



May 2026 Bell



May- Holy Spirit

May brings flowers springing forth with colorful hope. May brings sprouting Seniors as we congratulate them on May 3rd! May brings forth our ever-present and awesome mothers to whom we give our thanks! May brings the **Holy Spirit** and the birthday of the church-Pentecost... wear your red! May 24th brings a mission moment message by a First Lutheran member yet to be named. The month concludes fittingly with Memorial Day and Holy Trinity Sunday! May is a busy blooming & blossoming month full of colorful memories, moments and meaning!

May 3	Senior Recognition Sunday	"No way... Yah way!"	John 14: 1-14
May 10	Mother's Day	"Moms the Word!"	John 14: 15-21
May 17	Pentecost	"River of Life!"	John 7: 37-39
May 24	Mission Moment	"Poems, prayers & promises"	John 17: 1-11
May 31	Memorial/Holy Trinity	"You GO girl!"	Matt 28:16-20

For those of you on altar guild or anyone who pays close attention to the schedule, I switched the 17th & 24th because I will be gone on May 24th and did not want to miss Pentecost! May is one of my favorite months in Minnesota, because we get to feel spring for a whooping 2 weeks! Yay! May is so full of new life, planting, hoping, growing, dreaming, and worshipping our Lord to give thanks for the beautiful, blossoming, and blooming blessings in our lives!

See you in church!

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Pastor Hans

FLCW Notes

FLCW made a \$100.00 donation to the Pine River Backus Grad Blast.

Grad Blast is an alcohol and drug free graduation party that will be a fun-filled night for graduating seniors. The party and activities, held at the school, will be an all-night lockup that will begin the evening of graduation and go through to the next morning.

229 pump bottles and bars of soap were donated to the Pine River Backus Community Food Shelf. THANK YOU to everyone who donated to this Lenten Stewardship Project.



**Kitchen
Committee**
meeting
will be
Monday,
May 18,
2026 @
1:30 PM

May Circle Meetings

Dorcas Sewing Circle

Gatherings are the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the lower-level Quilting Room in the church.

Dorcas is quilting and fellowship; no Bible study.

May gathering dates are the 7th and 21st

Naomi Circle

Will meet on Thursday, May 21st at 1:30 PM at the home of Denise Smith, 727 State 84 NW

Looking Ahead:

The FLCW Board Meeting is Tuesday, May 9 at 5:00 PM. All women of First Lutheran are welcome to attend as we plan for summer activities including our FLCW Bake Sale Fundraiser in Pine River's Summerfest Celebration, June 27, 2026.

FLCW Notes Continued

June 15 & 16 (Monday & Tuesday) is the Women of The ELCA , NEMN Synod Summer Convention/Gathering at Zion Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MN. If you would like to attend for one of the days, please contact Denice Smith @ 218-820-4522. **Registrations need to be made before May 22.**



16 FLCW women enjoyed the April "Out to Lunch Bunch" meal at the China Garden in Baxter.

The May 19 "Out to Lunch Bunch" destination is Andy's in Crosslake. We will gather in the church parking lot to carpool.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars!

VBS will be July 6-10

Hosted at Riverview Church

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH

Our May outing will be to Andy's in Crosslake. We will meet on April 21st in the church parking lot at 11:00 AM

WELCOME



ANDY'S CROSSLAKE
UNWIND WITH US

Join us at Andy's, where flavors meet a vibrant atmosphere on our outdoor bar and patio. Indulge in top-notch cuisine and refreshing drinks, perfect for any occasion!

May 2026

Worship Volunteers

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

Senior Recognition

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Sound:

Val Johnson

Zoom:

Cora Hohnstadt

May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Reader:

Shirley Wilsey

Communion Assistants:

Sound:

Tyler Hoplin

Zoom:

Cora Hohnstadt

May 17, 2026

Pentecost

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Sound:

Denice Smith

Zoom:

Cora Hohnstadt

May 24, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Noisy Offering

Reader:

Penny Siewert

Communion Assistants:

Sound:

Denice Smith

Zoom:

Cora Hohnstadt

May 31, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

Noisy Offering

Reader:

Communion Assistants:

Sound:

Val Johnson

Zoom:

Cora Hohnstadt

Ushers: Paul Pearson & Neil Smith

Counter: Denice Smith

Altar Guild: Penny Siewert & JoAnn Nelson

Coffee Jodi Perry

FINANCIAL DATA
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - APRIL 20, 2026

Budgeted Income (all areas)	\$123,805.00
Actual Income (all areas)	<u>110,645.90</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 13,159.10)

Budgeted Expenses	\$123,804.45
Actual Expenses	<u>110,377.20</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 13,427.25)

Actual Income (all areas)	\$110,645.90
Actual Expenses	<u>110,377.20</u>
Difference	\$ 268.70

ACTUAL PREVIOUS MONTH CHECKING:

March 31	Ending Balance	\$51,870.60
March 1	Beginning Balance	<u>50,777.23</u>
	Difference (loss)	\$ 1,093.37

March Income	\$16,155.96
March Expenditures	<u>15,062.59</u>
Difference (loss)	\$ 1,093.37

Because there are some changes in income and expenses after this report is written, you will see the bottom portion of the report giving the actual previous month's numbers.



May's Noisy Offering recipient will be determined at the May Congregational Care Commission Meeting. In the past this Noisy Offering went to the Community Meals program, which was discontinued when they lost their grant. Thank you for your patience.



May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Senior Recognition Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM	4	5	6 WOW 3:30 PM Meal 5:00 PM Confirmation 5:45 PM	7 Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM	8 PRB Day of Service	9
10 Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 PENTECOST Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM CCC 10:00 AM	18 Kitchen Committee 1:30 PM	19 Out to Lunch Bunch 11:00 AM FLCW Board Meeting 5:00	20	21 Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM Naomi Circle 1:30 PM	22	23
24 Noisy Offering Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM	25	26	27	28 Operation Sandwich 10:00 AM	29	30
31 Worship 9:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM						



SAVE THE DATE

It's a Party!

"90 Years Young"

Party for Anita Cadwell

Sunday, May 31st

11:30—1 pm

American Legion, Pine River Minnesota

Lunch and cake provided



Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 3, 2026, we will be honoring the following seniors:

Kaleb Shamp, Julieanna Bresnahan, Shannon Rugroden and Kalie Trout.

Congratulations to all !



Sunday Worship

Worship & Communion 9:00 AM.

Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 AM

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