

August 2021

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Worship –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.



Upcoming Scripture Readings

August 1st – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15, Psalm 78:23-29, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:24-35



August 8th – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 19:4-8, Psalm 34:1-8, Ephesians 4:25—5:2, John 6:35, 41-51

August 15th – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Proverbs 9:1-6, Psalm 34:9-14, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58

August 22th – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18, Psalm 34:15-22, Ephesians 6:10-20, John 6:56-69

August 29th – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15, James 1:17-27, Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Worship Schedule

Sunday August 1 st	10:30 am Pastor TBA
Sunday August 8 th	10:30 am Pastor TBA
Sunday August 15 th	10:30 am Pastor TBA
Sunday August 22 nd	10:30 am Pastor TBA
Sunday August 29 th	10:30 am Pastor TBA

Worship is open to those who feel safe attending. The livestream will continue for those who wish to attend from home. The council is assessing the pandemic and the safety of gathering each month during their monthly meetings.

Worship Notes

Please wear a mask while singing during worship.

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Church Picnic

August 22nd

Van Cleve Park

Worship in the park 10:30 AM
Potluck picnic to follow. Sign up in
the narthex to bring a salad,
casserole, dessert, or to help
setup/clean up.



U.P. State Fair – Delta Conference Booth

First Lutheran Church needs volunteers to work at the U.P. State Fair at the Tri-County Conference booth on **Tuesday, August 17th**. We will be selling water and baked goods.

We are also in need of twelve dozen brownies, bars, and/or Rice Krispy treats, sized 3 inches square, that we can sell. Due to food allergies, please label "with nuts" if containing peanuts or tree nuts (almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, etc.). Please also do not put frosting on bars as it melts in the heat. Each bar must be individually wrapped for sale. You may wrap bars at home, or you may bring them to the church to be wrapped. Bars should be brought to church on Sunday, August 15th.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex or contact the church office if you are able to provide a dozen or more bars and/or if you would like to volunteer to take a shift at the booth.

Love Circle & Faith Circle

Love circle will meet with Faith Circle on the fourth Thursday of the month, 7:00pm at First Lutheran Church. Study material will be in the narthex. Every woman is invited. Please call 428-1696 for more information.

Sewing Circle

The sewing circle meets every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall.



Christian Ed

Christian Ed is seeking an individual(s) to coordinate the Sunday School, Youth Programs and someone to assist in leading Confirmation. The committee will be contacting eligible youth about the national ELCA Youth Gathering (more informatin on page 8).

Call Committee

The call committee interviewed and invited Pastor Elisabeth Daniels to visit First Lutheran. Pastor Daniels came and preached on June 28th with a meet and greet following worship. A congregational meeting was called to vote on the resolution to extend a call to Pastor Daniels to fill the Pastor vacancy at First Lutheran and to vote on the compensation package being presented to Pastor Daniels. The vote passed to call Pastor Daniels to First Lutheran. The compensation package was also accepted. The call committee announced pastoral candidate, Elisabeth Daniels has graciously accepted the call to the office of ordained minister of First Lutheran Church. We will welcome Pastor Daniels in late August.



COUNCIL HAS AN OPEN SEAT. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS INTERESTED IN FILLING THIS POSITION, CONTACT PRESIDENT, KATHY GOBERT.

The Northern Great Lakes Synodical Women's Organization present.

"The New Vision"

We are excited to invite all Women to join us for brain storming events! Let's look into the future for a new vision for the Women of the ELCA in our home congregations. Together we can create ways to lift up women of all ages and keep WELCA alive and thriving! We will meet monthly on the second Wednesday of each month; the odd number months will be at 6pm (cst), 7pm (est) and the even months will be at 11am (cst)/12pm (est). You can join the meeting from your home or maybe with a group of ladies!

The first meeting was July 14th, but it isn't too late to join.

Please join us! Send your email request to join the next event to:

imlizrd@yahoo.com



OUR MISSION

Mobilizing women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.



First Lutheran has participated with Mission of Hope the past couple of years. This is the third year Mission of Hope has been in Delta County and they are planning the 2021 event.

Representatives like YOU are needed to help organize and participate in this spritual event.

The Main Event

Sunday, August 8th
at Ludington Park

featuring an acrobatic motorcycle riding group and a christian music band.

First Lutheran is collecting hygiene products for the event. Products may be dropped off in the narthex and placed in the blue wooden box.

Contact Pastor Paul Culbertson at
906-241-6061 or
paul@wellspring906.com
to get involved or for more information



August 11th at First Lutheran



Have you ever thought about the following?

- I want to see my grandchildren grow up.
- I want to continue living independently.
- I don't want to be a burden on my family.

Preventive screenings can help and we have partnered with Life Line Screening to provide these valuable screenings.

The mission of Life Line Screening is to provide advance, yet affordable and convenient health screenings that supplement your traditional healthcare.

They can help make you aware of a previously silent, unrecognized problem that can now get treated at an early stage, or confirm that you are on the right path and should continue your healthy habits.

Don't let heart disease and stroke get in your way of the life you love. Call toll free 1-888-653-6441, or text the word, "circle" to 797979 to schedule your health screening.

A package of 5 vital screenings is offered for only \$149. If you call today to register, you will receive a \$10 discount!



Walking together Event



Coming September 16th

You are invited! This event will include idea generating conversation, encourage creative solutions, and offer the blessing of being church together with other congregations in our area.

Where: Messiah Lutheran, Marquette
Time: 5:30 pm ET

DON'T MISS IT!!

The Synod Staff and Conference leadership are planning a positive and energizing event.

Please plan on observing current Covid protocols.



Come and see what it's all about



The ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

Don't miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime. Gather with fellow youth in Minneapolis, Minnesota and experience the Holy Spirit in ways you could never imagine.

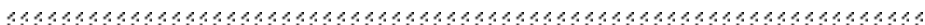
July 24 – 28, 2022

Registration Deadline is quickly approaching.

Live Kickoff Celebration

This 30-minute video will feature the Gathering hosts, partners, and leadership. It will even share a few new exciting things happening at #elcayg2022.

To view the video, go to the ELCA National Youth Gathering playlist on YouTube or the website:<https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Kickoff-Celebration>



Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sept. 18, 2021

Marquette, Michigan

We would like to help the *2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's* by raising money for this great cause. It is very close to our hearts as we lost our husband/father (Irwin) from this horrible disease. We would like to help the organization find a cure for it. Any money that you are willing to donate would be greatly appreciated. You can drop off money to the Church Office. We thank you for all the support we have been given by our church family.

Monica & Jay Bostwick

Please write checks to the **2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's**.

Mission Endowment Grant

It's Time for Mission Endowment Fund Requests

Greetings from the Mission Endowment Committee! It is that time of year, when we are starting the process of distribution of gifts from the Mission Endowment Fund. First Lutheran is fortunate to be able to provide such gifts as a result of the many contributions from our congregation, and others in honor of members of our congregation. However, it is not as simple as the committee deciding who or what organization is worthy of receiving a contribution. Distribution of funds occurs within the guidelines of the bylaws that have been set forth and approved by the congregation. These bylaws require distributions to accomplish the following purposes: a.) **Support ministries and programs relating to growth and nurture in life and faith, especially, but not exclusively, for children**, such as attending a Lutheran college, university or seminary, camping and leadership conferences, other training that enables members of this congregation to grow in the Lutheran faith and service to God's people, or funding of church youth programs which involve community outreach, and for funding an Internship Site at First Lutheran Church; b.) **for families**, for social service agencies and institutions, or special programs designed for those in our community who are in spiritual and/or economic need; c.) **grants** to Fortune Lake Camp for general support of its ministries; d.) **grants** to our ELCA schools, colleges, universities, campus ministries and seminaries, to Fortune Lake Bible Camp or other ELCA church-related camping ministries; e.) **grants** to the Northern Great Lakes Synod for general support of its ministries; and f.) **grants** 1.) through the Northern Great Lakes Synod partnership ministries, Seminarian support, Synod Endowment support, Mission Outreach Fund, and 2.) through the ELCA for World Hunger, World Missions, and other partnership ministries.



If you would like to submit a request on behalf of any program or organization that fits one of the above criteria, please stop in the office and pick up a form. Forms must be returned no later than **September 30th**. Let's work together to serve our community and help others to grow in faith!

Fortune Lake News



End of Summer Worship Service

After the overwhelming gratitude you showed for the Epiphany worship service, we have decided to offer another one to our association congregations and friends!

The 30–40 minute service is intended for the weekend of **August 14-15**. It will be available to preview on YouTube channel, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and on our Facebook page by Friday, August 13th. It can also be sent via a direct link for those who wish to download it directly.

The worship service will include Bible readings, prayers, worship songs, and a sermon, all done camp-style, featuring summer campers and staff.

This service will be a great way to **celebrate what God has done through the summer camp ministry** of Fortune Lake, while providing an opportunity to worship together.

Senior Day

Plans are in the works to restart Senior Days at Fortune Lake 2021/2022. Come and join us for a day of wonderful conversation, delicious food, and great fun! Senior Day is a wonderful way to reconnect with old friends and make a few new ones along the way! Gather in the Dining Hall from 10 am – 2 pm and enjoy a delightful day at FLLC, including a devotion, program, lunch and fellowship!

Dates: Sept. 13, 2021

Nov. 15, 2021

Jan. 10 2022

Mar. 14, 2022

May 9, 2022

**Adult Fall Wellness Retreat
Deeply Rooted: Body, Mind & Spirit
October 8-10, 2021**

More information to come next month!



Stewardship

THE SPIRIT ON OVERTIME

If the Holy Spirit was punching a time clock, it would be at time and a half over the past year and several months.

As if the Covid pandemic was not enough of a challenge, we have prayed, fervently, that the Spirit would work overtime to help us discern what God has in mind for us in calling a new pastor. The call process, even under ideal conditions, is a demanding venture, much less during a rampant global virus spread.

By the time you read this, a call may have already been issued. Regardless of how the congregational vote went, we are profoundly thankful for God's faithful "walk with us". The guiding hands of the call committee, our Bishop, interim pastors and the council have held our hands during this scary, yet exciting time.

The number of members and friends, through whom the Spirit has worked overtime, is impressive and reassuring. So many faithful and generous stewards have given freely and unselfishly of their time, energy, abilities and money during this time of uncertainty and disequilibrium.

God has entrusted each of us a unique set of gifts. God wants us to multiply those blessings by sharing them with our neighbors, near and far. You have not disappointed.

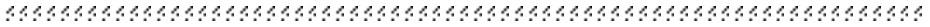
Let's take the lessons we have learned during the pandemic and the call process, especially about staying safely connected, as we begin a new leg of this journey together.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, God's work is in good hands.

In Christ,
Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair



Giving Statements are available for pick up in the Narthex



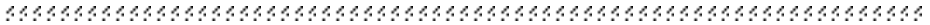
Special Giving Envelope

This month's Special Giving will go towards

Moving Expenses of Pastor Daniels Family



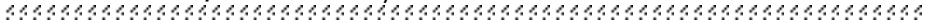
Please help provide funds to help offset moving expenses from Montana for Pastor Elisabeth Daniels and her family.



Hope at The Inn

Trainings will be offered again in the fall before the next season. Consider getting trained this year. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Grace and Peace, Rhonda Husbye & Pat Casteel



School Kits

Can you believe it? School supplies are already on sale! For each Lutheran World Relief backpack, we need ...

- 5 - Pencils (unsharpened #2)
- 1 - Pencil sharpener
- 4 - Notebooks (lined, 70-80 sheets)
- 5 - Blue or black ball point pens (no gel ink)
- 1 - 30 cm ruler
- 1 - Crayons (box of 16 or 24)
- 1 - Eraser (2½ inch size)
- 1 - Blunt tip scissors

LWR requests no religious or patriotic symbols or camouflage colors. Please drop your donation in the box labeled school supplies in the narthex. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you!



Thank you, Kathy Gobert, Paula LaCrosse and Connie Salmi, for helping with the planting of the sign and entrance planters. They are really looking good. Many hands made for small work. With Graciousness, Rhonda Husbye

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make my graduation quilt. I know a lot of time and effort was put into making the quilt. Your gift is very much appreciated.

Thank You Again, Alaina Trudeau

Dear Friends,

Many thanks to First Lutheran church; and Ann Christiansen for her very generous gift to White Stone Missions. Thank you for sharing in the work with us. We appreciate it!!

Dennis Dickinson, Director, WSM

Dear First Lutheran Family,

Thank you so much for all your love and support during Dale's long illness, his death, and the funeral. Thank you for your words of support, cards, memorials and food. Thank you to the three serving groups for the luncheon, the food and workers. Thank you to the ushers, altar guild, organist Paul Rajala, office staff and to Ray Miller for streaming the service, which was seen nationwide and in Tanzania. Special thanks to Bishop Finegan and all the participating clergy.

To God be the Glory, Jo Skogman & Family

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at First Lutheran,

God is indeed faithful, and we give thanks to God for the grace shown to Dale Skogman in his many years of ministry and his 81 years of life.

Thank you for honoring Bishop emeritus Skogman with your gift...to the Bishop Dale & Jo Skogman Seminarian Scholarship Fund. Your generosity will help defray the expenses of Northern Great Lakes Synod candidates for ordained ministry, giving them the gift of minimal debt as they accept their first call....

I hope you experience God's comfort and peace in day that may feel heavy with loss and worry...I hope you find rest and renewal in these glorious summer days of green growth and buds in bloom.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Katherine Finegan

Gifts to the Congregation have been given...

In Memory of *Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman*

For Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Pat Hewitt	Sally Hillman	Dale & Donna Schlemmer
Dora Jane Swanson	Lloyd & Mary Tuskan	Gary & Mary Bjorkquist
Jane & Scott Smith	Dennis & Barb Filizetti	Chuck & Lynn Thomas
Marlene Hongisto	Diane Leach	Amy & Kraig Dyer
Jack Soderman	Gary & Judy Larson	Raino & Maxine Maki
Nora Smith	Andy & Jolane Nelson	Monica Bostwick
Eileen Demeuse	Ray & Pam Chouinard	Jeff & Kathy Gudwer
Joan Anderson	Carolyn Nelson	Gloria Kanerva
Sally Pouliot	Wayne & Vickie Marshall	

For Sewing

Al & Dolly Salmi	Connie Salmi	Agnes Johnson
Mary Martinson	Karen Bratonia	

In Memory of *Lillian Strom*

For Sewing

Bruce & Sally Closur

August Birthdays

Week 1:

Chuck Thomas	Jo Skogman
Rebecca McDonald	Trevor Thorbahn
Ronald Ball	Stacy Smith



@woodsbridgearts.com

Week 2:

Michelle Larson	Carolyn Nelson	Lori Seawright
Kathy Gobert	Damion Graham	Samuel Olsick
Steve Bolek	Dennis Filizetti	Sam Hill
Gary Bjorkquist	Mercedes Koski	

Week 3:

Trudy Brandt	Margaret Movalson	Oscar Skellenger
Penny Propst	Allie Roman	Gordon Zuehlke
Harvey Setter	David Soderman	

Week 4:

Chelsea McDonough	McKenna Seawright	Carter Roman
Carol Ebbesen	Andy Nelson	Cheryl Dykes
Jacob Bilkey	Kaili Melucci	

Week 5:

Danzig Knapp

August Anniversaries

Matt & Carrie Oney	9 years
Jason & Leah Hanson	18 years
Joe & Pam Durbin	43 years
Gerald & Carol Ebbensen	57 years



(If we've missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know)



Homebound Members



Christian Park

Ruth Johnson
Helen Ruth Seppala
Marilyn Stade

Bishop Noa

Betty Erickson
Joyce Creten
Marie Hirn

Pinecrest, Powers

Jeannie Kenney
Jean Schmidt
Yvonne Sepic

Sunny View

Marv Kaski

Lakeview

Laila Whitfield

Murray's Country View

Pat Shampo
Carroll Wedell

At Home

Arla Pearson
Mary Kossow
Lorraine Moreau



eGiving

HELP US GROW THROUGH TEXT EGIVING

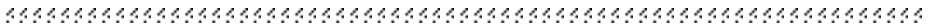
It's as easy as 1, 2, 3, 4

How to give by TEXT GIVING:

- ❖ **Get Started:** Enter in the recipient field, 844-940-1434 (First Lutheran's GivePlus Text number) and the amount you wish to give in the text field, then press send
- ❖ **Register:** you will receive a registration link. Click the link and enter your contact and payment information. Tap "Process"
- ❖ **Give:** After registration is complete, you will receive a verification text as well as a receipt via email.
- ❖ **Repeat:** For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically.



Get started today!



Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met on July 19th with President, Kathy Gobert presiding. At this meeting the council: decided to extend First's subscription to Sunday' & Season's with the price increase. Recognized and accepted the resignation of Ken Groh to council due to him and Bonnie moving. Talked about attending the Walking Together Event this fall and the UP State Fair conference booth. The council also decided to keep the yellow guide tape in the sanctuary to aid Pulpit Supply and Pastor Elisabeth Daniels when she arrives in late August. Ushers will be back to aid in communion, offering, and attendance. Pastor Ellie Russey is filling in for Pastor Tommy Richter while he is on paternity leave. A snow plowing bid was accepted for Rob Matta to plow this winter.



Serving Us in August

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
August 1	No Service	Lynn Thomas
August 8	No Service	Peggy Austin
August 15	No Service	Pam Bialik
August 22	No Service	Ann Christiansen
August 29	No Service	Laura Coleman

Thank you for volunteering to read. We understand if you do not wish to read during the pandemic. If you are unable to read, please contact the office at 428-4565. Worship will be at 10:30 am. The live stream will be available at that time and will remain online for later viewing.

Altar Guild

Judy Hammond
Tiffany Olsick



Volunteers are Needed!
Altar Guild
Ushers
Christian Education Coordinator(s)
Confirmation Assistant

How may You help today?

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Director of Music: Ray Miller (temporary volunteer)

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Christian Ed Coordinator: Cindy Sjoquist (temporary volunteer)

Custodian: Warren Eichner

Congregation Council:

Kathy Gobert, President

Lynn Thomas, Vice President

Cindy Sjoquist, Secretary

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

Steve Bolek

Jeff Gudwer

Howard Haulotte

Dirk Manson

Ray Miller

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