



## June/July 2024

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**Worship** –8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

**Office Hours** – Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM – 1:00 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.



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

FLC Family,



This summer, one of the things we will be thinking about at First Lutheran Church is outreach. As God's people, how are we inviting, involving, equipping, and empowering others to serve so that all may know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? The answer is in many ways.

Our LWR quilts, School kits, layettes, and sustainable feminine products are some of the first things that come to mind. We also provide food for the Rock Food Pantry as the bin in the narthex is often full. A special shout out to Gail M. for often being our hauling minister for this outreach!

We have turned the former **Pastor's Discretionary** Fund into the **On the Road with Jesus Fund** in the last year. Through this fund and the help of our friends at The Mobile in Gladstone, we provide three \$50 "Fuel Only" gift certificates a month to folks needing help getting to work or doctor's appointments. We will help each family up to three times a year.

Our efforts have not gone unnoticed. Other churches have started referring individuals in need of fuel to us, a testament to the impact of our ministry. Every person we assist also receives an invitation to worship with us; some have even joined us on Sundays. However, the **On the Road** with Jesus funds are running low. If you have the means to contribute, we encourage you to share your blessings with the community. You can do so through the Vanco App on our website or by check. We also continue our outreach by serving Bay College Meals.

Our monthly giving envelopes have supported Walk for Warmth, LWR, World Hunger, FLC Camperships, and Grace to Ukraine. They will also go towards Mission of Hope, Kiwanis Backpacks, Mkuza Girl's School, Gladstone Public Library, Operation Christmas Child, Lakestate Industries, and The Seminary Fund at First.

We invite local youth to our Fortune Lake Day Camp. I preach at Bishop Noa's protestant service several times a year; this listing is just the tip of the iceberg. Reaching out is our mission and calling here at First Lutheran Church. Thank you for looking out for our brothers and sisters in the Gladstone area and beyond. God is using our gifts for good.

God's peace, Pastor Elisabeth

## **Upcoming Scriptures**

**June 2** – Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

**June 9** –Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

**June 16** – Fourth 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

**June 23** – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**June 30** – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-33; Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

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***\*\*Pastor Dave VanKley will join us, preaching  
and leading worship on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 28<sup>th</sup>.\*\****

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**July 7** – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

**July 14** – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

**July 21** – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**July 28** – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21



## Vacation Bible School

June 24 – June 27  
9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
Registration is Open.



Please scan the QR Code above or go to our website; under the Christian education tab, click Day Camp (VBS), then click Registration to complete registration. Registration forms are also available in the narthex.

Volunteers are need in these areas:

- Bring snacks – morning and afternoon M, T, W, TH,
- Supply FLLC staff sack lunch – M, T, W, TH
- Provide FLLC staff dinner – M, T, W, TH,
- Child shepherding helpers
- Potluck organizer(s)
- Registration

Sign-up Genius will be used for those wishing to volunteer: go to our website, click on the Christian education tab, click on Day Camp (VBS), click on Volunteers & Donations.

All Church Potluck Gathering  
Thursday June 27th

5:30pm  
All are invited!

## **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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## **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**

The group is on hiatus June 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.

## **Book Club**

Love to Read? Join the book club! The book for June is "*The Color of Water*" by James McBride. The group will meet on **June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm** to discuss the book. The group will take a break during the month of July.

## **Christian Education**

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

06/02

07/07 Ethan LaCrosse

06/09 Griffyn Verbeek

07/14 Londyn Koski

06/16 Summer Schwartz

07/21 Emma Verbeek

06/23 Londyn Koski

07/28 Braylin Carter

06/30

## **Love Circle**

Love Circle will meet at 9:30am the Third Thursday of June and July. We will also meet at Calvary Lutheran Church in Rapid River at 7:00pm on 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.

## **Men's Group**

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

## **Policy Committee**

The Policy committee has finished a first draft of the finance policy. The Finance, Memorial, and Property committees have been reviewing it and giving their input to the Policy committee.

## **Property Committee**

The property committee met in May. They continue to explore the installation of solar panels. Rock Electric came to install the new bulbs in the sanctuary, when they discovered they had the wrong bulbs. The committee is waiting for DTE to schedule a DTE Business Energy Assessment for the Church. Roof scuppers on the North side of the building received better draining. The baseboard material need replacement in the newly refurbished office room. A full photo inventory of First's physical assets was taken by Dewey and given to the church office on a flash drive to download onto the computer. The flash drive will be stored in the safe deposit box at BayBank. Seventeen people showed up to help with the Spring Clean-up. Much was accomplished. The next meeting is scheduled for ***Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am*** in the double classroom.

## **Safety Task Force**

The Safety committee was asked by the Policy committee to look at the Chemical Storage and need for SDS. A preliminary search indicated there is no need for one at First Lutheran.

Signs were posted for all the doors, except at the main entrance, "PLEASE USE DOUBLE DOORS ON MINN. AVE. DURING OFFICE HOURS AND WORSHIP. An usher light was set up and is working for the ushers to see when someone is at the main entrance waiting to get in. Ray Miller was able to get First Lutheran special "Gas Only" gift certificates for our "On the Road with Jesus" fund. The committee's concerns about the Council's conversation on renting out church space continues to be addressed. Howard spoke with some city staff about zoning. The next Safety Committee Meeting will be on ***August 6<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**

Tried-N-True is planning a picnic potluck for Friday, June 14th at noon. Please bring a favorite summer snack food to share. A main dish of grilled burgers and brats will be provided. Location to be announced.

## **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 **June 11<sup>th</sup>** at **noon**.

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### **Special Giving Envelope**

June Special Giving will go towards:  
**Mission of Hope**

July Special Giving will go towards:  
**Kiwanis Backpack Program**

May Special Giving - Grace to Ukraine:  
you raised \$145.00 as of May 26<sup>th</sup>.

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## **Homebound Members**

### **Lakeview**

Everett Robinson

### **New Dawn**

Gen Morley

### **at Home**

Arla Pearson

Jean Hellman

David & Mya Nivison

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

Robert Hasselbom

**Lake House (Northwoods)**

Jolane Nelson

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**Thank You Eric Husbye**

For building new planter boxes and setting up the sprinkler system for the sign planter. Also, for supplying the support posts for our crabapple tree that uprooted in May.

*Gifts to the Congregation*

**In Memory of Carole Wedell**

*For Sewing* - Gen Morley, Al & Dolly Salmi, Kathy Shine

*For the Kitchen Fund* - Maxine Maki

**In Memory of Pat Shamp**

*For Sewing*

Pat Hewitt

**In Memory of Marlene Robbins**

*For Sewing*

Kathy Shine

**In Memory of Connie Lorenson**

*For Sewing*

Gen Morley

**In Memory of William Shine**

*For Undesignated Memorials*

Paul & Judy Hammond

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Thank  
You!



Thank you to Ann Christiansen, Avis Fairchild, Judy Haulotte, Sue Manson, and Lloyd Tuskan who helped assemble the April newsletter. Thank you to Lloyd and Mary Tuskan for folding the bulletins each week.

First Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your many decades of support for the Wedell/Holm family. Paul and Carole Wedell loved this community and having friends like you made life much better for them. Thank you for the beautiful and memorable service in Mom's honor. Thank you to the ladies that provided the delicious luncheon. My mom, Carole, always loved being involved with those activities and helping others.

God Bless all of You! Your kind expression of sympathy, is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Jon, Pam, Callie & Tara Bergeron Family

### **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)

## **SYNOD EVENTS**

### **Dwelling in the Word**

You are invited to join the whole Synod as we *Dwell in the Word* together. The June scripture is a focus on Psalm 121 - "Psalm of Ascent". 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.

### **Synod Assembly World Hunger**

The 2024 Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly was held in a "hybrid" format, having some delegates meet in Marquette and others gather at various churches across the synod participating in the business of the synod via zoom. We met with other representatives of congregations in Conference 6 at Immanuel Lutheran Church-Escanaba. Reports were presented, budgets adopted and delegates to the 2025 ELCA Churchwide Assembly were elected. Highlights of the work being done in our synod can be seen in the pamphlet available on the table in the narthex. We encourage

you to look it over and see all the places our church touches the lives of others.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as this congregation's delegates this year.

Carolyn Nelson

Pam Durbin

First Lutheran worked hard and diligent this year at building the world hunger fund for the 2024 Synod Assembly. This year **\$3,732.11** was raised for the event. We increased our giving by over \$400.00 raised from last year. This offering was made possible by your Ash Wednesday, Lent, Soup Supper giving, Maundy Thursday, Lent, Loose offerings, World Hunger Envelopes and the Piggy Bank offerings.



WAY TO GO FIRST LUTHERAN!!

## **June Birthdays**

### **Week 1:**

Gayla Louis  
Erika Roman  
Alexander Wells  
Claire Soderman

Sunny Westerberg  
Jennifer Walker  
Patty Geiken  
Timothy Rybicki



### **Week 2:**

Janet Gustafson  
Carol Seeley

Ron Larson  
Katelyn LaCrosse

### **Week 3:**

Misty Gerow  
Gary Larson

Ray Miller  
Karon Bratonia

Gen Morley  
Kraig Dyer

### **Week 4:**

Ruthann Skellenger  
Dennis Landwehr  
Elle Westerberg

Brian Botruff  
Bruce Movalson  
Gloria Kanerva

Mya Nivison  
Lynn Thomas  
Dylan McDonough

**Week 5:**

Paulette Larson-Pepin	Wayne Marshall	Adelle Seawright
Cindy Sjoquist	Robin Smauley	Anita Stockham
Lloyd Tuskan	Aaron Steinhoff	Hailey LaCrosse

**June Anniversaries**

Michael & Deanna Coyne	5 years
Wes & Elisabeth Daniels	10 years
Dennis & Julie Landwehr	20 years
Raino & Maxine Make	41 years
Tom & Alice Vermullen	53 years
Paul & Judy Hammond	56 years
Dirk & Sue Manson	62 years
Don & Carol Seeley	64 years
David & Mya Nivison	72 years
Russ & Elaine DeRoek	73 years



**July Birthdays**

**Week 1:**

Mason Holochwost	Tera Kossow
John Roman Jr.	Gerald Ebbesen



**Week 2:**

Kendall Dahlke	Dotti Ford	Aaron Kippola
Scot Rose	Lauren Sundquist	Violet Rose
David Ellison		

**Week 3:**

Ann Christiansen	John Roman III	Makenna Taavola
Child Kippola	Nora Smith	Eileen Demeuse
Denise Nichols	Morgan Gerow	Rylee Gerow

**Week 4:**

Kali Dykes	Peter DeMay	Rolland Howell
Chris Mineau	Hunter Husbye	Griffyn Verbeek

Jay Bostwick

Carson Holochwost

**Week 5:**

Thomas Salo

Kathleen Shine Birdi Watchko

**July Anniversaries**

David & Alyssa Ellison	14 years
Steve Bolek & Ann Christiansen	25 years
Ron & Kelly Robinson	31 years
Bruce & Cheryl Dykes	36 years
Wayne & Vicki Marshall	39 years
William & Mary Kay Movalson	41 years
Dave & Mary Cowen	41 years
George & Ruth Botbyl	47 years
Dale & Donna Schlemmer	48 years
Gordon & Lisa Zuehlke	50 years



**Council Highlights**

The Congregational Council meet Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. At this meeting the council: decided to plan a tentative June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, pending when Arlene VanKley can meet with them. No meeting will be held in July unless there is a necessary reason to gather. The property committee is doing some work in the office rental space. It was decided to get a serving group to organize the church picnic. And, decided to keep jugs of water in the storage refrigerator to keep running costs low. All verbal and written reports were accepted. The next meeting is Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.



**Serving Us in June/July**

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
June 2	Nora Smith	Connie Salmi
June 9	Dale Schlemmer	Andy Nelson

June 16	Ellen Swenson	Dolly Salmi
June 23	Wayne Marshall	Bruce Movalson
June 30	Vicki Marshall	Paul Strom
July 7	Nora Smith	Dirk Manson
July 14	Wayne Marshall	Jane Coyne-Smith
July 21	Chris Mineau	Julie Landwehr
July 28	Vicki Marshall	Bruce Movalson

**Communion Assistance**

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

June 2	Nora Smith	Carol Knauf
June 9	Dale Schlemmer	Julie Landwehr
June 16	Ellen Swenson	Carol Kocsis
June 23	Dotti Ford	Carolyn Nelson
June 30	Kathy Gudwer	Jane Coyne-Smith
July 7	Nora Smith	Carol Kocsis
July 14	Vicki Marshall	Jane Coyne-Smith
July 21	Dale Schlemmer	Carolyn Nelson
July 30	Vicki Marshall	Paul Strom

**Ushers**

**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**

June 2	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Chuck Strom & Paul Strom
June 9	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Lloyd Tuskan
June 16	Kathy & Tom Gobert	Rick LaCrosse
June 23	Bob Obenauf	Chuck Thomas
June 30		Dennis Landwehr
July 7	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Chuck Strom & Paul Strom
July 14	Kathy & Tom Gobert	Rick LaCrosse
July 21	Howard Haulotte & Raino Maki	Dennis & Emma Landwehr
July 28	Bob Obenauf	Rick LaCrosse

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:**

**June:** Sally Pouliot & Lisa Thomas

**July:** Pam Durbin & Amber Soderman

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Friends of the Gladstone Public Library invite you to the:

**Summer Game/Card Party &  
Strawberry Shortcake Social**

**Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1:00 - 3:30pm**

**First Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**

Tickets are available for \$10 at the library or from a  
Friend of the Library.

To reserve a table, please call Connie @ 906-428-1696

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**THANK YOU, PAULA LACROSSE AND PATTI  
SCHMITENDORF, FOR HELPING PLANT THE  
CHURCH PLANTER THIS YEAR.  
YOUR HELP WAS GREATLY APPRECIATED,  
RHONDA HUSBYE**



First Lutheran is searching for someone to help with our livestream and run the AV equipment during worship services on Sunday mornings, Wednesdays during Advent and Lent, for funerals, and as needed. If you know anyone, any age, who would be willing to serve in this way, applications are being accepted. This is a paid position. We give thanks for the time Kailee was with us and for all that Max has done and will do in the interim.

## AV TECHNICIANS NEEDED!!

Would you be willing to be "on call" as an AV/Livestream person when the main AV Tech is unavailable? We are seeking 2-3 people to learn the system to help out. You would be compensated for your time. Please contact the office if you are interested.



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### **Director of Music:** Stacie Carter

### **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

Paula LaCrosse

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