

June/July 2022

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Our Mission Statement ...

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting, involving equipping and empowering to serve, that all may know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.





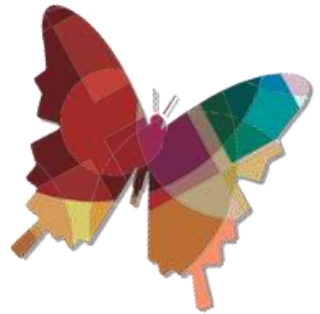
"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like leaves."¹

"O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day." -Psalm 96 1-2

FLC Family,

The weather has changed and the sun has been shining. Living and working here where the waters of Little Bay de Noc of Lake Michigan glitter and sparkle or surge with whitecaps is awe inspiring. It can so easily remind us, God is active in the world around us and within us.

Recently, my husband and I noticed that our street is on a natural route for walkers and bikers in Gladstone. Sitting in our front room we see quiet traffic frequently going by. It's nice. In our old subdivision, all of the garages were attached and the backyards had tall privacy fences. There were no sidewalks out front, but walking paths in the back between the privacy fences with the occasional green space opening up on the paths.



We didn't see our neighbors. There weren't a lot of trees. Our new home is wonderfully and peacefully busy. The birds are so loud on Dakota Avenue that their cacophony of sound can be astounding in the mornings. We feel like a people beyond subtlety living here, because God is not subtle in the natural good tidings offered here. The sacredness of the Earth is clear as Psalm 96 continues, "...the earth rejoice{s}; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exalt,

¹ John Muir, *The Wilderness: Word of John Muir with an Introduction and Interpretive Comments*, ed. Edwin Way Teale (Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1954), 17.

and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming." God is here and God is blessing us with freshness, peace, and joy.

God's Peace, Pastor Elisabeth


Ubiquitous Unknowns

Greetings Siblings in Christ

The Bible, the Scriptures, the Word: three ways to describe the text we hold sacred. The Word of God is central to Christianity, our Lutheran upbringing, and our lives. Yet, it is common to meet a Lutheran who has not actually read the book cover to cover. A quick (0.72 second) Google search for "bible study plans" brought back 73.9 million results. I am sure one of them would fit into my daily schedule, right? One site promised "11 Bible Study Plans to Choose From for 2022" and another "Top 14 Best Bible Reading Plans" yet all the plans in the world are not enough if the book itself is never opened.



Reading and Study



The daily reading of scripture is a discipline not easily started. It is like a healthy eating plan or a whole house organization mission, easy to dream up and find resources for and not as easy to implement. Often the struggle is to find the time. It is not a struggle to find a plan. There are phone apps, podcasts, online printouts, and Bibles printed for study. As a teen I started with the Teen Study Bible complete with four different reading plans just after the Title Page. The resources abound.

I invite you to join me in "Running the Race" biblically this summer. Let's lace up our sneakers and sprint into Biblical literacy.

Peace be with you all, Vicar Melissa Salminen

Upcoming Scriptures

June 5 – Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, Romans 8:14-17,
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 12 – The Holy Trinity, First Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31, Psalm 8, Romans 5:1-5, John 16:12-15

June 19 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 65:1-9, Psalm 22:19-28, Galatians 3:23-29, Luke 8:26-39

June 26 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

1Kings 19:15-16, 19-21, Psalm 16, Galatians 5:1, 13-25, Luke 9:51-62

July 3 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14, Psalm 66:1-9, Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16,
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 10 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Psalm 25:1-10, Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 10:25-37

July 17 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42

July 24 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6-15 [1-19], Luke 11:1-13

July 31 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23, Psalm 49:1-2, Colossians 3:1-11,
Luke 12:13-21

Altar Guild

Altar guild will meet on Wednesday, June 8th at 5:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with these worship responsibilities is welcome to join us. The membership has dropped in the last two years and we would like to get back up to at least six teams that cover two months each. If you have any questions feel free to contact Pam Durbin 428-4429 or Amber Soderman (763)213-3659.

Bible Study

Bible study will break for the summer months and resume gathering in September. Enjoy your summer!

Flag Committee

The project which began as an idea in late January will be completed in June with a dedication planned on June 12th after the 10:30 am service in the Narthex. Coffee fellowship will follow as we celebrate a visual of our mission to work with and pray for our community and world.

Flag Wall Dedication June 12, 2022

Thank you to Gary Bjorkquist, Raino Maki, Andy Nelson, Rhonda Husbye, Pastor Elisabeth Daniels, and all those who have had input into our flag wall. **Special thank you** to Andy Nelson for his hard work in crafting the flag bases and the rope stands, to Gary Bjorkquist for organizing the cleaning of the flags, and to Raino

Maki for the ideas and contacts for the new poles. So many others have contributed to this project over the past six months. I am blessed to have amazing people to work with on this project. –Vicar Melissa



If you would like to contribute toward the expenses for the flag wall, donations are welcomed. The exact costs for the project are still being tabulated and will be communicated at a later date.

Grace Circle

Grace Circle will meet at Waterview Manor on June 9th at 2:00 pm. Pastor Elisabeth will join us for music, a message and the celebration of Holy Communion. Nora Smith will lead the bible study from Max Lucado's Life Lessons from LUKE... Luke 12: 22 - 34 titled "Trusting God". Pam Durbin will serve as hostess. Guests are always welcome.

On July 14th at 2:00 pm we will again meet at Waterview Manor. Pastor Elisabeth will share music, a message and celebrate Holy Communion with us. The bible study will be from Max Lucado's Life Lessons from LUKE...."God's Love for People"Luke 15:11 - 32. A hostess will be needed.

Sewing Circle

The sewing circle meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall. Any questions, call Connie at 428-1696



The 'square' ladies will meet on Wednesdays through the summer months.

WELCA Bible Study

Our bible study will be at 7:00pm the third Thursday of the each month; June, July and August at First Lutheran Church. Please call 428-1696 for more information.



Book Club

There has been some interest in starting a book club group again. Understanding how group gathering recommendations change with regard to Covid infections, we have set a date to discuss a new book.

You are invited to read, "*The Stranger in the Lifeboat*" by Mitch Albom, and meet with us on **Monday, June 13th at 6:30 pm**. We will meet in a comfortable spot in the Fellowship Hall or classroom, depending on size of the group. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the event changes come up so interested folks can be contacted.

Vacation Bible School

July 5th – July 8th

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Registration is Open.

Registration forms are available in the narthex.

Volunteers are need in these areas:

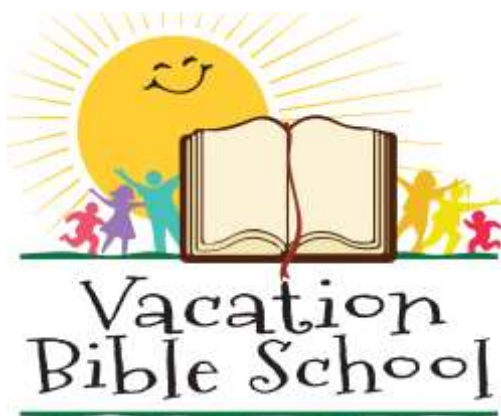
- Bring snacks and serve snack – morning and afternoon T, W, R, F
- Supply FLLC staff sack lunch – T, W, R, F
- Provide FLLC staff dinner – T, W, R, F
- FLLC Lodging the staff
- Child shepherding helpers
- Potluck organizers

All Church Potluck Gathering

Thursday July 7th

5:30pm

All are invited! Bring your lawn chair.



Friendly Reminders

First Lutheran has a large container in the Narthex to collect non perishable food and household items for the Salvation Army and Rock Food Pantry's. Pick up some extra items the next time you do your grocery shopping.

We have worship tablets for members who prefer to watch services from home, but do not have access to the internet. Please contact the office to sign one out.



The 2022 Spring Clean-Up was a success thanks to the dozen or so people that showed up on May 21st to assist. The group cleaned the exterior windows and the garden beds, took out an old damaged shrub and replaced it with a new one, mulched the south parking lot garden bed and raked.

Safety Task Force

In case of an active shooter incident at First Lutheran, we will follow the federal safety guideline of:



Stewardship

OPEN HEARTS, OPEN HANDS

Try this sometime. Make a fist with both hands and squeeze them really tight. At the same time, take a deep breath and hold it for a couple of seconds. Then SLOWLY open your hands until they are fully open while releasing the air from your lungs. Hopefully, you feel a little calmer and less stressed.

This exercise should be a way to release one from a state of constricted tautness to one of relaxation and more serenity. At least that's the desired effect. At my age I get a bonus-a release from the soreness and stiffness of arthritis!

The authors of one of the several books I have on stewardship, "Giving" by Ortberg, Pederson and Poling, contend that we are hard wired to be "clutchers". We want to hold on to things that are important to us for dear life. Lots of things are important for us to hold on to and the list tends to expand as we journey through life. Those things that we hold dear tend to morph, over time, from things we think we need to things that we want. The more things we want, the more time and energy we spend gripping them tightly.

Since good stewardship is all about giving and giving is impossible if we are gripping our time, talent and treasure so tightly, something has to change. Never fear, God is here. We are not alone. God can and will open our hearts. With open hearts come open hands. Once our grip is released, we can let go and be generous givers.

God comes to us with full openness and generosity. Through Christ, God showers us with unconditional grace. When our hearts get transformed by that grace, our hands are opened to do God's work.

There's that love thing again. God loves us. That love changes everything.

Working on opening my hands and In Christ,
Dirk Manson,
Stewardship Chair

Special Giving Envelope



June/July Special Giving will go towards
Mission of Hope



Synod Assembly World Hunger

First Lutheran raised \$843.01 for the Synod Assembly 'World Hunger' offering. The Tri-County Conference raised \$5,752.01

Hope at the Inn

Coordinator Needed!!

We are in need of a new Coordinator or two to function as new Co-Coordinators. Rhonda is stepping down as a Co-Coordinator and Pat is unable to fill the position by herself. If you are willing, or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Rhonda in the church office. 906-428-4565



The Brat Sale was successful in raising money to aid in the 2022/2023 season. Thank you to those who purchased brats/hots dogs on Friday, May 19th or donated their time or gave monetary gifts for this ministry.

Spring Blessings,
Rhonda Husbye & Pat Casteel

Emergency Contacts

First Lutheran is collecting emergency contacts for our members. Pastor or the office are often one of the first people contacted in cases of emergency. Who would we call for you? Please fill out the form at the back of this newsletter and hand it into the office. All information will be kept confidential. Thank you.

Fortune Lake News



Musical Tickets On Sale Now!

"ONE WONDERFUL DAY: AND ORIGINAL MUSICAL"

Saturday, August 6
3:00 pm
Historic Crystal Theatre

Tickets available at fortunelake.org



Don't miss this original musical, directed by Kristin Underhill and Liz Grenke Leach, about God's work in this Place of Grace incorporating classic camp songs and hymns.

Victory Camp

Victory camp is an active program for adults 18+ with developmental disabilities. Activities to look forward to include worship, Bible study, pontoon boat rides, shallow water swimming, arts & crafts, campfires, and games with lots of fun and laughter. Staff members provide energy, supervise and lead activities, all while encouraging participation. Visit www.fortunelake.org/event/victory-camp/ for more information

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- Occasionally fill-in as our **Sound System Tech**
 - Men and women to serve as **Ushers**
 - Christian Education is seeking individuals to coordinate Sunday School, Youth Programs, and lead Confirmation
 - Folding **Bulletins** each Thursday at 1pm.
 - Assembling the **Newsletter**, the last Wednesday of each month at 2pm



If you would like to help in any of these areas, please call 428-4565!

Gifts to the Congregation

In Memory of **Joyce Creten**

For Seminary Fund

Jo Skogman

Sally Pouliot

Lloyd & Mary Tuskan

For Choir

Nora Smith

Dirk & Sue Manson

Paul & Dale Rajala

Duane & Nancy Bovin

For Kitchen Fund

Dewey & Avis Fairchild

Lorraine Moreau

Raino & Maxine Maki





Thank you to Lloyd and Mary Tuskan for folding the bulletins each week. And to Mary BJORQUIST, Avis Fairchild, Judy Hammond, Judy Haulottte, Gloria Kanerva, and Dirk and Sue Manson for their help in assembling the May newsletter.

Dear Members of First Lutheran,

Thank you so very much for your very generous donation...We appreciate your support over the years...We assure you that your donation will help to support local families and senior citizens struggling to pay their heat bills. We thank you again for your support of Walk for Warmth.

Sincerely Yours, Julie Moberg, Executive Director

Dearest Pastor Elisabeth & ladies of the beautiful luncheon you put on for my dearest beloved David, March 14th, 2022 at First Lutheran Church. I am very grateful for the love, kindness and tenderness provided by our beautiful church family for family. From the bottom of my heart and my family, a special thank you to all of you.

Lovingly, Dianne and Family

Thank you for your generous donation to the Salvation Army! Your gift will be used wisely to support the efforts in the Escanaba community.

Thanks, Cari Detmers, Development Director
& Captain Doug Winters & Captain Kim Winters

To all my friends at First Lutheran, thank you. For the cards thoughts and prayers. I have had several medical procedures over the past couple of months. It is great to have good doctors, and nurses, but it also helps to have the support, thoughts, and prayers of the good people of First.

Charlie



June Birthdays

Week 1:

Gayla Louis

Week 2:

Erika Roman

Alex Wells

Jennifer Walker

Patty Geiken

Claire Soderman

Tim Rybicki

Bridgett Graham

Paul Hammond

Week 3:

Pam Brown

Christina Hanson

Megan Robinson

Week 4:

Patrick Ziems

Jean Helman

Cathy Lindquist

Braylin Carter

Emily Clement

Adam Hongisto

Susan Kloet

Braden Sundquist

Jim Pardon

Carolle Wedell

Week 5:

Tom Gobert

Alison Rose

Julie Sanville

Bonnie DeMay

Don Seeley

Tim Johnson

Kari Nordin

June Anniversaries

Michael & Deanna Coyne 3 years

Wesley & Elisabeth Daniels 8 years

Dennis & Julie Landwehr 18 years

Raino & Maxine Maki 39 years

Tom & Alice Vermullen 51 years

Paul & Judy Hammond 54 years

Dennis & Diane Hanson 54 years

Dirk & Sue Manson 60 years

Don & Carol Seeley 62 years

David & Mya Nivison 70 years

Russ & Elain DeRoeck 71 years



July Birthdays

Week 1:

Tera Kossow	John Roman Jr.	Gerald Ebbesen
Kendall Dahlke	Dotti Ford	Sarah Hanson
Scot Rose	Ray Chouinard	

Week 2:

Violet Rose	Hadley Wilzius	David Ellison
Ann Christiansen	John Roman III	Makenna Taavola

Week 3:

Nora Smith	Alexis Coleman	Eileen Demeuse
Morgan Gerow	Rylee Gerow	Scott Hanson
Kali Dykes	Peter DeMay	Christine Mineau
Caroline Salminen		

Week 4:

Monica Bostwick	Griffyn Berbeek	Jay Bostwick
Kathleen Shine		

July Anniversaries

Jessica & Mike Groleau	5 years
Barbara Karas & Patrick Cleveland	5 years
Luke & Melissa Salminen	7 years
David & Alyssa Ellison	12 years
Steve Bolek & Ann Christiansen	23 years
Ron & Kelly Robinson	29 years
Bruce & Cheryl Dykes	34 years
Wayne & Vicki Marshall	37 years
David & Mary Cowen	39 years
George & Ruth Botbyl	45 years
Dale & Donna Schlemmer	46 years
Gordon & Lisa Zuehlke	48 years



Lakeview

Laila Whitfield
Carole Wedell
Agnes Johnson

Bishop Noa

Betty Erickson
Marie Hirn

Pinecrest, Powers

Jean Schmidt

Christian Park

Marilyn Stade

Murray's Country View

Pat Shampo

at Home

Arla Pearson
Lorraine Moreau
Don Erickson
Gen Morley

Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met on May 20th with President, Kathy Gobert, presiding. At this meeting the council: agreed to go back to using the communion kits and pause on passing the plate during worship. The council is looking into doing a new pictorial directory this fall. The outdoor planters will be planted on June 3rd, weather pending. The next council meeting will be on August, 17th at 7:00pm.



Serving Us in June

Readers

8:00 am

10:30 am

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June 5	Pam Durbin	Dirk Manson
June 12	Judy Hammond	Bruce Movalson
June 19	Ellen Swenson	Jolane Nelson
June 26	Nora Smith	Al Salmi

Communion Assistance

June 5	**needed**	Carol Kocsis
June 12	Vickie Marshall	Kathy Gudwer
June 19	Judy Hammond	Jo Skogman
June 26	Sally Pouliot	Cindy Sjoquist

Thank you for volunteering to serve. We understand if you do not wish to serve during the pandemic. If you are unable to serve, please contact the office at 428-4565.

Altar Guild

Judy Hammond
Tiffany Olsick

Serving Us in July

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July 3	Nora Smith	Dolly Salmi
July 10	Ellen Swenson	Cindy Sjoquist
July 17	Pam Durbin	Jo Skogman
July 24	Judy Hammond	Chuck Thomas
July 31	Chris Mineau	Lynn Thomas

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Ruth Botbyl
Donna Schlemmer

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Christian Ed Coordinator: Cindy Sjoquist (temporary volunteer)

Custodian: Hope Thompson

Congregation Council:

Kathy Gobert, President

Lynn Thomas, Vice President

Cindy Sjoquist, Secretary

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

Ruth Botbyl

Ann Christiansen

Howard Haulotte

Dirk Manson

Ray Miller

Chris Mineau

Sam Olsick

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Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact For: _____

Contact Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Relation: _____

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WHO SHOULD FIRST LUTHERAN CONTACT FOR YOU IN
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