

## October 2023

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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.





**FROM OUR  
PASTOR**

FLC Family,

In September, the Sunday School children sang at our 10:30 a.m. worship. It was a camp song many of them learned at Day Camp with our counselors from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, “Fill my Cup and let it Overflow,” and let it overflow with love!” One singer in particular was very zealous in his singing.

His pastor-mom may have said, “Ok, guys sing really loud!” just before the song began. She did this to hype up all the nervous-looking kids, but this young man heard a direct order from his mother and he did not disappoint.

“My Cup Overflows” taken from Psalm 23:5 is the theme for our stewardship focus this year at First Lutheran Church. We aren’t begging for or demanding cold hard cash. We are looking for love poured out of abundance. Tithing is offering up 10% of what you already have out of care, not as a requirement for membership.

We are answering the call to intentionally give to God out of abundant love. This means giving of your time, talents, and treasures, but also looking at serious stewardship of the self. It’s cliché, but you cannot pour from an empty cup. Or there is the prudent advice from the airlines, to put on your oxygen mask before you help another with theirs. Where in your life is there already abundance?

If time isn’t spilling over, find another way to pour out of your abundant love. If your musical talents are feeding your spirit, sing or play at church. It would be a treasured gift! Carolyn Nelson spoke in her First’s Look interview. She said she “needed a place where she could be with people she knew and cared about, and she needed to know that they knew and cared about her too.”

With grace, we can be that for one another in honor of our loving God. Help us love with overflowing generosity and care.

God’s peace,  
Pastor Elisabeth



God has poured out his  
love into our hearts ....

Romans 5:5

## **Upcoming Scriptures**

**October 1** – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Psalm 25:1-9, Philippians 2:1-13,  
Matthew 21:23-32

**October 8** – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46

**October 15** – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

**October 22** – Consecration Sunday  
Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-9[10-13], 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10,  
Matthew 22:15-22

**October 29** – Reformation Sunday (*wear red or a costume to church*)  
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28, John 8:31-36

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## **Open Staff Positions**

**Community Engagement Coordinator** The Community Engagement Coordinator position is part-time. It will be the coordinator's responsibility to oversee and coordinate E-Ministry, volunteer engagement, and community connections. The Community engagement Coordinator will work with pastor, office administrator, AV Tech, Welcome and Outreach Committee, and other committees as assigned. The Community Engagement Coordinator will also serve as our liaison to community groups. The full job description and application are available in the office or on our website.

**Sound System Technician** First Lutheran is seeking a new Sound System Technician. This position operates the sound system for our Sunday worship services, funeral services, and special services. It is a paid position.

We would like to say a special Thank You to Aaron Kippola for serving as our Sound System technician for the years he has given to us. We bless him on his new journey at U of M. He has truly been a blessing to our congregation. Aaron will be training in his son Max to take over until the family moves in the Spring.

## **SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES**

### **\*OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> – BLESSING SUNDAY**

Blessing of LWR Quilts and Kits

Sunday School Children Sing

**Blessing of Pets:** Bring in your pets, big or small, First Lutheran is blessing them all. If you cannot bring in your animal, a photo of your pet, or stuffy will do.

### **\*OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - BIBLE SUNDAY**

Bibles will be blessed and distributed to our Second Graders.

### **\*OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> – CONSECRATION SUNDAY**

Worship will be led by special guest Rev. Steve Solberg.

### **\*OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup> – REFORAMTION SUNDAY**

**& TRUNK OR TREAT** (at 10:00 am)

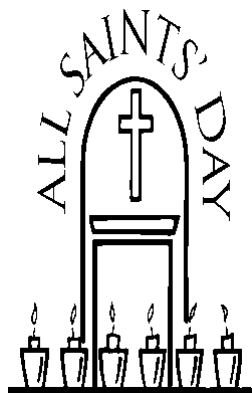
Wear red or a costume to worship.

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## **All Saints Day**

All Saints Day this year falls on **Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**. During worship that day we will lift up in prayer the saints who have gone before us, who have witnessed God's love, and who now celebrate eternal life with Jesus.

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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## **Ordination of Melissa Salminen**

Sunday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am, Trinity, Lutheran in *Ishpeming*.  
**Installation:** Sunday, **November 5<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00pm at Trinity Lutheran in *Stonington*.

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## **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 is reading Isaiah on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Youth Room. Isaiah the great prophet, warns both Israel and Judah of God's judgement.

## **Christian Education**

**October 8<sup>th</sup>** the Sunday School children sing in church!!

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** the Second Graders will receive their bibles. Please call the church office if your child will be receiving one.

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** Trunk or Treat



## **Trunk or Treat**

*Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>*

10:00 am in the front parking lot

Come in costume. You'll have loads of fun. Parents and congregation, decorate your vehicle and arrive ready to go at 9:45 am to hand out treats to the kids.

## **10:30 Worship Acolyte Schedule**

10/1: Ethan

10/8: Violet

10/15: Londyn

10/22: Braylin

10/29: Carson

**Bible Sunday** – Bible Sunday has been moved to October 15<sup>th</sup>. Second grade parents, please make this change on your calendars.)

## **Sewing Circle**

*Thank you to everyone who donated school supplies and to the ladies who helped fill 200 school bags for the LWR Shipping.*



### **LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SHIPPING DATE**

Lutheran World Relief Shipping Day is October 14, 2023. Please check ways to help on the bulletin board in the narthex.

- \* Our boxes and any boxes dropped off at First the week prior will be loaded from 8:00 - 9:00 am.
- \* Boxes from other churches will arrive from 9:00 - 10:30 am
- \* You may sign up for either or both shifts.

Other ways to help with this outreach ministry----share treats for those working and those bringing boxes from other churches. Be a part of the kitchen team helping with serving and clean up. Take pictures to post on our web site.

Quilts and kits will be blessed ***Sunday, October 8th.***

Lutheran World Relief is headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland and has been responding to emergencies and disasters since 1945. They work in 50 countries to provide not only relief but to combat the causes of poverty and restore the dignity it robs from people's lives. If you cannot help with the ministry on the 14th, please lift up prayers for all those taking part.

Pledge cards are due by Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

God is Good! An answer to prayer---St. Vincent de Paul will be sharing their trucks and drivers to transport the boxes to the railroad car this year. We are grateful for their partnership.

### **Love Circle**

Meets on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. We use the WELCA Gather Magazine Bible Study. If there is interest in a night time group, please contact pastor or the office.

### **Men's Group**

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

### **Music Musings**



#### SINGERS & RINGERS

Can you ring a bell? Can you sing a song? Do you like music? If you answered yes to at least one of these, then we want you! We are dusting off the handbells for ringing and looking for more voices to join us singing.

Rest assured; this is not a full-time commitment. If you have any interest or any questions, please contact me directly. Stacie Carter...906-420-6448



### **Policy Committee**

The policy committee passed the Gifts and Memorials Guide, Marriage Ceremony Guideline and Procedures, and the Parental Leave Policies. All policies are available to you in the Narthex. The next meeting is **October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.**

### **Property Committee**

The property committee has been discussing a solar panel project. It is now progressing with a contractor for a cost estimate. The



installation of a new circuit breaker panel is progressing and new handicap parking spots with proper ground markings was completed by the City of Gladstone and new signs will be installed by the property committee. A new skylight has been ordered for the baby room. The inside of the shed is going to be repainted and the snow blower starter is malfunctioning, which will be repaired. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 am** in the double classroom.

Thank you to Thomas Paiolero's donation of parts and labor it took to repair the snow blower.

### **Tried-N-True**

Tried-N-True meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month September through May. The October luncheon and program are Friday, **October 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon**, in the fellowship hall. Welcome Seniors! Sign up sheet in the narthex. The **Ziems from 'Serving Our Neighbor International' (S.O.N)** will present the program. Our Luncheon crew is looking for volunteers to help set up and serve the meals. Please leave your name in the office.

### **Safety Task Force**

The Safety Committee is notifying the City of Gladstone of their concern of the apparent drug dealing in our parking lots. They are figuring out the occupancy maximum for the sanctuary. They continue to look at ways to be proactive in making the church a safe place for our Christian Community to gather. The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on **November 7, 2023, at 1:00 pm.**

### **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 **October, 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm.**

## Tri-County Conference Meeting

October 1<sup>st</sup>

4:00 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church, Escanaba

### 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 is open on the synod website, [www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org).



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### Stewardship      IS ANYBODY OUT THERE?

There's a true story about one of our members in his 90's, who has long since passed away, who questioned God's memory. All his friends had passed away and, because he was still alive, he said, "I wonder if God forgot about me?"

We can be tempted to write this off as a melancholy and a little humorous question. From our perspective, of course, God never forgets us. God ALWAYS remembers us.

As I age, I think more and more about my mortality. My physical and/or cognitive decline has gone from a possibility to a probability, assuming the clock keeps ticking.

More and more of our fellow First Lutheran friends find themselves homebound, in nursing homes or assisted living facilities and rehab. Those of us in the Silent Generation or Boomers are getting separated from family and friends as we deal with any number of disabilities or are in a caregiver role.

Depending upon the level of support we have around us, it's easy to imagine how one can feel forgotten. Transitioning to somewhere away from the familiar, especially with little or no support, can be scary and depressing.

As time goes on, "out of sight, out of mind" can set in. We can even imagine how one could feel that even God has forgotten them.

In spite of this "downer" scenario, there is GOOD NEWS and a really happy ending. God loves us and remembers us as God's precious children-each and every one of us. God loves and works through us and that's our cue to be faithful stewards.

We need to continue to look for ways we can show God's love by reaching out to those who may feel isolated and abandoned AND to those who are caregivers. It may be as simple as a call, a note, a visit, a touch and, above all, PRAYER. When all else fails, pray for those who may feel that God has forgotten them.

Borrowing from the September 25 Christ in Our Home devotional, "When loss or illness comes into our lives, we can easily doubt whether God remembers us at all". We need to trust that God is always present and sometimes all we can do is to be present, as well.

In Christ and trusting that God is there,  
Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair

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### **Special Giving Envelope**

September Special Giving will go towards;

#### **Operation Christmas Child**

Spread The Good News of Jesus Christ by Packing  
a **Shoebbox** for Children Around the World.



**September Special Giving**, you raised \$110.00 for ELCA Lutheran  
Disaster Response-U.S Wildfires: Maui, Hawaii

as of September 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Operation Christmas Child**



Merry Christmas 🎄. Yes, it's a little early but it's not too early to begin packing your boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Collection week is November 14-21 this year. If you need ideas of what to put in boxes contact Ann Christiansen. If you don't want to shop, we can shop for you too. School items, hygiene items and some fun things are good options. No liquids, toothpaste or food items are allowed. Thanks for your participation!

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## *Friendly Reminders*

First Lutheran has a large container in the Narthex to collect non perishable food and household items for the Salvation Army and Rock Food Pantry's. Pick up some extra items the next time you do your grocery shopping.

We have worship tablets for members who prefer to watch services from home, but do not have access to the internet. Please contact the office to sign one out.



## **ELCA National Youth Gathering**

First Lutheran has scholarship money available to any of our youth interested in attending the youth gathering. They would attend along with another local church that is attending. Contact Pastor for more information.

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**K-9 Officer Dillion Enright and Biko talked with the Cub Scouts in September.**



**New Members Class**

A new members class is forming. If you are interested in becoming a member please contact the office. New members will be welcomed in November.

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Thank you to Ann Christiansen, Geri George, Kathy Gobert, Judy Haulotte, and Gloria Kanerva who helped assemble the September newsletter.

Dear First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your gifts given to your synod, received by ELCA World Hunger in June...Your generosity is getting at the root causes of hunger and poverty in over 60 countries, including the United States. It provides access to clean water, health care, agriculture, livestock education and peace and justice. Through you gifts you join the whole church in working toward a just world where all are fed.

Thank you. May God of all good gifts continue to work among you all.

In Christ, Amanda White

Director, Congregational Generosity

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**Fortune Lake:**



**FALL FEST QUILT AUCTION**

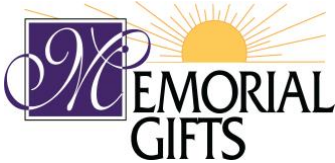
*Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*

Continental breakfast and bake sale, beautiful quilts up for auction, draffle tickets & hand-crafted items for sale. Online Auction opens on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

**SOLID AS A ROCK: FALL RETREAT FOR GRADES 3-6**

## **October 20-21**

This year's theme of "Solid as a Rock" invites us to explore God's strength and the possibilities that open up to us when we rely on them fully. Campers will enjoy camp favorites like games, songs, Bible Study, outdoor play, camp-style worship and more.



### **In Memory of Lorraine Moreau**

For Sewing  
Gen Morley  
All & Dolly Salmi

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#### **Lakeview**

Carole Wedell  
Everett Robinson

#### **Bishop Noa**

Betty Erickson

#### **Murray's Country View**

Pat Shampo

#### **at Home**

Arla Pearson  
Gen Morley

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

Robert Hasselbom

#### **Christian Park**

Mary Plante

#### **Northwoods**

Jolane Nelson

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## **USHERS – USHERS - USHERS**

First Lutheran is starting an Usher Pool. We are looking for at least 24 people to sign up in groups of two per team, a minimum of six teams per service. Ushers will be assigned dates throughout the year with their teammate. Schedules will be printed in the newsletter and given quarterly. We will consider if you are a snowbird and would prefer only ushering in the summer months. And, whether you prefer 8:00

worship or 10:30 worship. *Sign Up Today* by contacting the church office. Men, families, children, all are welcome to be a team!

## **October Birthdays**



### **Week 1:**

Nicholas Trudeau	Judy Larson
Chuck Strom	Carol Knauf
Ginny Menard	Troy Pardon
Vicki Marshall	Alice Vermullen

### **Week 2:**

John Noskey	Bryce Dykes	Linda Erickson
Richard LaCrosse	William Shine	Vera Rose
Nora Smith		

### **Week 3:**

Hunter Botruff	Katherine Kennedy	Diane Miller
Maggie Miller		

### **Week 4:**

John Thomas	Clinton Seawright	Kayla Verbeek
Dianne Lahtinen	Lukas Oswalk	Chandler Husbye
Russel McClinchy		

### **Week 5:**

Nancy Bovin	Jim Olsick	Mary Cowen
Evolette Ellison	Judy Hammond	Dale Schlemmer

## **October Anniversaries**

Aaron & Rebecca McDonald	7 years
Amberjo & Casey Jandron	10 years
Scot & Reyna Rose	23 years
Eric & Rhonda Husbye	27 years
Kelly & Lori Shea	37 years
Rick & Paula LaCrosse	47 years



**Council Highlights**



The Congregational Council meet on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting: council decided to provide the Portico Gold Plus Retirement and Health Care plan for Pastor. It was noticed that Pastor and our Director of Music’s salaries were incorrectly calculated. It is being rectified. They continue to seek applicants for the Community Engagement Coordinator position and voted to accept the Marriage Policy as amended. The next meeting is October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Zoom.

**Serving Us in October**

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
October 1	Chris Mineau	Carolyn Nelson
October 8	Dale Schlemmer	Denis Landwehr
October 15	Nora Smith	Dirk Manson
October 22	Ellen Swenson	Bruce Movalson
October 29	Pam Durbin	Andy Nelson

**Communion Assistance**

October 1	Nora Smith	Kathy Gudwer
October 8	Dotti Ford	Carol Kocsis
October 15	Judy Hammond	Dennis Landwehr
October 22	Carol Knauf	Julie Landwehr
October 29	Vicki Marshall	Jane Coyne-Smith

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

**Altar Guild:** Ruth Botbyl, Donna Schlemmer & Sue Snoweart



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**Custodian:** Hope Thompson

## **Congregation Council:**

Cindy Sjoquist, President

Lynn Thomas, Vice President

Chris Mineau, Secretary

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

Ruth Botbyl

Ann Christiansen

Rachel Coyne

Kathy Gobert

Dirk Manson

Ray Miller

Kynn Thomas

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