

**First Lutheran Church**  
**92 W. Walnut Street**  
**Washington, PA 15301**



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**Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior**

## **Pastoral Perspectives for July 2025**

Grace and peace to you from God the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit amen.

As I am putting pen to paper we are in the heatwave of the last week of June in Washington, Pa. Summer is now just days old but it is a time when many take time off for vacation and travel. When Kimberly and I travel we often go to historical places and churches are always on the agenda if we can get in and tour them. I encourage you during your time away from home to go out and visit other churches and attend services while you are vacationing. It's always good to hear the Word of God and worship and be the guest. I am reminded of going to Gettysburg and attending a service with coffee hour before the service at Christ Lutheran on 30 Chambersburg St. This, of course, was used as a hospital as were most of the large buildings were in the town. A tragic incident happened on the very front steps of this church when a union officer was shot and killed while putting up the red flag/red cloth in the front of the church. The red flag meant that the building was being used as a hospital and was not to be fired upon by either side.

Finding out the history of any church is always fascinating because it tells you a lot about the people, the area and their faith. In one year, we will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> year in the current church we worship in and I pray a lot of history will come forth about the faithful people of Washington and how they worked to build a community in Christ to worship God in the Lutheran faith.

So, in your travels, let me know where you went this summer and what churches you were able to visit because I am always interested in your lives and your travels. How did you enjoy the service? The music? The preaching? The fellowship? The church building itself?

Enjoy your summer and God bless you in Christ Jesus.

Your servant in Christ,

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

# July

Dear First Lutheran Church Family,

Summer is a time to relax and get a much-needed vacation. And while we are on vacation, or just chilling on the back porch, our church is still working, maintenance still needs done and the bills (our loan payment and new a/c) never take a summer vacation. It is so helpful to the church that your regular offerings continue to come in. And as we get busy during the summer, we tend to forget to send in our offering. How can we plan so that we do not forget? How about giving monthly or quarterly to keep your donations current and not need to think about it every week? You do not need to put separate checks in each envelope. One check in one of your envelopes is all we need to give you credit. Don't forget our Capital Campaign. We received zero donations to this fund in May. Your regular donations are critical at this time as we work to repay our loan and still continue with our regular monthly bills.

Our new website <https://firstlutheranwashington.church/> has a donations tab at the top for online donations if some months that makes it easier.

These suggestions are not just for the summer months when we seem to be attending more activities but can be used all year to make things easier as things tend to get busier now and then. Choosing a donation strategy can help you keep your commitment to the church.



Don't forget about our annual church picnic! I hope to see all of you there in August!



Our Corny 5K committee still needs your help on the day of the run. Please see Caitlyn Group or one of the committee members to let them know how you will help. This fundraiser will also help get First Lutheran noticed. Please get the word out to friends and family so that we can continue to have this fundraiser grow. Forms and information are posted on our website under Events.

A reminder that we will be having our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in June of 2026. Please see Linda Coleman or Soni Rea for how you can help with our celebration.

Blessings,

Jennifer Black, FLC council president

## **WNALC June Newsletter**

The Circle Meeting will be held Thursday, July 31 in the lounge at 10 AM.  
Linda Coleman will be the Leader and Linda Nichols will be the Hostess.  
Join us for Bible Study and lunch

God bless,  
Sonie

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## **UPCOMING MUM FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to all for your continued support of the fundraisers to benefit the First Lutheran Church Restoration Fund. Please watch for the upcoming Mum Fundraiser order forms. I know with the warm weather we are not thinking about Fall which is just around the corner. The mums are always a beautiful way to decorate for Fall and contribute to the Restoration Fund.

Your support is greatly appreciated,  
Caitlyn and Vickie Group

## NALC Disaster Response

The Women of NALC of First Lutheran Church are going to collect items for Health Care Kits for NALC Disaster relief in the months of June and July.

If you want to participate, there will be a basket in the narthex for items. The following items are needed.

### Health Care Kits

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 Shampoo (two if travel size)
- 1 bar soap (two if travel size)
- 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- 1 pack of floss (optional)
- 1 toothpaste (two travel size)
- 1 comb
- 1 deodorant
- 1 nail clippers (optional)

Pack in 2-gallon plastic storage bag or tote bag

If you want to complete a kit on your own, please place it in the basket provided in the narthex.

There is always a need for blankets, quilts, and Bibles. Gift cards from Home Depot, Lowes, or Walmart can be placed in the container provided.

## **Church Picnic: August 10th**

### **COMMUNITY PARK, SOUTH STRABANE, FLORAL HILL DRIVE**

The picnic is coming up soon. A sign-up sheet will be available on the bulletin board outside the church lounge. In my summary of last year's picnic, I proposed several suggestions and ideas for implementation this year. Anyone remember? Well, I said that I could use a couple extra tables for food items. It is hard for people to reach over the benches to reach the food. Larry has informed me that he will bring two, and I have two along with a card table. Therefore, we should be adequately prepared. Another suggestion was that the chicken proves to be a popular item. I thought maybe two people could share the cost of it. We seem to have many hamburgers left over, but hot dogs seem to go. Another item I have left over is water. Many individuals appear to prefer soda, lemonade, and iced tea. Perhaps an individual could provide a variety of beverages in a cooler as their contribution to the food items. For the past two years, I have provided iced tea and lemonade, and I will continue to do so this year. No worries, water will still be available. Please remember that the pavilion has a refrigerator, microwave and an oven. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me. I would love to hear from you.

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### **GIFT BASKETS/PICNIC**

We will be doing a gift basket raffle again during the church picnic. Please provide a basket if possible. We have great ones every year, so let's keep it up! Remember all profits go towards our Restoration Fund. We have made significant progress in our enhancements to our esteemed church, yet it is imperative that we maintain this momentum as there remains substantial work to be undertaken. Let me know if you can provide.

Kim Luketich

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**JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>, SATURDAY 8 AM – 3 PM YARD SALE**  
**Drop off days and times for yard sale.**

**TUESDAY 7/8            10 AM – 2 PM**

**WEDNESDAY 7/9    2 PM – 5 PM**

**FRIDAY 7/11            4 PM – 6 PM**

**Please note that Leann will have the kitchen open for lunch. She always has a nice selection of food items(delicious) and she runs it so efficiently. She is asking for baked goods. You can drop off your baked goods on Friday evening (4-6) or early Saturday morning.**

**Volunteers are requested by 7 AM on the day of the sale. If the weather is nice, I plan on putting out at least 2 tables, so I will need some strong hands. You may leave after the morning rush.**

Tuesday is both drop off and set up, so volunteers are needed. Remember no electronics, bowling balls, chipped or broken items. If you are second guessing an item for the sale, then it's best you just leave it at home. I will take this opportunity to announce that this will be my last time running this event. For those interested in taking over, you are invited to observe on the day of the sale or to contribute your own ideas.

Items will still be on sale on Sunday, 7/13, after church service. Clean up will be on Tuesday, 7/15, starting at 10 AM. We will work until the task is complete.

This message acknowledges your contributions and assistance in this fundraiser. Not only this year but the past years as well.

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## First Lutheran Church Building's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

June 21, 2026

The date is a year away, but we want the congregation updated on what has been definitely decided **and Save the date for next year.**

On Sunday June 21, 2026, our Bishop will be with us and conduct the service. After the service, there will be a catered dinner served downstairs in the social room of the church. Danny's Catering will be catering the meal.

Any photos and memorabilia that relate to our church activities would be greatly appreciated. There are plans to have these items displayed. We realize these are your family history and all items will be returned to you. Copies of said items would be great also.

As final plans are made in the next few months, we will keep you updated.

Committee:

Linda Coleman

Judy Sarver

Heather Quedenfield

Sonie Rea

Michelle Williams

Sally Lacko



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Grace and peace to you from God the Father of our Lord and Saviour Jesus in the Holy Spirit.

For over 226 years there have been Lutherans gathering for worship in Washington, PA. It began in October 1798 in the back of Jacob Weuler 's home to our current church at 92 West Walnut Street. (the site of the former German graveyard).

In 2026 we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our current house of worship: First Lutheran Church. Our beloved church is in need of repairs. We are launching a capital campaign to cover these much-needed repairs:

- \*pointing of shifted masonry
- \*replacing the 100-year-old roof
- \*plaster repair of leaks
- \*re-leading the stained-glass windows

It is important to **honor the past and prepare for the future.**

Maintaining First Lutheran Church allows future generations of the faithful to experience the joy of gathering to worship. Lutherans will be able to praise God in the city of Washington for another 200 years.

Your donation to First Lutheran **Capital Campaign** is more important than ever for the future of God's holy house for gathering and worshipping for years to come.

Yours in Christ,

First Lutheran Church Council

**Please fill out:**

I am prayerfully donating \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the **Capital Campaign** to help sustain the ministry of First Lutheran Church in Washington PA.

Please send my tax receipt to:

**My Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

Checks made payable to First Lutheran Church.

Donations can be mailed or brought to :First Lutheran Church , 92 W Walnut St , Washington PA 15301

First Lutheran Church Members,

The Corny 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk Fundraiser is fast approaching! There are multiple ways you can help!

**The first way is to sign up to participate to run or walk:**

The Corny 5K & 1 Mile Run/Walk will be on August 16,2025 on the Claysville National Pike Trail. All proceeds will go to First Lutheran Church to help restore our 99-year-old building.

All participants who register by August 1st are guaranteed to receive a commemorative race T-Shirt and Swag bag! Participants who register after August 1st will receive a shirt if still available so be sure to register early.

Date: August 16,2025 5K Race Time: 8:00am (\$30) 1 Mile Run/Walk Time: 8:10am (\$25)

Online Registration is available at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Claysville/CornyK>



DATE/TIME	TITLE	JOB DESCRIPTION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 5:00-7:00PM	PACKET PICKUP	@ FIRST LUTHERAN DISTRIBUTE RACE DAY PACKETS TO PARTICIPANTS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 6:30-8:00 AM	RACE DAY SET UP	@ CLAYSVILLE NATIONAL PIKE TRAIL HELP SET UP
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 6:45-11:45 AM	RACE DAY PARKING	@ CLAYSVILLE NATIONAL PIKE TRAIL HELP CARL GROUP WITH PARKING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 7:30-10:30 AM	RACE DAY WATER STATIONS	@ CLAYSVILLE NATIONAL PIKE TRAIL PASS OUT WATER TO RACE PARTICIPANTS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 6:45-9:45 AM	RACE DAY PACKET PICKUP	@ CLAYSVILLE NATIONAL PIKE TRAIL DISTRIBUTE RACE DAY PACKETS TO PARTICIPANTS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 7:30-11:30 AM	RACE DAY ON COURSE PHOTOGRAPHER	@ CLAYSVILLE NATIONAL PIKE TRAIL TAKE PICTURES OF PARTICIPANTS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER RACE
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025 10:45 AM -12:45	RACE DAY TEAR DOWN	@ CLAYSVILLE NATIONAL PIKE TRAIL HELP TEAR DOWN AND CLEAN TRAIL

**July Lay Readers**

6 Heather Quedenfeld  
13 Kimberly Grewe  
20 Lisa Maust  
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**July Altar Flowers**

6 Maust  
13 Don Hazlett  
20 Williams  
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**July Acolytes**

6 TBD  
13 TBD  
20 TBD  
27 TBD

**July Ushers**

6 D. Looman; H, Snyder  
13 C. Krcil; R. Williams; R. McGoogan  
20 C. Ringer; D. Schmidt; Z. Mason; M. Verderber  
27 E. Goga; R. Johnson; J. Ulanich

**July Counters—Alternate: Ron McGoogan**

6 L. Coleman and L. Sten  
13 C. Group and V. Group  
20 J. Black and S. Rea  
27 D. Schmidt and K. Luketich

**July Altar Team**

Kimberly Luketich

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kenneth Schrader
- 3 Trisha Thompson
- 4 Kenneth Carl, Jr
- 6 Laura Ringer
- 13 Melvina Behrens
- 14 Douglas Scheffel
- 16 Matthew Serbak
- 19 Robyn Reihner  
Isabella Mazzotti
- 20 Melinda West-Emerich  
Eric Schrader
- 22 R. Douglas West
- 26 Robert Phillips  
Dr. Matthew Houston
- 27 Candice Caddies
- 29 Joanne Reck