



April 2026

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Rachel Anderson and Amy Cudworth

USHERING:

Thursday, April 2 at 6:40 p.m.: Korey Anderson and Rachel Anderson
Friday, April 3 at 6:40 p.m.: David & Gail Roberts
Sunday, April 5 at 9:40 a.m.: Kevin & Karen Omoth
Sunday, April 12 at 9:40 a.m.: Dennis & Annie Weber
Sunday, April 19 at 9:40 a.m.: Steve & Sharon Weisenburger
Sunday, April 26 at 9:40 a.m.: Jim & Ann Wobbema family

*Please fill out the Usher Report and place in the offering plate.
Usher duties are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.*

GREETERS:

Sunday, April 5 at 9:15 a.m.: Becky Kjos and Melissa Hollinshead
Sunday, April 12 at 9:15 a.m.: Lonnie Thompson
Sunday, April 19 at 9:15 a.m.: Joey & Suzie Wobbema
Sunday, April 26 at 9:15 a.m.: Volunteer needed

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Sunday, April 5 at 9:15 a.m.: Jeanette Perleberg and Alex & Brooke Perleberg family
Sunday, April 12 at 9:15 a.m.: Tina Hermanson
Sunday, April 19 at 9:15 a.m.: Becky Kjos
Sunday, April 26 at 9:15 a.m.: Robert & Amy Cudworth family

PREPLANNED CONGREGATION MEAL: April 26th there is an end of the LAUNCH year meal for the congregation. Board of Ed is making and serving the meal. HH is asked to do clean up. Co-chairs will line up workers for the event.

FUND: Scholarship Fund

If you are unavailable on your assigned day, please use the group list that was mailed to you to find a replacement. If you are unsuccessful at finding a replacement, please notify a co-chairperson.



Pastor Amy's Ponderings

Easter arrives not as a gentle whisper, but as a bold proclamation: Christ is risen! And in that risen Christ, everything changes.

As a pastor, I have walked with many through the valley of the shadows of life and death — grief, uncertainty, fear, and loss. These are not abstract ideas; they are your lived realities. The women who came to the tomb on that first Easter morning knew those shadows well. They carried spices for a body they expected to find. Instead, they encountered the unexpected; the stone rolled away, the tomb empty, and a message that would reshape the whole world.

Easter does not deny the reality of our suffering. The cross stands as proof that God enters fully into our pain. But Easter declares that suffering and death do not have the final word. Resurrection is the promise that even when hope seems buried, new life is already stirring. It is the nature of our God, the very fabric of the Trinity to bring life out of death.

In our Lutheran tradition, we speak often of grace — God's unearned, abundant and merciful love. Easter is that grace made visible. It is not something we achieve or earn; it is a gift given freely in Christ. The risen Jesus comes to us still, meeting us in our doubts, calling us by name, and sending us out with hope to share. This is our reality and our call as Christians.

This Easter, I invite you to listen for that hope. It may come in song, in silence, in community, or in the quiet assurance that you are not alone. The tomb is empty, and that changes everything—not just once long ago, but here and now, and every now unto eternal life.

Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.



Thanks to all the sponsors of our radio broadcasts!

Apr. 5th: IMO Levi Duda, by Duane & Annette Duda

Apr. 12th: IMO Kjos family members, by their family

Apr. 19th: IMO our parents, by Jim & Fern Schuster

Apr. 26th: IMO Mason, by Jon & Jean Schuster family



BAPTISMS:

WEDDINGS:

FUNERALS:

TRANSFERS:



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Alissa Bachmeier

Joan Shroyer

Kathy Ryan

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**



April 2: Cherry Heinz, sound; Marilyn Gedrose, lay reader; Michelle Pfeiffer, communion coordinator

April 3: Kevin Cartwright, sound; Fern Schuster, lay reader;

April 5: Gail Weisenburger sound; Nancy Ludwig, lay reader; Deb Stafford, communion coordinator

April 12: Cherry Heinz, sound; Linda Lies, lay reader

April 19 Kevin Cartwright, sound; Michelle Pfeiffer, lay reader, Joan Shroyer, communion coordinator

April 26: Kenny Thompson, sound; Deb Belquist, lay reader



Sunday, April 5th

Evan Hultgren & Haley Thompson

Sunday, April 12th

Austin Weisenburger & Miles Peterson

Sunday, April 19th 10:00 am

Auggie Meier & Hudson Myhre

Sunday, April 26th

William Jorgensen & Noah Sorensen



We are looking for empty plastic containers. If you have any cool whip, sour cream, yogurt, cream cheese, etc at home and they need a new home, please bring them into the church and leave on the kitchen island. Staff will put them away. These are helpful for leftovers from our various events. Thank you!

Holy Week Worship

Maundy Thursday - April 2, 7pm

Good Friday - April 3, 7pm

Easter Sunday - April 5, 10am
(coffee fellowship at 9:15)



5th Annual
**Women's
NIGHT OUT**

Garden Gate, Carrington
Sunday, April 12

4:00 Social Gathering
4:30 Speaker Kayla Houchin
(free-will offering received for Charity Water)
5:30 Dinner

WOMEN & GIRLS AGE 10 & UP
\$20 DUE AT REGISTRATION
DEADLINE APRIL 6TH

By the Numbers

MARCH ATTENDANCE

March 1	90
March 4	80
March 8	84
March 11	69
March 15	64

MAR. GENERAL FUND OFFERING

March 1	\$2,412.08
March 4	\$80.00
March 8	\$1,856.00
March 11	\$200.00
March 15	\$9,370.00
Automated Gifts (MTD)	\$520.00
Vanco	\$499.71

Weekly Offering Needed to Meet 2025

General Fund Budget \$3,639.00

GENERAL FUND as of 2/28/2025

BUDGET:	\$ 31,537.83
EXPENSES:	\$ 29,679.21
OFFERING:	\$ 29,569.92

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Property Fund:	\$8,862.94
Banner/Altar Fund:	\$1,116.64
Music Fund:	\$4,151.30
Budget Reserve:	\$18,507.36
Thrivent Choice:	\$1,115.00
Noisy Offering:	\$159.00
FLC Men's Group:	\$1,256.16
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$102,195.26
(Includes Carpet Fund:	\$11,791.09
& Hopes & Dreams:	\$1,224.35)



April (Group 3)

- Korey Anderson
- Rachel Anderson
- Mitch Bjerke family
- Robert & Amy Cudworth family
- Tina Hermanson
- Lynn & Cindy Homelvig
- Norris & Becky Kjos
- Wayne Lesmeister
- Kevin & Karen Omoth
- Alex & Brooke Perleberg family
- Brian & Jeanette Perleberg
- David & Gail Roberts
- Kenneth Sharbono
- Elaine Thompson
- Kathy Thompson
- Lonnie Thompson
- Dennis & Annie Weber
- Steve & Sharon Weisenburger
- Jim & Ann Marie Wobbema

Celebrating APRIL Birthdays

- 1st - Glen Nystrom
Travis Peterson
- 2nd - Dean Anderson
Macey Wobbema
- 3rd - Chelsey Zeltinger
- 5th - Jack Skogen
Livi Skogen
- 7th - Jon Heinz
Aubrey Reis
- 8th - Korey Anderson
Whitney Burkhardtsmeier
Olivia Larson
Elena Perleberg
- 10th - Andie Burkhardtsmeier
- 13th - Johnny Carlson
Kaliyah Whitetail
- 14th - Jeff Pfau
Nate Rue
- 15th - Marlo Byberg
Kylie Grossman
- 17th - Tammy Sorensen

- 18th - Sydney Carr
Rob Cudworth
Maggie Wobbema
- 19th - Milton Omoth
- 21st - Karen Anderson
- 22nd - Kip Ehni
Isaac Lange
- 25th - Traci Harrington
Leonard Jacobson
Trista Langley
- 26th - Bruce Hirschert
Lincoln Langley
- 27th - David Anderson
Hallie Brown
Josh Langley
- 28th - Mary Nokleby
- 30th - Chad Clelland
Vicki Ryan

If you find your birthday is not listed, or is incorrect, let us know!



The Women's Ministry Leadership Team is in the process of cleaning out and getting rid of things we no longer use or need. Before we decide what to do with the items in the pictures here, we want to check if anyone has an attachment to them. Maybe your family donated these items? If you have a strong feeling about any of these items, please contact the church office by April 15th.



Special Offering Sunday, April 26

Faith formation is a lifelong journey, and our LAUNCH and VBS programs are funded entirely through free-will donations. Your generosity helps create a space where children grow in faith and experience the unconditional love inspired by the Holy Spirit. Thank you for giving with love and supporting this mission!



There will be a lock-in, supervised by a couple of LAUNCH teachers, for grades 2-5 on Saturday, April 25th. Registration forms will be due on Sunday, April 19th. The lock-in will begin at 6 pm.



Vacation Bible School

Students entering Pre-k through 5th grade
 July 22nd (9 am - 3 pm)
 July 23rd (9 am - 3 pm)
 July 24th (9 am - 12 pm)
 Registration Forms due June 1st.
 \$20/student or \$50 family max

"Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." – Psalm 34:8 (NIV)

This year, the Board of Education will be taking the lead on VBS and diving into the Old Testament. We will learn about Jacob, Moses, Jethro, and the Song of Deborah. Join us to find out "What's Cookin'?"!

FLC Women's Ministry

The Women's Ministry Team met on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 7 p.m. In attendance: Katie Jorgensen, Ann Wobbema, Sharon Whitmer, Joan Shroyer, Kristen Allmaras and Amy Perleberg. Absent: Nan Taverna, Marydean Weinmann, Allison Pfeiffer and Jodi Hirchert.

The meeting was called to order. The group met for final planning for the 5th annual Women's Night Out Event scheduled for Sunday, April 12th at 4 p.m. The event will be held at the Garden Gate in Carrington and those attending will just carpool together from the church. Kayla Houchin will be our guest speaker and will share her experience working with Charity Water, an organization that provides drinking water to people in developing nations. A free will offering will be available at the event for Charity Water.

4:00 will be social time, gather, visit and enjoy a beverage. At 4:30 Kayla will share her story. Dinner will follow, which will include a wide variety of appetizers prepared by the Garden Gate. The cost to attend is \$20 per person. The event is open to women and young girls, ages 10 and up. A sign-up sheet will be available in the narthex and payment is due upon registering. The deadline for registering is April 6th.

Amy Perleberg, Secretary



Carpent Fund

IMO Debbie Kruse
 By Metta McDowell

Capital Campaign

IMO Charlotte Koeplin
 By Robert & Carmen Ludwig



COUNCIL MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 11, 2026

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Bruce Hirschert.

Present Council: Bruce Hirschert – President, Colleen Semmens – Vice President, Pastor Amy Kippen – Pastor, Katie Jorgensen – Office Administrator and Board of Education – Carissa Johnson, Property & Stewardship – Corey Longnecker. Lay Ministry & Evangelism – Michelle Pfeiffer. Absent: Jon Johnson – Treasurer, Christina Anderson – Secretary

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Colleen to approve the preliminary agenda with the subtraction of summer worship plans. Second by Pastor Amy. All in favor, motion carries.

Reports:

Pastor's Report: Pastoral acts in Feb included two services at the Lutheran Home and two pre-marriage sessions. Additional updates included pastoral care and counsel visits, Luther League involvement, Lent worship series, Worship & Arts Team meeting, and facilitating a lock-in for 6-12 graders. She continues her work with EaND Synod as a Lay Ministry Mentor and Synod Assembly Worship Planning Committee, as well as serving on the Red Willow Board of Directors and 100th Anniversary Celebration Planning Team.

Board of Education Report: Carissa reported that VBS dates are set for July 22nd – 24th. Time will be 9 am to 3 pm on Wednesday and Thursday and 9 am to noon on Friday. Faith Stepping Stone 2: Cradle Roll Graduation and Faith Stepping Stone 4: Holy Communion planning is underway. There is going to be a LAUNCH graduation added for 5th graders on the last day of LAUNCH.

Property / Stewardship Report: Corey reported on completed projects- smoke detectors installed, parsonage faucet, handicap doors, and church toilet. Last week the state inspected our boiler and there is a repair that will need to be completed by the fall. The board did a thorough walkthrough inside the church and made a list of needed repairs.

Lay Ministry / Evangelism Report: Michelle reported agenda items - staff appreciation gift, home communion delivery, polishing of communion ware, busy bag update, and communion supply inventory.

FAITH5 Steps 1-3 Share highs & lows, Read a Bible verse, and Talk about the verse, then talk through the meeting agenda

Officer Reports:

President Report: Bruce reported no additional board items.

Secretary's Report (last month's minutes): Motion by Colleen to accept the Secretary's Report as printed. Seconded by P. Amy. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Colleen to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Pastor Amy. All in favor, motion carries.

Office Admin Report: Katie presented monthly cards of care.

Old Business:

Youth representation on boards was discussed. No action to change bylaws will be taken, but effort to involve post-confirmation youth as elected leaders will continue.

Council Retreat date was tabled.

There was discussion regarding forming an elected board for the Hunger Free Food Pantry, in place of the current governance by the Church Council. After much discussion, the council declined to form a HFFP Board. For better accountability, HFFP financials will be included in the monthly treasurer's report. This will be reviewed again in six months.

New Business:

Extra Benevolence: No action taken

Synod Assembly delegates: tabled until April

Confirmands were approved by Church Council, provided they meet all requirements: Makaya Heskin, Auggie Meier, Hudson Myhre, Ella Radke, Noah Sorensen, Haley Thompson, Layne Allmaras, Adison Bullinger, Leah Bullinger, Evan Hultgren, William Jorgensen, Raegyn Lange, Miles Peterson, Ava Schumacker, and Austin Weisenburger.

Prairie Rose Conference Assembly: Representatives will be Bruce, Colleen, and Pastor Amy.

Pastor Amy reported that for continuing education in 2026 and 2027, she will be participating the Moses Project, a program for rural pastors funded by a Lily Grant. She was nominated by Bishop Tess Moon-Leiseth last year and deferred her participation to this year. She will participate in a monthly online cohort and travel to Grand View University in Des Moines three times over the yearlong program. The program is free. Her continuing education funds budgeted in the general fund will be used to cover transportation costs.

FAITH5 Step 4 & 5 - Pray Together and Bless One Another

Submitted by: Katie Jorgensen, Office Administrator