

First Lutheran Church
420 North Washington Street
Papillion, NE 68046



**August
2025**

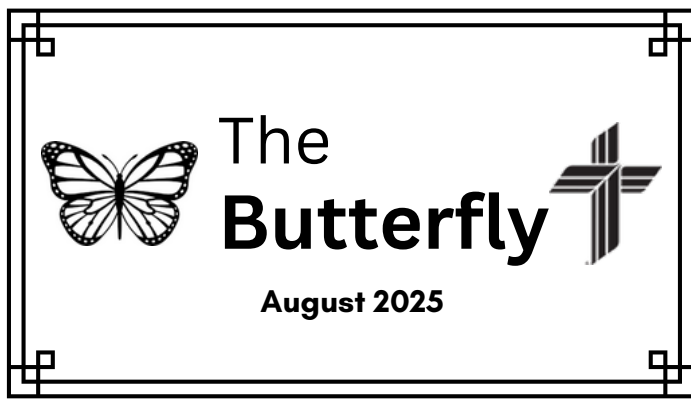
In God We Trust

***Mission statement: Sharing and living a changeless Gospel with a changing world.
(John 8:58, Heb. 13:8)***

- Faithful to the Word of God in both proclamation and teaching. (Matt. 28: 19-20, 2nd Tim. 2:15, Heb. 4:12)
- Intentional in caring for God's people both locally and throughout the world. (Luke 10:25-37, 1st John 4:21, James 2:14-17)
- Responding to God's Call to be salt and light where He has placed us. (Matt. 5:13-16)
- Supporting the Mission of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) through our time, talent, and treasure. (2nd Cor. 9:6-15)
- Training God's people for lives of joyful service. (Eph. 4:11-13)

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Mission of the Month: Member Mission



Normally in August I write about the fact that everything is starting up again...and it is. Rally Sunday is on the 10th of August. Sunday School, Midweek, Confirmation will all be starting up. True enough.... But, very personally, August marks the end of a very busy, and transitional summer for both Mary and me.

Most of you know that in late May, Katie and Roberto lost their baby, Abigail Alora. Also, in early June, Mary and I moved from the house that we have lived in for nearly 23 years to one more suitable for "old people" (words from a small member of my family). Later in June, along with my son John and family, we traveled to see Katie and Roberto and their family, and finally on July 9th, our granddaughter Josephine made her appearance. Whew.

While I want to encourage you all to plug back in to Adult Bible Study, Sunday School, Confirmation and all those offerings that Fall brings, I simply want to say to those of you who came around Mary and me, and Katie and Roberto, and those of you who so graciously helped Mary and me get into our new home... thank you. We could not have gotten through this time without the Body of Christ called First Lutheran Church, Papillion. You are deeply loved and appreciated.

On that note, we would like to invite you, but especially those who helped us move in, to our house blessing and Open House on Sunday, August 24th from 4:00-7:00. The house blessing will be at 4:00! We would love to have you join us.

Our new address is 7664 S. 162nd, Omaha, NE, 68136.

God's peace to you, my dear people,

Pastor Ziegler





Elders

August 2 - Kyle Baardson

August 3 - Joe Griffith (8), Joel Ristvedt (10:30)

August 9 - Eric Grelson

August 10 - Brian Harmon (8), Derek Ohlin (10:30)

August 16 - Kyle Baardson

August 17 - Doug Krause (8), Matt McMullen (10:30)

August 23 - Zack Irvine

August 24 - Lucas Smith (8), Aaron Caughey (10:30)

August 30 - Dave Platt

August 31 - Brian Harmon (8), Joel Ristvedt (10:30)

Sunday Readers

8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

August 3: Youth
August 10: Melissa Klug
August 17: Doug Krause
August 24: Ashley Nemec
August 31: Katie Prelerson

Youth
Stefanie Williamson
Cherie Metschke
Linda Dammann
Wayne Stricklett

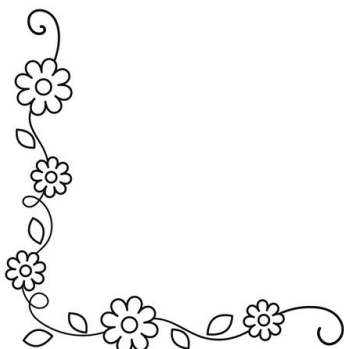
Sunday Greeters

August 3: Youth
August 10: Ray & Judy Anderson
August 17: Doug Krause
August 24: Joe & Karen Griffith
August 31: Kurt & Mary Ann Fanslau

Youth
Kirk & Becky Nicholson
Harlan & Cherie Metschke
Greta Carlson
Wayne & Jo Stricklett

Altar Guild

August 3 - Karen Griffith
August 10 - Rae Woltman
August 17 - Linda Dammann
August 24 - Karen Griffith
August 31 - Joan Clark



Acolytes



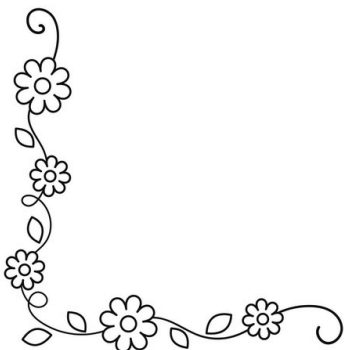
Saturday	August 2	5:30 pm	Eli & Alex Baardson
Sunday	August 3	8:00 am	Ryan Nemec & Rose Deluna
		10:30 am	Morgan Hansen & Georgianna Getzfred
Saturday	August 9	5:30 pm	Josie Krenzer & Melody Jones
Sunday	August 10	8:00 am	Izzy & Johnny Garcia
		10:30 am	Max Evert & Olivia Caughey
Saturday	August 16	5:30 pm	Daniel Karl & Chloe Peterson
Sunday	August 17	8:00 am	Charlotte Glover & Ellen Graham
		10:30 am	Andy Brink & Greyson Liggett
Saturday	August 23	5:30 pm	Jackson & Sophia Ward
Sunday	August 24	8:00 am	Ailynn Helms & Parker Quintana
		10:30 am	Lucius & June Ziegler
Saturday	August 30	5:30 pm	Keira Rose & Olivia Bohl
Sunday	August 31	8:00 am	Ryan Raybourn & Parker Troelstrup
		10:30 am	Rayna & Orion Lewis
Saturday	September 6	5:30 pm	Eli & Alex Baardson
Sunday	September 7	8:00 am	Cabela Schleimer & Rose Deluna
		10:30 am	Rachel McMullen & Evie Shaw
Saturday	September 13	5:30 pm	Josie Krenzer & Melody Jones
Sunday	September 14	8:00 am	Izzy & Johnny Garcia
		10:30 am	Rachel Wineinger & Jantzen Knispel
Saturday	September 20	5:30 pm	Charlotte Glover & Ellen Graham
Sunday	September 21	8:00 am	Parker Quintana & Ryan Raybourn
		10:30 am	Lucius & June Ziegler
Saturday	September 27	5:30 pm	Jackson & Sophia Ward
Sunday	September 28	8:00 am	Parker Troelstrup & Ailynn Helms
		10:30 am	Andy Brink & Georgianna Getzfred

If you are unable to acolyte on the date scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office at 402-339-3668 or thechurch@1st-lutheran.org. If all else fails, call Stephanie Sobotka at 402-715-4869 or email her at thesobotkas@yahoo.com.



I love the whooshing sound that deadlines make as they go flying by. Deadline for the September Butterfly is:

Friday, August 22



MAKE MUSIC A PART OF

YOUR LIFE



exciting musical opportunities await you



CHOIR – Wednesday evenings, meets in the fellowship hall, 7:30 pm, **ages middle school-adult**

BEGINNING HANDBELL CHOIR – Middle school-adult, rehearsal time to be determined

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE – Open to youth and adults who play an instrument

CHILDREN'S HANDBELLS – 1st-5th grade, meets during Midweek class

SOLOS – Vocal and/or instrument

JOINING A GROUP IS A GREAT WAY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND ENJOY CHRISTIAN FUN AND FELLOWSHIP... **YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A TRAINED MUSCIAN...ONLY A DESIRE TO SING/PLAY...** AND GIVE PRAISE AND GLORY TO GOD WITH MUSIC!

PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL OR EMAIL ME AND I WILL BE GLAD TO SHARE WITH YOU THE DETAILS OF WHEN, WHERE, HOW LONG, ETC, 402-339-3668 OR DCEDAVE@1ST-LUTHERAN.ORG. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. **CHILDCARE PROVIDED, IF NEEDED!**

Dave Ricke, Music Director

(PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR INTERSTS)

NAME _____ PHONE# _____

ADULT CHOIR

BEGINNING HANDBELL CHOIR

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE

VOCAL SOLO

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO

PLEASE PLACE IN THE MUSIC MINISTRY BOX IN THE NARTHEX

150 Blessings

Celebrate 150 years of ministry through acts of service, gratitude, and love in our community.



100/150

August 2025: Blessing New Beginnings



Join us this August as we
bless those with new
beginnings this school year.

Get involved through
meaningful activities at
church and at home!

BLESS THE COMMUNITY...

CHURCH EVENTS:

1. **Rally Sunday:**
Kick-off the school year with
the restart of Sunday School

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY IDEAS:

1. Donate school supplies to a
local school
2. Decorate the sidewalk with
chalk
3. Pray for new students and teachers
4. Send a note with lunch during
the first week of school

Join us as we continue to intentionally bless our community,
just as we have been for the last 150 years!

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
- 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Where did the Bible come from? Is it really true? Why should I care about this old book? What even is the Bible, really?
These questions and more arise whenever one embarks on any Bible study. This fall, we will explore some of the foundational questions about God's Word like the ones above. We'll journey in HSM Sunday School from Genesis all the way through Revelation (a multi-year journey!). But first, we must address some of these questions. And where else do we turn for answers but God's Word itself? Scripture is God-inspired and is given as a gift to instruct, correct, and equip. More than that though, it points us to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. Come and join us on this journey and bring your questions!

- Brady Laib, Director of Christian Education

This Month's Events

8/2 & 8/3 = Youth-led Services

The Gathering Team will lead portions of the worship services and the Adult Bible Class as they share stories and experiences from New Orleans.

8/3 = Final Summer Sunday Sundae from 6:00-7:30 PM

For the last time this summer, students can assemble for ice cream and another Bible Study from James at the Laib's.

8/6 = FELLOWSHIP: Mini Golf from 6:00-7:30 PM

Walk with the dinosaurs while enjoying a few rounds of mini golf. Cost is \$20 for two rounds. Meet at Prehistoric Putt Putt (2500 S 120th, Omaha)

8/13 = FELLOWSHIP: Back-to-School Pizza Party from 6:00-8:00

Start the school year with a pizza party and games both inside and outside. Open to all 6th-12th graders and their friends.

8/17 = Regular Sunday School resumes from 9:15 - 10:15 AM

Sunday School resumes for the school year. High schoolers will start at the END: Revelation and explore this exciting and challenging book.

8/20 = No Youth Event (Confirmation Guide Training)

8/27 = Confirmation Orientation at 6:00 PM

All 6th - 8th grade students and their parents are required to attend this meeting to cover important information regarding the Confirmation Program at FLC.



"Together as one body, we will learn God's Word and its impact in us as we grow in our Lutheran faith. We will serve God through loving our neighbors. We will share Christ's love across generations." – Youth Ministry Purpose Statement

Pictures from Last Month



Neighbor Flower Project



Wednesday Youth Nights

Regular Youth Nights
resume on September 3
for 9th-12th grade

Upcoming Events...

Youth Nights/Confirmation
Sept. 3rd from 6:00-7:30 PM

LVR Info Meeting
Sept. 17th at 7:30 PM

Confirmation Fellowship
Sept. 24th = 7:30 - 8:30 PM

Murder Mystery Dinner
Oct. 26th from 6:00-8:00 PM

Confirmation Orientation

6th - 8th Grade
Students



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**First Lutheran Church
Papillion, NE
Board of Director's Reports
July 2025**

In lieu of meeting in person July 15, board reports were shared and accumulated as follows.

Senior Pastor

Karl P Ziegler

Pastoral Acts: Rowan Rivera, Kenley Gomon (baptisms) Alford/Rolfzen, Perez (weddings) Reiman, Rase, Timmermann, Marco (gravesides and funerals)

Total Calls Made: 13 - 10 Shut in calls; 2 Hospital calls; 1 Home visits

Our District Convention was held June 20-21 of this year in Kearney, NE. President Snow was reelected to a 4th term.

Spent the first half of July in the Dominican Republic with Katie and Roberto and kids, along with John and Julia and kids.

Katie and Roberto are doing well, considering what they have been through.

Beginning a new Zoom study this Thursday and prepping for a new Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings.

Though Pastor Benson is finding it a challenge to sell his house, the plan is for him to start Sept. 1.

Director of Christian Education

Brady Laib

Tyler Evert, a current high school student and Boy Scout, met with Katie Thomson and I to discuss a proposed Eagle Scout Project. He would like to repaint the hallway and classrooms downstairs in the education wing. We walked through the rooms and identified the walls that are in need of repainting. There is the main hallway and seven rooms to be painted, though many of the rooms only need one wall to be painted. Tyler is meeting with his troop's leadership to obtain approval for the project. He then hopes to host the painting event in early August to be completed prior to Rally Sunday on August 10. The Evert family is planning to provide drop cloths and tape. Tyler inquired if the church would be willing to cover the cost for the paint and rollers/brushes.

Planning is well under way for the restart of fall activities and ministries. Rally Sunday is August 10 and Confirmation Orientation is August 27.

The Youth Gathering team departs Thursday (7/17) for New Orleans. Students and adults will share their experiences during Youth-led services on August 2 and 3.

PRESCHOOL = An additional classroom aide is in the process of being hired to fill the vacant days in the 4/5 year old room. We will therefore have three aides in addition to the two teachers. Parent Orientation will be August 5 and the school year will begin on September 3.

Board of Adult Ministry

Erica Shirck, Director

We are brainstorming a different concept for the 9:00am -9:30am time for fellowship.

Discussing a standing order for doughnuts, etc.

Will determine if we will have a 5th Sunday potluck as it falls on Labor Day weekend.

Board of Children's Ministry

Katie Thomson, Director

Summer Sunday School Serve Event: Families and Adult Bible Study Members came together this month to decorate vases and make flowers to share with shut-ins and other neighbors/friends. Many smiles and conversations were shared.

Met with Tyler Evert with a proposal to consider for his Eagle project that would benefit the Sunday School Wing. Waiting for final information and proposal details.

Rally Sunday is prepared to occur on Sunday August 10th. Families will participate in a Scavenger Hunt, visiting several key areas of the Sunday School Hallway/Church.

Board of Christian Outreach**Greta Carlson, Director**

FLC families and friends attended the Papillion Springfield game today at Werner Park. We do not know our specific number of attendees, but we did have tickets left to spare. It was great to have a presence. If this is done again, we could suggest a couple of sections for folks to select seats so we can have a few areas for people to mingle together if they so choose.

Terry B. is ready to teach Everyone HIS Witness when a class convenes. Fall may be best, so that summer travels will be less disruptive to attendance.

Oktoberfest plans are underway. The committee is meeting and making progress.

Board of Elders**Kyle Baardson, Director**

Pastor Benson is on track for a September 1st start date.

Genesis update – Now incorporated and are starting the talks about initial fundraising efforts and to start evaluating facilities.

Board of Finance**Bryan Clark, Director**

June general fund receipts were \$54,963 while expenses were (\$59,898), for a net of (\$4,936). \$2,000 was transferred from the general fund to the building fund. The general fund balance was \$130,465 at June 30. The building fund balance was \$505,107. \$706 was collected for the June Mission of the Month: Release Ministries. First Lutheran's safe deposit box lease with Pinnacle Bank was renewed in anticipation of the bank's Golden Gate Drive location being closed and re-opening in the new development on the west side of Washington Street.

Board of Social Ministry**Brenda Platt, Director**

112 served a meal of Taco Casserole, Spanish Rice, Corn at the Stephen Center on June 9.

Plans are for a water drive for the center prior to the July meal.

Board of Stewardship**Mindy Irvine, Director**

No report

Board of Trustees**Joe Bannwarth, Director**

Both roofing projects will be starting at the end of July. They should be completed in a week if all goes well. Getting bids on a new 10-ton condensing unit and indoor cooling coils that serve a portion of the sanctuary. Existing unit is pushing 20 years old and utilizes R-22 refrigerant which is expensive to purchase. Outside metal stair railing on the east side of the church needs to get repaired so we will be looking into this shortly.

Board of Youth Ministry**Lori Doll, Director**

National Youth Gathering – The group departs on Thursday, July 17.

Other events – Movie Time on Tuesday, July 15 at Marcus Theater

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Endorf

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FUNDS REPORT

30-Jun-2025

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Beginning Balance	\$137,400	\$149,779
Receipts	54,963	344,891
Expenses	(59,898)	(352,205)
Net	(\$4,936)	(\$7,314)
Transfers	(2,000)	(12,000)
Ending Balance	\$130,465	\$130,465

<u>BUILDING FUND</u>	<u>CURRENT MONTH</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
Beginning Balance	\$502,563	\$489,932
Receipts	543	3,175
Expenses	-	-
Transfers	2,000	12,000
Ending Balance	\$505,107	\$505,107

Building Fund Breakdown:

Donations	\$210,084
Transfers from General Fund	\$295,022
	<u>\$505,107</u>

FUNDS SUMMARY

General Fund	\$130,465
Building Fund	505,107
Kitchen Remodel Fund	93,369
Other Funds Held In Trust	100,593
Memorials	153,661
Savings	97,136
Total Funds	<u>\$1,080,330</u>

Mission of the Month	Release Ministries	\$706
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Happy Birthday

TO OUR YOUNG AT HEART

Leon Stilen - August 1	Marla Rist - August 18
Brigitte Dewitt - August 1	Norma Jourdan - August 18
Ray Anderson - August 5	Dean Glesmann - August 21
Joan Schram - August 5	Jim Glover - August 23
Cliff Mosteller - August 6	Beverly Ruff - August 23
Nancy Bachman - August 8	Terry Krupp - August 23
Linda Larkin - August 14	Rick Hansen - August 24
Julie Shoop - August 16	Ron Meyer - August 27
Joyce Buethe - August 17	Sharon Beeks - August 31

Silver Eagles: If you are interested in joining us and not getting called, please let us know. There are no membership requirements, except the age thing about 50 or older. There is nothing to join, just come when you can. Our next get together will be Monday, August 18th at 2:00 pm for our Ice Cream Social - not our normal potluck luncheon time! This month the group is collecting Kleenex and toilet paper to donate to NeighborGood.

For information or transportation, please call Charlene Marchand at 402-339-2178 or the Hansen's at 402-658-8472

Attention Thrivent Members: Thrivent Choice Dollars can be pledged to First Lutheran Church. Contact Thrivent Financial by phone at 1-800-847-4836 or online at Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to choose where to pledge your Choice Dollars. This month First Lutheran has been blessed with \$25.



Communication is very important at First Lutheran Church. Please help out with new addresses, emails, or phone numbers by sharing with the church office by calling 402-339-3668, emailing thechurch@1st-lutheran.org, or writing the new information on the attendance pad in the pew during service.

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Jesus' transforming presence

"But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, 'Look Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor; and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.' Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost'" (Luke 19:8-10 NIV)

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector's curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents.

This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for *Jewish* tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus – at Jesus' own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus' house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

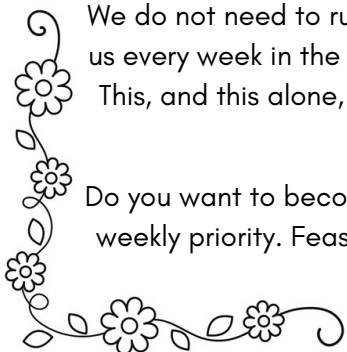
Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus' approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus! Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available for us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
August 2025	Elders: 5:30 pm – Kyle Baardson (2, 16), Eric Grelson (9), Zack Irvine (23), Dave Platt (30) 8:00 am – Joe Griffith (3), Brian Harmon (10, 31), Doug Krause (17), Lucas Smith (24) 10:30 am – Joel Ristvedt (3, 31), Derek Ohlin (10), Matt McMullen (17), Aaron Caughey (24) Altar Guild: Karen Griffith (3, 24), Rae Woltman (10), Linda Dammann (17), Joan Clark (31) Mission of the Month: Member Mission				1	2 5:30 pm – Youth-led Worship 6:45 – Fellowship Hall Rental	
	3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Youth-led Communion Worship 9:15 –Adult Bible Class	4	5 5:30 – Preschool Parent Orientation (Fellowship Hall)	6 6 – Youth Mini Golf	7 7 – Zoom Bible Study	8	9 5:30 pm - Worship
	10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class Rally Sunday	11 7 – Men’s Bible Study 7 – Young Adult Bible Study	12 7 – Board of Elders	13 6-8 – Youth Back-to-School Pizza Party	14 7 – Zoom Bible Study	15	16 5:30 pm - Worship
	17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class	18 2 – Silver Eagles Ice Cream Social	19 6 – Oktoberfest Committee 7 – Board of Directors	20 6 – Guide Orientation	21 7 – Zoom Bible Study	22 BUTTERFLY Deadline	23 5:30 pm - Worship
	24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 4-7 – Ziegler Open House 4 – House Blessing	25 7 – Men’s Bible Study 7 – Young Adult Bible Study	26	27 6-7 – Confirmation Orientation 7 – Choir Welcome Gathering	28 7 – Zoom Bible Study	29	30 5:30 pm – Worship
31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 & 10:30 – Communion Worship 9:15 – Sunday School & Adult Bible Class							

Faith Lutheran Academy

August 2025 Prayer Calendar



**Faith Lutheran
Academy**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Together we pray...		1 Lord, bless the work still ahead.	2 Encourage the fundraising team.
3 Provide faithful and generous supporters.	4 Strengthen the education planning team.	5 Inspire learning rooted in Christ.	6 Guide the communication outreach.	7 Let the message reach many.	8 Bless the business team's work.	9 Help with financial clarity and peace.
10 Unite our hearts in purpose.	11 Let each detail glorify You.	12 Bless children returning to classrooms.	13 Let students learn with joy.	14 Be with all teachers and staff.	15 Strengthen Christian educators everywhere.	16 Inspire hope for our own school.
17 Guide our timeline and next steps.	18 Protect young hearts as they grow.	19 Open minds to faith and truth.	20 Lead families to Christian community.	21 Raise up gifted school leaders.	22 Build excitement for Faith Lutheran Academy.	23 Provide wisdom for every committee.
24 Grow trust in Your perfect plan.	25 Prepare a place for learning.	26 Grant energy and endurance to volunteers.	27 Let vision become reality, Lord.	28 Stir hearts to serve joyfully.	29 Bless every act done in faith.	30 Keep us faithful in the waiting.
31 We trust You with 2026.						

UPDATES

Steering Committee Meeting
August 7th

Search for Board of Directors

One lay delegate from each association congregation

Potential Fundraiser

Fundraising Committee is working on an initial fundraiser this fall