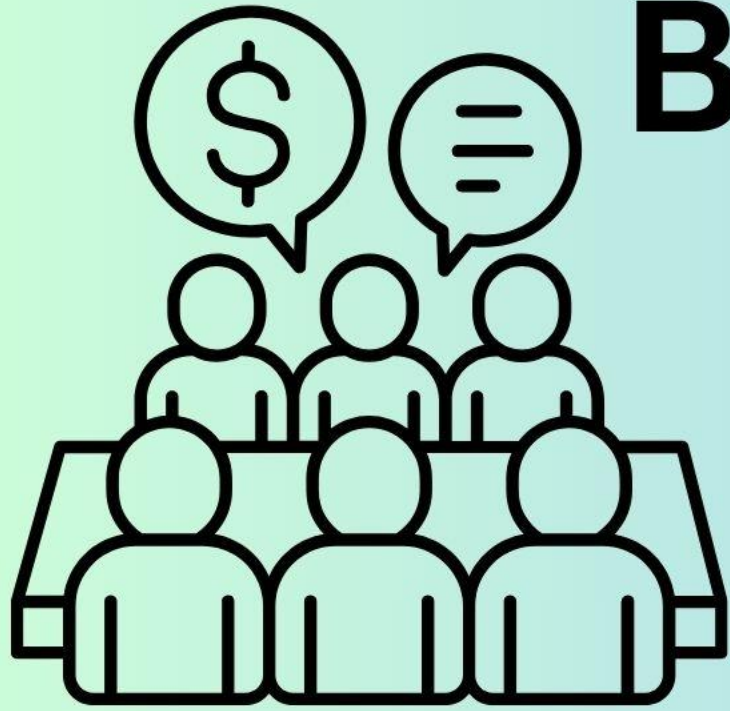
LUKE

JESUS AND THE
OUTSIDERS, OUTCASTS,
AND OUTLAWS

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.



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!**

Annual Congregational Meeting

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

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



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



REGISTER



VOLUNTEER

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

Items needed for VBS:

Brown grocery paper bags, Glue sticks, Crayons, Markers, Red or white rectangular plastic table cloths, Adult Scissors, Playdoh, 10 lbs. Beef, Apple Juice or Capri Sun Water Boxes, Hobby Lobby and Walmart gift cards, Monetary donations.

A complete list and a collection box is in the Narthex.

You can bid on this beautiful quilt!
Details on the Carol Joy Holling
Website: www.CJHCenter.org



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

Quilt donated by: Judy Niemann

**Thank you, John Love, for serving as
Assistant Minister for so many years!**

*John is stepping down from being Assistant Minister.
He's still very active in several areas serving at the church.*





The June Messenger is HERE!

Pick up a copy at the Welcome Station

Our Nursery is Open

**Do you need a quiet space to go
with your child?**

**You're welcome to use the nursery.
Sunday morning services and funerals
are streamed live inside.**



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A WEDNESDAY NIGHT F.R.O.G. COORDINATOR

**HELP SUPPORT OUR YOUTH IN FAITH, FUN
AND FELLOWSHIP!**



**Collaborate with
a friend and be
co-coordinators!**

**Questions? email:
volunteers@firstlutherankearney.org**

Curriculum & materials provided!

2025 - 2026

First Lutheran Church Preschool

Registration

3-year-old
8:15 - 11:45am
Monday -
Thursday

\$250
per month

PreK
8:15 - 3:00pm
Monday -
Friday
\$625 per
month
***2 snacks and**
lunch included

\$60.00
non-
refundable
registration
fee

<https://firstlutheran-kearney.org/first-lutheran-preschool/>

Call the church
office with any
questions
(308) 237-5544

Calling All Donut Lovers and Coffee Pourers!

Do you enjoy warm smiles, good conversation, and the smell of fresh coffee?




We're looking for friendly faces to help host our Coffee, Donuts, and Fellowship time between services! It's easy, fun, and a great way to serve our church family. You bring the cheer—we'll supply the treats! Whether you're a seasoned barista (or just really good at pouring from a carafe), we'd love to have you join the team. Sign up today to host one Sunday—we promise it's more fun than a jelly-filled donut on a cold morning!

Questions? Reach out to Christine Fisher at (308) 224-1161 or 76fisher@gmail.com.

Let's make sweet fellowship even sweeter!

You can sign up from the link located in the weekly newsletter and on the FLC website, or call or email Christine.



As we prepare for the upcoming
Annual Meeting, we invite you
to meet the candidates!

Plan to attend the Annual Meeting on
June 29th at 9:45am to place your vote.



Congregational Council Candidate

Scott
Darveau

I have been a member of First Lutheran Church since 1997. I currently serve in the media booth, on the Imaging & Technology Team, usher, altar guild, and help collect the weekly offerings.

I previously served as president on the council for three years and treasurer for one year. I also previously served as FLY-Sunday School teacher for seven years including chaperoning the youth mission trip to Houston, on the audit committee, and on the budget committee.

I have volunteered in Scouting for 22 years in several roles including as our church's representative to Pack 139, Troop 139B, and Troop 339G for the past seven years.

I have been married to Stacy for 33 years and we have two children Ryan (28) and Megan (25). I have worked as a Professor of Chemistry at UNK for the past 28 years.



I grew up in Kearney and consider myself a lifelong member. My wife and I were married here in 1988. I am a retired science teacher and coach who is now back to teaching at Kearney Catholic. I previously served on the preschool board and helped with fundraising several years ago.

Congregational Council Candidate

We have three grown children and five grandchildren, four of whom have been at FLC preschool.

Jay
Kuecker



Congregational Council Candidate

Shirley
Smalley
Incumbent

I have been a member of First Lutheran Church since 1969.

I am in charge of the Columbarium, and the Memorial Rose and Stone Garden. I am a member of the Church Council and Council representative to the Property Management Team. I co-chair the 5th group of ladies serving funerals at First Lutheran Church.

I previously sang in choir, belonged to circle, and taught Sunday School. I was also a member of the Worship Life Team. I watered the flowers inside and outside the church, and decorated outside for special holidays.

My husband passed away eight years ago. I have a son and wife, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

I retired from Barney Insurance fifteen years ago.



My husband, Adam, and I have been married for almost 15 years. We've been members of First Lutheran since 2017, and prior to that were members at Immanuel Lutheran in Bellevue, NE. We have four children, Collins, Winnie, Dempsey and Crosby. We found great comfort in our church family when Dempsey passed away in 2019.

Nominating Committee Candidate

Over the years, I have served extensively in the music and worship experience. Currently involvement at FLC includes serving as a member of Sound Offering.

Mollie
Akerson



Nominating Committee Candidate

Ashley
Lewandowski

My husband, Even, and I have three daughters: Harper, Willa and Audrey.

We have lived in Kearney since 2007.

I am a consultant for Nationwide Ag.

I'm involved in Junior Achievement, Hildreth High School Alumni Board, coach youth sports and have assisted with Confirmation Classes at First Lutheran.



Nominating Committee Candidate

Annette
Schwartz

I've been a member of First Lutheran Church - Kearney since 1997. My husband, Tyler, and I have two grown children, Hope (26) and Zach (23).

Over the years, I've served our congregation in many roles: Sunday School teacher, VBS teacher and coordinator, FROG teacher, and Small Group Guide for Confirmation. I also worked at First Lutheran from 2008 to 2016 as Church Secretary before transitioning into the role of Communications Coordinator and Technology Specialist.

Currently, I serve as an Assisting Minister, on the Stewardship Team, and as a Media Booth Volunteer. I also enjoy sharing my photography skills for VBS and special events.

Professionally, I hold a BFA in Graphic Design and run my own business, Living Creative By Design.

Outside church, I'm active with the Women of Today, serving as chaplain of our local Kearney chapter.



**Nominating
Committee
Candidate**

**Cindy
Wessels**

My name is Cindy Wessels. I have been a member of First Lutheran Church since the early "80's".

Over the years I have been involved with different aspects of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. I was a member of the Care and Growth Board, Endowment Board, Preschool Board, Nominating Committee. I have helped with greeting and have been a communion assistant for several years. Years ago I helped with the children's choir.

My husband Wendell and I have been married for 40 years and have two grown children, Eric. Kate, who are both married and we have 4 grandkids.

In my spare time, I love visiting the kids, traveling and walking.



**Nominating
Committee
Candidate**

**Renae
Zimmer**

My husband, Dave and I have been members of First Lutheran Church for twenty years. We have two grown children, Nolan and Kamryn and one grandson. I served on the Church Council from 2011-2014 and was active in FLY when our kids were in school. I attended the Youth Gathering in New Orleans in 2010.

I've helped with Sunday School and assist with communion, ushering and bring food for funerals. For years I've been active in the FLY Holiday Dinner and Live Auction. I've also helped with marketing of the current Capital Campaign and development of Church Logo.

I'm currently the Director of Student Engagement at UNK and co-founder of the Central Nebraska LOSS team of Kearney.



Preschool Board Candidate

Christine
Fisher
Incumbent

- I am currently an assistant professor at University of Nebraska Kearney in teacher education.
- Member of First Lutheran Church (FLC) for over 30 years and a third-generation member at FLC.
- Baptized at FLC in 1976 and confirmed at FLC in 1992.
- Graduate of FLC pre-school
- Currently serve on FLC Mission Outreach team and preschool board
- Vice president of The Arc of Buffalo County board
- Lector at the 8:45 service
- Altar guild for May



Preschool Board Candidate

Blair
Peterson

My husband, Cole, and I have three sons ages 11, 9 and 5.

I am a dental hygienist 3 days a week and a consultant for House of Colour the other 2 days.

I am looking forward to finding ways I can serve the church and get more involved.



Preschool Board Candidate

Brandi
Sayer

- I've been a member at First Lutheran since 1996 and a volunteer as a FROGS teacher
- My husband, Jeremy, and I have four children: Trenton-17, Callie-8, Maverick-6, Spencer-3
- I've been a House Supervisor at Kearney Regional Medical Center for eight years
- I was employed at Good Samaritan Hospital for sixteen years prior to KRMC.
- I have been a Registered Nurse for 15 years
- I'm a Kenwood PTO member and co-chair on the Staff Appreciation Committee
- I am also on the KRMC Code Blue

**Thank you, Candidates, for offering
to serve!**

**Let's come together in unity and
support, trusting the Lord to guide us
as we prepare for this new season of
service and leadership.**

See you June 29th!

Yellow Prayer Cards

- Prayer cards are available in the pew racks for you to include petitions during the Prayers of Intercession.

Ushers will collect the cards during the Prelude.



Reminder

Register your attendance at communion

Registration cards in the pew racks
and on the Welcome Stations

Registration is only required once a year.



Worship Times

Saturday (Traditional)	6:00 pm
Sunday (Traditional)	8:45 am
Sunday (Contemporary)	10:30 am

Welcome Visitors

We invite you to complete a Visitor Card. Please place it in the offering plate or in one of the boxes on the Welcome Stations.



ELECTRONIC GIVING OPTIONS

VANCO

FAITH

ON-LINE

visit FLC's
website

MOBILE

APP

iPhone & Android

VANCO MOBILE IS SIMPLE AND SECURE.
TRY IT TODAY!



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