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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.



Dear New Church Family,



By the time you read this Pastor's Letter my family and I will have arrived. We will be settling in and enjoying life back on the water. We are hopeful for the ministry and community at First Lutheran. With our kids, we keep referring to this new calling as an adventure. There are a lot of unknowns in an adventure, but God is present. This thought process reminded me of a prayer from the Lutheran Book of Worship.

*Lord God,
you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out
with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is
leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In any new adventure, change will be front and center. Change seems to be a near constant part of our lives these days. It might be the only thing that is consistent. The weather changes. The pandemic changes. The community changes. Each change helps and/or forces us to grow. I did not think I was ready for a first grader and a preschooler and yet... Cameron Elementary and Little Light Preschool, look out! Ready or not, here come the Daniels. Wesley, my husband never thought he would have the opportunity to come back home to the U.P. and here we are, home again.

I bet some empty nesters are feeling the changes too as kids have gone off to college. My parents are looking to downsize. A giant farm house from the 1890s probably isn't what they need anymore. But that means that going "home" to Wisconsin is soon going to be very different. Many of us are finding ourselves looking at new realities. Some of us are exhausted from new reality overload, and yet... And yet, with God's grace and love people are still showing up. We are finding new ways to love and sometimes it's bizarre. Other times it's beautiful, but it is always sacred.

Church families are sacred communities and there is holiness in showing up however that looks. Family, as your new pastor I will show up for you. I will proclaim God's love and I will do my best to love you well. It may at times be bizarre and messy too, but my door will be open and so will my heart.

God's peace, Pastor Elisabeth

I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber. God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will uphold you during all evil and God will keep your life. The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. -Psalm 121

Dear First Lutheran, Grace and peace to you in this joyous time of change! I am grateful, humbled, and honored by your warmth and hospitality and for your welcoming me as your Administrative Interim—however briefly I held the position. I have deeply appreciated walking with you in the journey of your call process of a new pastor, and I continue to be impressed by your leadership and staff. What a great congregation to serve! I am admittedly, a bit jealous of Pastor Elizabeth that she now has the honor of serving as your full-time pastor, but at the same time, I am also relieved that now I have more time to focus on my new baby, my family, and my own full time calling back in Manistique. Thank you again for trusting me and for welcoming me into your midst. So ends my time as your administrative interim, with a thankful heart and a sure and certain hope for things to come. What a joyous thing that you now have a new Pastor, and I believe she is a marvelous match! I truly believe as the psalm I started with says: that God is watching over this going out of one leader and the coming in of another one. Our help comes from the Lord, and God will not sleep while this new thing is stirring. Please be gentle with Pastor Daniels as you have been with me, celebrate with her the good things she does, be forgiving of her when she fails, be kind to her as she makes decisions, and prop her up with prayer and love as she is learning and growing into the position. And when you forget to do these things, know that God has not given up on you either. Be kind and forgiving to yourselves as well! For in all things, the Lord is our keeper, and the shade at our right hand. I know that between God and Pastor Elisabeth, you are in good hands. I leave you with the prayer that I first learned at Holden Village, when we would say it as a goodbye prayer whenever anyone was departing the village. So, as I depart Gladstone as your Administrative Interim, please pray with me: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

-Pastor Tommy Richter

Upcoming Scripture Readings

September 5th – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 35:4-7a, Psalm 146, James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17,
Mark 7:24-37



September 12th – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 116:1-9, James 3:1-12, Mark 8:27-38

September 19th – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jeremiah 11:18-20, Psalm 54, James 3:13—4:3, 7-8, Mark 9:30-37

September 26th – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29, Psalm 19:7-14, James 5:13-20, Mark
9:38-50

Worship Schedule

Sunday September 5 th	10:30 am Pastor Elisabeth Daniels
Sunday September 12 th	10:30 am Pastor Elisabeth Daniels
Sunday September 19 th	10:30 am Pastor Elisabeth Daniels
Sunday September 26 th	10:30 am Pastor Elisabeth Daniels

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 in the building.
Worship Tablets are available to view worship from
home.**



Bible Study

Bible study will resume it's weekly Wednesday meetings at 9:30 am on September 8th.

Love Circle & Faith Circle

Love circle will meet the third Thursday of September at 9:30 am at First Lutheran. Faith Circle on the third Thursday of September at 7:00pm at First Lutheran Church. All women from Gladstone and Rapid River are invited. The study will be about the Holy Spirit. Study material will be in the narthex. 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.

Are you interested in attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering? Sign Up Today!! (more informatin on page 11).



Rally Day September 12, 2021
Registration 9:00am
Backpack Blessing during Worship at 10:30 am
Come and bring your friends!



Jane Coyne-Smith to the Congregational Council

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!

Fall Clean-Up Day

Saturday, Saturday 9/25, at 9:00 AM.

Saturday 10/2, backup date.

There will be a list of things we need to do to improve our church building and grounds. Bring shovels, rakes, leaf blowers and any other tools you think you might need.

There will be reminders in the Sunday bulletins later during the month of September. Many hands will make light work! Hope to see you there.



Audit Committee

The Audit Committee has conducted an audit of the 2020 bank and investment accounts held by First Lutheran Church. There were no significant issues and all accounts were found to be in order. Very few discrepancies were noted. All were resolved to the satisfaction of the audit committee. Record keeping recommendations were suggested to the office manager.

Sherri Ide, Lisa Thomas, Lori Seawright

Mission of Hope



The Mission of Hope event was a success despite being moved to the Delta Plaza Mall due to inclement weather. During the event 460 pairs of shoes (or vouchers for shoes), more than 500 backpacks, hundreds of diapers and almost 400 food boxes were distributed. Two hundred family portraits were taken and more than 75 haircuts were given in a two-hour period. An estimated 1,600-1,800 individuals were affected by the event. A special thank you to the NGLS for their generous support grant given to the Mission of Hope.

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**.

Walking Together Event

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 - 8:00 pm



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.

The Gathering consists of four program areas:

Interactive Learning: is a space for participants to engage and be immersed in the life and breath of the church, the community of God. Through a variety of mediums, participants will engage in learning opportunities that support the mission of the Gathering and its theme, and that life up partner organizations or groups, all in the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Synod Day: is when you will gather with congregation in your geographic area for worship, conversation, communion, music and learning about how boundless our God really is. In the past, Synod Day was held in hotel ballrooms; however, for this cycle we are excited to be hosted by local congregations. Participants will be transported with their synods to their host congregation for this program day.

Service Learning: is an opportunity to take part in the Twin Cities' great story and live out our Lutheran faith by being God's hands and feet in the community. Participants will be able to work alongside our neighbors in the Twin Cities and share meaningful conversations with them.

Mass Gathering: is a time for all our Gathering participants to gather and experience church at U.S Bank Stadium. This provides a unique experience for participants to come together to sing, dance, pray, learn and ponder their faith. On Saturday, everyone will come together for worship, blessings and safe travels as well an opportunity to share communion with 30,000 other people.



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

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**

This year’s event will feature all the things you’ve come to expect; yoga, tai chi, cooking demos prayer & devotional experiences, massage and so much more! Once again, they will feature the wisdom and insight of Pam Rosse from Inspiring Roots LLC Nutrition & Yoga. Invite your friends and come for the weekend. You’ll be rejuvenated and grow more deeply rooted in all the best ways.

Registration is Open until September 24th!

The office girls are going, join them!!

FALL FEST

Fall fest is on for 2021!!
Saturday, October 2nd

Event will include:

A live in-person auction, Country Store, Draffle, Silent Virtual Auction, Tentative Brunch and Bake Sale.

Stewardship

LET'S TALK MONEY

Money, or treasure, is the third leg of the stewardship stool. Time and talent are the other two and, obviously, all three are important building blocks for any community of faith to fulfill its mission.

Most congregations talk about money more in the Fall of the year in anticipation of a new year starting after Christmas. We, at First Lutheran, have asked you to consider and pray about making an "estimate of giving" for quite a few years, now, and many, many of you have done so. Your faithful response has been nothing short of amazing!

In the midst of some mind-boggling disequilibrium and uncertainty in 2021, you have remained steadfast and generous with the gifts that God has given you, including money.

By the time you read this, we will be in a better position to plan what our annual "ask" will look like, but judging from your past response, your generosity will not be uncertain.

There are lots of books on stewardship and lots of reasons suggested as to why people give. No two people are alike since different people have their own unique constellation of reasons. Yet all people NEED to give and are blessed by giving (see Acts 20: 35).

Many stewardship "gurus" contend that people give best when they give to people rather than to some abstract "cause". This past year or so has been a "wake up call" about how important being connected to people is. This pandemic has been an awful brew of illness, fear, stress, anxiety, death and grief.

Most of all, the isolation, being disconnected from one another and loneliness has decimated our need to belong. I believe that most of us yearn to belong to something bigger than ourselves. For us Christians, that biggest thing is Jesus Christ. While this virus thing is far from over, we can sense some relief. It seems a little like we have been like individual dots, scattered,

isolated and disconnected longing to be connected and belonging to a Christ-centered whole.

But I digress.....Money is only one leg of the stewardship tool, but it IS an important one. It, along with the giving of our time, energy and abilities allows us to belong to Christ together and connect with our fellow members and friends that call First Lutheran home.

Your continued faithfulness and generosity pulls us together toward a common mission. You have heard the call every year and have not disappointed.

With profound thanks and In Christ,

Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair



Giving Statements are available for pick up in the Narthex through September 30th.

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.

Nacho Saturday will be taking place in September. Please listen to the announcements for a date and time.

Grace and Peace, Rhonda Husbye & Pat Casteel

THANK YOU!

A very special thank you from Aaron, Amanda and family for the drive by shower given by First Lutheran members. God blessed their family with four more children in May and your gifts were so appreciated.

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

Thank you so much for your kindness and support! The meal was delicious and greatly appreciated!

The Soderman Family

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous support of outdoor ministry through your gift in honor/memorial of Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman....people have gathered in authentic community on the shores of Fortune Lake to be refreshed, to have new experiences, and to grow in faith. God has blessed us! Thank you for allowing these meaningful moments to continue through your contribution....

Grace & Peace, Amanda Rasner
Camp Director

Dear Members of First Lutheran,

On behalf of the Northern Great Lakes Synod Hunger Team, thank you for your contributions... to ELCA World Hunger. Blessings on your congregation for your gift.

In Christ, Pastor Ellie Russey

Dear First Lutheran,

We wish to thank everyone for their prayers, condolences, and thoughtfulness concerning our dear son Bryan. Also thank you to the serving group for the wonderful luncheon. Everything was so appreciated.

Gods Blessings, Don & Pat Casteel and Family

Gifts to the Congregation have been given...

In Memory of *Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman*

For Seminarian Scholarship Fund

From Paul & Judy Hammond

Tom & Alice Vermullen

For Lutheran Junior Seminary-Tanzania

From Kraig & Amy Dyer

Steve Bolek & Ann Christiansen

For Sound System

Ann Movalson

Memory of *Paul Wedell*

For Wedell-Holm Memorial Fund

Pat Hewitt

Jeanne Hoegh

Steve Bolek & Ann Christiansen

Gen Morley

Jo Skogman

Duane & Nancy Bovin

Paul & Judy Hammond

Tom & Dotti Ford

Gary & Mary Bjorkquist

September Birthdays

Week 1:

Pat Shampo	Brandon Waldrop
Kris Gascon	Scott Smith

Week 2:

Dolly Salmi	Helen Belongie
Geri George	Carol Kocsis
Carter Menard	Londyn Koski

Week 3:

George Botbyl	Billy Ray Rodriguez	Jolane Nelson
Connie Salmi	Marshall Seawright	Neal Johnson

Week 4:

Elvira Rajala	Al Salmi	Kelsey Cowen
Charlotte Strom	Darla Pardon	Spencer Husbye
John Soderman	Joan Anderson	Charlie George
Tom Ford	John Kloet	

Week 5:

Lori Shea	Barbara Filizetti	Dewy Fairchild
Tina Erickson	Alexis Hongisto	Bambi Johnson
Joshua Cowen		



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Cali Kossow

September Anniversaries

Kari & Joel Nordin	8 years
Daniel & Kayla Verbeek	14 years
Daniel & Gail Brazeau	19 years
John & Kimberly Roman Jr.	22 years
Chuck & Sally Strom	28 years
David & Vicki Ottensman	32 years
Paul & Pam Bialik	36 years
Ray & Trudy Brandt	54 years
Dewayne & Sherri Ide	56 years
Don & Pat Casteel	57 years
Lee & Bonnie Anderson	58 years



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

Belated August Anniversaries

Tom & Kathy Gobert 35 years

Al & Dolly Salmi 55 years



Homebound Members



Christian Park

Ruth Johnson
Helen Ruth Seppala
Marilyn Stade

Bishop Noa

Betty Erickson
Joyce Creten
Marie Hirn

Pinecrest, Powers

Jean Schmidt

Sunny View

Marv Kaski

Lakeview

Laila Whitfield
Carole Wedell

Murray's Country View

Pat Shampo

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!

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Council Highlights

The Congregational Council met on August 11th with President, Kathy Gobert presiding. At this meeting the council: Approved nominee Jane Coyne-Smith, to fill Ken Groh's council position. Dirk will fill out MEF Grant requests for the automatic amounts for the Synod and Fortune Lake. Masking policy was updated to "all vaccinated and unvaccinated person are required to wear a mask while in the building". Amber Hess-Soderman has agreed to chaperone the ELCA National Youth Gathering. Discussion took place about discontinuing the Claris Worship Tablets.



Serving Us in September

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
September 5	No Service	Jolane Nelson
September 12	No Service	Pam Durbin
September 19	No Service	Sherri Ide
September 26	No Service	Dirk Manson

Communion Assistance

September 5	No Service	Carol Kocsis
September 12	No Service	Cindy Sjoquist
September 19	No Service	Jo Skogman
September 26	No Service	Chuck Thomas

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. 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

Ruth Botbyl
Donna Schlemmer



Volunteers are Needed!
Altar Guild
Ushers
Christian Education
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Confirmation Assistant

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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

Dirk Manson

Chris Mineau

Howard Haulotte

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