

Today in Worship

Preacher: Deacon Karen Melang

Presider: Pastor Greg DeBoer

Children's Time: (8:30) Heather Kroeger **(10:15)** Kris Lindgren

Readings: John 1: 1-5, 10-18

Hymns: #267, #270, #281, #277, #292

Musicians: (8:30) Organist: Amy Spies
(10:15) Band

Prayers of healing for Lyn Robart, Dennis, Bill Miller, Jan Larsen, Shirley Brandert (*Amy Spies' mother*), Cheryl Larsen, Lorna Berkland, John Clopper, Joy Horn, Gayle Paschall, Gene Anderson, Janie Baugh, Virginia Gard, & Alice Day

Altar Flowers are sponsored by the Peters family wishing everyone a happy new year!

Sunday Morning Gathering is sponsored by Bill & Connie Miller for peace, love, & joy and a healthy happy new year!

Christmas Eve Worship: (2pm) 321, **(4pm)** 351, **(11pm)** 107

Sunday Worship (12/28): 95 (*Cold/Snow*)

Giving for the Period of 12/23-12/28:

Weekly Giving: \$10,200

Tithes for December: \$139,627.23

Tithes Budget for December: \$115,000

Giving Year-to-date: \$344,980.21

Budget Year-to-date through December: \$328,000

Copies of the January Messenger are available at the
Ministry Center and Church Office.
You can also view it online on our website.

Be A 2026 Sunday Morning Gathering



and/or Altar Flower Sponsor!

Scan the QR Code or go to
www.flcfremont.org/events
to sign up to be a sponsor for 2026!

Sunday Morning Gathering Sponsor: \$150

Altar Flower Sponsor: \$50

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About First Lutheran

Questions??

Welcome Center: located just outside the Worship center. A host is there to help find answers to any questions you might have.

Worship Assists

Open Seating: available for people with limited mobility. Please leave these areas for walkers and wheelchairs and a seat for their companion.

Hearing Assistance: devices are available at the sound booth at the back of the Worship Center.

Gather at the Table

Communion: All are welcome at the Lord's table. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. You will receive a wafer and cup of wine or grape juice from the servers. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are also available. If you would like communion brought to you, please inform an usher.

Fellowship Time: Hot & Cold coffee, tea, milk, and donut holes are available in Fellowship Hall. Help yourself and visit with a friend or make new ones!

FirstCare: If you are in need of pastoral ministry or a visit, please contact the church office.

For Our Youngest Worshippers:

Creation Stations: located on each side of the worship, an area for children to be creative while in worship.

Children's Bulletins: located by each door to the worship space .

Busy Bags: filled with quiet activities for children, located by bulletin tables, please return at the end of the service.

Children's Message: a time during worship for kids to hear the message at their level.

Sunday Small Groups: available September-April for children 3 yr—6th grade, at 9:30am in the Sunday school wing.

Sunday Morning Adult Small Groups: various studies offered between services in the Heritage room and Conference room. Everyone welcome to join.

In the Chair Pockets:

Green Cards: Offer various ways to give to FLC, place card in the offering tray to indicate electronic giving.

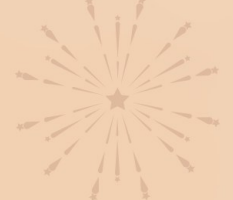
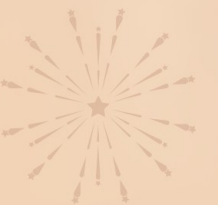
Blue Cards: Share your contact info with us, let us know you have worshiped with us, and share your prayers requests for the staff to pray over. Please place in the offering tray.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH



MINISTRY
announcements

JANUARY 4, 2026



This week's Ministry Announcements...

January Ministry Partner — Camperships



In January, our focus will be on building up our Campership Fund. This fund allows more children to attend ELCA church camps in the summer providing unforgettable, faith-forming experiences. Throughout the month, many campers will be sharing stories & experiences. We hope you will consider contributing monetarily to this fund by scanning the QR code, going to our website under the "Events" tab, or including your donation in the offering plate, or bringing it to the Church Office. Your support of this ministry is vital in *Keeping Faith Alive!*

FLC Mobile Banquet Winter Coat Drive

We collected 48 coats for women and girls and 40 for men and boys, and most of the donations were brand new! Additionally, we received a great supply of hats, gloves, and mittens to share. Thank you to everyone involved for such a beautiful display of generosity and love. We will continue to collect winter gear through January! **Children's sizes are the most desired**, but all sizes are needed.

No Sunday Small Groups for Kids

There are no Sunday Smalls Groups for Kids today.

FLC Children's Ministry is GROWING!

Contact: Gina DeBoer (ginad@flcfremont.org)

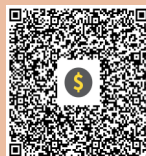
God is blessing our church with an ever-growing group of children each week—what a joy! As our classrooms fill with new faces and energy, we are looking for additional Sunday Small Group leaders and helpers to join our team. If you have a heart for kids and a desire to help them grow in their faith, we would love to have you serve with us. No prior experience is required—just a willingness to show up and share God's love.

If you're interested or want to learn more, please reach out to Gina at ginad@flcfremont.org! Your time and gifts can make a meaningful impact on our youngest members.

Electronic Giving Options: Would you like to give an electronic offering?

- Text the dollar amount to **402-999-4983**
- Scan this QR code

If you would like to set up a recurring gift, please contact Wendy Grosse at wendyg@flcfremont.org or 402-721-2959.



Snow Removal Volunteers Needed



We are in need of volunteers to help with keeping the entrances cleared of snow during services on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights. This is a great service opportunity for service groups, families, or individuals. It would involve keeping the entrances cleared and salted after the snow removal company does their initial sweep. You can pick your own dates and sign up for a part or the whole morning! Scan the QR code, visit our website, or call the Church Office if you're interested.

Red Cross Blood Drive

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive held here at First Lutheran on Sunday, January 25 from 7:30am-Noon. Your donation of blood this time of year is truly a gift. We'd love to see a lot of New Year's resolution donors! Sign up at redcrossblood.org, or make an appointment by calling Niki at 402-720-1825.

January Mobile Banquet

Contact: Heidi Richmond (heidir@flcfremont.org)



The FLC Mobile Banquet will be delivering 270+ meals to Regency, LifeHouse, and ASPIRE this Thursday, January 8, 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 this Wednesday, January 7. **We are collecting blankets, winter coats, hats, gloves/mittens, and scarves as extra items this month.** Sign up by scanning the QR code, going to our website under the "events" tab, or by calling the Church Office.

We're Hiring! — Adult Ministry Coordinator

Contact: Wendy Grosse (wendyg@flcfremont.org)

Do you like to plan activities, Bible studies, or day trips? Or maybe you know someone who does? If so, we need YOUR help to grow our adult ministry here at FLC! This is a part time position (14-20/week) with some Sundays and evenings required that works to organize adult ministry opportunities. Apply today by contacting Wendy Grosse with your resume!

MOMS Together

Contact: Tracey Vrba & Nichole Fairhead
(MOMStogetherNE@gmail.com)

Mothers Of Many Seasons Together will start in January with gatherings being held the first and third Tuesday of the month from 9:30-11:00am at FLC! MOMS Together is a supportive community of mothers who grow in love for God, their families, and their call to motherhood. MOMS Together focuses on mothers of preschoolers through high school seniors. All Fremont & surrounding moms are welcome!

We are currently looking for a childcare director, childcare volunteers, and table leaders. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering, please reach out to Tracey Vrba & Nichole Fairhead.



MOMS Together Registration is OPEN!

Join us for a Kickoff Brunch on Tuesday, January 20, from 9:30-11:00am here at First Lutheran! Register for MOMS Together by January 16 to receive a free journal! You can RSVP for the Kickoff event and register for the group by scanning the QR code or going to the "Events" tab on our website!

ELC Chipotle Fundraiser

Support our Early Learning Center at Chipotle on Tuesday, January 13, from 4:00-8:00pm! 25% of event sales will benefit the ELC. If you are dining in, be sure to let them know you are there for the ELC fundraiser before ordering. If you order online for pick up, use code **9B9PTK3**.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION — VOLUNTEER MORE!

Do you have your New Year's resolution list? How about adding one more item? **Church Volunteering!** We require a lot of volunteers to make our church a fun and inviting place for everyone and to continue our wonderful ministries! Help us touch more lives this year by making a resolution to volunteer your time and effort just a couple times, **or more**, in 2026! Your time and effort are priceless to us!

Volunteer for Worship!

Greeters — Ushers—Communion Servers

Sunday mornings take many volunteers to run smoothly. If you see something today that you would like be a part of, you can visit www.flcfremont.org/events, scan the QR code or call the church office at 402-721-2959.

