

## October 2021

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**Worship** –8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

**Office Hours** – Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and  
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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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,

It has been a whirlwind so far for me as your new pastor. We have many fun and safe “Meet the Pastor” activities planned for our church this month. The goal is to be outside in small groups as much as possible. First and foremost, for the safety of our community, but second of all because small groups are easier to get to know each other. Selfishly, I want to be outside. It is the first U.P. fall I’ve had in seven years! I’m excited and want to enjoy every minute and every changing leaf! I hope one of the events works for you and we can praise God in the crisp air and beauty of lake life together.

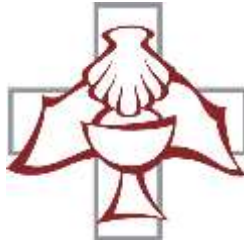
We are blessing animals on October 3rd. Come to worship and bring your pets, stuffies, pictures of pets or sainted pets. We will surely make a joyful noise for the Lord at both services. If you are allergic, fear not! I am too. We buy Costco bulk allergy pills at our house and I will happily share. Worship of course is always available online, pet dander free depending on your watching location.

It’s also time for our Stewardship Campaign. This is the time where we tend to focus on the what instead of the why. Yet, what you give doesn’t matter that much. Jesus reminds us in Luke 21:1-4 that *why* we give is much more important. So why do you support FLC? Why is this church and its life important enough for you to commit your time and talents? I look forward to reflecting on this with you all this month.

The other big event happening is the Service of Installation which will be held October 17th at 3:00pm. The liturgical color of the day is red. I hope you can come and wear red. I’m ½ tempted to buy red disposable masks from Amazon... it may yet happen.

I need about two more pages to let you know what is happening at church, but I think I’m at newsletter capacity. If I have or haven’t met you yet, please introduce yourself. This memorizing people’s eyes and foreheads is tricky business. Blessings to you all. I am so happy to be called as your pastor. The potential for serving God in this community is high and I already feel like I’m walking together with a very spirit filled and hopeful church.

God’s peace, Pastor Elisabeth



*Your prayers and presence are requested on*

Sunday, October 17, 2021

3:00 pm

*For the*  
Holy Eucharist  
*With the*  
Rite of Installation for

**Reverend Elisabeth A. Daniels**

First Lutheran Church  
1212 Minneapolis Avenue  
Gladstone, Michigan

All rostered ministers are invited to attend,  
vest, and process.  
(The color of the day is red)

*A reception in the Fellowship Hall  
will follow the service.*

## **Meet the Pastor Events**

Sign up on our webpage, Facebook page, or in the narthex

**October 3, 1:00 pm**

### **Hayes Corn Maze**

We're taking a church field trip to Hayes Corn Maze! Sign up today! If you are coming, please bring \$10.50 for admission. (If that's too steep, talk to pastor.) Wear your old shoes or boots and come have some fall fun with your church family. Meet at church at 12:30 pm or at Hayes Corn Maze at 1:00 pm. Our rain date is October 10<sup>th</sup>.

**October 4, 10:00 am**

### **Days River Nature Trail**

Weather permitting, join pastor for a short nature "walkie-talkie". It's less than a mile, but it's lovely!

**October 7, 9:30 am**

### **Coffee at Kid's Kingdom**

Come meet pastor at the park. Coffee and snacks will be provided. Let's get outside and get to know our church family in a small group outdoor setting.

**October 13, 6:30 pm**

### **Mom's Night Out**

Drop your kids off at the church with sitter or leave them home. We are looking for the moms of First Lutheran to have a break and get to know our pastor and one another better. We will meet at Rhonda Husbye's house for a patio party. BYOB and a lawn chair. The campfire pit will be going and chili and s'mores will be ready.

**October 19, 7:30 am**

### **Sunrise Walkie-Talkie**

A sunrise walk from the church to the lake

**October 23, 10:00 am**

### **Fall Bake Exchange**

Pastor is looking to meet folks in small groups and she loves to bake! If you love to bake too, sign up for this fall baking exchange. Pull out your best recipe for pumpkin bars, apple crisp, pecan pie, caramel corn, or whatever your tradition is. Make 5 dozen and come for fun and fellowship. Go back home with a variety of treats. There may be some games and trivia as well!

## **Upcoming Scripture Readings**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Genesis 2:18-24, Psalm 8, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12,  
Mark 10:2-16



**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Amos 5:6-7, 10-15, Psalm 90:12-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 53:4-12, Psalm 91:9-16, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost  
Jeremiah 31:7-9, Psalm 126, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 10:46-52

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## **Bible Study**

Bible study meets weekly on Wednesday at 9:30 am.

## **Grace Circle**

There will be no bible study for Grace Circle in October.

## **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 10).

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## **Tried-N-True Luncheon Program**



Meet-N-Greet  
Pastor Elisabeth Daniels



October 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:00 pm

Join the 55+ club and learn a little more about Pastor Elisabeth Daniels. Lunch will be served with a program to follow. Sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

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## **Northern Great Lakes Synod Classes 2021**

- Biblemania! Reading Through Some of the 66 Books of Food for the Soul
- Ezekiel Bible Study
- Intermediate Biblical Greek
- Walking Together: Companionship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania
- An Introduction to Family Systems Thinking
- Book Study of *Friedman's Fables* (by Rabbi Ed Friedman): "Metaphors for Family Systems Thinking"
- Holy Communion Post-Pandemic: What, When, Where, Who, and Why

Visit [www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation](http://www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation) for more information and to register or contact Deacon Lori Ward at (615) 519-1969 or [lori.ward@nglsynod.org](mailto:lori.ward@nglsynod.org).





**Lutheran World Relief**  
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## **Lutheran World Relief Shipping**

Yes...boxes of quilts and kits will go out

**Saturday, October 9th.**

The need in the world is great.

First Lutheran Church will be loading our boxes into  
the semi-trailer from:

8:00 – 9:00 AM

Area churches will be asked to come between:

9:00 – 10:30 AM

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the  
narthex for ways to help.

Masks and distancing will be followed.

Depending on COVID guidelines.

We will be hoping to share coffee and a few treats.

Many hands and strong backs make light work!

God continues to bless this ministry in so many  
ways.

Please come and be a part of our '*send-off*'.



## The ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

### 2022 ELCA Youth Gathering Update

Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives. The ELCA Youth Gathering is an amazing experience for high school youth and adult leaders to experience the boundless love of God.

A **Safety and Security Webinar** is scheduled for Thursday, October 7 at 8 pm ET / 7 pm CT to discuss covid safety concerns and more. You may pre-register for the webinar here:

<https://elca.org/YouthGathering/AboutWebinars>.

For more information and resources about the ELCA Youth Gathering, please check out the official Gathering website

**Pre-register for the live event at:**

<https://elca.org/YouthGathering/AboutWebinars> or watch a recording at your convenience.

## Fortune Lake News

### FALL FEST

Join Fortune Lake for Fall Fest 2021  
Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Event will include:

- **Continental breakfast** will be served from 9:30-10:30 CT in the dining hall.
- **The Country Store and Bake Sale** will run 9:30 – noon
- **The Auction** will start promptly at 11:00 am in the chapel and will feature 30 selected hand-crafted items.
- **The Virtual Auction** includes 60+ fantastic items. Bidding is currently open and will close on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm CT.



*\*All times are Central time. Masks are expected indoors regardless of vaccination status.*

### SENIOR DAY

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: Nov. 15, 2021**

**Jan. 10 2022**

**Mar. 14, 2022**

**May 9, 2022**



## **Stewardship**

### THEY DIDN'T ASK

There's a story about a church member who gave a SIZABLE donation to one of the non-profits in the community. When asked why he didn't give a like contribution to his church, he replied, "they didn't ask". I'm not sure that this is the exact wording to the story, but I'm sure you get the point. Forgive me if I have used this to make a point before, but at my age I tend to repeat myself quite often.

We should never be afraid to ask members and friends for money to support the mission and ministries of our congregation. That's part of good stewardship, but, of course, it can go overboard. Financial support is a vital part of our giving, but we want to avoid making people feel like we ask too often. That's why we try to keep our "ask" for money to a once-a-year appeal and guess what—it's that time of the year.

Soon you should be receiving a letter asking you to complete an "estimate of giving" card. Please pray about and consider any or all of the following:

- tithing or giving a percent of your income
- giving electronically
- using Vanco for a monthly, automatic contribution
- growing your giving from one year to the next

More important than making sure we ask you for your financial estimate is thanking you for your continuing support and generosity. You have been so faithful and we deeply appreciate the many gifts with which you have blessed us.

With gratitude and In Christ,  
Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair

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### **2022 Pledges**

To make it even easier to pledge, you can simply scan this QR Code with your smartphone. It will take you right to First Lutheran's pledge page. Fill out the form and click submit.

## **eGiving**

Supporting our ministries and mission is only a click away. We offer convenient online giving, so you never have to worry about leaving your cash or checkbook at home. You can make a one-time contribution or set up recurring gifts – a great option for members who will be traveling south for the winter months. Get started by visiting our online donation page at [www.firstlutheran-gladstone.org](http://www.firstlutheran-gladstone.org). You can also download the new Vanco giving app from your app store.



(Vanco App Logo)

Get started today!

## **Hope at the Inn**



**Nacho Saturday**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**5:00 – 7:00 PM**  
**At the**  
**Salvation Army**



### **Salvation Army Lunches**

At this time there are no plans to resume the Saturday lunches hosted by area churches at the Salvation Army.



### **Community Christmas Dinner**

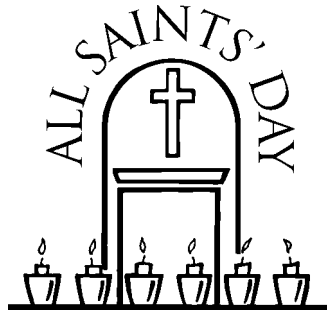
At this time there are no plans to have the Community Christmas Day dinner.

## *All Saints Sunday*

All saints will be honored in a Book of Remembrances all month long. The book will be displayed in the narthex for all to remember those gone before us. There will be a commemorative ceremonial candle lighting during worship and a bell will be rung when your loved one's name is spoken.

All Saints Day this year falls on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. During worship that day we will lift up in prayer the following saints who have gone before us, who have witnessed God's love, and who now celebrate eternal life with Jesus:

*Bishop Emeritus Dale Skogman*  
*Jeannie Spaulding*  
*Irene Obenauf*  
*Lillian Strom*  
*Harold Bauer*  
*Bryan Casteel*  
*Keith Soderman*  
*Paul Wedell*  
*Richard DeMay*



If you have a loved one to add to the All Saints Day list, please contact the office so they can also be lifted up on All Saints Day.

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**THANK YOU!**

Thank you for the beautiful quilt you took the time to make for me. I am happy to have such a supportive church family

as I continue my education at Bay College to study nursing.

Megan Robinson

Your beautiful message in music is deeply appreciated and will always be gratefully remembered.

The Family of Richard DeMay

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

The Soderman Family

*Gifts to the Congregation have been given...*

In memory of *Aiden Bolek*  
For Miriam Scholarship  
From Linda & Bruce Attar

**October Birthdays**

**Week 1:**

Judy Larson                      Chuck Strom

**Week 2:**

Carol Knauf                      Troy Pardon  
Alice Vermullen                Vickie Marshall  
John Noskey                      Bryce Dykes



**Week 3:**

William Shine                      Richard LaCrosse                Michael Bourdeau  
Nora Smith                          Vera Rose                              Hunter Botruff

**Week 4:**

Katherine Kennedy                Dewayne Ide                        Diane Miller  
Maggie Miller                        John Thomas                        Clinton Seawright  
Kayla Verbeek

**Week 5:**

Diane Lahtinen                      Pam Bialik                            Russell McClinchy  
Chandler Husbye                    Nancy Bovin                        Jim Olisck  
Judy Hammond                       Dale Schlemmer                    Mary Cowen  
Evolette Ellison

**October Anniversaries**

Scot & Reyna Rose                21 years  
Eric & Rhonda Husbye            25 years  
Kelly & Lori Shea                    35 years  
Ron & Michelle Larson            40 years  
Jeff & Kathy Gudwer               42 years



Richard & Paula LaCrosse 45 years  
Andy & Jolane Nelson 53 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  
Agnes Johnson

### Murray's Country View

Pat Shampo

### At Home

Arla Pearson  
Mary Kossow  
Lorraine Moreau  
Don Erickson





## **Council Highlights**



The Congregational Council met on September 15<sup>th</sup> with President, Kathy Gobert presiding. At this meeting the council: Discussed the councils' responsibilities of Pastor Elisabeth's installation. Adopted the Wisconsin Council of Churches Covid Policy as recommended by the Synod. Considered the proposal of new office furniture. Approved the property committee to get the air ducts cleaned. Moved and approved the daycare/preschool committee reorganize and begin the process of building at First Lutheran. Talked about offering the "Praise" Hymnal to other churches. Decided to open both worship services up again. Mentioned the registration for the National ELCA Youth Gathering is now open. The council was notified of the cancellation of the "Walking Together" event and talked about Pastor Elisabeth's upcoming "Meet the Pastor" events.

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## **Serving Us in October**

<b>Readers</b>	<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
October 3	Wayne Marshall	Sue Manson
October 10	Vicki Marshall	Bruce Moyalson
October 17	Chris Mineau	Andy Nelson
October 24	Wayne Marshall	Jolane Nelson
October 31	Lori Shea	Carolyn Nelson

## **Communion Assistance**

October 3	Dale Schlemmer	Erin Wickman
October 10	Nora Smith	Ann Christiansen
October 17	Dotti Ford	Pam Bialik
October 24	Judy Hammond	Jane Coyne-Smith
October 31	Sally Pouliot	Kathy Gudwer

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.

## **Altar Guild**

Sally Pouliot and Lisa Thomas

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

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#### **Director of Music: Ray Miller (temporary volunteer)**

#### **Musicians: Ray Miller, Paul Rajala**

#### **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

Ray Miller

Jane Coyne-Smith



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