



LLCER NEWS

8595 – 201st Ave Northwest, Nowthen, Minnesota

Laestadian Lutheran Church of Elk River

May 18, 2025

18 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Morning Service: David Niemi 6:30p Evening Service: Marty Pylvainen	19	20	21 7:00p Bible Class Topic: Jacob Wrestles Main: Loren Hillukka 1st-3rd: Nate Loukusa Day Circle	22	23	24
25 10:30a Morning Service: Kevin Moll No Evening Service	26	27	28 No Bible Class	29 7:00p Ascension Day Service: Antti Roiko	30	31
1 10:30a Communion Service: Brian Johnson Communion Servers: Sam, Loren, Peter, Rover: Paul Recognition of Graduates 6:30p Communion Service: Paul Wuollet Communion Server: Peter	2	3	4 7:00p Song Services Devotion: Loren Hillukka	5	6	7 LLCER Youth Day Camps
8 10:30a LLC Operating Plan Review Devotion: Adrian Pirness 6:30p Evening Service: Antti Roiko	9	10	11 7:00p Bible Class Topic: Ananias and Sapphira's Dishonesty Main: Don Keskey 1st-3rd: Suzanne Pitkanen	12	13	14

Upcoming Newsletter Upgrade

The newsletter will be changing to a new back-end system beginning June 1st. The preferred method of submitting announcements will no longer be email; instead, an online form will be available. Links to the form will be included on the congregation website and email version of the newsletter, as well as a QR code on the printed copy. This upgrade will greatly reduce the work needed to produce the newsletter each week and improve accuracy of the information provided, while also providing an improved email version of the newsletter. Any questions or concerns can be directed to Luke Byman at newsletter@llcer.org.

Scandinavian Celebration Planning

It's early in the year, but not too early for the Scandinavian Celebration Committee to start planning! We are looking for three volunteers to join the committee. If this is something that interests you, please contact Rhetta Huhta, Bryan Huhta, Sasha Jurmu or Annika Roiko.

LLC Seniors Camp – May 22

The LLC Seniors Day Camp location has changed from Elk River to Rockford church on Thursday, May 22nd. Camp begins at 9 AM. Sign up for the camp at the LLC website or call the LLC office.

Hasscib Lake Regional Services

The Eastern-Central regional congregations received the following request for support for early expenses needed in preparation for the 2025 Hasscib Lake Regional services.

God's Peace and Greetings,

The planning for the 2025 Hasscib Lake Regional services to be held August 15-17 2025 is well underway. For our planning purposes we need to secure various rentals to prepare the site for the service guests. We are asking if your congregations would be willing to have a collection or a fundraiser to help offset the costs of services. We thank you for considering this in your congregations, and may God repay each of you.

- HLC Regional Planning committee, Dave Niemi and Pete Hill

Announcements for May should be submitted to Mary Ann Wikman at newsletter@llcer.org

All announcements should be submitted no later than Thursday at 7:00 PM

Maintenance items should be sent to llcermaintenance@gmail.com

2026 LLC Winter Services

The 2026 LLC Winter Services will be held in **Phoenix, Arizona** from **February 19–22, 2026**. These services are always a special time of fellowship and comfort around the hearing of God's Word. We extend heartfelt thanks to the congregations in Arizona for the diligent planning and preparation they undertake each year to host this event. Their faithful work makes it possible for so many to gather, be comforted by the gospel and be strengthened in faith. We prayerfully ask God to bless the preparations and the services to come for the honor and glory of His name.

Graduation Open House

Welcome to a graduation open house for Jamie Hendrickson on May 18th, 2-5pm at her parent's home: 6974 95th St NE, Monticello, MN 55362.

Birthday Celebration

Welcome to a birthday celebration for Cheryl Huston on Monday, May 19th at 7pm at the Monticello church!

Baby Shower

Welcome to a baby shower for Greta (Kako) Grangroth on Monday, May 19th at Natalie McAdams: 8609 Afton Ave NE, Monticello. Contact Emalee Grangroth (480-670 7962) if you would like to bring something to share for the table. Greta is registered on Baby List.

Baby Shower

Welcome to a baby shower for Heidi Wisuri on May 22nd at 7pm at Gretchen Kiviahde's. Contact Jamie Hendrickson (612-222-0725) if you would like to contribute to the food table. Heidi is registered at Amazon and Target.

Haps Planning – May

Logan McAdams (763.269.0867)
Tommy Hankila (763.200.0246)
Brock Ylioja (612.363.4323)

This Week: May 18-24

Service Director: Jake Skoog
Ushers: Matt Forstie, Phil Tulkki
Webcaster: Dion Pirness
Bookstore: Kristine
Song Leader/Organist:
Sun 5/18 10:30a: Davin/Amber H
Sun 5/18 6:30p: Ryan/Anna-Kaisa
Wed 5/21: Chad/Anana

Cleaning Committee #2 – *Bob & Rebecca Niemela, Luke & Candy Byman, Tristan Byman, Gretta Davison, Andra DeLacey, Loren & Paula Hillukka, Meira Juusola, Tressa Juusola, Ella Loukusa, Andrew Niemela, Dustin & Savannah Parks, Helen Parks, Caden & Claire Strand, Chad & Lydia Strand, Mylan & Nina Strand, Ed & Yvonne Tolkkinen, Nate & Melanie Wisuri, Aaron & Shawna Wuollet

Kitchen Committee #4 – Gina H, Brittany B, Lydia S, Sarah W, Olga W, Kara H, Iina-Matilda R, Mya B, Sean B, Oliver K, Sylvi H, Michael H, Clare S, Haley H

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4th Sunday after Easter

As a citizen of heaven in the world

Texts Year 1: Ps. 98:2–9; Isa. 63:7–9; James 1:17–21;
John 16:5–15

Song Suggestions Year 1: 430, 545, 548, 554

Next Week: May 25-31

Service Director: Joe Griffiths
Ushers: Levi Keskey, Laif Huhta
Webcaster: Alex Griffiths
Bookstore: Lisa
Song Leader/Organist:
Sun 5/18 10:30a: Levi/Rhetta
Thurs 5/29: Pekka/Nina

Cleaning Committee #3 – *Matt & Sherri Grangroth, Jonathan & Kathi Aho, William Grangroth, Joe & Janet Griffiths, Dan & Gina Haapala, Kevin & Katriina Hendrickson, Daniel Kako, Fred Kako, Tom & Stephanie Kako, Travis Parks, Antti & Anna-Kaisa Roiko, Iina-Matilda Roiko, Blake Siljander, Dave & Becky Stewart, Tim & Sue Sturos, Phil & Kayli Tulkki, Dave Wuollet

Kitchen Committee #5 – Bridget S, Paula H, Laura S, Megan H, Darla K, Emmi G, Greta K, Johan K, Elliot B, Minda V, Katja V, Lisa F, Isabella K, Cole V, Avery D

May 25, 2025

Rogation or Prayer Sunday (5th Sunday after Easter)

The heart's speech with God

Texts Year 1: Ps. 40:1–5; Jer. 29:11–14; Eph. 3:14–21;
John 16:23–33

Song Suggestions Year 1: 157, 167, 359, 374, 440

May 29, 2025

Ascension Day

The exalted Lord

Texts Year 1: Ps. 47:5–8; Ps. 110:1–4; Acts 1:1–11;
Mark 16:14–20

Song Suggestions Year 1: 117, 122, 409, 413, 524