



# August 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.



FLC Family,

While serving my first call in Munising, I lived just a block from Bob's IGA. Living that close, my neighbors and I treated Bob's like our pantry. There was certainly more than one occasion when someone, including myself, walked over, with an apron on, to purchase more flour or peanut butter for in-progress baking ingredients.

One thing I loved about Bob's was that they had this garlic bread, just a loaf of thick fresh bakery bread baked with what seemed like handfuls of whole garlic cloves thrown in. It was take-n-bake, but sometimes I just ate it as it was with hunks of cheese, and that was single Lazy Gal Dinner: bread and cheese, maybe toasted, or perhaps some olives if I was feeling fancy. I used to walk the dog, tie her to the post outside Bob's, and run in for this Lazy Gal Dinner. As I headed home, I always felt that my gluttony and sloth were on display. I loved it but felt sufficiently shameful. I didn't eat a small slice of bread. I sat down and had ½ a loaf!

Looking back, I wish I had less guilt and shame around this Lazy Gal Dinner. It made me happy. It was cost-effective and filled my belly. Registered dietitian Jessie Furman wrote,

“Feeding ourselves is one of the most natural and required functions of our human lives. There are no good or bad foods; subsequently, you cannot be good or bad for eating certain foods. By imposing morality onto food, there is a suggestion that we embody that morality as a person. While we may make more or less nutritious food choices, eating these foods does not make you more or less of a good person.”

Eating ½ a loaf of bread didn't make me a bad person. In Mark 6:42, a part of The Feeding of the 5,000, there is a tiny verse that simply says, “<sup>42</sup>And all ate and were filled;” It wouldn't matter if it were caviar and

Foie gras or fried bologna sandwiches on cheap white bread, God provides for us, and we are filled. Fish and loaves will do.

This is why I like the use of the funeral pall so well. It is a tangible liturgical reminder that we go out the same way we come in, clothed in Christ. It doesn't matter if you have a gold-plated casket or a cardboard box filled with your ashes; you belong to God. Food is food. We feed our bodies, and what we don't need heads to the outhouse or the porcelain thrown just the same.

Together, at the foot of the cross, we meet Christ. So, eat food, share food, feed your body, feed other bodies. Cheetos or organic quinoa are not morally good or bad; they're fuel. Jesus, our bread of life, will nurture us in love, and his love fuels us to share our love.

God's peace,  
Pastor Elisabeth

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## **Upcoming Scriptures**

**August 4** – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12;  
Mark 2:23- -3:6

**August 11** – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13 -- 5:1;  
Mark 3:20-35

**August 18** – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13]  
14-17; Mark 4:26-34

**August 25** – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41

## **CHURCH PICNIC**

Join us for worship in VanCleve Park. Bring your lawn chair, a dish to pass and a friend. Sign up in the narthex with your dish.

**Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Worship in the Park at 10:30 am**

**Potluck Picnic to follow.**



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**Mid-Year Giving Statements  
are available for pick up in the  
Narthex.**



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## **COMMITTEE & CIRCLE NEWS**

### **Altar Guild**

Anyone interested in helping with these worship responsibilities is welcome to join us. If you have any questions feel free to contact Pam Durbin 428-4429 or Amber Soderman (763) 213-3659.

### **Bible Study**

The group is on hiatus through Labor Day in September. Our walk in faith continues with Jeremiah as he continues to give God's message to his people and to us today.

# Christian Education

## "JESUS LOVES YOU S'MORE THAN YOU KNOW"



Rally Day Sunday is **September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Come dressed as a camper and have some fun. Don't forget your backpack for the blessing of the backpacks during worship.



Scan the QR code to  
**pre-register**  
for **Sunday School**



Register for Sunday School and  
Confirmation at 9:15am on Rally Sunday.



Scan the QR code to  
**pre-register**  
For **Confirmation**

Come and bring your friends!  
Continental Breakfast served every Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help serve breakfast and Sunday School Educators are needed.

**Registrations for Confirmation are being accepted now.  
Sign up Today!**

### 10:30 Worship Acolyte Schedule

08/04 Londyn Koski  
08/11 Ethan LaCrosse  
08/18 Braylin Carter  
06/25 Summer Swartz

## **Vacation Bible School**

Fortune Lake Day Camp was a huge success. We merged with Memorial United Methodist Church and had 65 campers registered with an average of about 56 per day! We sang new songs, played fun games, made arts & crafts, made and ate snacks, learned a line dance, took trips to the park and beach and had a visit from the ice cream truck. The theme was “Created to Be”. A huge thank you to all 26 volunteers from First Lutheran and Memorial Unted Methodist



Churches. We couldn't have done it without all the help. If you helped, or prayed for our week, thank you for making this week so special and memorable for our youth.

## **Love Circle**

Love Circle will meet at 9:30am the Third Thursday of the month. The study will be about community and compassion as found in the Gather magazine. The study will be available at each session.

## **Membership**

It is that time of the year! We are updating our membership rolls. What does this mean? If you have not attended, made a contribution and/or communed in the past three years, you may want to do so soon. Fill out an attendance/communion card during worship to keep your membership. It also time to update your address, phone number, email address, emergency contacts and any new information about your family. Please contact the office with these changes.

## **Men's Group**

Men's Group will meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:00 am. All men are welcome. There is coffee!

## **Music Musings**

It is crazy to think that summer is almost over and we are already heading into fall and a new school year. With this brings the beginning of Sunday School, as well as the choir resuming their rehearsals and anthems. My goal is more! More choir members, more special music, more musicians.

- Do you play an instrument or is your child learning an instrument?
- Would you be willing to sing a solo, duet, or in a small group?
- Would you like to join us in choir? We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 9:15 and there is no commitment needed!

We would love to have you in any capacity!  
Feel free to contact me or just show up on  
September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15.

Musically yours, Stacie

Call/text 906-420-6448



## **Policy Committee**

The Policy committee has finished a first draft of the finance policy. They met in July to discuss the suggested changes from the Finance, Property, and Memorial Committees, and the Office Administrator and are working on a final draft to present to the council.

## **Property Committee**

The property committee did not meet during the summer months. The next meeting is scheduled for **September 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am** in the double classroom. All are welcome.

## **Safety Task Force**

The Safety committee did not meet in June or July. The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on **August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm**.



## Sewing Circle

Thank you for your continued support of our sewing circle. We saw the video during the mini message on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. What a big difference we can make for people in need.

We have the opportunity to make “personal care kits”. We need:

- **light weight bath towels**
- **nail clippers**
- **full sizes of bars of soap.**
- **tooth brushes**
- **combs**

A drop box will be located in the narthex.

Also, school supplies are on sale during August. Here is a list for our school back packs:

- **12-inch rulers**
- **unsharpened #2 pencils**
- **pencil sharpeners**
- **blunt small scissors**
- **non-gel pens (black/blue)**
- **box of crayons (16 or 24 ct.)**
- **lined note books**
- **erasers**
- **monitory donations and we will pick up the supplies.**



Sewing is on **Tuesday** mornings at **9:00am** here at church. All are welcome, come check us out.

## Tried-N-True

Tried-N-True is planning a luncheon and program for Friday, **September 20<sup>th</sup> at noon**. Program to be announced. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex by **Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## Welcome & Outreach

The Welcome and Outreach committee continues to reach out to those who have lost loved ones, sending supportive greeting cards and many other hospitality ministries. If you think you would like to join, call the office, or attend their next meeting on **August 13<sup>th</sup>** at **noon**.



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## Special Giving Envelope



August Special Giving will go towards:  
**Mkuzu Girl's School**

June Special Giving – Mission of Hope  
you raised \$365.00 as of July 08, 2024

July Special Giving – Kiwanis Backpack  
Program  
You raised \$300.00 as of July 22, 2024.

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## Kiwanis Backpack Program

Dear Valued Sponsor,

This letter is a follow-up to give you an update as to how we finished the year with the Backpack Program. Thanks to the support provided by many, including your organization, we were able to fund the program through the end of the school year and have around \$800 towards the start of the new school year coming this fall...we provided food for the weekend to approximately 77 students during the school year.

While we were successful with our efforts to finish the 2023-24 school year, we continue to face challenges in the future...we are having to pay more for the food that goes in the backpacks as costs have risen, and selection for the most affordable food at Feeding Americas as decreased. Nonetheless, we have no less commitment to

this program than we have had in the past. We have every intention to continue our program in the fall when the new school year begins. Thanks to your support, we have been successful in the past, and we ask for your continued support as we plan for the future...

Sincerely, Alan M. Stotz, Club President

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## **Mission Endowment Grant Request Forms**

The Request Forms for Mission Endowment Fund distribution are now available in the church office. First Lutheran is fortunate to be able to provide gifts for ministry outreach every year because of the many individual contributions made over the years. The annual distribution of these funds is based on the guidelines of the fund bylaws 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 Bible 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.
- F. Grants:

- a. through the Northern Great Lakes Synod partnership ministries, seminarian support, synod endowment support, Mission Outreach Fund
- b. 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 seeks to accomplish one of the above purposes, please stop in the office and pick up a form. Completed forms need to be returned to the office no later than **Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**. Any questions may be directed to one of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee members: Dennis Landwehr (Chair), Dirk Manson, Dutch McEachern, and Chuck Thomas.

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## *Gifts to the Congregation*

### **In Memory of Elvira Rajala**

*For Memorials*

*Dirk & Sue Manson*

### **In Memory of Paul Hammond**

*For General Fund*

*"My awesome & unique Uncle Paul Hammond"*

*Kim Pauluk*

*For World Hunger*

*Sally Pouliot*

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Thank  
You!



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

Pastor Daniels,

Thank you for a lovely service to remember my grandmother. It meant so much to be able to bring her home to the people that knew her.

Elvira Rajala

Dear Pastor,

On behalf of Lakestate Industries, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution...from your church's Mission Endowment Fund. Your support plays a pivotal role in sustaining and enhancing the impact of our organization's mission....Thank you for your commitment to Lakestate Industries and for being an essential partner in our mission. We look forward to continuing this journey together and making a lasting difference in the lives of many.

Sincerely, Cheryl Ohman, Executive Director

Thank you for the Prayer Shawl.

David & Mya Nivision

Thank you for the food donation to the pantry.

Thank You, The Rock Food Pantry Gang

Dear Sewing Circle,

Thank you for the amazing blanket! I'll make sure to use it all the time in college.

Sam Olsick

First Lutheran,

Thank you for your congratulations and blessings for my graduation. I'll always appreciate all the love and support you and the church have given me through the years.

Sam Olsick

Thank you to Pam & Joe Durbin and Ruth Botbyl for noticing a need and taking the time to weed the landscape beds by the front parking lot.



## **UP STATE FAIR CONFERENCE BOOTH**



First Lutheran is once again participating in the Tri-County Conference booth at the U.P State Fair on **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will be selling water and baked goods.

We are in need of twenty-four dozen brownies, bars, and/or Rice Krispy treats, sized 3 inches square, that we can sell. Label your treats so they know what they are and, due to food allergies, please label “with nuts” if containing peanuts or tree nuts (almonds, pecans, 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 Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> . 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.

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## **SYNOD EVENTS**

### **Life Long Faith Formation**

Join the fellowship and fun with others in the Northern Great Lakes Synod as you explore the Bible, church traditions, and issues central to daily life. Registration opens in August on the synod website, [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org).



### **Dwelling in the Word**

You are invited to join the whole Synod as we *Dwell in the Word* together. The August scripture is a focus on Matthew 28:11-20 “The Great Commission”. 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.

## **Fortune Lake**

### **Save the Date!**

### **Nature Inspired: Fall Wellness Retreat**

(3 and 4 day options available)

**September 12<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>**

Fortune Lake invites all adults to participate in our Nature Inspired Wellness Retreat! This retreat has both 3-day (**Sept. 13-15**) and 4-day (**Sept. 12 – 15**) options so everyone can find what they need, whether that be a quick, relaxing weekend getaway or a more extended retreat. This retreat is in partnership with Pam Roose of Inspiring Roots, LLC, and we are thrilled to bring you another year of programming.

#### **The weekend will include:**

**Yoga, Tai Chi, sourdough workshops, massage, sauna, belly dancing sessions, nourishing meals, and learning about blue zones.**

#### **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)

## August Birthdays

### **Week 1:**

Chuck Thomas	Wes Daniels
Jo Skogman	Trevor Thorbahn
Stacy Smith	Amy Dyer
Michelle Larson	Carolyn Nelson
Lori Seawright	Kathy Gobert



Kelly Shea

### **Week 2:**

Damion Graham	Samuel Olsick	Steve Bolek
Dennis Filizetti	Vova Hill	Gary Bjorkquist
Mercedes Koski	Trudy Brandt	Marge Movalson
Alli Roman		

### **Week 3:**

Julie Landwehr	Gordon Zuehlke	Melissa Salminen
Harvey Setter	Kailee Shea	Carter Roman
McKenna Seawright		

### **Week 4:**

Carol Ebbesen	Renny Munroe	Cheryl Dykes
Andy Nelson		

## August Anniversaries

Joe & Erica Skellenger	13 years
Matt & Katie Smith	18 years
Jim & Tiffany Olsick	22 years
Gary & Julie Olson	36 years
Bruce & Marge Movalson	37 years
Tom & Kathy Gobert	38 years
John & Lisa Thomas	39 years
Ed & Jennifer Walker	43 years
Robin & Chris Smauley	46 years
Chuck & Lynn Thomas	47 years
John & Wanda Kloet	48 years
Pat & Myra Skrorupski	48 years
Peter & Bonnie DeMay	51 years
John & Ruthann Skellenger	53 years
Al & Dolly Salmi	58 years





## **Council Highlights**



The Congregational Council meet Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. At this meeting: Arlene VanKley briefed the council of her review of Pastor's payroll and Portico withholdings from 2021-2024. Mistakes were found, three options were presented to the council. The council acknowledged the mistakes and created a plan to have the mistakes resolved. The council was notified of a "Service of the Word" worship to be used in case Pr. Elisabeth is unable to preach; bulletins and PowerPoint were created, along with a song list. Hard copies of the bulletins are in the choir robe room and copies of the PowerPoint and LBW songs are on the sanctuary computer. They discussed the need for another member on the Audit committee and accepted Kailie Hamre's resignation as AV Technician. The council suggested Patti Schmitendorf be a new check signer to replace Judy Haulotte and discussed options to replace Bill Ehrhardt as Council Treasurer when he moves to Florida in the Fall. The council did not meet in July. The next meeting is Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the conference room.



### **Homebound Members**

#### **Lakeview**

Everett Robinson

#### **Lake House (Northwoods)**

Jolane Nelson

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

Robert Hasselbom

#### **at Home**

Arla Pearson

Jean Hellman

David & Mya Nivison

Gen Morley

## Serving Us in August

### Readers

8:00 am

10:30 am

August 4	Nora Smith	Connie Salmi
August 11	Dale Schlemmer	Andy Nelson
August 18	Ellen Swenson	Dolly Salmi
August 25	Wayne Marshall	Bruce Movalson

### Communion Assistance

8:00 am

10:30 am

August 4	Nora Smith	Carol Knauf
August 11	Dale Schlemmer	Julie Landwehr
August 18	Ellen Swenson	Carol Kocsis
August 25	Dotti Ford	Carolyn Nelson

### Ushers

8:00 am

10:30 am

Aug 4	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Chuck Strom & Paul Strom
Aug 11	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Lloyd Tuskan
Aug 28	Kathy & Tom Gobert	Rick LaCrosse
Aug 25	Bob Obenauf	Chuck Thomas

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:

**August:** Marty Nelsen & Amy Miron

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- 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!



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### **Musician:** Paul Rajala

### **Christian Ed Coordinator:** Pam Brown & Suzanne Dahlke

### **Custodian:** Hope Thompson

### **AV Tech:** Violet Smith

### **Congregation Council:**

Ann Christiansen, President

Chris Mineau, Secretary

Rachel Coyne

Paula LaCrosse

Ray Miller, Vice President

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

Reyna Rose

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