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Sundays 8:45 am

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S.A.F.E. Center Donations for June:

Dish Cloths
and
Hand Towels



Please set items on the sharing shelf in the narthex.



**Altar flowers provided by
Gary & Beth Forbess
*in appreciation of our families***





**Altar flowers
provided by
Jo Skogman**

**in celebration of
Lil Larson's birthday**

June Volunteer of the Month:

Stacy Bean



Stacy has gifted First Lutheran Church in several areas, most recently volunteering as musician during services this spring when we had gaps.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAYS – 6:00PM

SUNDAYS – 9:45AM



Summer Schedule ends August 30th with
Worship in the Park at 11am.

On Sunday, September 6th we will return
to 8:45am and 11am services.



FIRST LUTHERAN
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BUDGET FORUM



**SUNDAY | JUNE 14, 2026
CENTENNIAL HALL
TIME: 10:45AM**



**Plan to attend the
budget forum.**



**The 2026/2027
financial plan will
be discussed and
congregational
input is needed!**



Women of the ELCA Meeting and Potluck

June 18, 2026 | Thursday

Begins at 5:15pm

Fellowship Hall

ALL Women are invited!!

ILLINI BIKE TEAM

raising money for cancer research and patient support services

**The Illini Bike Team will stay over at First Lutheran Church
on June 22 on their ride across the nation.**

Help us welcome this group with items for a meal!
A sign up is located in the narthex.



Annual Congregational Meeting



- **Sunday, June 28th**
- **11:00 am**
- **Centennial Hall**

All church members are asked to attend. We will vote on elected officials, the budget, and celebrate the congregation's activities.

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

**Plan to attend the Annual Meeting on
June 28th at 11:00am to place your vote.**



Congregational Council Candidate

PJ Bartels

- My wife Dorann and I have been members of First Lutheran since 1987. During that time, I have served on the Council and am currently seeking another term on the Council.
- I have served as assisting minister and lector.
- Other committees I have served on include: Property and Management, Personnel, and Stewardship committees.
- I was also privileged to participate in the mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina last September.



Congregational Council Candidate

Deb
Schauer

I have been a member of First Lutheran Church for 44 years. I have been serving on the Council the last three years and am running for re-election. I have served as the Secretary the last two years.

I'm a retired Special Education teacher but went back to work as the Project SEARCH Job Coach.

My husband Don & I have two grown children and three grandchildren.



Congregational Council Candidate

Terry
Volker

- My name is Terry Volker and I am running for church council.
- I have been a member of First Lutheran since 1987, when we moved here. I am married and have 5 children, 3 son in laws, 1 daughter in law and 6 grandchildren.
- I have been a member of several committees and served on church council two other times.
- I am retired and spent my courier in retail, at Kmart and Menards.
- I spend my spare time gardening, golfing, and hanging around family and friends



Endowment
Committee
Candidate

Dennis
Gorr

- I'm currently serving as Endowment Treasurer, Budget Committee, Imaging Team, Communion Assistant and Altar Guild. I also do home communion and serve as a First Lutheran Stephen Minister.
- My wife, Barb, and I retired here four years ago to be near family.
- I enjoy playing golf.



**Endowment
Committee
Candidate**

**Barry
Sandstrom**

- I retired as President and CEO of Home Federal Bank in Grand Island
- My wife, Judy, and I were married by Pastor Ebb in 1969 here at First Lutheran Church.
- While living in Estes Park, CO we were members of Shepherd of Mountain Lutheran Church
- I lost my wife in 2020 and moved to Kearney in 2022.
- I joined First Lutheran Church in 2023
- I have served as usher and as a member of the Endowment Committee
- I have two adult children and six grandchildren: son Kurt (Heather) lives in Bedford, NH and daughter, Lori Klein (Steve) lives in Kearney.



Endowment Committee Candidate

Wendell
Wessels

- My name is Wendell Wessels and I am running for a position on the Endowment Committee. I have been a member of First Lutheran Church for almost 40 years and have served on the Congregational Council and various church committees.
- My wife, Cindy, and I have two children, Eric and Kate, who both grew up in First Lutheran Church. Eric and Kate are both married and live in Lincoln. Eric and his wife Havilah have three boys and Kate and her husband Ben have one girl with another girl arriving in July.
- I am retired after 37 years as the Finance Director for the City of Kearney.
- I enjoy hunting in the fall, traveling, working in the yard, and reading.



Nominating Committee Candidate

Suzette
Eppler

- Thank you for considering me for the Nominating Committee.
- My family has been members of First Lutheran Church for the past 20 years, and both of our daughters were confirmed at First Lutheran.
- I have worked at UNK for nearly nine years and value opportunities to serve and connect with others in our community.
- Serving on the Nominating Committee would allow me to learn more about our church members while supporting my desire to become more actively involved in the life and ministry of First Lutheran Church.



**Nominating
Committee
Candidate**

**Sandy
Erpelding**

My name is Sandy Erpelding.

I've served as: Offering Counter, VBS Committee Member, Substitute F.R.O.G. Teacher, Communion Assistant, Bread Baker, Usher and Greeter.

My husband, Fred, and I have two daughters, Lexi and Kylee.

I've been a manager at Alley Rose for over 30 years.



Preschool Board Candidate

Deb
Beerman

I'm originally from North Platte, but Kearney has been my home since 1972. I have a daughter and a son. Jenni Nielsen (husband Matt) - grandsons Drew (14) and Hayes (10).

Dustin (wife Laura) - grandchildren Colten (13), Hannah (9) and Harper (5). Both families live in Kearney.

I graduated from Kearney State College and began teaching at Glenwood Elementary. For 36 years I taught at the same school. I retired in 2012 from KPS.

Since retirement, I have volunteered at Glenwood School, First Lutheran Preschool and Prince of Peace Preschool.

I was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in North Platte. In 1978 I became a member at First Lutheran of Kearney. Four out of five grandchildren have attended First Lutheran Preschool.



Preschool Board Candidate

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Gorr

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Preschool Board Candidate

Rachel
Leach

I have been a member since 1998. Over the course of my membership, I have served on Church Council, Preschool Board, Nominating Committee, Care & Growth Committee, Mission Outreach, Co-Leader of FROG, Sunday School teacher for 20 years, Confirmation teacher for 7 years, FROG teacher for 10 years and many years as a Vacation Bible School Volunteer.

Shawn and I have been married for 20 years. We have four adult children and five grandchildren that are our number 1 priorities. We are so excited for our oldest, Brianna, getting married this summer!

I have worked for Kearney Park and Recreation for 28 years where I am the Office Manager. I serve on the S.A.F.E. Center Board of Directors and am a part of Kearney Women of Today. I love to travel, attend concerts and most importantly anything I get to do with my children and grandchildren.

**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 28th!

VBS Donation Requests Board is in the Narthex

Please take a square and leave the donated item(s) in the below box or gift cards/monetary item(s) drop off in the Office by July 10th



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 13-16 6PM-8PM
Check-in & Meal 5:15-5:50pm

SUNDAY, JULY 19 9:45AM
VBS Take-over & party after



First Lutheran Church

REGISTER VOLUNTEER



Short on time?
shop and ship
craft/science
items from our
Amazon registry

This beautiful quilt can be viewed in the sanctuary. It will be auctioned off at the Carol Joy Holling Quilt Auction on July 25th.



Donated by: Judy Niemann



It's Time to Sign Up for SUMMER MUSIC

**Middle school through age 99.
Provide special music for 6:00pm and/or
9:45am services during the summer.
Contact Natalie in the church office to
schedule a date.**

Property & Management Team

Summer 2026 Projects:



- North Kitchen Update
- Memorial Stones Upgrade
- Security Systems Improvements
- Outdoor Church Signage

**We welcome ideas, comments & suggestions.
Join our team! Construction experience is NOT needed.**



Sunday Ride Ministry



Do you need a ride to church this summer? We are offering rides the first and third Sundays beginning June 7th.

Please email: Sarah Schweitzer at:

Volunteers@FirstLutheranKearney.org

or call the office at : 308-237-5544



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.**

Please ask an usher for a special Welcome Gift!





**A Gentle Reminder...
Please register your
participation in Holy
Communion at least once
per year to maintain your
membership at
First Lutheran.**

**Registration cards are located in the
Pew Racks and on the Welcome Station.**

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Summer Worship Times

Saturday (Blended)	6:00 pm
Sunday (Blended)	9:45 am



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