

# April 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.



Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.



## Paschal Greeting/Easter Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Congregation: **Christ is risen indeed.  
Alleluia!**

FLC Family,

Each Easter, we use the Paschal Greeting (Paschal means relating to Passover or Easter). Jesus is our Paschal lamb. Paul called Jesus the Paschal lamb in 1 Corinthians 5:7. He saw the parallels to Passover in the sacrifice made by Jesus on the cross. Christ's death freed us from the bond of sin.

Easter Acclamation is another great way to discuss this greeting. We honor this time with a special and ancient greeting from the biblical language of the Synoptic Gospels.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Matthew 27:64
- Matthew 28:6-7
- Mark 16:6
- Luke 24:6
- Luke 24:34

Acclamation is a word that Meriam-Webster defines as “a loud, eager expression of approval, praise, or assent.” As Easter People, people of the resurrection, this is meant to be loud. It is the core of our faith. Is it obnoxious when the pastor makes us say it several times like a cheerleader trying to get us to sound eager and excited before our coffee hour coffee? Yes, but love crucified is so profoundly awe-inspiring. Our relationship with our gracious God is beyond compare. We get to be a little loud, a little obnoxious, and little silly in our praise.

We have new life in Christ. Alleluia, Christ is indeed risen, and we go with our alleluias before us.

God's Peace, Pastor Elisabeth

## **Upcoming Scriptures**

**April 7** – Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1 - - 1:2; John 20:19-31

**April 14** – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

**April 21** – Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

**April 28** – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-12; John 15:1-8

***\*\*Pastor Jim Deuhring from the Synod will join us, preaching and leading worship on April 28<sup>th</sup>.\*\****

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## **Community Engagement Coordinator Column**

Time flies and in April this ministry position will celebrate six months of working together. As we continue to discern the possibilities of our work together, there are many ways to be involved in and outside the walls of First.

1. Using Better Impact, if you would like to choose your Sundays to help in worship leadership, please sign up no later than April 4<sup>th</sup>. May-June worship assistant schedules will be sent out by April 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. If you do not follow Facebook or our YouTube channel, consider following both of those. Information about FLC's activities, community events, and Synod and Churchwide events and information is shared often throughout the day and week.
3. First Lutheran is an official charitable organization through Facebook and PayPal. This means you could choose First as a fundraiser for birthdays on Facebook, highlight the work we are doing, or promote special giving activities.

NOTE: If you have not notified the office before April 1, we will be auto enrolling those with active emails in the Better Impact reminder option. Watch your email, if you have not already signed in yourself, for an easier to remember username and log in information.

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### **New Members Class**

A new members class is forming this month. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a member of First Lutheran, let Pastor Elisabeth know or contact the office.

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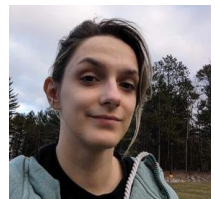
### **Thank you Max!**

A big thank you goes out to Max Bloxton for filling in for his father Aaron Kippola as we searched for a new sound system operator. Max was dedicated to his position. We honor his services during this transition to a new AV Technician. Thank you, Max, you and your family will be missed at First Lutheran. We will pray for you and your family as you seek new beginnings down state.



### **Introducing our New Sound System/AV Tech**

Let us welcome Kailee Hamre as our new Sound System/AV Tech. She will be replacing Max at the beginning of April and has already been training with him during the month of March. Welcome Kailee!



### **Calling the Senior Class of 2024**

Are you graduating this May? First Lutheran would like to post an article on each of our graduating seniors in the May newsletter. What school are you graduating from, any honors or special awards, and what are your future plans? Please email your article by **April 16<sup>th</sup>** along with your senior picture to the church office.

## COMMITTEE & CIRCLE NEWS

### 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

Jeremiah was called to prophecy in about 626 B.C. Names like Babylon, Assyria, and Nebuchednezzar were heavy in his ministry. A nation was in decline because of sinful ways. People needed God more than ever before. You can learn more about this prophet's faithfulness to God, Wednesday mornings, in the Youth Room, at 9:30 am. That's the meeting place.

### Book Club

The book for April is "*East of Eden*" by *John Steinbeck*. The group will meet on **April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** to discuss the book.

### Christian Education

Mark your calendars! Vacation Bible School is coming! **June 23<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheets for those attending and volunteering will be posted soon.



### Sunday School Schedule

APRIL 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday School Children sing at Lakeview Assisted Living and at the 10:30 worship service.
MAY 12 <sup>TH</sup>	Youth Sunday – Last day of Sunday School
MAY 19 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation/Graduation Sunday, Sunday School sing at 10:30 worship service.

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

04/07 Violet Rose  
04/14 Braylin Carter  
04/21 Londyn Koski  
04/28 Ethan LaCrosse

### **Love Circle**

Meets on the Third Thursday of the month at 9:30 am. We use the WELCA Gather Magazine Bible Study. The group will meet **April 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### **Men's Group**

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

### **Mutual Ministry**

Mutual ministry will meet again on **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am**.

### **Policy Committee**

The Policy committee has finished a first draft of the finance policy. They recommend the Finance, Memorial, and Property committees to review it and reconcile their input to the Policy committee. It was also recommended the office administrator do the same.

### **Property Committee**

The property committee met in March. Pastor Daniels asked the committee to provide their input on two possible proposals. The first is to refurbish what was the Hope at the Inn room, by painting the walls, cleaning the carpet, and replacing some ceiling tile. The second was to move office furniture from the front office into the refurbished room for possible rental space to local small businessperson(s). Also, to then set up tables and chairs in the front office to use as a conference room for committee, the church council and staff meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am** in the double classroom.

## **Safety Task Force**

The safety committee met in March and discussed if there is a need for First to have SDS files on chemical storage. Requested the office order signs for all the doors, except the main entrance, saying "Please Use Double Doors on Minn. Ave. During Office and Worship Hours. They also thought it would be best to further investigate legalities of renting an office space and how to keep the staff and members of First safe from outside influences. They also decided whoever partners with First needs to be a Nonprofit or aligned with our Vision and Mission. The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on **May 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm.**

## **Sewing Circle**

Come join us and see what we do. If you would like to stop by on a **Tuesday** morning at **9:00am** and check out this ministry, please come.

## **Tried-N-True**

Join us on the 3rd Friday of April (19<sup>th</sup>) in the fellowship hall, at noon. You who are 55 years young, or older are welcome, and bring a guest. Please sign up in the narthex, or call 428-4565, by Wednesday, the 17th. Enjoy the fellowship during a great lunch, dessert, short devotion, and program. The April program is with Amanda Rasner of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. She will talk about the Adult Programs the camp offers.

## **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 **April 9<sup>th</sup> at noon.**





## **Special Giving Envelope & Lent Offerings**

April Special Giving will go towards:  
***Fortune Lake Camperships***

**March Special Giving** -World Hunger: you raised \$588.00  
Ash Wednesday \$378.00, Lent \$360.00, Soup Suppers \$185.00, Loose  
Offerings \$336.00, Maundy Thursday \$53.00, Piggy Banks \$192.23

**Total World Hunger Offerings \$2,092.23**  
Piggy banks will be collected through April.

**Special Lent Mission:** ABC Lent Mission-Books for Cameron  
\$1,520.56

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## **Community Events**

### **Blood Drive**

May 1, 2024  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
600 S. Lincoln Road, Escanaba

For an appointment, please visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call 1-800-RED CROSS

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### **OSF Home Care – Community Grief Group**

**Second Tuesday of every month.**  
1:00 – 3:00 pm EST

Central United Methodist Church

Our Community Grief Groups can provide a warm, caring and confidential environment that allows you the opportunity to be supported by others who understand. You are not alone in this process. Join us - we are here for you



## “TO MUSIC”

A Spring Concert

### BAY DE NOC CHORAL SOCIEY

With special Guests

### ESCANABA HIGH SCHOOL CHORALE

Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm

Bethany Lutheran Church

202 South 11<sup>th</sup> St., Escanaba

Free will offering with a portion of the offering going to the Chorale.

*Friends of the Gladstone Public Library invite you to the*

## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Dinner

Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

6:00 PM

715 Wisconsin Ave.

Gladstone



*Candlelight Dinner*

Tickets are available for \$20  
At the Library or from a Friend of the  
Library

Share the Wealth Raffle

Quilt Raffle

Book Prizes

# *Gifts to the Congregation*

## **In Memory of Connie Lawrenson**

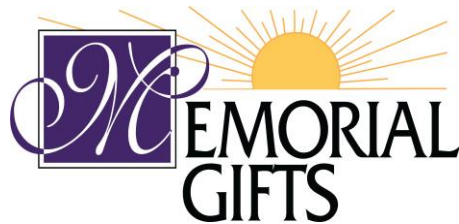
*For World Hunger*

Sally Pouliot

## **In Memory of Doug Sjoquist**

*For World Hunger*

Sally Pouliot



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### **Coffee Fellowship**

April has a couple of special coffee hours.

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Dolly Salmi and Nora Smith are hosting a sloppy joe luncheon fundraiser to help support the family of the Mercedes (Husbye) Teeters. Mercedes and her children will be in attendance to extend their gratitude for First Lutheran.

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** Mary and Lloyd Tuskan will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Join them and their family in celebrating this special occasion.



Thank  
You!

Thank you to Kathy Gobert, Judy Haulotte, Chris Johnson, Gloria Kanerva and Paula LaCrosse who helped assemble the March newsletter. Thank you to Lloyd and Mary Tuskan for folding the bulletins each week.



A big thank you to Dirk Manson for his Thrivent Action Team grant to purchase soup for four soup suppers during Lent,

Ann Christiansen

First Lutheran Church,

Thank you so very much for the very generous donation. All of our monies raised goes toward school counseling and suicide prevention programs in Delta County. And thanks again for inviting us to speak at your church.

God Bless, Cindy Binter (Walk for Life: Suicide Prevention)

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of Mercedes & Jeramiah Teeters, we extend a grand THANK YOU to all who have donated clothing, toys, books, necessities, and monetary donations to their fire relief fund. The congregations' s generosity is deeply felt. The funds that are being raised will go towards a new home.

With Heartfelt Gratitude, Eric & Rhonda Husbye

Thank you to the confirmation students and parents, the soup and bread makers, the sides and dessert preparers, the servers and cleaner uppers, and those who attended the mid-week Lenten Soup Suppers. The confirmation students did a wonderful job. It wouldn't have been a success had it not been for all those involved and for those who came to eat.

First Lutheran Sewing Circle,

You are all incredible! Your love and generosity are changing lives, for the better, all around the world.

Grace and Peace, Tim Krick Senior Advisor,

Congregational Engagement.

**MEF Grant Thank You**

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Tri-County Safe Harbor, we would like to thank you for your generous monetary donation to our program. We appreciate your kindness; all donations are utilized to help our clients as they pursue a life free of violence...Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely, Sherri Parrett, Bookkeeper

Pastor Elisabeth & Fund Committee,

Thank you so much for the money to Youth Empowering Services. I can assure you it will be put to powerful use in the community! We are grateful.

Kindly, Tiffany Hewitt, Executive Director

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**Fortune Lake**

**Summer Camp Registration Is Open**

Brochures are on the Sunday School bulletin board as well as a poster with tear-off schedules.

In addition to the return of the classic camp programs, Summer 2024 will bring a couple new additions.

- Treehouse Adventures for youth completed grades 7-12:  
June 16-21
- Evergreen Camp for adults age 55+ years: July 14-17

***\*\*\*First Lutheran has camp scholarships available on the Fortune Lake bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.***

***Fill one out today and return it to the office.\*\*\****

**Here I Am: Jr/Sr High Retreat**

**April 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.** For grades 7-12. The weekend will feature familiar camp favorites like, songs, games, campfire, hot saunas, Bible Studies,

and more. Our one-night retreats are great for both longtime campers and those who are just trying it out for the first time. Our theme, Here I Am, will explore our God-given gifts and how we are called to use them in hopes that campers come away with a clearer understanding of how God calls them to act in their everyday lives. Registration deadline is April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 11:50pm CT. You can register online at [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org).

### **Growing in Grace Retreat: Nurturing our LGBTQIA+ Youth**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.** For adults. You are invited to their second annual Growing in Grace Retreat. The retreat will focus on the care and support of young people who identify as LGBTQIA+ and the joys and challenges that come with that journey. The weekend will feature Bible Studies, time to discuss and share, a fireside chat with Jamie Bruesehoff, and more. This retreat is perfect for those who have LGBTQIA\_ youth in their lives, those who are interested in becoming a more open and supportive person their LGBTQIA+ neighbors and anybody who works in a youth context. Register before April 19<sup>th</sup> at [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org)

**Now Hiring: Mental Health Support Coordinator for Summer 2024:** this new, seasonal position is intended for a person who is pursuing a career as a mental health professional. Employment dates are May 22 through August 16, 2024. This is a residential position, with room and board provided. Work schedule is generally Sunday noon through Friday afternoon with weekends off and scheduled daily breaks. Weekly pay is \$405/week.

Qualified applicants must have completed at least two years of related coursework in psychology and/or social work and have experience working with children. Additional certifications such as Mental Health First Aid, QPR, and ASIST are preferred. This position may be used to provide academic credit as fieldwork and/or an internship; arrangements must be made in advance by the student with the academic institution.

First Lutheran named "2023 Partner Organization of the Year" by Boy Scouts of America Hiawatha District.



## SYNOD EVENTS

### Dwelling in the Word

You are invited to join the whole Synod as we *Dwell in the Word* together. The April scripture is a focus on John 4:1-30 "The Woman at the Well". Join them each third Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm via Zoom. The Zoom link can be found on the NGLS home page.

### Synod Hike

A joint event between the Northern Great Lakes Synod and U.P. Wild happening in conjunction with Synod Assembly Workshops. Hikes will take place between May 11th – 19th. See below for details on how to join your conference's

hike. Conference 6, Tri-County Conference, Hike will take place on **Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm** Eastern time. Meet at the Rapid River Ski Trails – 8181 US Hwy 41, Rapid River. For more information contact Mike Markwell, [mike.j.markwell@gmail.com](mailto:mike.j.markwell@gmail.com)



## **Synod Assembly**



Please remember to pick up your piggy banks for World Hunger in the Narthex. They don't need to be returned to the barnyard until May 5th for transport to the Synod Assembly. Give generously to this worthy cause as there are still many hungry people in this world. Thank you!

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### **Thrivent Choice Dollars Given By:**

Gary Bjorkquist  
Tom Otis  
Jami Pond  
Darlene Salmi  
Patti Schmitendorf  
Tom Tauzer

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### **Prayer Chain**

Prayers are often needed very quickly for loved ones. First Lutheran has a prayer chain which is an email group of congregation members who pray for those in need of prayer when they receive the email notification. If you would like to be part of the prayer chain, fill out an attendance/communion card and place your email address on the back.

### **Congregation News**

Congregation News are emails that go out to those who participate. Congregation News is news that requires immediate attention; inclement weather closings of the office, updates on events, etc. If you would like to receive Congregation News, please fill out an attendance/communion card, place your email address on the back and we'll get you into the email group.





## **IN SEARCH OF...**

- We have many areas in the church where help is needed. Especially during our worship services. These areas include;

***USHERS***  
***COMMUNION ASSISTANTS***  
***READERS***  
***SOUND SYSTEM OPERATORS***

These are important parts of our worship to run smoothly.  
Contact Pastor or the office to help in these areas.



## **Homebound Members**

### **Lakeview**

Carole Wedell  
Everett Robinson

### **Bishop Noa**

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

Pat Shampo

### **at Home**

Arla Pearson  
Jean Hellman

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

Robert Hasselbom

### **New Dawn**

Gen Morley

### **Christian Park**

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

Jolane Nelson



# **April Birthdays**

## **Week 1:**

Pat Casteel  
Audrey Watson  
Julia Olson  
Avis Fairchild

Ethan Rose  
Paula LaCrosse  
Werner Seawright



Jeffery Tessmer

## **Week 2:**

Cooper Koski  
Alex Williams

Gary Olson

Tanner Thorbahn

## **Week 3:**

Annette Seawright

Tom Vermullen

Emily Tessmer

## **Week 4:**

Rachel Coyne  
Wendy Bratonia  
Dirk Manson  
Tom Vanlerberghe

Katharina Scholar  
Miles Skellenger  
Palmer Metzger

Rosie Spindler  
Gerry Bovin  
Christine Smauley

## **Week 5:**

Arabella Roman  
Jenna Larson  
Olivia Nordin

Lila Roman  
Jean Noskey

Pam Durbin  
Kris McDonald

# **April Anniversaries**

Lloyd & Mary Tuskan

60 years



# **Council Highlights**



The Congregational Council meet Tuesday, March 19th via Zoom. At this meeting the council: made a motion to change the Hope at the Inn room into a potential office space to rent and turn the front office into a conference room. They pre-approved an estimate, for the property committee, from Rock Electric to replace the halogen lights in the Sanctuary tower to lower wattage LED lights. They also approved a donation to the GHS All Night Party, are checking with the city for possible Church Picnic dates, and decided not to place an ad in the Delta County Travel Guide. All verbal and written reports were accepted. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 17th at 6:00pm in person.

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## **Serving Us in April**

### **Readers**

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

April 7	Nora Smith	Jane Coyne-Smith
April 14	Pam Durbin	Bruce Movalson
April 21	Chris Mineau	Lynn Thomas
April 28	Ellen Swenson	Dennis Landwehr

### **Communion Assistance**

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

April 7	Nora Smith	Jane Coyne-Smith
April 14	Sally Pouliot	Carol Kocsis
April 21	Dotti Ford	Lynn Thomas
April 28	Ellen Swenson	Carolyn Nelson

### **Ushers**

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

April 7	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Lloyd Tuskan
April 14	Bill Obenauf & Steve Bolek	Needed
April 21	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Chuck Thomas
April 28	Needed	Needed

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:** Sally Pouliot & Lisa Thomas

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### **Musician:** Paul Rajala

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

### **Custodian:** Hope Thompson

### **AV Tech:** Kailee Hamre

### **Congregation Council:**

Ann Christiansen, President

Ray Miller, Vice President

Chris Mineau, Secretary

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

Rachel Coyne

Reyna Rose

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