



[In doing my research for the May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend) sermon, I came across this piece of history that should remain hidden in some dusty old library somewhere. This is real history from a time when our country was at war with itself. Note that Lincoln is not claiming God to be on our side; Lincoln was known as one who sought God's will and humbly pursued it. Perhaps we, as a nation, a community, the Church, should take a little time and ponder this.]

Whereas the Senate of the United States, devoutly recognizing the supreme authority and just government of Almighty God in all the affairs of men and of nations, has by a resolution requested the President to designate and set apart a day for national prayer and humiliation; and

Whereas it is the duty of nations as well as of men to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord;

And, insomuch as we know that by His divine law nations, like individuals, are subjected to punishments and chastisements in this world, may we not justly fear that the awful calamity of civil war which now desolates the land may be but a punishment inflicted upon us for our presumptuous sins, to the needful end of our national reformation as a whole people? We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It behooves us, then, to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness.

Now, therefore, in compliance with the request, and fully concurring in the views of the Senate, I do by this my proclamation designate and set apart Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1863, as a day of national humiliation, fasting, and prayer. And I do hereby request all the people to abstain on that day from their ordinary secular pursuits, and to unite at their several places of public worship and their respective homes in keeping the day holy to the Lord and devoted to the humble discharge of the religious duties proper to that solemn occasion.

All this being done in sincerity and truth, let us then rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine teachings that the united cry of the nation will be heard on high and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 30th day of March, A. D. 1863,  
and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-seventh.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

*Pastor Greg*

# WORSHIP

## Sunday Worship each week at 8:30am & 10:15am

Holy Communion served during both worship services each week.

We hope to see you in person at worship. However, we know there are times that won't work. FLC livestreams the Sunday 8:30am service. Watch it live or whenever you have time from our Facebook page or go to our website [www.flcfremont.org](http://www.flcfremont.org) and click on the *Worship With Us* button for more viewing options.

## Wednesday "Pray-lude" Worship at 6:15 pm

Join us for a mid-week worship service; including a devotion and prayer prompts based on a current contemporary worship song, the hearing of the upcoming Sunday's scripture, a short meditation, a few songs, and the Celebration of Holy Communion each week.

# NEW UPDATED WORSHIP TIMES!

## STARTING JUNE 8

### SUNDAYS 8:30AM & 10:15AM

ATTENTION!

UPDATE!



After the May Council meeting, it has been decided that new worship times will be 8:30am & 10:15am. Please help us get the word out to all members and guests to make this a smooth transition.

## WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

*Needed!*



Make people feel at home here at FLC!

- Greeters -
- Ushers -
- Communion Servers -
- Welcome Center Hosts -

Sign up online, scan the QR code or call the office.



## SILVER SENIORS

Prayers of thanksgiving for our silver senior friends who have so faithfully shared their time, resources, & friendship with our FLC family.

**This month, we honor:**

**Bernard Heese turning 90 on June 27  
and LaVonne Nelsen turning 93 on June 29**

## REMEMBERING IN PRAYER

Remember to let the church office know if you are facing a health concern or will be in the hospital so someone can be in contact with you. If you request, the prayer chain will also be activated. It is also helpful to our FirstCare ministry if you let us know about someone who could use a caring call.



**Prayers of healing** for Janie Baugh, Lorna Knudsen, Lyn Robart, Dennis, Gale Merz, Lonnie Reker, Pam Spevak, Ron Pronske, Alan Doll, Shelby Fenner, Karen McPherran, Bill Miller, Jan Larsen, Pastor Greg, Shirley Brandert (*Amy Spies' mother*), and Cheryl Larsen

**Prayers of peace** for the family and friends of Don Anderson, father of Wendy Olson; for the family and friends of Shawn Brown



# DISCIPLESHIP

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SATURDAYS | 8:30 AM

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Room 122

**Men's Bible Study** will be studying the Gospel of John in June. The group meets every Saturday at 8:30am in Room 122. All men are invited to join this study.

**Sunday Study** with Kris Lindgren will continue, "Give Up Something Bad" through June on Sunday mornings between services.. All are welcome to join in on discussions in the Heritage Room.

**Rix Study Group** meets Sunday mornings between services in the Conference Room. Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion of Max Lucado's book, *Unshakable Hope*.

## TLC Together Living with Cancer SUPPORT GROUP

**TLC (Together Living with Cancer) Support Group** meets Tuesdays, May 13 and 27 at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. If you know anyone who has battled or is currently battling cancer as well as those whose lives have been touched by this disease, please take a postcard from the Welcome Center and invite them to join. Whether you've dealt with this disease in the past or are experiencing it for the first time, all are welcome to join at any time! Reach out to Gina (ginad@flcfremont.org) for more information.



**O.W.L.S.**  
Older Wiser Loving Souls

### May Museum Tour

THURSDAY, JUNE 5  
11:00AM | MAY MUSEUM

Museum Tour & Lunch at Big Red Keno.  
\*Tour provided with free-will offering, lunch is on your own

## FLC Women of the ELCA

**FLC First Monday Bible Study** will meet at the home of Judy Jorgensen, 1320 Ruth Avenue, **Tuesday, June 10**, at 10:00am. The group will study Chapter 10 of *Just Like Jesus* by Max Lucado. Carol Bohling will serve as co-hostess. All FLC women are welcome!

**Chick Flicks** will meet on Tuesday, June 3 at 6:30pm in the FLY Room.

### WOW (Women of the Word)

Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, June 11 at 9:30am in the Heritage Room. Sherie Ebers will lead the study on Chapter 8 of Max Lucado's book, *Anxious for Nothing*. New members are welcome!



**Faith Circle** will meet on Thursday, June 12, in the Conference Room at 7:00pm. Michelle Jacobsen will be leading the lesson.

**WELCA (Women of the ELCA)** invite you to the *Saved to Serve Opportunity Retreat* in Beatrice, NE at the Mosaic Facility from August 8 to August 10. Registration is \$39 which covers lodging, meals, and activities with residents. Deadline is August 1. Contact Eileen Thornburg for more details: bthornburg@neb.rr.com



**WELCA (Women of the ELCA)** is hosting a **FREE** concert by the North Bend Community Band on Sunday, July 6, at 2:00pm in the FLC Mission Center. Invite your friends to join us for an hour of marches, patriotic selections, Broadway tunes, and more! Ice cream and cookies will follow the performance.

During the March blizzard, we donated 100 quilts to those in need in our community. We are looking for more helping hands to work on getting more quilts completed.

The quilting room is open EVERY Wednesday at 1:00pm for those interested in helping with this ministry. The 3rd Wednesday of each month will remain as the "official quilt tying day." Other Wednesdays will provide opportunities for people to cut backs, iron quilt tops, prep quilts for tying and more. All are welcome!






# MISSION & OUTREACH

HELP FLC SERVE  
250+ FREE MEALS


**FLC  
MOBILE  
BANQUET**

NEXT DISTRIBUTION  
THURS.  
JUNE 12  
5:30-6:30  
PM  
HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Extra Item: Flip Flops!

Sign up at [www.flcfremont.org/events](http://www.flcfremont.org/events)  
or call the office at 402-721-2959



**FLC Mobile Banquet:** The FLC Mobile Banquet will be delivering 250+ meals to Meadowbrook, LifeHouse, and ASPIRE on Thursday, June 12, from 5:30-6:30pm. Please consider helping to make this possible with your donations of food items, money or time. It's easy, sign up online or call the office to offer your help! Please have your donations to the church kitchen by NOON on Wednesday, June 11. **We are collecting flip flops as our extra item for this month's Mobile Banquet.** Please consider donating a pair or two.



JOIN US FOR

**COMMUNITY  
CLEAN-UP EVENT**

Help make our community a cleaner, greener place by volunteering to pick up litter in the ditches and beautify our community.

 **6.7.2025**  
9:00am-11:00am

Sign-In & Meeting Point at MD West One-Fremont  
(3301 Elkhorn Drive) at 8:45am.

- Trash Clean-Up Equipment will be provided
- Long Pants, Sleeves, Work Gloves, & Bug Spray Recommended

Hosted by: City of Fremont, Keep Fremont Beautiful & First Lutheran Church  
Contact Cari Hoffart at [cari.hoffart@fremontne.gov](mailto:cari.hoffart@fremontne.gov) for more info!

## SUMMER MINISTRY PARTNER!

**Fremont Area  
United Way**

### UNITED IS THE WAY TO A BETTER FUTURE!

From strengthening local resilience to advancing health, youth opportunity, and financial support, the Fremont Area United Way is working to bring people and resources together to address all challenges!

Watch for events to support the United Way later this summer!



SCAN TO SUPPORT! ➔



**Summer Ministry Partner—United Way:** Our Summer Ministry Partner is United Way! United Way is a global nonprofit that mobilizes communities to action so all can thrive. From strengthening local resilience to advancing health, youth opportunity, and financial security, the Fremont Area United Way is working to bring people and resources together to address all challenges.

You can support United Way by making a monetary donation online by scanning the QR code or on our website, [www.flcfremont.org/events](http://www.flcfremont.org/events). Envelopes are also available in the chair backs for cash/check donations. Watch for events to support the United Way later this summer!



THE  
**Crayon**  
INITIATIVE

The school year is almost over! And before you stuff those backpacks in the closet, dig out those used crayons and donated them to

**THE CRAYON INITIATIVE!**

This organization takes used crayons and melts and remolds them into new crayons to give to children who have been hospitalized.

You can drop your crayons off  
in the Fellowship Hall.





# CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**TREK WITH US ON THE ULTIMATE ALASKAN ADVENTURE!**

**VBS 2025** | **July 27-30** | **July 31, 6:30pm**  
**5:30-8:15pm** | **Wrap Up Event**

**Cost: \$10/Child**

**TRUE NORTH**  
 Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

**T-Shirt Activities Crafts Bible Learning Supper And FUN!**

**REGISTER HERE!**

**Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Contact Gina DeBoer with questions:  
[ginad@flcfremont.org](mailto:ginad@flcfremont.org)



## 2025 FLY TRIP

This month, 8 of the HS FLYs will be headed to Milwaukee, WI, June 22-27. Milwaukee is a diverse city that ranks 2nd in poverty among the top 50 most populated cities in the US. The main driver of the economic inequality in Milwaukee is the history of segregation and discrimination. There is a decline in manufacturing jobs, leading to high levels of unemployment. Our group is traveling with Serve Boldy, a ministry of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries. Much of the work they will be doing will be focused on helping the locals fulfill their basic needs; food and shelter. Service sites will include food pantry's, urban gardens, homeless shelters, and a pay-what-you-can cafe. Please keep this group in your prayers; that they are able to shine Christ's light to those they meet and in turn, their lives are changed for the better through this experience.

## SUMMER 2025 FLC YOUTH LIVE OUT LOUD

Students who just completed 5th-8th grade are encouraged to join FLC and live out their faith through various service opportunities this summer. June opportunities include Card Bingo at NYE Legacy on **Wed, June 4** at 1:00pm and Keep Fremont Beautiful, community clean-up event on **Sat, June 7** from 9:00-11:00am. Each of these Live Out Loud opportunities count as Confirmation service projects and will bring students together to have a little fun while sharing God's love with others. To sign up for these events, or get help with transportation, please contact Gina at [ginad@flcfremont.org](mailto:ginad@flcfremont.org).

**Save the date & register now!** - On **July 23**, 5th-8th graders will travel to Omaha to volunteer at the Food Bank for the Heartland with lunch to follow. You must register for this event on-line. Transportation is provided. We will leave church at 8am and return at 1:30pm. Contact Gina for the registration link.

## High School FLY June Opportunities

- **Wed, June 11**, Pre-Trip Bible Study (for those going on the FLY trip) at 7:00pm
- **Wed, June 11**, Half Apps at Applebee's at 9:00pm. All are welcome to join!
- **Wed, June 18**, Catch Up & Cool Down with ice cream and conversation at DQ
- **June 22-27**, FLY Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin

*Make sure you are signed up for HS FLY Remind messages to receive changes or updated to the schedule.*



Volunteers in Children and Youth Ministries truly makes a difference in the lives of young people. Thank you to our volunteers for being faithful role models and for giving your time to lead and walk alongside our youth.

### KidsFirst Sunday School Leaders:

**Pre-K/Kindergarten:** Cheryl Henderson, Laura Peters, Nichole Fairhead, Katee Prenzlou

**Youth Assistants:** Hannah & Noelle Henderson

**1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grades:** Evelyn Eldridge, Eric Eldridge, Carrie Hansen **Youth Assistant:** Kyla Eldridge

**4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grades:** Jenny Hansen, Alison Zuch, Dawson Coon

**Large Group Leader:** Jeremy Hansen

**Large Group Tech:** Eli Hansen & Audrianne Blunt

**Hospitality & Information:** LouAnn Dooley, Cathy Ross

**Confirmation Partners:** Bob Beaver, Dawson Coon, Kent Henderson, Dave Beattie, Anne Folkers, Heather Kroeger, Joey Bohaboj, Alexis Nagel, Mandy Muller, Tracey Vrba, Valerie Prenzlou, Carrie Dahl, Dave Kirby, Dylan Blunt, Deacon Rick Strong, Trenten Hansen, Dawn Koehlmoos,

**Middle School FLY Leaders:** Trenten Hansen, Dylan Blunt, Alexis Nagel

**High School FLY Leaders:** Kaleb & Jackie Jorgensen, Shelby Fenner, Ki Jorgensen





Congratulations to our 2025 graduates! God has blessed you with wisdom, friendships, and skills. May he continue to challenge you to make this world a better place because of your education.

#### FLC 2025 High School Graduates:

Alexa Brodd  
Sydney Carpenter  
Levi DeBoer  
Dathan Hansen  
Cole Hazen

Emily Hull  
Nattie Hull  
Brylee Nelsen  
Kolby Tighe  
Carter Vanek



## EARLY LEARNING CENTER



Summer is here, and we're ready to make June joyful and bright! As we approach the month of June, we're excited for all the fun and engaging activities we have planned for the daycare! From outdoor play to creative crafts and themed days, it's going to be a month full of learning, laughter, and summer fun.

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for being a part of our preschool graduation last month. It was such a special celebration, and we're so proud of all our little graduates! Watching them sing, smile, and walk across the stage was a truly heartwarming reminder of how much they've grown this year — in confidence, friendships, and learning.

Thank you for your support throughout the year and for making the day extra memorable with your presence and encouragement. We wish our graduates all the best as they take their next big step — and we're excited to continue learning and growing with those who are staying on with us!

## Preschool Enrollment



Preschool Enrollment for 2025-2026  
will be closing on July 1, 2025!  
Contact Mindy (mindy@flcfremont.org) to get registered soon!



### Funeral Containers

If you graciously brought food for funeral luncheons in the past couple of months, we want to remind you to stop in and grab your containers. Please stop by the kitchen and take a look to see if any could be yours. *Thank you.*

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL

### May FLC Council Highlights

- There were 20 confirmands that were confirmed in April
- Synod Assembly in Kearney is scheduled for May 30-June 1
- Youth camp at Camp Carol Joy Holling is scheduled for June 9-13

Respectfully Submitted by Derek Fey, FLC Council Secretary

*\*\*Please reach out to the Church Office if you would like a copy of the Council meeting minutes.*

### Monthly Financial Report

	April Actual	April Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Prior YTD
Pledged Giving	\$ 51,870.33	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 665,928.93	\$ 589,967.37
General Income	\$ 66,377.74	\$ 83,520.00	\$ 644,030.00	\$ 742,161.61	\$ 644,492.38
Mission Income	\$ 4,034.00	\$ 4,504.16	\$ 39,033.36	\$ 44,745.28	\$ 79,210.92
Expenses	\$ 65,193.98	\$ 87,054.34	\$ 656,201.64	\$ 654,741.96	\$ 607,078.44
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$ 5,217.76	\$ 969.82	\$ 26,861.72	\$ 132,164.93	\$ 116,624.86
Building Fund Contributions	\$ 2,751.48			\$ 32,721.98	\$ 5,617.63
Build Fund Balance	56,119.93				

April pledged giving was \$18k below budget for the month although it remains over budget YTD and over last year. Historically, summer months will use some of these reserves but FLC should end the fiscal year on 8/31 with a positive bottom line which is much better than the negative budgeted amount. There will be some significant repair and maintenance bills coming in for the HVAC system and other building repairs which will come out of the Building Maintenance Fund. It's such a blessing to have that fund for these unbudgeted building expenses. The ice machine had to be replaced and was paid in April from the Memorials, Church Home account. Budget process for the next fiscal year starting 9/1 has started and as we all know, costs keep increasing! We continue to build the want and need list for FLC moving forward as the building ages. FLC is blessed in so many ways and thank each of you for the giving of your time, talents, and treasures.

~ Wendy Grosse, Administrator



**Targeted Giving...** (as of 4/30/25) We want to give people of FLC the opportunity to give in a *targeted* way around their particular interests and passion, as well as the needs of our mission and ministry. The following categories have primarily existed in our Memorial and Special Gift Account, but we want you to be aware of these different funds on an on-going basis. Your financial support in these *targeted* areas will bring critical support to the ministry of our congregation! Thank you for the many ways that you give!

Worship/Music	\$9,574.50	Bible Camp Scholarship	\$3,043.38	Spoudazo	\$5,892.12
Technology	\$2,814.66	Good Samaritan	\$2,515.46	ELC Tuition Assistance	\$2,130.17
Church Home	\$3,128.52	Prayer Shawl	\$1,571.97	Banquet Mobile Meal	\$6,542.62
Building Maint.	\$56,119.93	Quilt Ministry	\$3,719.07	Youth Trips	\$3,533.20
First Lutheran Youth	\$5,005.61	Children's WAM	\$3,597.16	VBS	\$327.75



# RED CROSS

## BLOOD DRIVE

@ First Lutheran Church



**JUNE 1, 2025**

Sign up at [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org)  
or call Niki at 402-720-1825

# FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE



**FRIDAY  
JULY 11  
7:05PM**

**\$17  
TICKET**

TICKETS INCLUDE:  
RESERVED SEATS & MEAL

-SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME DESK-

MOLLER FIELD | 750 S. BROAD STREET | FREMONT

# FLC BRANSON TRIP

## November 10-13, 2025

Private Bus for FLC Members  
Daily Devotional by Pastor Greg  
David Live on Stage  
The Texas Tenors  
The Grand Country Jubilee  
AND MUCH MORE!



FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!  
SAVE YOUR SEAT TODAY!

Contact Gina at  
[ginad@flcfremont.org](mailto:ginad@flcfremont.org)

**\$899**  
per person

# EXPLORE



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CHURCH

Considering joining FLC?  
Sign up for EXPLORE.

Scan to Sign Up!



**Next Class:**  
**Sunday, June 22**  
**5:30pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**

The trip interest survey had an overwhelming response. Branson is the place to be during Christmas time! We will see David at Sight & Sound Theatre, The Texas Tenors, The Grand Country Jubilee, Clay Cooper's Country Express, the College of the Ozarks, and more! FLC will have our own bus and Pastor Greg will lead a short devotional each day. The dates of the trip are November 10-13, 2025. Cost is \$899. This trip is first come, first serve so contact [ginad@flcfremont.org](mailto:ginad@flcfremont.org) with any questions or to save your seat today!

**EXPLORE (New Member Class):** FLC's next EXPLORE class will be held Sunday, June 22 at 6:00pm. If you or anyone you know is interested in joining the First Lutheran Family, please come for supper and learn a little more about FLC. If you have completed new member paperwork since March 2025, please plan on attending this EXPLORE class. Sign up [online](#), by scanning the QR code, or by contacting Gina DeBoer at [ginad@flcfremont.org](mailto:ginad@flcfremont.org) to assure we have enough food for everyone.

Thank you to my church family for making my 93rd birthday special! Each one of you help make my life have meaning. The extra care and attention caught me off guard, then I decided— "Just Enjoy It," and I did. What a fun time!

-Sharon Landholm