



July 2026 Bell

REST



During these hot months of July when we are reclining by the air conditioner, rocking in a hammock in the shade, relaxing at the lake, or resting with open windows at night... This month of July kicks off summer issuing rest for our Bodies... and rest for our Souls as we explore Matthew 11 & 13 this month.

Jesus...

Invites us who have heavy burdens to come and find REST

Instructs us to REST in God's Word as He is Lord of the Harvest

Speaks through parables and we can REST assured in his promise for us

Gives us a glimpse of heaven so we can REST peacefully with kingdom hope

In May, we RAN! In June, we were on the GO! In July, we REST! No, REST does not mean that we get to sleep-in on Sundays and skip church. REST means that we REST in God's Word, so that we can find REST for our Souls! Let God's Word soak into the soil of our souls like a gentle, warm summer rain!

July 5th	REST for your soul	Matthew 11: 28-30
July 12th	REST in the Word	Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23
July 19th	REST assured	Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43
July 26th	REST with Kingdom hope	Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

See you in Church!

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Pastor Hans

Pictures from June 21. **FOUR** baptisms and the Children's Sermon



FLCW Notes

Summerfest Bake Sale 2026

Thank you to all those who furnished items for the FLCW Summerfest Bake Sale. Thank you to Mary Krecklau, Penny Siewert, and Holly Knutson for leading set-up, sales and takedown. The total amount earned was \$775.75, for the ministry of FLCW.



July 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.

July gathering dates are the 2nd and 16th

Naomi Circle

See you on Tuesday, July 21, for the FLCW out to eat gathering. We will carpool from the church at 5:30 PM

**Kitchen
Committee**
meeting
will be
Tuesday,
July 28th
at
1:30 PM

FLCW Notes Continued

- The Dockside in Breezy Point provided a full table for Pastor Hans and the 17 women of First Lutheran who gathered for the June “Out to Lunch Bunch”

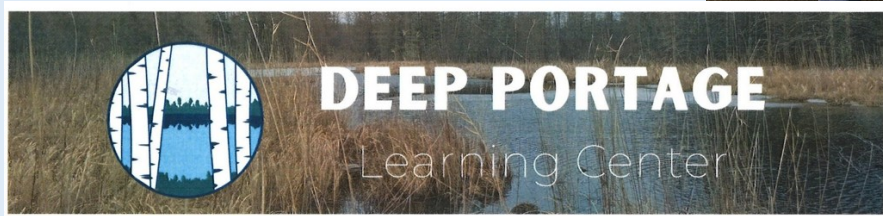


- There will be no July “Out to Lunch Bunch” because we will be going out to dinner On July 21st at 5:30 PM

FLCW needs a treasurer. All financial information is up to date. Needed is someone to make all budgeted donations, deposit funds, and complete a twice yearly Income and Expense Report for the FLCW Board Meetings. If finance is one of the gifts God has given you and you are willing to use this gift for First Lutheran Church Women, please contact Denice Smith at 218-820-4522. Thank you!

FLCW Notes Continued

18 FLCW members, and Pastor Hans gathered at Deep Portage Learning Center for a day of retreat in nature and God's Word. Our lunch came just as weather sirens went off! So, off we went to the hallway of the basement. The food was great, and the staff were very accommodating. Pastor Hans led the Bible Study, and then we celebrated Jan Otness' birthday. Only a few of us attempted the climbing wall! Everyone had a wonderful time.



ALL
First Lutheran Church Women
are invited

Tuesday, July 21, 2026

The "Blessing" of Being Together

We will carpool from the church parking lot at
5:30 PM



Mad Rabbits

Crosslake, MN

We will be ordering from the menu

Come and bring your SMILE

PRESENTED BY FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH, NEW LIFE,
MILDRED BIBLE CHAPEL, AND RIVERVIEW CHURCH

2026 SPORTS CAMP



Join us this year for UW Sports Ministry's "Laws of the Game!" During the week, young athletes will explore the game plan God personally has for them.



FREE!

ACTIVITIES

Ages 6-12
Basketball, Soccer, Girls'
Cheerleading, Arts

(Arts available in PM camp only)

Ages 4-5
Team 45

EVENT DATE

JULY 6-10

9:00 AM-12:15 PM
OR
5:00-8:15 PM

RIVERVIEW CHURCH
310 NORWAY AVE
PINE RIVER



REGISTER: [RIVERVIEWCHURCHPR.ORG](https://www.riverviewchurchpr.org)

[uwsportsministry.org](https://www.uwsportsministry.org)

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Worship Volunteers

July 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost Readers: Eliana and Madelyn Moser
 Communion Assistants:
 Sound: Val Johnson
 Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost Reader:
 Communion Assistants:
 Sound: Denice Smith
 Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost Reader:
CCC Meeting Communion Assistants:
 Sound: Val Johnson
 Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost Reader:
Noisy Offering Communion Assistants:
 Sound: Denice Smith
 Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Mark Lange
Counter:	Joan Anderson
Altar Guild:	Annette Johnson & Gloria Johnson

FINANCIAL DATA
SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - JUNE 18, 2026

Budgeted Income (all areas)	\$155,702.37
Actual Income (all areas)	<u>138,168.65</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 17,533.72)

Budgeted Expenses	\$155,701.95
Actual Expenses	<u>139,423.41</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	\$ 16,278.54)

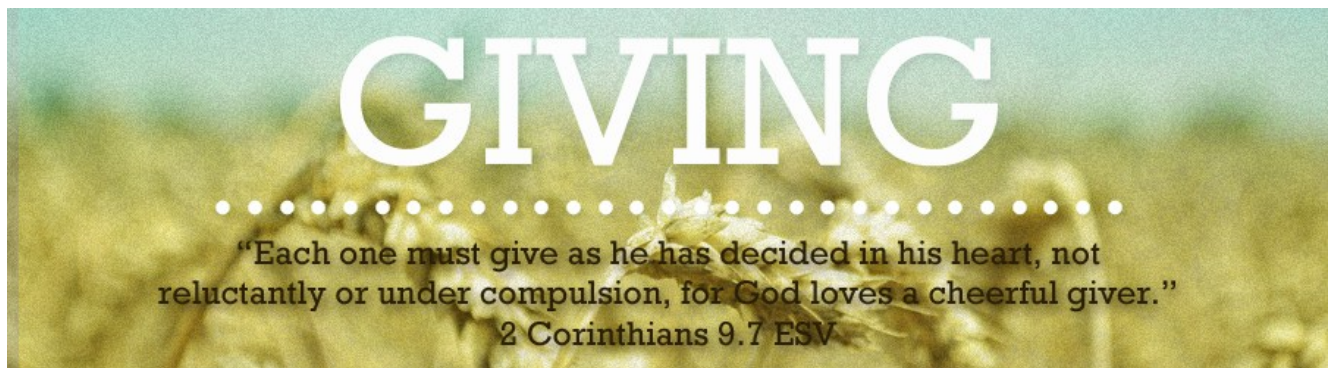
Actual Income (all areas)	\$138,168.65
Actual Expenses	<u>139,423.41</u>
Difference (LOSS)	\$ (1,254.76)

ACTUAL PREVIOUS MONTH CHECKING:

May 31	Ending Balance	\$50,085.15
May 1	Beginning Balance	<u>49,799.32</u>
	Difference (loss)	\$ 285.83

May Income	\$14,405.58
May Expenditures	<u>14,119.75</u>
Difference (loss)	\$ 285.83

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.



First Lutheran Church

Congregational Care Commission Minutes

6/21/2026

Members Present:

Pastor Hans Anderson Matthew Rohr Peter Moeller Anne Holm Val Johnson
Denice Smith Penny Siewert Cora Hohnstadt Rhonda Wippler

Members Absent:

Melanie Lindquist

Today's Devotions:

Penny Siewert

Devotions for June:

Anne Holm

Pastor's Report:

Pastoral Care Concerns: Jeanette Anderson and Gwen Berg
July will focus on Matthew Chapters 11 and 13; Resting in God's Word
Motion to Approve: Anne Seconded by: Penny

Secretary's Report:

Minutes for 5/17/2026

Motion to Approve: Anne Seconded by: Penny

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to Approve: Penny Seconded by: Denice

Old Business:

VLM Donation / Special Offering: We received a heartfelt Thank You from Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. With our help congregation's help, the docks at Camp Hiawatha are already in and the docks at Camp Vermillion will be in next week.

FLC Website and Zoom: Matthew stated that we are ready to go with the new FLC Website and Zoom programming and needed to verify funding. Per Denice, donations and funding have been appropriated so we are ready to proceed.

Review of June Special Sunday Events: Everyone appeared to really enjoy the Church Service and Potluck at the Dam but there was not as much participation as we had hoped for the Cornhole games. We realize Summer is a busy time.

Budget: The amounts will be needed at our July 19th meeting, please get all info to Cora by the Thursday before that meeting. The Budget / Salary Team meeting will be on June 25th at 9:00.

**First Lutheran Church
Congregational Care Commission Minutes
6/21/2026 (Continued)**

God's Work Our Hands: There were no volunteers to organize God's Work Our Hands but Anne has volunteered to head up the Group of Singers that visit the Nursing Home and Assisted Living Facilities. The Pastor and Matthew will head up the group that will wash windows at the Pine River Group Home. Denice will ask Mary if she is able to so the Rolled Bandages again.

Operation Sandwich Update: The Pastor is happy with the volunteering for this project and feels that all is going well. The numbers of families served have been lower so far this year, approximately 40 – 45 bags each Thursday.

New Business:

WOW Planning: Conversations are happening regarding our Fall Schedule for Kindergarten through 8th Grade.

Acoustic Evening of Live Music: Discussed potentially having the Evening of Music with Rhoda Anderson the first week of June 2027.

Teen Challenge: Anne is working to schedule a Wednesday evening in October for this event.

Noisy Offering and Other Donations: Discussed a number of potential new recipients for giving. With the Community Meals ending, it was mentioned that the Food Shelf will become even more necessary for our community.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion to Approve: Anne Seconded by: Penny

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 19, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

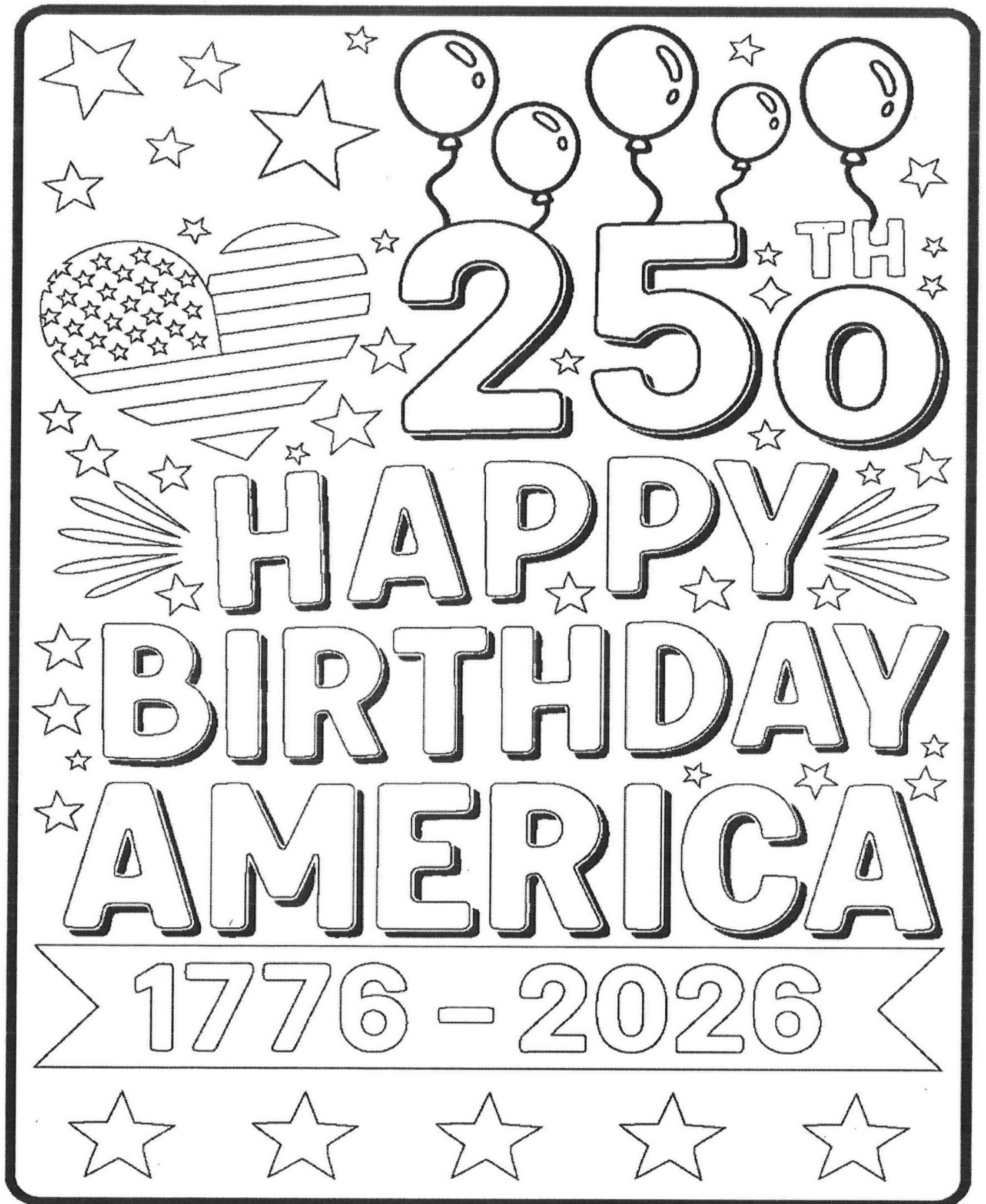
Respectfully Submitted.
Rhonda Wippler, Secretary



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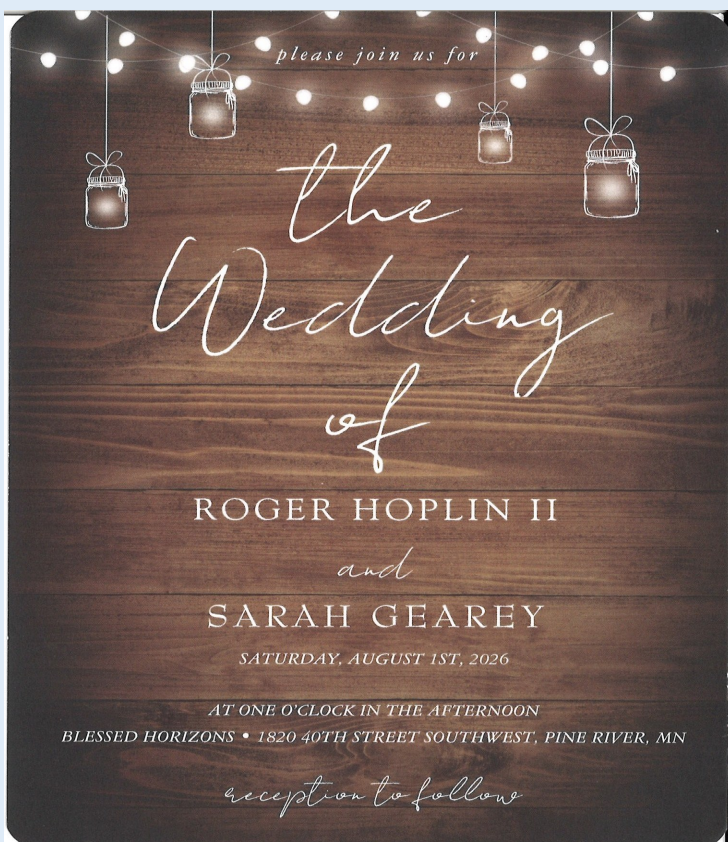
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM Operation Sandwich 10:30 AM	3	4	
5 Worship 9:00 AM Colleen Moser 80th Party 10:00 AM	6 Game Day 1-3:00 PM VBS	7 VBS	8 VBS	9 Operation Sandwich 10:30 AM VBS	10 VBS	11
12 Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM	13 Game Day 1-3:00 PM	14	15	16 Dorcas Circle 9:00 AM Operation Sandwich 10:30 AM	17	18
19 Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM CCC 10:00 AM	20 Game Day 1-3:00 PM	21 5:30 PM FLCW Dinner Out	22	23 Operation Sandwich 10:30 AM	24	25
26 Worship 9:00 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM	27 Game Day 1-3:00 PM	28	29	30 Operation Sandwich 10:30 AM	31	

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First Lutheran Church, Pine River MN



Sunday Worship

Worship & Communion 9:00 AM.

Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 AM

Pastor: Hans Anderson

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