



# First Lutheran Church

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Pastor Ben Schori

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## PARISH COUNCIL

Marcy Berg

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William Clymer

Larry Elj

Mazie Englund

Pastor Ben Schori

Lynn Schweiberger

Linda Smith

Paul Tokarczyk

## CONGREGATIONAL

### TREASURER

Alice White

## YOUTH EDUCATION

### Sunday School

September – May

Sunday morning

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5

### Confirmation

September – May

Wednesday evening

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Grades 7–10

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Bible Study

September - May

Wednesday

10:00 am – 11:00 pm

### Yoga Class

Mondays

9:00 am

## WORSHIP & MINISTRY

### Sunday Morning Service

Sundays at 9:30 am

Nursery provided

Telecast Live HPAT channel 5

Rebroadcast:

9:30 pm Sundays

8:00 pm Wednesdays

2:00 pm Thursdays

### Weddings

Make arrangements in advance by contacting the office.

### Baptisms

Make arrangements in advance by contacting the office.

### Pastoral Care

Contact the office

## CONTACT US

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As we enter into the month of April, we come to the end of the season of Lent. We've again been sharing in a combined midweek Lenten series with Our Savior's Lutheran, and I am so encouraged every time our congregations get together to form one community in the Body of Christ. Every Wednesday evening, these past few weeks, we've come together as one Lutheran community for a soup supper and a worship service. I am very happy and grateful for those of you who have joined in this Lenten tradition as we continue to develop and deepen the relationships between our fellow ELCA congregations. If you haven't been able to make it yet, I encourage you to come to First Lutheran this Wednesday April 5 for our last 5:30 soup supper and 6:30 worship. Don't forget that these Wednesday evenings are a great opportunity for confirmands to get both a service hour and sermon note!

As it happens every liturgical year, at the conclusion of the season of Lent comes Holy Week. Palm/Passion Sunday will take place on the 9th of this month, with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on the 13th and 14th, and Easter Sunday will come the following Sunday on the 16th. I am greatly looking forward to walking with all of you once again through Jesus' last hours, death, and resurrection in just a couple weeks. I encourage you to come not just for Easter Sunday, but the other Holy Week services as well. I truly believe the joy of Easter to be that much more powerful when we have gone through the spiritual devotion of those emotional days, the last supper and Jesus' death, and then celebrate the victory of the resurrection. It is a truly important moment in our church year and can be a very powerful experience for us as Christians. I encourage you to check out the Holy Week service times found in this news letter and to come and walk with Christ in his final steps toward the cross and his final conquering and defeat of death.

In response to this joy and freedom we have been given by God, we are called to love and serve one another and our neighbor. I hope that you feel that responsive spark within you and that calling and urging by the Holy Spirit to participate, volunteer, lead, and imagine; and serve a God who came among us, suffered and died because of us, and rose to free us from ourselves and our own selfishness. Whether you worship with us or elsewhere, I pray you have a reflective and renewing Holy Week and Easter.

Peace & Blessings,

Pastor Ben



## **Church Council Meeting—March 14, 2016**

Members present: Paul Tokarczyk, Mazie Englund, Linda Smith, Marcie Berg, William Clymer, Pastor Benjamin Schori.

Members absent: Larry Elj, Lynn Schweiberger, Connie Bryant.

Council Meeting opened at 5:05 pm; Pastor Ben led all in Prayer.

The February meeting minutes were approved. Moved by Marcy Berg second by Paul Tokarczyk motion passed

Our financial report was gone over, observed and discussion took place.

### **Pr. Ben Schori's report:**

Funeral /Memorial Service – Errol Hietala – February 25, 2017

### **Property Committee reports:**

Basement leak in the parsonage, fence gate rear of home install tomorrow, doors sealing in church.

### **Old Business:**

Discussed the need, in the future to replace computers in offices

Needles disposal units located in the main floor bathrooms are in need of emptying.

### **New Business:**

The joint council meeting was discussed, thoughts were exchanged, future meeting was planned.

FLC savings was discussed and removal of funds for Campership funding was brought up. A motion was moved “to fund the campership fund” with \$5000.00, moved by Paul Tokarczyk, and seconded by Marcie Berg, discussion followed, an amendment was move to “increase the monetary units to \$10,000.00.” Moved by Ben Shori, seconded by Paul Tokarczyk. Discussion took place, the amendment was voted on: increase monetary units to \$10,000.00 5/1 abstain motion passes. The main motion moved to give “\$5,000.00 from savings for the Campership Fund “discussion, 5/1 abstain motion passes.

Easter Sunday Fellowship: Council will host for Easter. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services will both be at 6:30 pm.

### **Other Business:** None

Next meeting: April 11, 2017

Respectively Submitted: William Clymer Temporary Secretary

**Church Finances**—Many thanks to all who support First Lutheran Church and its extended ministries. FLC's General Fund contributions fuel this congregation's operational needs and extended ministries. General fund offerings are shared with our NE MN Synod and the ELCA Churchwide office to help ELCA Bible camps, youth ministry, seminaries, global outreach, various endeavors to promote peace and justice, and administrative costs. Individuals also may contribute special gifts to support seminarians, missionaries, hunger & poverty concerns and alleviation of suffering caused by natural disasters. Weekly contributions received:

March 5—\$2,749.00

March 12—\$3,426.00

March 19—\$2,760

March 26—\$2,116.35

Submitted by Alice White, FLC Treasurer

*Note: In order to meet our operating budget we need to collect approximately \$4,000 in offerings per Sunday.*

### **Alleviating Hunger in our Community**

In March we have collected approximately \$255.00. Since the Hibbing Food Shelf closed, your donations will be divided between the **Hibbing Salvation Army Food Shelf and the First Lutheran Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Account**. The soup kitchen account provides meals for the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen two times a month. If you wish to make a donation, make your check payable to “First Lutheran Church” and note in the memo “Salvation Army/FLC Soup Kitchen.” On the second Thursday (Noon) and the third Tuesday (1:00 pm) of the month, First Lutheran members volunteer at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Volunteer help is always needed on the days we serve. Please call Rodney Jacobson at 263-8770 or Jean Nelson at 262-0085 if you can help. Thank you to the volunteers who make this ministry happen!

**Note:** Because of your generous giving, in 2016 we donated \$1,874.00 to the Hibbing Food Shelf and \$2,232.00 to the FLC Soup Kitchen Account.

### **Check out First Lutheran Church's website!**

Did you know you can listen to sermons that you may have missed or want to hear again online? Wondering what events are coming up soon in the church or want to read the most recent newsletter? Check the First Lutheran Church website [www.firsthibbing.org](http://www.firsthibbing.org).

**WELCA** will meet on Sunday, April 9, at 10:45 am. All women are welcome to attend this meeting. If you have questions, please talk with Barb Tanem, WELCA President.

The **Hobby/Quilt Club** The group meets on Monday from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. At 3:00 pm we have a coffee and snack break. No special talents are needed. If you don't like to sew, there are other ways you can "pitch in" and help. **New participants are welcome** (and needed) to be part of this on-going ministry!

**The Christmas Boutique Crafters** will meet on Tuesday, April 4, at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Both women and men are welcome to join the group.

Mark you calendars and plan to attend this year's **All Daughters' Banquet** on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Details to follow in upcoming bulletins and the May newsletter.

**We will be collecting Baby Care Kits.** Bringing a baby into the world can be a difficult and scary thing for a mother living in poverty. She worries about her baby's health and well-being when there is a lack of money to buy things every mother wants for her newborn. The items included in a Baby Care Kit provide the things a mother needs to care for her baby the way she hopes to—soft blankets to give warmth and comfort, soap to keep germs away. Lack of something to dress her baby in often keeps a mother isolated from her community, but the clothes in the kit welcome both mother and baby into the world.

Include the following items in each care kit:

- Two lightweight cotton t-shirts
- Two long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)
- Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn up to 52" square
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap
- Two pairs of socks
- One hand towel, dark color recommended
- Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of gentle soap, in original wrapping
- Two diaper pins or large safety pins

Do not add other items or leave out items listed. Gently used, clean items (no stains or tears) can be substituted for new ones. Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags. (**Drop off kits** on the counters in the Fireside Room)

**Save your quarters for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal** All money collected will go to the NE Minnesota Synod Assembly, and from there to help end world hunger. This year's Assembly will be held on April 28—April 30 at Craguns Resort in Brainerd. Bring your quarters to the church office, or drop them in the collection plate. First Lutheran's Synod voting members attending the Assembly this year are Linda Smith and Barb Tanem.

### **Easter Flowers—Easter Gifts**

This year we are once again asking you to contribute money to buy Easter flowers for the church. You may donate a minimum of \$7.00, and your gift may be designated to be either "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone important in your life. The cost of each plant is \$17.00, and we will order about 20. If there is money left over from buying the flowers it will go to the FLC Soup Kitchen Fund. Flowers will be purchased locally. The flowers that are left after Easter will be available to those who would like one. Fill out the form that was included in the March newsletter, or call the church office on or before April 7.



## What's Happening at Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

www.VLMcamps.org • vlm@VLMcamps.org

800-331-5148 • 218-666-5465

Gretchen Bachman, Program Director



### Work Days

Camp Hiawatha – May 6 and Camp Vermilion – May 20

Summer is coming and we need your help to get our sites ready for another great season of camp! Projects and tasks for all ages and skill levels are available, and many hands make for light work.

8:00—9:30 am—Registration with rolls and coffee available

8:30 am—12:30 pm The work happens!

12:30—Lunch

1:30 pm The work continues for as long as people are able to stay

Questions: Contact the VLM office at 800-331-5148.

**Family Overnight** – Join us Friday night for dinner at 6:30 with games, campfire, and fellowship in the evening. After breakfast on Saturday, explore the camps on your own or join in on Work Day as we get our camps ready for the summer.

This is a great opportunity to introduce new friends to camp – especially if the camper (or camper parent) is nervous about being away from home this summer. ***This event is free if you help with work day. \$50 per family if you are unable to stay.***

**Friday, May 5 – Saturday, May 6** at Camp Hiawatha (RSVP by May 1)

**Friday, May 19 – Saturday, May 20** at Camp Vermilion (RSVP by May 16)

Register by calling the VLM Office at (800) 331-5148

**Have You Signed Up For Summer Camp?** It's not too late to sign up for the best week of your summer. Call the church office for details.

### Midweek Lenten Worship Services

Our final Midweek Lenten Soup Supper and Worship service is on Wednesday, April 5 at First Lutheran Church. Soup Supper will begin at 5:30 pm, and the worship service begins at 6:30 pm.



### Holy Week Schedule

April 9, Palm Sunday at 9:30 am Holy Communion with Blessing of Palms and Procession

April 13, Maundy Thursday at 6:30 pm Holy Communion Service

April 14, Good Friday at 6:30 pm worship service

April 16, Easter Sunday at 9:30 am Festive Holy Communion

**Did you know?** In 2016 we did some major repairs around the church. (As well as several minor repairs.) The two bathrooms on the main floor were remodeled—improving their handicap accessibility. We did sidewalk repairs in the front entrance area, and put in a new ramp. And, repairs were made to our heating system. Total cost for these projects amounted to **\$33,000**. Your continued donations to the Building Fund will be appreciated.

**First Lutheran Luncheon for “Retirees and Solos”** will gather at the Community College Dining Room on **Wednesday, April 26 at 11:30 am**. Our first gathering in February was very successful with 18 in attendance. The cost will be under \$10.00 and gluten free is available. It is necessary to make a reservation and you can do that by calling Mazie Englund at 885-2741 by **April 20**. Leave a message if there isn't an answer. You may also call the church office to make a reservation. We hope to see you at the College on April 26.

**First Lutheran Church is blessed with many volunteers** who with dedication and commitment serve the church, the Hibbing community, and the world. During March these people helped Sunday worship services happen:

- **Assisting Ministers:** Betty Aanes, Renae Grabanski, Lynn Schweiberger, Mazie Englund
- **Acolyte:** Ava Weyrauch, Cole Hughes, and Ava Weyrauch
- **Greeters:** Maynard & Sherin Elj, Joanne Zozgornik, Mel & Shirley Scofield, Sue Sundvall, Barb Wray, and Bryce & Rochelle Pearson
- **Readers:** Jean Nelson, Lynn Schweiberger, Linda Smith, and Cheryl Forstrom
- **Ushers:** Jeanne Albrecht, William Clymer, Ben Castagneri, Ann Vucetich, Gen Lervik, Phyllis and David Rian, and Jeanne Szweduik
- **Videographers:** William Clymer, Larry Elj, Cathy & Forrest Koland, Dave Rian, and Marty Vadis
- **Offering Counters:** Kay Dague, Karyl Giombetti, Darlene Bennett, Gen Lervik, Dave & Phyllis Rian, and Steve and Sandy Carlson
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Shirley Szweduik, Galen & Ethel Erickson, Kate Link, Lynn Schweiberger, Alice White, Tom Arnold, Betty Aanes, and Mazie & Art Englund
- **Altar Guild:** Barb Bautch, Connie Bryant, Kay Dague, Karyl Giombetti, Deno Kubena, Gen Lervik, Mary Maki
- **Sunday School Teachers:** Patty Barsness, Nancy Greenwood, Melissa Peterson, Amy Fearing, and Linda Smith

**Helping Worship Happen!** If you would like to participate in ushering, reading, greeting, hosting fellowship or any of the other “Sunday Morning Helpers” categories please contact the church office.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Project Care Spaghetti Fundraiser, and to those of you who attended the event. The ELCA churches raised **\$4,109.00** for Project Care. We received the following thank you note: *On behalf of Project Care, I would like to thank you so much for all the planning, work and volunteers that went into the very successful spaghetti fundraiser. Your effort and incredible generosity will go a long way in supporting our efforts to meet the health care needs of the people in our community. Gratefully, Deb Gustafson, Site Coordinator-Hibbing*

**We are in need of volunteers to join our Audio Visual team.** You will be trained in the process of recording our Sunday morning telecast, which is live fed to Hibbing Public Access Television – channel 5. Our AV team consists of Cathy Koland, Forrest Koland, David Rian, and William Clymer. Call the church office or talk with one of our AV volunteers if you are interested.

### **Memorial Fund Report**

Thank you to those who underwrite the cost of altar flowers and/or telecasting of FLC’s Sunday morning worship service. During the month of March **telecasts** were given in memory of Ron Zozgornik by Joann Zozgornik, in memory of Scott Stavnes by his family, in memory of Ray and Leitha Lee and Karen (Lee) Clymer by Bev Jenko and Carolyn Pingatore, and in memory of Robert Fletcher by Jeanne Albrecht and Janice Rice.

To underwrite the telecast of FLC's Sunday morning worship service, to contribute Altar flowers, or to donate a memorial gift for other designated purposes, please call the church office. The weekly telecast cost is \$30 which includes the live-feed on Sunday morning plus re-telecasts on Sunday, 9:30 pm, Wednesday, 8:00 pm and Thursday, 2:00 pm, all on the local cable television, channel 5.

**Continue to support the Campership Fund.** The fund is used to assist youth with their VLM camp fees. *FLC Memorial and Campership Fund Committee: Sandy Carlson, Jean Crep, Liz Kolden, Gen Lervik*

Condolences and prayers to the family and friends of **Joyce Stone**. Joyce died on March 22, 2017. A celebration of Joyce’s life was held at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 1.

**Augsburg Choir & Orchestra to Perform Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Hibbing High School Auditorium**  
**Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.**  
*(Host Families Needed!)*




ELCA Churches in the Hibbing/Chisholm Area and the Hibbing High School, are proud to announce that the Augsburg Choir & Symphony Orchestra will perform at the Historic Hibbing High School Auditorium on **Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m.**

Consistent with our rich heritage of attracting musical talent to the Iron Range, it will be a joy to host the Augsburg Choir & Symphony Orchestra – a talent that consists of 80 college musicians.

To receive the blessings of having the Augsburg Choir & Symphony Orchestra perform for us, *we are recruiting host families to house students for “the overnight” after the concert on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> into Wednesday morning, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.* Such a commitment entails the following:

- Hosts need to be available after the concert on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> (at approximately 8:45 p.m.) to receive their guests.
- Augsburg College Students will be housed in groups of two or more.
- It is preferred that hosts live 30 minutes or less from the Hibbing High School Auditorium.
- Student/Guests should be provided a bed to insure adequate rest. Roommates can be expected to share a double bed; however, sleeping bags or sofas are not an option (inflatable beds & pull outs are just fine!).
- Hosts are responsible for transportation to/from the host home and should provide breakfast for the students the morning following the concert.

Help continue to bring sacred music and culture into our community by volunteering to host these talented young musicians! **To volunteer please contact Our Savior’s Lutheran Church Member, Carrie Fawkes, at (218) 966-9694 or email her at [carriefawkes@yahoo.com](mailto:carriefawkes@yahoo.com).**

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <p><b>First Lutheran Church</b><br/>           2201 Third Avenue East<br/>           Hibbing, MN 55746<br/>           218-263-8388<br/>           Pr. Ben Schori<br/>           Office Email: office@firsthibbing.org</p> |  |  |   |  | <p><b>APRIL 2017 AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH</b></p>                   |   |
| <p><b>2 Fifth Sunday in Lent</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School<br/>           10:30 am Fellowship</p>  | <p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:30 am Yoga Class<br/>           1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>  | <p><b>4 Benedict the African, confessor</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Boutique Crafters meet in Quilters' Room</p>  | <p><b>5</b></p> <p>5:30 pm Soup Supper at First Lutheran<br/>           6:30 pm Worship at First Lutheran</p>   | <p><b>6 Albrecht Durer, Matthias Grunewald, and Lucas Cranach</b></p>  | <p><b>7</b></p> <p>Office closed</p>  | <p><b>8</b></p>   |
| <p><b>9 Passion/Palm Sunday</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School<br/>           10:30 am Fellowship<br/>           10:45 am WELCA Meeting</p>   | <p><b>10 Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku</b></p> <p>8:30 am Yoga Class<br/>           1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>  | <p><b>11</b></p> <p>4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting<br/>           5:00 pm Church Council Meeting</p> | <p><b>12</b></p>  | <p><b>13</b></p> <p>12:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army<br/>           3:00 pm ELCA service at Guardian Angels – Pr. Ben<br/>           6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Worship</p> | <p><b>14 Office closed</b></p>  <p>6:30 pm Good Friday Worship</p> | <p><b>15</b></p>  |
| <p><b>16 Easter Day</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service<br/>           No Sunday School<br/>           10:30 am Fellowship</p>   | <p><b>17 Office Closed today for the Easter Holiday</b></p> <p>8:30 am Yoga Class<br/>           1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Girl Scouts<br/>           7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p> | <p><b>18</b></p> <p>1:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army</p>  | <p><b>19 Olavus Petri, priest, and Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study<br/>           7:00 pm 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation</p> | <p><b>20</b></p>   | <p><b>21 Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury</b></p> <p>Office closed</p>  | <p><b>22</b></p>  |
| <p><b>23 Second Sunday in Easter</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School<br/>           10:30 am Fellowship</p>  | <p><b>24</b></p> <p>8:30 am Yoga Class<br/>           1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>   | <p><b>25 Mark, Evangelist</b></p>  | <p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p> <p>11:30 am Retirees/Solos Lunch at HCC<br/>           7:00 pm 9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation</p>                   | <p><b>27</b></p>   | <p><b>28</b></p> <p>Office closed</p>   | <p><b>29 Catherine of Sienna, theologian</b></p>  |
| <p><b>30 Third Sunday in Easter</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School<br/>           10:30 am Fellowship</p>   |  |  |   |  |   | <p><b>May Events:</b></p> <p>May 9, 6:00 pm All Daughters' Banquet</p> <p>May 29 – Memorial Day Holiday</p> |