

# May 2024

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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.



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

*“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose  
By any other name would smell as sweet;”*  
-William Shakespeare, Romeo and Juliet



Dear FLC Family,

What’s in a name? At First Lutheran Church, we talk a great deal about being named and claimed as children of God. It’s also crucial for us to remember how important it is for God to be “named”. This month, we will hear from John 17. In this chapter, Jesus prays to God the Father. He reminds God that God’s name has been shared with God’s people. Then he asks for those people to be protected in the name God gave to Jesus.

Naming God in our lives and our faith walks matters. To say out loud, “I thank God for this sunrise...Thank you, Jesus, for this cardamom bread...Holy Spirit surround my neighbor who always bring me the paper...” This naming is part of how we live our prayers. It makes the holy relationship tangible.

When Wesley and I were on one of our very early dates, he introduced me by saying, “This is my girlfriend, Elisabeth.” It was too soon for that! It should have been a red flag. Instead, it was flattering and refreshing. I appreciated the clarity and his straightforwardness. His declaration and “naming” me in this way was more than endearing. Apparently, after that, I was all in!

God longs for us to be all in by saying it out loud; boldly naming and claiming our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Like Thomas, who is known for doubting, it is vital for us to have “My Lord and My God! Moments even in our doubt. The month of May in the Upper Peninsula is when the natural world around us begins to reawaken. God is easy to name in the blooming flowers and majestic lakeshore. What about when it’s more challenging?

Name God. In Genesis 16, Hagar, the concubine of Abraham, a slave, names God. In her suffering. God sees her and supports her, so she names God, saying, “You are El-roi (meaning “The God who sees me.”), she said, “Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?” (Gen 16:13) She did, and from her came a great nation. Our name, above all names, seeks to claim us. Let’s honor that bond by proclaiming it.

God’s peace, Pastor Elisabeth

## Upcoming Scriptures

**May 5** – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17

**May 12** – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

**May 19** – Day of Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27;  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

**May 26** – The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

**\*\*Pastor Steve Solberg will join us, preaching and leading worship on  
May 12th.\*\***

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## GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

We will be ordering geraniums for Pentecost again this year from Chenier's Greenhouse. Fill out the order form at the end of the newsletter and have it submitted, with payment, to the office no later than **May 12<sup>th</sup>**.

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## Senior Class of 2024

### Rylee Gerow

Hi, my name is Rylee Jo Gerow I will be graduating on 5/25/24 from Gladstone High School with Honors. I have been a three-sport athlete throughout my high school career (Volleyball, Softball and Figure Skating). I have also been very active in the community, volunteering time at the animal shelter and coaching younger athletes. I plan to attend Bay College in the fall to begin my schooling working towards a degree in Special Education.





## Samuel Olsick

Sam will be attending Michigan State University in the fall.

## Gus Soderman



Gus has attended the ISD along with his regular classes for the last 3 years. He had 1 year of automotive and two years of welding. He is going to either get his CDL and drive truck or get his operator's license and operate equipment. He would like to work for the county this summer and he intends to stay in the area.



## Vera Rose

Vera will take accounting and business courses at Bay College in the fall.



## COMMITTEE & CIRCLE NEWS

### 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

Bible study focuses on the book of Jeremiah. The group is on hiatus June through Labor Day in September. Our walk in faith continues Jeremiah continues to give God's message to his people and to us today.

### Book Club

The book for May is "*Where the Lost Wander*" by Amy Harmon. The group will meet on **May 17th at 2:00pm** to discuss the book.

### Christian Education



Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is coming! **June 24<sup>th</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up Genius will be used for those wishing to volunteer. Please see the insert for VBS registration or scan the QR Code below.



# Sunday School Schedule

May 19<sup>th</sup> Youth Sunday/Confirmation/Graduation - Last day of Sunday School with a sendoff to summer party. Sunday School sings at the 10:30 worship service.

## 10:30 Worship Acolyte Schedule

- 05/05 Violet Rose
- 05/12 Emma Verbeek
- 05/19 Braylin Carter
- 05/26 Ethan LaCrosse

Congratulations to our newly blessed

"Welcome to the Table Class"

**Leah Minto and Finlee Carter**



Congratulations to our  
new Confirmand

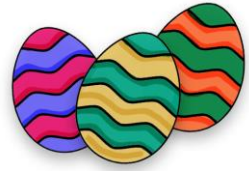
**Violet Rose**





# Easter Egg Hunt Success

Even though it snowed the Easter Egg Hunt was a success. We had a big attendance. Eggs were found, games were played, and cookies were decorated. The confirmation students were a big help, thank you!



## **Love Circle**

Meets on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. We use the WELCA Gather Magazine Bible Study. The group will meet **May 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## **Men's Group**

Meets on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:00 am. All men are welcome. There is coffee!

## **Policy Committee**

The Policy committee has finished a first draft of the finance policy. The Finance, Memorial, and Property committees have been reviewing it and giving their input Policy committee.

## **Property Committee**

The property committee met in April. They continue to explore the installation of solar panels. Rock Electric provided a quote to replace the current lighting bulbs in the high ceiling of the sanctuary, with LED bulbs to reduce brightness, heat, and operational costs. They are in process of scheduling a DTE Business Energy Assessment for the Church. They also reviewed the sections of the Financial Policy that pertains to the property committee and decided to follow-up with Bruce Movalson of Northern Insurance, for direction on the Committee's responsibility regarding Section Q. Physical Assets Records Management and Insurance. A meeting was set to do a walk-through of the church with Bruce, Chuck, and Dewey. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** in the double classroom.

### **Property Spring Clean Up May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am**

Bring your work gloves and any tools you may have. Refreshments and coffee will be served.



## **Safety Task Force**

The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on **May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm.**

## **Sewing Circle**

Come join us and see what we do. If you would like to stop by on a **Tuesday** morning at **9:00am** and check out this ministry, please come.

## **Tried-N-True**

Join us on the 3rd Friday of May (17<sup>th</sup>) in the fellowship hall, at noon. You who are 55 years young, or older are welcome, and bring a guest. Please sign up in the narthex, or call 428-4565, by Wednesday, the 15th. Enjoy the fellowship during a great lunch, dessert, short devotion, and program. The theme for May is Flowers.

## **Welcome & Outreach**

The Welcome and Outreach committee is seeking new members. This ministry reaches out to those who have lost loved ones, sends supportive greeting cards, help with recording membership, and many other hospitality ministries. If you think you would like to join, call the office, or attend their next meeting on **May 14<sup>th</sup>** at **noon**.

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## **Special Giving Envelope**

May Special Giving will go towards:  
**Grace to Ukraine**

Grace to Ukraine is a hosting and outreach program for the orphaned, the impoverished, and the refugee.

**April Special Giving** -Fortune Lake Camperships: you raised \$455.00 as of April 28<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Mental Health Awareness Month**

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. This is an important time to help people to become more informed, aware and to understand the

concept of mental illness and brain disorders. The local chapter of NAMI – The National Alliance for Mental Illness, Alger-Marquette County – does just that.

**Who are they?** They are people with loved ones, family members or friends dealing with mental illness.

**What are they?** They are a grassroots self-help group that provides support for one another, education for the public and themselves, and advocacy for family members or friends dealing with mental illness.

I ask that you would pray for persons who are dealing with mental health issues, also their family members, loved ones and friends. For more information visit [www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org).

Thank You,  
Pat Casteel  
NAMI – Marquette County

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**Thrivent Choice Dollars Given By:**

Don and Sherri Makowski  
Connie Salmi

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**Homebound Members**

**Lakeview**

Carole Wedell  
Everett Robinson

**at Home**

Arla Pearson  
Jean Hellman

**Murray's Country View**

Pat Shampo

**New Dawn**

Gen Morley

**D.J Jacobetti Veteran's Home**

Robert Hasselbom

**Lake House (Northwoods)**

Jolane Nelson

# *Gifts to the Congregation*

## **In Memory of William Shine**

*For ABC Lent Mission: Books for Cameron*

Nora Smith

Lloyd & Mary Tuskan

Judy & Howard Haulotte

Dirk & Due Manson

Pat Wildey

Dave & Kathy Vogel

*For Sewing*

Emily Lampi Clement

Gary & Marty Morley

Jeanette Mineau

## **In Memory of Betty Erickson**

*For Undesignated Memorials*

Sara Lustick

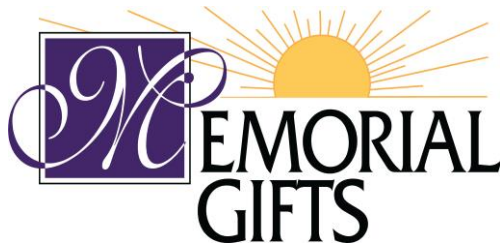
*For Seminary Fund*

Lloyd & Mary Tuskan

*For Sewing*

Gail & Holland McEachern

Nora Smith



Thank  
You!



Thank you to Sue Snowaert, Carol Koscis, Sue Manson, and Cindy Sjoquist who helped assemble the April newsletter. Thank you to Lloyd and Mary Tuskan for folding the bulletins each week.

Thank you for the prayers and prayer shawl.

Dave Nivison

### **MEF Grant Thank You**

Pastor Elisabeth Daniels and the Members of First Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your very generous gift to the Youth Assistance Program! We thank you for your gift of money and your prayers for the youth in Delta County. Thank you for supporting YAP! It is only together that we are able to make such a positive difference in the lives of needy youth in our community.

Jan Dillon, YAP Secretary

Thank you on behalf of the Gladstone Delta Alano Club for your generous donation. Thank you for supporting our mission to reach out and help alcoholics and their families in our community.

Thank you for your gift to the Salvation Army Escanaba. We have seen an increase of nearly 40% in our food pantry program, with a large portion of those being Seniors over 65 and first-time users of our services. May God continue to bless your congregation. We will share & multiply your blessings! ...Your gift will be used wisely to support the efforts in the Escanaba community.

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

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your generous support to K-Love radio! We're so grateful for you and hope you continue to be encouraged...We are so glad that you are part of the K-Love family...

God Bless, Lillian, Donor Services Team

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you and the First Lutheran Church's Mission Endowment Fund Committee for selecting us for your generous gift to the Community Foundation for Delta County. Your gift has been directed to the Youth Empowering Services Fund....

Warm Regards, Cheryl Andzejewski, Executive Director

Dear Rev. Daniels and Friends,

...Years come and pass, but what it takes to make them worthwhile is someone's unconditional kindness and support. Your generous gift is an investment in the future of Bay Cliff and our children. Your contribution ensures that we will continue our programming in the coming year while we carry on our long-standing tradition of providing life-changing therapy for our children, once again, during the summer of 2024! You have made this possible.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you....

With Gratitude from Bay Cliff, Dr. Clare Lutgen,  
Executive Director

To Our Church Family,

Lloyd and I wish to thank you all for the cards and gifts for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Also, many thanks to Connie, Dolly, Carolyn, Judy and Gery for serving and making our day so enjoyable. We would also like to thank my sisters, Jane and Sue, and niece Rachel, our goddaughter, for all their help.

Blessings and Love, Lloyd & Mary Tuskan

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## **Fortune Lake**

### **Summer Camp Registration Is Open**

Brochures are on the Sunday School bulletin board as well as a poster with tear-off schedules.

Remember! Payments are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

***\*\*\*First Lutheran has camp scholarships available on the Fortune Lake bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.***

***Fill one out today and return it to the office before May 15<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\****

## **Light the Fire for Fortune Lake May 31, 2024**

You are invited to Light the Fire for Fortune Lake by participating in a community bonfire near you. On the evening of Friday, May 31, we will all be in the great outdoors, praising God, feasting on s'mores, building community, and supporting Fortune Lake. Campfires will be hosted throughout the Northern Great Lakes Synod, at Fortune Lake, and virtually for those who cannot attend in person. Visit [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org) for more information and the list of participating congregations, or to join the online live event.



### **Now Hiring: Year-Round Full Time Office Manager:**

The purpose of this position is to provide organization and clear communication amongst camp staff, volunteers, campers and congregations as primary registrar and point of contact and to manage day-to-day financial operations.

Qualified applicants must have a high school diploma with additional training and three years related experience in accounting and office management, or a combination of education and experience that provides equivalent knowledge, skills, and abilities to perform essential functions. Additional desired traits include excellent verbal and written communication, initiative and follow-through, ability to track and prioritize multiple projects simultaneously, and attention to details. We are seeking a reliable team player who aligns with the mission and core ministry values of our organization.

See the full job description online at [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org)

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to Amanda Rasner at [campdirector@fortunelake.org](mailto:campdirector@fortunelake.org)



# SYNOD EVENTS

## Dwelling in the Word

You are invited to join the whole Synod as we *Dwell in the Word* together. The May scripture is a focus on Luke 8:4-15 “The Parable of the Sower”. Join them each first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the NGLS home page.

## Synod Hike

A joint event between the Northern Great Lakes Synod and U.P. Wild happening in conjunction with Synod Assembly Workshops. Hikes will take place between May 11th – 19th. Conference 6, Tri-County Conference, Hike will take place on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** Eastern time. Meet at the Rapid River Ski Trails – 8181 US Hwy 41, Rapid River. For more information contact Mike Markwell, [mike.j.markwell@gmail.com](mailto:mike.j.markwell@gmail.com)



## Synod Assembly

Taking place May 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, virtual Synod Assembly Workshops are available to all! See the [nglsynod.org](http://nglsynod.org) website to join one of the Zoom events.

- **Sowing Seeds Through Story** Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm by Nick Kiger and Karen Kretschmann: The ministry of our congregations, our synods and our churchwide organization is woven together through story. Our ministry stories convey messages about our faith, our relationships, our dreams and even our fears. During this workshop we will explore ways to share our stories that keep the transformative work of Jesus and our faith at the heart while engaging each other in something bigger than ourselves.
- **Land Acknowledgments: A Spiritual Practicality and Plan for Congregations** Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm by Pr. Bucky Beach, Pr. Julie Belew and Nancy Heykes: Join for a resource presentation and discussion of the why and how of doing land acknowledgments as a congregation practice as a beginning step to walk with our Indigenous neighbors. Led by Pastor Bucky

Beach, Pastor Julie Belew, and Nancy Heykes, members of the NGLS Walking With Our Indigenous Neighbors Committee.

- **Stewardship – ECRF** Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm & Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm By Pr. Mike Markwell.
- **Faithful Innovations** Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm by Pr. Jim Duehring: “Listen, Experiment, Reflect.”  
Everyone wants to know how to improve our congregational ministries. It begins with intentional listening and willingness to experiment. It involves asking good questions. 19 Congregations in the Northern Great Lakes Synod have participated in this Faithful Innovations training model in the last 5 years. This workshop will give you an introduction into this process and invite you to consider having a team from your congregation join in this training.
- **It’s all Greek to Me!** Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm & Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm by Pr. Nicole Hanson-Lynn: What is up with all these translations of the Bible? Popular Bible website Bible Gateway gives free access to sixty-three different translations of the Bible in English, and that isn’t even all of the English translations. The work of translators is still ongoing, and new translations of the Bible are published regularly. But why is all this work necessary? What is the point of all this translation work? Perhaps more poignantly, how do we engage with Scripture when the selection of different Bibles is overwhelming? In this workshop session, we’ll take a glimpse from 10,000 feet to appreciate the difficult work our translators are doing for us and dive into the midst of what these different translations have to do with how we engage with scripture.
- **Northern Great Lakes Synod Budget** Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm by Pr. Terry Frankenstein.
- **Discussion on Civic Life and Faith draft Social Statement** Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm by Chuck Thomas.



Please remember to turn in your Piggy Banks to the barnyard by May 5th for transport to the Synod Assembly. Give generously to this worthy cause as there are still many hungry people in this world. Thank you!

# May Birthdays



### **Week 1:**

Donna Schlemmer      Chris Carter

### **Week 2:**

Janet Gustafson      Ron Larson  
Carol Seeley      Katelyn LaCrosse

### **Week 3:**

Misty Gerow      Ray Miller      Gen Morley  
Gary Larson      Karon Bratonia      Craig Dyer

### **Week 4:**

Ruthann Skellenger      Brian Botruff      Mya Nivison  
Dennis Landwehr      Bruce Movalson      Lynn Thomas  
Elle Westerberg      Gloria Kanerva      Dylan McDonough

### **Week 5:**

Paulette Larson-Pepin      Wayne Marshall      Adelle Seawright  
Cindy Sjoquist      Robin Smauley      Anita Stockham  
Lloyd Tuskan      Aaron Steinhoff      Hailey LaCrosse

# May Anniversaries

Chris & Suzanne Dahlke      12 years  
Bey & Pam Brown      22 years  
Tom & Sherry Salo      31 years  
Dale & Leah Hongisto      32 years  
Jim & Darla Pardon      35 years  
Mack & Kris McDonald      44 years  
Charlie & Geri George      62 years  
John & Jean Noskey      70 years



# Council Highlights

The Congregational Council meet Wednesday, April 17th in person. At this meeting the council: decided to change Pastor’s mileage reimbursement to a payroll stipend. Will talk with the sewing and serving groups about unplugging or storing water in the storage room refrigerator to save on energy. They continued discussion



on renting out the old Hope at the Inn room. They also decided August 4<sup>th</sup> will be the church picnic with a backup date of August 25<sup>th</sup>. And, they agreed to have Arlene VanKley come and do an audit of Pastor's payroll, deductions and benefits to make sure all is in order. All verbal and written reports were accepted. The next meeting is Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm via Zoom.

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### **Serving Us in May**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
May 5	Nora Smith	Jane Coyne-Smith
May 12	Pam Durbin	Dennis Landwehr
May 19	Chris Mineau	Dirk Manson
May 26	Vicki Marshall	Cindy Sjoquist

<b>Communion Assistance</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
May 5	Nora Smith	Jane Coyne-Smith
May 12	Vicki Marshall	Carol Kocsis
May 19	Sally Pouliot	Caroly Nelson
May 26	Vicki Marshall	Paul Strom

<b>Ushers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
May 5	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Chuck Strom & Paul Strom
May 12	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	
May 19	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Rick LaCrosse
May 26	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Lloyd Tuskan

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

**Altar Guild:** Pam Durbin & Amber Soderman

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### **Custodian: Hope Thompson**

### **AV Tech: Kailee Hamre**

### **Congregation Council:**

Ann Christiansen, President

Ray Miller, Vice President

Chris Mineau, Secretary

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

Rachel Coyne

Reyna Rose

Paula LaCrosse

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# Geraniums for Pentecost



The Liturgical color for Pentecost is red, and we have a wonderful tradition here at First of filling the sanctuary with red geraniums on Pentecost Sunday.

This year Pentecost is on May 19<sup>th</sup>. We are again getting the plants from Chenier's Greenhouse. The cost is **\$5.00** for each geranium. Please fill out this form and return it (with your payment) to the office by **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. No phone orders can be accepted.

Plants **MUST** be taken home following the 10:30 a.m. service on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

For Spirit filled moments in my life, I wish to purchase:

\_\_\_\_\_ red geraniums for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

x \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDER DEADLINE, WITH PAYMENT, IS SUNDAY, MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**



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