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PASTOR'S CORNER

Circulate!

Pastor Dean

Oliver Cromwell was a British Statesman and General who lived in the early 1600's. During that time, the government ran out of silver that was being used to mint coins. Cromwell sent his men to the cathedral to see if they could find any there. They came back and reported: "The only silver we can find is in the statues of the saints standing in the corners." To which he replied, "Good. We'll melt down the saints and put them into circulation!"

In the spirit of that story, therefore, I invite all my Fellow Saints to step down from being an object of admiration in our society (I say that, tongue-in-cheek), and place ourselves into practical circulation, meeting the needs of those with whom we share the world.

Matthew 5:13ff, "You are the salt of the earth… You are the light of the world…"

First United Lutheran Church *is a* Sanctuary *grounded in the* Biblical Truth *of* God's Word, *committed to inspiring* Spiritual G rowth, *and reaching out to all to* Proclaim Salvation *through* Jesus Christ.

Sweet Devotions

Faithfully Thankful in All Things

Ephesians 5:20 *Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

When times are good and we have a spring in our step, it is easy to be thankful. But we all experience times that are painful and difficult. In these painful trials we still need to give our thanks to the Lord. Not for the painful event itself but for the love and hope we have in God and in His perfect plan which gives us our Salvation.

Jesus is our best role model for giving thanks in all things. At the last supper Jesus knew the events that were about to unfold. Being fully aware that He would take on all our sin and be sacrificed on the cross; He broke the bread and He gave thanks and He took the cup and He gave thanks!

Dear Father, I am thankful for my many blessings and thankful You will always be near me in my trials and temptations. Your plan is not for me to understand but to trust; I trust in Your Love and in Your Providence. Amen.

What's News

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All committees and groups are encouraged to submit their information for the newsletter by the end of each month to Connie Berg at ncberg@mncable.net

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First United Lutheran Church LCMC

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:00am Adult Bible Study - Parsonage 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Coffee Fellowship *10:00am Worship Service w/Communion* 6:00pm Join Lighthouse Church for Singspiration	**2** 5:30pm Deacon meeting 5:30pm Trustee meeting 6:00pm Church Council	**3** 7:30am Men's Fellowship	**4** 7:00am Men's Community Breakfast at First Baptist Church 5:45pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	**5**	**6**	**7** Diva Day Bake Sale Fundraiser for Mission Trip
8 NO Sunday School 9:00am Adult Bible Study - Parsonage 9:30am Coffee Fellowship *10:00am Worship Service* 11:00am Mission/Outreach meeting 11:00am Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing Party 7:00pm Alien Instrusion - Documentary (meal at 5:30 pm)	**9**	**10** 7:30am Men's Fellowship 6:30pm Ladies' Night Out - Bingo	**11** 3:30pm Gr. 4-6 Youth Group 5:45pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	**12**	**13** 9:30am Gr. 7-12 Service Trip GF/TRF	**14**
15 9:00am Adult Bible Study - Parsonage 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Coffee Fellowship *10:00am Worship Service w/Communion* 5:30pm Food & Fellowship	**16**	**17** 7:30am Men's Fellowship	**18** 5:45pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	**19**	**20**	**21**
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No Tricks Just Treats!













Over 300 from our community joined us at First United for the Annual No Tricks Just Treats Event. Thank you, Hayley Hedlund, for organizing the event this year and to all who helped make it a big success!





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Youth News

Youth Director

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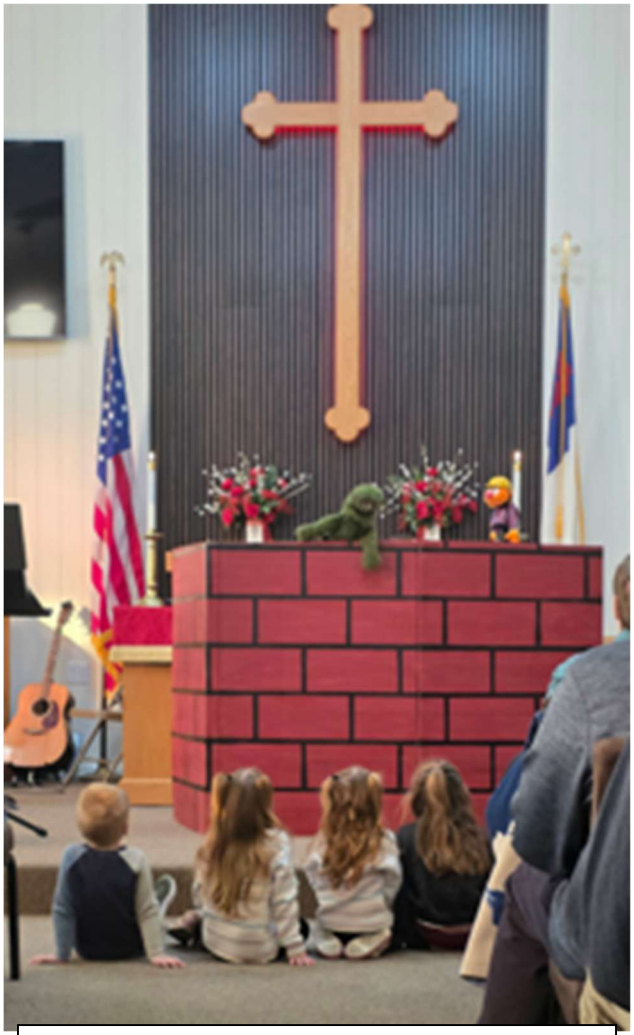
Youth and Chaperones. Missing Chance



Selah, Josie, Brody and Emma
Serving at the Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser



Brynn and Keira
Serving at the Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser



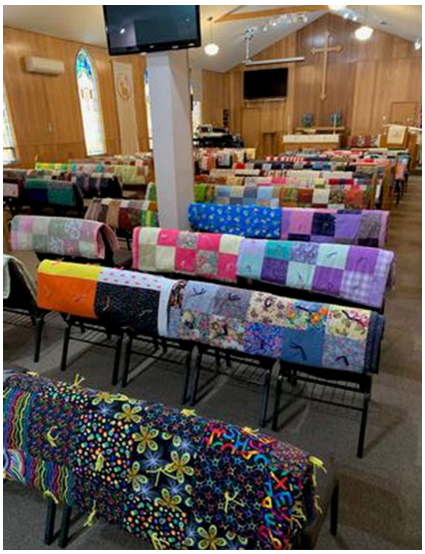
Oscar giving the Children's Sermon. Teaching us about Jonah and the whale. He even sang along with Paul McCartney about Johnah in the whale. Jonah really flew when the whale finally spit him out!

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Women of the Word



Quilting is done for the year. Be sure to join in on the fun next January.

(WOW) meets six times a year, on the second Monday at 6:30 pm.

We meet in February, April, June, September, November and December.

At our meetings we have a devotion and prayer and then discuss any necessary old business and whatever is coming up in the future. We try very hard to keep our meetings short and so are usually done by 7:30 – 8:15 PM.

Missions and Outreach

We meet the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00am after the church service.

We are active in our Community

+ Financial relief for local families with illness or disaster.
+ Support and organize benefits.
+ Provide free inspirational and faith growing books.
+ Roseau Community Food Shelf
+ Gideons
+ Provide opportunities for member to be involved in missions.

At First United we tithe 10 percent of our offerings to Missions and Outreach.

We provide disaster relief to local families for serious illness, accident, fire, etc. We support Psalm FM Radio on a monthly basis. We donate to the Sunshine House in Grand Forks. We donate to the Salvation Army; all donations stay local.

We support Feed My Lambs International in Mexico with Gary and Minnie Sandman and Chio and Betty and Jacob Broten in Chad Africa as our partners in the global outreach. We are grateful for the opportunity to support missions and through them bring God's Word and good works in our local area and throughout the world.

Team members: Collin and Doreen Jensen, Dorothy Monsrud, Esther Welin, Keith Rourke, Janet Hetteen, Mary Hites, Bruce Baumgartner, Jane Evans, Kim and Dave Reynolds.

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What God has done for me:

YOU'RE 41 IS COMING

In the Bible it rained for 40 days and 40 nights. Day 41 came, and the rain stopped. Moses committed murder and hid in the desert 40 years. Year 41 came and God called him to help rescue Israel. Moses went up on the mountain for 40 days. On day 41, he received the 10 commandments. The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. Year 41 came, and they walked into the promised land. Goliath taunted Israel for 40 days. Day 41 came, and David slew him. Jonah preached a message of repentance to Ninevah for 40 days. On day 41, God stopped His plan to destroy them. Jesus fasted and was tempted for 40 days. Day 41 came, and the devil fled. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples for 40 days. On day 41, he ascended into Heaven.

The rain will stop, the giant will fall, you will enter your 'Promised Land.' Don't give up at 40. You're 41 is coming!

Grief Support

"Journeying through Grief" series is available for anyone who would like to reach out to a friend or family member grieving the loss of a loved one. Please contact any Missions and Outreach committee member.



Sunshine Girls

If you would like to be involved, call Helene Wiskow at 218-242-1246 or contact the Church Secretary for more information.

Roseau County Grief Support

13 week sessions using Grief Share materials at the Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church.

Currently ongoing. 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Contact Connie Berg for more information.
218-242-0803

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Upcoming Events



The first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 am. (at a different church each month). All are welcome to attend. There will be food and a devotional to help get your day started.

Short enough to get you to work by 8:00 am or earlier if you need to. If you can stay longer, there is fellowship until 8:30 am.

Hope to see you there!



Communion is offered the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

Our Community

Diva Days

November 7th 10am – 3pm
Roseau City Center

2026 39th Annual
Roseau Holiday
Craft & Vendor Show

November 27th – 28th
Roseau City Center



Wet Felted Wool Mittens
November 21st 9am – 1pm
Roseau City Center

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From the Council

First United Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2026

Present: Rich, Scott, Joyce, Dave, Brad, Rick, Norm B, Jenna, Paula, Gary, Connie Not Present: Norm H, Dean

- Opening Devotion/Prayer: Scott
- Secretary's Report: Discussed August 28, 2026 Council notes and motion was made to approve as corrected (Scott, Joyce). Motion passed by UVV.
- Treasurer's Report:
  - Norm H reviewed Sep 2026 YTD financials compared to prior year and the approved 2026 budget.
  - Account balances 9/30/26 – CSB: $21,210; Ameriprise: $95,911; Edward Jones: $34,398
  - Motion (Jenna, Dave) to approve the report. Council approved via UVV.
- Office Report: Connie shared the following:
  - "No tricks, Just Treats" Halloween event FULC puts on for the area will be led by Hayley. As this approaches, others are needed to support on Oct 31.
  - Thanksgiving Eve event is planned for Wednesday November 25.
  - Next Council Meeting will be held on November 2.
  - Annual Congregational Meeting is planned for January 17, 2027. Discussion held regarding prep needed including the work the Nominating Committee needs to complete recommendations for new council members with several current members completing their full 2 terms of 3 years.
  - Trustees to begin 2027 budgeting process.
- Youth Report: Paula provided an update including:
  - Prepping for "Operation Christmas Child".
  - Fall Youth Group in full swing.
- Pastor's Report: Dean provided an update including:
  - Dean and Paula met to discuss future youth events.
  - Attended the LCMC Annual Conference in West De Moines, IA in October and provided a brief update.
  - Will continue offering Sunday evening education sessions to FULC members this fall.
- Media and Music: NTR
- Property Report: Norm provided a brief update.
  - Paula and youth volunteered to stain the parsonage deck and have completed the work. Norm recommended shifting $800 into the youth account to recognize their efforts. A motion (Rich, Norm) was made to shift funds from the maintenance budget. Motion passed via UVV.
  - Discussed the current status for cleaning the church.
  - A request to consider improvement for lighting in the parsonage was noted.
  - Norm is in contact with Stoskopf Redi-Mix on their schedule with adding "friction plates" to the front sidewalk entrance from the street yet this fall.
  - Scott provided a congregational presentation to update members on the "expanded Narthex" pending project. We reviewed a first draft survey and received productive feedback for modifications. This feedback survey needs to be developed further to be sent home with members so we can determine how to proceed. A small team will work on this survey further following the council meeting.
- Mission and Outreach: Dave provided the following update.
  - Discussion held on ways to grow our church, increase our Sunday School attendance (from 8) going further.
- Growth (Stewardship): Dave provided the following update.
  - Planning for a "winter carnival" in February 2027.
- Adult Education: Luke Part 2 with JD Greer continues to be the focus at our "Adult Bible Study", scheduled for 9 am Sunday mornings.
- Old Business: Discussed Narthex expansion further.
- New Business: NTR
- Adjourn Meeting - Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- Next Council Meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2026.