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Worship –8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

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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.



FLC Family,

Spy Readings

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 70

Hebrews 12:1-3

John 13:21-32

In some churches, each day of Holy Week is celebrated not just the Tridium, which is sometimes referred to as the “Three Days Feast” of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Vigil of Easter. At FLC, we celebrate Easter Morning.

Vigil Services are meant to be in the dark of night. Some churches end the observance right at dawn. Vigil Services can be powerful and interesting worship. There is freedom to get creative. Plus, it involves starting with fire and that’s always exciting. It hasn’t been a part of our tradition here at FLC, but maybe someday.

If you are interested in attending, several of the churches in our conference will be hosting Vigil, including Zion Lutheran in Manistique and Bethany Lutheran in Escanaba.

This year at FLC, our Tridium will include a joint. Good Friday Gathering with our brothers and sisters from Memorial United Methodist Church. We will host at 7:00 pm. One of the sad parts of not having worship for the entirety of Holy Week is that we don’t get to have a gathering for what used to be called “Spy Wednesday.” First of all, “Spy Wednesday” just sounds really cool and I’m sad not to have a Spy Bulletin on the record.

Second, Spy Wednesday has some great readings. As our Sundays and Seasons resource says the name is, “an allusion to the gospel reading, in which Judas is identified as the betrayer of Jesus... {The lectionary readings are meant to remind us that} as Jesus endured the suffering of the cross, we are called to run the race of life with perseverance, confident of the joy to come.” These readings take us into the excitement of this event and how it changes things.

We may not have worship scheduled but the readings are listed above. Take a look and prepare yourself for this Holiest of weeks in the church.

God’s peace, Pastor Elisabeth

Worship
Schedule for
HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday, April 2nd
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday Worship, April 6th
7:00 pm

Good Friday Worship, April 7th
With Memorial United Methodist Church at First Lutheran
7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 9th
8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Week Events



April 1st – Easter Egg Hunt
1:00 pm

April 6th – Welcome to the Table Dinner
6:00 pm

April 9th – Easter Coffee Fellowship
11:45 am

Upcoming Scriptures

April 2 – Passion/Palm Sunday

Matthew 21:1-11, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11,
Matthew 26:14—27:66

April 9 – Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Colossians 3:1-4,
Matthew 28:1-10

April 16 – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32, Psalm 16, 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 20:19-31

April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Psalm 116;104, 12-19, 1 Peter 1:17-23,
Luke 23:13-35

April 30 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

WELCOME TO THE TABLE CLASS



Class Schedule

April 2nd – make up day

If you missed a class, this is an opportunity to
make it up.

Maundy Thursday “Welcome to the Table” meal at 6:00 pm with First
Communion Families. All are welcome to the dinner.

. Worship will follow at 7:00 pm.



Easter Flowers

If you would like to supply Easter flowers for
Easter Sunday in honor or memory of a loved
one, please fill out the form at the back of the
newsletter.

Bible Study

“Arise, shine, for your light has come.” Isaiah 60:1

Read a verse(s), pray, and talk to God. Our small Bible study has fellowship Wednesday mornings, 9:30 am – 11:00 am. As of this writing, we are reading about Isaiah, a great man of God. Isaiah gives wonderful prophecies of the coming Messiah. It is sometimes called the 5th gospel, as it talks about the work of Jesus, some 700 years before Jesus was born. **Note: NO Bible Study during Holy Week.** Come and See, Ellen Swenson (for our small group).

Book Club

The book selected for discussion in April will be: *“Firekeepers Daughter”* by Angeline Boulley. We plan to meet on Friday, April 28th at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested in joining this discussion, but the meeting time does not work for you please let the office know. We are willing to find a meeting time and day that will work for all those interested.

Christian Education

The Christian education team is having an Easter Egg Hunt. In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be moved indoors.

Saturday, April 8th at 1:00 pm



Sunday, April 23rd Sunday School Children will sing at Lakeview Assisted living at 10:00 am then return to church to sing at the 10:30 am worship service.

Love Circle

Meets on Thursday's at 9:30 am.

Mutual Ministry

The mutual ministry committee will meet on ***April 23rd at 11:45am*** during the coffee fellowship.

Property Committee

The property committee will NOT meet in April. The next meeting is scheduled for *May, 7th at 9:00am.*

Safety Task Force

Will meet on *April 11th at 1:00pm.*



For every ones safety, make sure
Doors are locked when leaving.

Sewing Circle

The sewing circle meets every Tuesday at 9:00am in the fellowship hall. Any questions, call Connie at 428-1696. We have yarn suitable for prayer shawls if any makers are interested. We are here on Monday's too from 8:30-11:30 am.

Tried-N-True

Meets on the 3rd Friday of each month at noon. April meeting is on the 15th in the fellowship hall. You are treated to a wonderful lunch, fellowship, and seniors. Program news will be on the Sunday church announcements slides and in the bulletin.

Welcome & Outreach



The Welcome and Outreach committee is seeking new members. Their ministry reaches out to those who have lost loved ones, sends supportive greeting cards, help with tracking membership, and many other ministries. If you think you would like to join, call the office, or attend their next meeting on April 18th at noon.

Prayer Chain

Prayers are often needed very quickly for loved ones. First Lutheran has a prayer chain which is an email group of congregation members who pray for those in need of prayer when they receive the email notification. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, fill out an attendance/communion card and place your email address on the back.

New Members

Meet the Holochwost family; Nathan, Michelle, Mason and Carson.



Both Nathan and Michelle are physical therapists that work in home care. We have two boys that go to Gladstone schools. Mason is in 3rd grade and Carson is in 1st grade. Both boys enjoy riding bikes, playing in sports and fishing. As a family we enjoy spending time with family/friends, camping and going on trips. We are former members of Salem Lutheran in Bark River.

New Members Class

A new members class will begin in May. Watch the announcements and bulletins for updates.



Synod Assembly

Please remember to pick up your piggy banks for World Hunger in the Narthex. They don't need to be returned to the barnyard until May 13th for transport to the Synod Assembly. Give generously to this worthy cause as there are still many hungry people in this world. Thank you!



July 16-20, 2024

The **2024 ELCA Youth Gathering** planning team recently announced its theme of "Created to Be" centered on Psalm 139:14 "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." The ELCA Youth Gathering will take place in New Orleans July 16-20, 2024. If you have high-school youth who will be eligible to attend in 2024, now is a great time to plant the seed and invite them to join other ELCA youth from across the country for this faith-forming event.

Stewardship

If you are old enough, the title probably rings a bell. The acronym WWJD is an abbreviation for the question, “What Would Jesus Do?”. This question became all the rage, especially in the United States in the early 90’s, the genesis for which came from the widely read book by Charles Sheldon entitled, “In His Steps, What Would Jesus Do?”

This phrase has a rich theological history, but simplified it encourages us to think about what Christ would do when faced with difficult decisions. Implied, of course, is that contemplating that question would move us to behave in the same way as Jesus would.

Hitchhiking on what I am sure is not a novel concept, we might change the question a little to “What Would God Want Us To Do?” That seems like splitting hairs, but it crystallizes, for me, what God has in mind for me as a faithful steward. In fact, we could be bold and assert that God not just wants us to behave in a certain way, but EXPECTS us to do so.

Foundational to the meaning of stewardship of our time, talent and treasure is that these are not truly gifts from God. When we are given a gift, we own that gift. With God, there is never a transfer of ownership. God maintains control and loves us SO much that God has chosen to ENTRUST into our care some of God’s possessions. A faithful steward always manages that which belongs to another. God is that Another.

It’s difficult to admit and accept that all that we have is not our “stuff”, especially when we feel that we have worked hard to accumulate our stuff. All that we have belongs to God. God wants (or expects) us to be trustworthy and faithful servants. We do this by managing, caring for and stewarding the blessings God has entrusted to us for the benefit of others.

So, we are back to love. God wants us to respond to God’s abundant and unconditional love by returning that love and loving ALL of our neighbors. Finally, let’s be reminded that love is as love does.

In Christ, Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair



Special Giving Envelope

April Special Giving will go towards
Kiwanis Backpack Program

The backpack program provides food to children who may go hungry over the weekend. The Kiwanis fill backpacks with nourishing food for school children in need.

March Special Giving – Fortune Lake Camperships: Thank you to all who contributed to the camperships. As of March 27th, you raised \$435.00

Confirmation Pictures

We are missing confirmation class pictures from 2019, 2021, and 2022. If you have a picture of one or more of these confirmation class, would you share them with the congregation? Bring it to the office and we will have a copy made. We would like to continue the tradition of placing the confirmation classes in the photo stand in the fellowship hall..

Music Notes

Thank you to Aiden Truitt for playing the piano during one of our Sunday worship services and to Gretchen Strom on the piano for our Wednesday Lenten Worship services.



Sneaky Ministry Suspects

Have you seen one of our members doing good ministry? These Sneaky Ministry Suspects deserve recognition. If you have witnessed Sneaky Ministry, fill out the form at the back of the newsletter and they may win a prize and will be posted on a display in the Narthex.

Cantata Choir Presents

Praise the God of Resurrection, and songs from *Witness*

Sunday, April 2nd

4:00 pm at Faith Church in Rock

7:00 pm at St. Joseph Church in Perkins

OSF Home Care – Community Grief Group

Second Tuesday of every month.

1:00 – 3:00 pm EST

Central United Methodist Church

Our Community Grief Groups can provide a warm, caring and confidential environment that allows you the opportunity to be supported by others who understand. You are not alone in this process. Join us - we are here for you

Blood Drive

May 3, 2023

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Immanuel Lutheran Church
600 S. Lincoln Road, Escanaba**

For an appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org

Or call 1-800-RED CROSS

(1-800-733-2767).

Fortune Lake News

Senior Days 2023

Fortune Lake is proud to continue the tradition of Senior Days for the elders in our region. This year's dates have been selected. Mark your calendars and make plans to join us!

Monday, May 8

The day begins at 10:00am and wraps up by 2:00pm CT.

The day includes, coffee and fellowship time, devotion and announcements, presentation in the morning, lunch, and an afternoon presentation. It's not too early to sign up.

Summer 2023 Program

It is time to start planning for another great summer at Fortune Lake. The schedule grid is now available online on the main Summer camp page. The calendar and links to all detailed session descriptions are now live under Camp Sessions. Brochures are available on the Sunday School bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

WonderDays

Whether you're looking for mindfulness tools and practices, a chance to explore the outdoors, a creative outlet, or just an afternoon of family fun, WonderDays is the place for you! WonderDays is a series of FREE events taking place on one Saturday afternoon each month through April. Activities for all ages are provided by Fortune Lake and the Crystal Falls Contemporary Center through the generous support of the Iron Area Health Foundation.

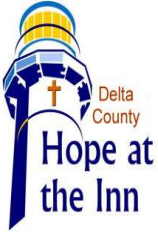
2023 WonderDays Schedule

April 15

I Love to Tell the Story: Jr/Sr High Retreat

April 21-22

Camp Style Worship, Games, Bible Studies, New and old friends, Hot sauna. Contact Fortune Lake Camp for more information on any of the above activities



Hope at the Inn

If you are in need of homeless services, please contact the Community Action intake line at 1-800-562-9762 x207.

Mission Endowment Grant – Recipient Thank You

Thank you so much for blessing our Missions program...It will greatly help in spreading God's word in many languages.

May God richly bless you!

R. Jermiah, Church Secretary

White Stone Christian Fellowship

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Tri-County Safe Harbor, we would like to thank you for your generous monetary donation.... We really appreciate your kindness; all donations are utilized to help our clients as they pursue a life free of violence...Once again, thank you kindly for your donation to our organization. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Erin Viau, Executive Director

Dear First Lutheran Church,

We are beyond grateful for your abundant generosity! THANK YOU!!

Amanda Rasner, Camp Director

Dear Church Members,

How can we give enough thanks to show our appreciation for selecting our ministry, Strong Tower Radio, as the recipient of your 2023 MEF Grant. It is such a blessing to be able to spread the word of God to many people so that they will learn that He loves them, forgives them of their sin....Your donation certainly is of help in maintaining our ministry and likewise, we are grateful for all the work that is being done by your ministry to share God's Word. We pray for you ministry

and that God will continue to shower His many Blessings down on each one of you.

*Where God's Character Is Proclaimed,
David Boldue, President & Station Manager*

Dear First Lutheran,

Thank you for your support of your recent gift..for the Chapel of St. Matthew and...for general use. Since the announcement that Finlandia will not be enrolling students for the 2023-2024 school year and beyond, the outpouring of support for our students, employees and community has been heartening....Thank you again for your gift and your thoughts during this difficult time. Your gift allows us to provide the best experience for our students as we complete our final weeks on campus with them.

Sincerely,

Timothy Pinnow, President

Thank You! We appreciate you so much!

Kailee Laplander

Thank you to Lloyd and Mary Tuskan for their help folding the bulletins each week. And to Jane Coyne-Smith, Paula LaCrosse, and Cindy Sjoquist for their help in assembling the March newsletter.



Dear First Lutheran Church,

"Thank you to the congregation for helping us celebrate the special day in our children's baptism. We appreciate the prayers, gifts, food, and your presence in celebrating their special day.

-Aaron & Amanda Kippola"

Thanks for all you do. It's greatly appreciated! – Jack Soderman
Just a note to say, you are in my thoughts today. I love you all and hope to be back again soon. – Love Jack

Dear First Lutheran Church,

On behalf of all the people we serve, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) would like to thank you for your generosity throughout the year of 2022. Your financial support is truly making a

difference in the lives of refugees and immigrants we serve all across the nation...Your ongoing support assists us in the mission of the "long welcome." Thank you for all the ways you continue to act as the hands and feet of Jesus.

In God's peace, Andrew G. Steele, Chief Development
and Mobilization Officer

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gifts given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in December 2022...Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It is providing access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock, education, and peace and justice. Through your gifts, you are joining with the whole church as we work toward a just world where all are fed..

In Christ, Amanda White,
Director Congregational Generosity

Foreign Exchange Students

Melissa Carpenter of Club 906 is seeking families to host foreign exchange students for the 2023-2024 school year. The students speak English, have their own spending money and medical insurance. They have a dream and they need volunteer host families to complete the dream. A host family will provide love, care and guidance, a bed, a place to study and three meals a day. Students pay for their own lunch. Host families receive a monthly stipend to help offset food costs they provide. For more information, contact Melissa at 906-241-6539 or email mcarpenter@iceusa.org.

Congregation News

Congregation News are emails that go out to those who participate. Congregation News is news that requires immediate attention; inclement weather closings of the office, updates on events, etc. If you would like to receive Congregation News, please fill out an attendance/communion card, place your email address on the back and we get you into the email group.



Week 1:

Pat Casteel	Ethan Rose	Audrey Watson
Paula LaCrosse	Julie Olson	Werner Seawright
Jeffery Tessmer	Avis Fairchild	Cooper Koski
Gary Olson	Tanner Thorbahn	

Week 2:

Danny Stockham	Alex Williams	Annette Seawright
Tom Vermullen		

Week 3:

Emily Tessmer	Rachel Coyne	Sophie Scholar
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Week 4:

Wendy Bratonia	Miles Skellenger	Gerry Bovin
Dirk Manson	Palmer Metzger	Chris Smauley
Arabella Roman	Lila Roman	Pam Durbin
Jenna Larson	Jean Noskey	Kris McDonald
Olivia Nordin		



Lloyd & Mary Tuskan 59 Years



Lakeview

Laila Whitfield
 Carole Wedell
 Everett Robinson

Bishop Noa

Betty Erickson

At Home

Arla Pearson
 Lorraine Moreau
 Gen Morley

Murray's Country View

Pat Shampo

Serving Us in April

Readers

8:00 am

10:30 am

April 2	Ellen Swenson	Dirk Manson
April 6 Maundy Thur 7pm	Nora Smith	
April 9	Judy Hammond	Bruce Movalson
April 16	Chris Mineau	Carolyn Nelson
April 23	Cindy Sjoquist	Al Salmi
April 30	Nora Smith	Dolly Salmi

Communion Assistance

April 2	Communion Kits	Cindy Sjoquist
April 6 Maundy Thur 7pm	Cindy Sjoquist	
April 9	Communion Kits	Carol Kocsis
April 16	Communion Kits	Cindy Sjoquist
April 23	Communion Kits	Jane Coyne-Smith
April 30	Communion Kits	Rachel Coyne

We need one more person for each 10:30 worship. If you are interested, contact the office. No special training needed. Thank you for volunteering to serve. If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute and contact the office at 428-4565.

Altar Guild:

Judy Hammond & Tiffany Olsick

Thrivent Choice Dollars Given By:

Dirk Manson
Al Salmi
Dolly Salmi
Connie Salmi

Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met on March 21st with president, Cindy Sjoquist, presiding. At this meeting the council; talked with Charlie George from the property committee about having Eric Husbye provide lawn and sprinkler system care. Was reminded of council etiquette for smooth running meetings. It was decided to have a Special Easter Coffee Hour following the 10:30 worship instead of an Easter Breakfast. They granted the Gladstone Senior All Night Party two fifty-dollar Visa gift cards. Concluded Bill Ehrhardt's term (he was servicing for Alex Williams) was completed. Bill will continue to serve as Treasurer as a non-voting member of the council. The next council meeting is on April 19th at 7:00pm in person in the double classroom.



IN SEARCH OF...

- We have many areas in the church where help is needed. Especially during our worship services. These areas include;

USHERS
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS
READERS
SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS

These are important parts of our worship to run smoothly.
Contact Pastor or the office to help in these areas.

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Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

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Ann Christiansen

Rachel Coyne

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Ray Miller

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Easter Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one for Easter, please fill out the form below and turn it in to the church office by **Wednesday, April 5th**. All flowers must be delivered to the church on **Friday, April 7th** between **9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.**



_____ I will provide flowers (**NO LILIES, HYACINTHS or TULIPS!**) to be delivered on Friday, April 7th between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. *I will take the flowers after worship.*

_____ I will provide flowers (**NO LILIES, HYACINTH or TULIPS!**) to be delivered. on Friday, April 7th between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. *The flowers will be distributed by the Altar Guild.*

In memory/honor of: _____

Given by: _____



Sneaky Ministry Suspect

Sleuth:

Suspect:

Sneaky Ministry:

Prayer:

Date Reported:



Sneaky Ministry Suspect

Sleuth:

Suspect:

Sneaky Ministry:

Prayer:

Date Reported:

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