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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,

Summer is a busy time! Many of us head out. Family and Friends come to join us on Lake Michigan. Highway 41 becomes a very well traversed path both north and south.

One important thing to remember is that your faith home at First Lutheran isn't stuck on 1212 Minneapolis Ave. It is meant to be on the move. Wherever you go First goes with you.

So, we have a bit of a summer project planned. Starting June 4, 2023, we will have two maps hanging in the narthex. Next to the maps we will have a folder of dots. Blue dots for visitors and red dots for members.

If you bring a friend to church whether they be from up the street or Washington State encourage them and any visitor to, put their dot on the map. We want to see how far reaching our in-person worship community goes this summer. When you head out, we ask you to take one of the small satchels from the narthex.

Each satchel is stamped with First Lutheran's logo and inside is a note that says, "This satchel was left for you by a beloved child of God from First Lutheran Church in Gladstone, Michigan. This token is to remind you that they love you and God loves you too!" You could leave your own little note in the satchel, a treat, or even a monetary token of appreciation.

Leave it in your hotel room in North Dakota or at your cousin's house down state. Use it to tip the barista at Starbucks in Memphis. Just remember where you leave your satchel so you can do the next step of this project too.

When you come back to FLC put your red dot on the map so your church family can see how far our community of love was able to go. At the end of summer we will pray over our maps; the worship and care they represent.

God's peace,

Pastor Elisabeth

Upcoming Scriptures

June 4 – The Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 1:1—2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, Matthew 28:16-20

June 11 – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 5:15—6:6, Psalm 50:7-15, Romans 4:13-25,
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18 –Third Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-10:8 [9-23]

June 25 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 20:7-13, Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18, Romans 6:1b-11,
Matthew 10:24-39

July 2 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 28:5-9, Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18, Romans 6:12-23,
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Zechariah 9:9-12, Psalm 145:8-14, Romans 7:15-25a,
Matthew 16-19, 25-30

July 16 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13, Romans 8:1-11,
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25,
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39,
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Altar Guild

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

Regular Wednesday morning Bible Study is taking a summer hiatus. Study of the book of Isaiah will resume the Wednesday after Labor Day, **September 6th at 9:30 am**

Book Club

Looking for a summer read? Pick up a copy of *A Far Different Path* by Michael Stone and join us for discussion on **Friday, July 14th at 1 p.m.** Here is a bit about the book:



Based on a true story, *A Far Different Path* transports and inspires readers as it explores one woman's brave journey through a life that veers off course in unexpected ways. This detailed and shocking account of the influenza epidemic, which killed over 50 million people worldwide, will linger long after Lucile's own story ends.

Christian Education

We are looking for two teachers for the 2023-24 school year. If you are interested, please contact Pastor or the church office. We are also looking for volunteers during VBS week. Please see the next page or the bulletin board in ways you can help. Also, an end of year pajama party will take place on May, 21st during Sunday School. Wear your pajamas, play games and have some donuts.

Vacation Bible School

July 17th – July 20th

8:30 am – 3:30 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 M, T, W, TH,
- Supply FLLC staff sack lunch – M, T, W, TH
- Provide FLLC staff dinner – M, T, W, TH,
- FLLC Lodging the staff
- Child shepherding helpers
- Potluck organizer(s)
- Registration

All Church Potluck Gathering

Thursday July 20th

5:30pm

All are invited! Bring your lawn chair.



Sewing Circle



Thank you for your donations. Summer means getting ready for school in the fall. Again, we have made 200 school backpacks to be filled with school supplies. We need note books, crayons, unsharpened pencils, blue or black ball point pens, pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, erasers, rulers or monetary donations to buy the supplies. You are always welcome to visit on Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Come join us. Any questions, call Connie at 906-428-1696

Love Circle

Meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am.

Men's Group

Meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:00 am

Property Committee

The next meetings are scheduled for:

June 4th at 9:00am

July, 2nd at 9:00am

Tried-N-True

No regular Tired-N-True noon luncheon will take place during June, July or August. Next luncheon program is ***Friday, September, 15th, 2023***. Volunteer helpers are needed for the next season.

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 ***June 20th and July 18th at noon.***

Safety Task Force

Announcements for the Community.

- Doors need to be locked during worship and gatherings.
- After everyone has arrived for church or meetings, lock the doors.
- Ushers will be responsible for opening the door and welcoming late comers.
- FLC has unfortunately had illicit activities taking place on our campus.
- We are in communication with local and state law enforcement.
- Continue to offer welcome to all people at church, but do not engage with anyone acting in a suspicious manner.
- WE DO NOT WANT TO AGGRAVATE or ENCOURAGE RETALIATION.
- If you do see something suspicious, please report it to the office e.g., car description and plate number.
- If there is an active threat, call 911.

Our Safety Committee continues to meet to make sure church is a safe and welcoming place. The committee is currently working in conjunction with our Property Committee to make sure the parking lots are well marked and accessible. If you have a church safety concern, please contact the office so the Safety committee can address it.

The next Safety Committee Meeting will be ***July 11th at 1:00 pm.***

Thank you,

The Safety Committee
Pastor Elisabeth
Steve Bolek
Howard Haulotte



Music Musings

It has been a fun 7 months so far getting my musical feet wet! Growing up at First and being a part of ALL things music here just makes this ministry even more gratifying for me. Senior choir, New Joy choir, Junior choir, handbell choir, chimes, special instruments, dancing.... we had it all. And while I know things will never “be what they used to be”, I ask you...would you join us in this ministry? Can we save a seat in the choir loft? Can we get some handbell gloves ready for you? Does your child play an instrument? Do your friends or neighbors or neighbor’s friend’s child play an instrument? I think you get the gist. Here is what you can look forward to moving forward:

- More joyful noises from our kids
- A handbell choir
- The rebirth of a Christmas concert or cantata

Moral of the story, we would love to have you in whatever capacity we can!

Blessings for a wonderful summer,

Stacie

The trumpeters and musicians joined in unison to give praise and thanks to the LORD. Accompanied by trumpets, cymbals and other instruments, the singers raised their voices in praise to the LORD and sang: “He is good; his love endures forever.” 2 Chronicles 5:13

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 clean up of the grounds at First Lutheran was held on our make-up day, May 6th. The weather was good, a little cloudy, but no rain. There were 13 adults and 2 children. We accomplished most of the things we wanted to do. We had some awesome refreshments, furnished by Geri George and Connie Salmi. Thanks to all for your hard on that day.

Charlie George, Property Committee Chair.

Synod Assembly World Hunger

Congregations of the synod assembled for the first time in three years in the theme of "Love". Bishop Katherine Finnegan was re-elected for another 6-year term. First is well represented with Chuck Thomas re-elected as Synod Council Vice-President, Pam Durbin was elected on the Disciplinary Committee and Cindy Sjoquist remains on the board.

First Lutheran worked hard and diligent this year at building the world hunger fund for the 2023 Synod Assembly. This year **\$3,331.35** was raised for the event. We quadrupled what was raised last year. This offering was made possible by your Ash Wednesday, Lent, Soup Supper giving, Maundy Thursday, Lent, Loose offerings, World Hunger Envelopes and the Piggy Bank offerings.



WAY TO GO FIRST LUTHERAN!!

Pilot Project

On the Road with Jesus: A Helping Ministry

Each Month we will have up to three \$40 Holiday Gas Cards Available for God's beloved Children in need.

Once the cards are given away we will not have more available until the first of the month.

Those who receive a card will be documented in our confidential log book.

We can help each family no more than 2-3 times a year with some exceptions.

If you would like to donate a \$40 Holiday (GAS) Card please turn one in to the office or mark your offering envelope "On the Road."



Special Giving Envelope



June/July Special Giving will go towards
Mission of Hope

The 2023 Mission of Hope campaign is scheduled for August 6th at the U.P State Fair Grounds. The goal of the event is to help every man, woman and child know that they are important and that there is hope available to them. Organizers say this event started off as an idea and turned into a dream when 20 churches and over 250 volunteers came together to love their neighbors.

May Special Giving, you raised \$250.00 for Grace to Ukraine as of May 21st.

Fortune Lake News



Recording now available!

"ONE WONDERFUL DAY: AND ORIGINAL MUSICAL"

Written and produced by camp staff alumni, this original musical is a love letter to Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and God's work in this Place of Grace. It incorporates classic camp songs with original orchestral arrangements and choreography to tell the story of a day in the life of Fortune Lake on the stage. One Wonderful Day was rehearsed in only one short week by an enthusiastic, intergenerational group of campers. It was performed at the historic Crystal Theatre in downtown Crystal Falls on August 6, 2022. We hope it brings back fond memories of Fortune Lake for you.



A recording of this historic performance is now available. If you'd like to receive access to the link, simply use the link below to make a donation of your choosing to Fortune Lake, and they email you a private link of the recording.

<https://fortunelakestore.square.site/product/-one-wonderful-day-link/74?cp=true&sa=true&sbp=false&q=false>

- Occasionally fill-in as our **Sound System Tech**
- Men and women to serve as **Ushers**
- Readers & Communion Assistants

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



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.

Adopt a Planter Sign-Up



Will you and your family help offer glory to God through care of creation? Please sign up to adopt one of our First Lutheran Church planters. If you adopt a planter, you and your family will be responsible for filling it with flowers and foliage and then doing some checking in (deadheading and such). The church staff will water the plants. Also, if money is an issue there are funds available for purchasing plants just let us know. We would like all the planters filled by June 4th.

Help us create a space of welcome and beauty!

MEF Grant Thank You

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of Tri-County Safe Harbor, we would like to thank you for your generous monetary donation to our organization. We really appreciate your kindness; all donations are utilized to help our clients as they pursue a life free of violence...In the past fiscal year, we provided services to 134 survivors of sexual and/or domestic abuse, 36 of which were children, 95 women and 3 men. We provided 1953 nights of safe shelter for women, children, and men as well as 685 crisis calls.

Once again, thank you kindly for your donation to our organization. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Erin Viau, Executive Director



Thank you to Lloyd and Mary Tuskan for folding the bulletins each week. And to Ann Christiansen, Jane Coyne-Smith, Avis Fairchild, and Geri George for their help in assembling the May newsletter.

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful Administrative Professionals Day flower bouquet. It was very beautiful and lasted for over week. The fragrant blooms were a joy to see in the ever so long winter.

Thank You, Rhonda Husbye, Office Administrator

Dear Friends,

Thank you to all who have prayed for those who are dealing with mental health issues, their family members, loved ones, friends and caregivers during Mental Health Awareness Month. Your prayers are so appreciated.

God's Blessing, Pat Casteel,
National Alliance on Mental Health

Thank You!

Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the newsletter.

Robert Hasselbom

June Birthdays

Week 1:

Gayla Louis

Week 2:

Erika Roman

Patty Geiken

Bridgett Graham

Alex Wells

Claire Soderman

Joshua Miron



Jennifer Walker

Tim Rybicki

Week 3:

Paul Hammond

Megan Robinson

Pam Brown

Christina Hanson

Week 4:

Patrick Ziems

Braylin Carter

Susan Kloet

Jean Helman

Emily Clement

Braden Sundquist

Cathy Lindquist

Adam Hongisto

Week 5:

Jim Pardon

Alison Rose

Don Seeley

Carole Wedell

Julie Sanville

Tim Johnson

Tom Gobert

Bonnie DeMay

Kari Nordin

June Anniversaries

Wesley & Elisabeth Daniels	9 years
Dennis & Julie Landwehr	19 years
Raino & Maxine Maki	40 years
Ray & Pam Chouinard	51 years
Tom & Alice Vermullen	52 years
Paul & Judy Hammond	55 years
Dirk & Sue Manson	61 years
Don & Carol Seeley	63 years
David & Mya Nivison	71 years
Russ & Elaine DeRoek	72 years



July Birthdays

Week 1:

Mason Holochwost	John Roman Jr.
Gerald Ebbesen	Kendall Dahlke
Dotti Ford	Scot Rose
Lauren Sundquist	



Week 2:

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

Week 3:

Enzo Kippolo	Nora Smith	Alexis Coleman
Eileen Demeuse	Denise Nichols	Morgan Gerow
Rylee Gerow	Kali Dykes	Caroline Salminen
Peter DeMay	Chris Mineau	

Week 4:

Jay Bostwick	Hunter Husbye	Griffyn Verbeek
Jay Bostwick	Carson Holochwost	Tom Salo
Kathy Shine		

July Anniversaries

Jessica & Mike Groleau	6 years
Barbara Karas & Patrick Cleveland	6 years
Sean & Jessica Coleman Jr.	7 years
Luke & Melissa Salminen	8 years
David & Alyssa Ellison	13 years
Steve Bolek & Ann Christiansen	24 years
Ron & Kelly Robinson	30 years
Bruce & Cheryl Dykes	35 years
Wayne & Vicki Marshall	38 years
David & Mary Cowen	40 years
George & Ruth Botbyl	46 years
Dale & Donna Schlemmer	47 years
Gordon & Lisa Zuehlke	49 years





Lakeview

Carole Wedell
Everett Robinson

Bishop Noa

Betty Erickson

Murray's Country View

Pat Shampo

at Home

Arla Pearson
Lorraine Moreau
Don Erickson
Gen Morley

D.J Jacobetti Veteran's Home

Robert Hasselbom

Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met on May 16th with President, Cindy Sjoquist, presiding. At this meeting the council: discussed setting a date for the annual church picnic. Cindy will check with the city on available dates in August.



The council discussed and approved a pilot project presented by Pastor Elisabeth, "On the Road with Jesus". This ministry will provide gas cards to those in the community that are in need. The April financials were approved as presented. The next council meeting will be on August, 16th at 7:00pm in person.

Summer Cantors

- June 4 - Pat Schmitendorf
- June 11 - Ray Miller
- June 18 - Stacie Carter
- June 25 - Kris McDonald
- July 2 - Gretchen Strom
- July 9 - Maggie Miller

Then the cycle will repeat until we switch settings of the service.

Serving Us in June

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
June 4	Vickie Marshall	Peggy Austin
June 11	Wayne Marshall	Dolly Salmi
June 18	Dale Schlemmer	Laura Coleman
June 25	Nora Smith	Jane Coyne-Smith

Communion Assistance

June 4	Sally Pouliot	Ann Christiansen
June 11	Dale Schlemmer	Jane Coyne-Smith
June 18	Ellen Swenson	Kathy Gudwer
June 25	Nora Smith	Carol Kocsis

Thank you for volunteering to serve. If you are unable to serve, please contact the office at 428-4565.

Altar Guild: Sally Pouliot & Lisa Thomas

Serving Us in July

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
July 2	Ellen Swenson	Pam Durbin
July 9	Pam Durbin	Dirk Manson
July 16	Judy Hammond	Bruce Movalson
July 23	Vickie Marshall	Andy Nelson
July 30	Wayne Marshall	Carolyn Nelson

Communion Assistance

July 2	Dotti Ford	Ann Christiansen
July 9	Judy Hammond	Jane Coyne-Smith
July 16	Carol Knauf	Kathy Gudwer
July 23	Vickie Marshall	Carol Kocsis
July 31	Sally Pouliot	Ann Christiansen

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Altar Guild: Jan Gustafson & Amber Soderman

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Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

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