



First Lutheran Church

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Paul Tokarczyk

CONGREGATIONAL

TREASURER

Alice White

YOUTH EDUCATION

Sunday School

September – May

Sunday morning

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5

Confirmation

September – April

Wednesday evening

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Grades 7–10

ADULT EDUCATION

Bible Study

September – May

Wednesday

10:00 am – 11:00 pm

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

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Mon – Thurs, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; 1:00 – 5:00 pm

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It's August, which means the reality starts to set in that summer won't last forever. Sorry to be the bearer of bad news! So make sure to take this last month to get all those summer activities and experiences in you have yet to do, because, whether we like it or not, fall is coming, and with the approaching autumn comes a number of things to share with all of you as First Lutheran moves into the program year.

First: an update on our search for a new Parish Secretary. You'll be happy to know that the FLC Parish Secretary hiring team has been hard at work the last couple months diligently searching for and interviewing applicants for the position. You'll be saddened to know that, as of the end of July, we have yet to successfully hire a qualified candidate that we feel would be a good fit in our church office. Twice now, we thought we had found our person, but both instances ended up not working out. If you are interested in the position of FLC Parish Secretary or you know someone who might be, please reach out to me either by calling the office or by email.

In the meantime, our recently retired Parish Secretary, Nancy White, has agreed to stay on until a new individual is hired. However, she will be pulling back in her hours. Nancy will now only be working in the mornings, 8 – 12, Monday – Thursday. So, if you need to connect with her, make sure that you call or stop by the office during those times. Hopefully, we find and hire the right person for the position soon, and Nancy will then be able to fully enjoy her retirement.

On the Sundays of the 20th and 27th, Pastor Kevin Olson of Our Savior's Lutheran, Pastor Brian Birk of Holy Trinity Lutheran and Faith Lutheran in Chisholm, and myself will be participating in what we're calling a "Pastor Swap." For the sake of relationship building, combined ministry, and living into a future where we do more together, we three ELCA pastors will be rotating around to each other's congregations and leading worship. So, on Sunday the 20th Pastor Brian will be at First Lutheran to lead you all in worship, and then on Sunday the 27th Pastor Kevin will join with you. During those two Sundays, I'll be at OSLC and then HTLC and FLC, and then I'll be back the first Sunday of September. Please welcome these neighboring pastors with the same kindness you extend to me every Sunday.

Finally, the confirmation year is about to begin. Remember that the FLC/OSLC combined confirmation program starts in the fall of 7th grade and ends in the fall of 11th grade. This year, we are starting a new tradition of beginning the year with an annual Confirmation Info Meeting. This is for the youth and their parents. This meeting will be held at FLC on Wednesday August 30th from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. A pizza dinner will be provided. The first half of the meeting will be for the 7th – 10th graders and their parents, and will focus on the schedule for the confirmation year, as well as the expectations of the experience. The second half of the meeting is for 9th – 12th graders and their parents, and will focus on the upcoming ELCA Youth Gathering in the summer of 2018 in Houston, Texas. Please fill out a confirmation registration form and return it to the church office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your attention, support, and prayers for all these things happening here at First Lutheran Church. I hope that your last month of summer is a great one, and I hope to hear about it soon.

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Ben

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes July 11, 2017

Members Present – Marcy Berg, Larry Elj, Pastor Ben Schori, Bill Clymer, Mazie Englund, Connie Bryant, Paul Tokarczyk

Members Absent – Lynn Schweiberger, Linda Smith

Call to Order – 5:00 PM

Prayer

June meeting minutes approved – moved by Paul Tokarczyk & Second by Mazie Englund (motion passed)

June financial statement received

Pastor Ben Schori's report

- Funeral/Memorial Service—Shawn Martinson – June 22, 2017
- Baptism—Clem Wesley Willard – July 9, 2017

Property Committee Report

- Parsonage Sidewalks and clothes line—Sidewalks to be replaced and clothes line to be removed
- Sanctuary Doors need repair

Old Business

- “Mission We Share” report
- Pastor Swap—last two Sundays in August
- Outdoor Worship – Lutherans in the Park – July 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM in Bennett Park
- Nancy's farewell – July 30, 2017—Pancakes and sausage
- Parish Secretary
- Benefits package approval – moved by Connie Bryant & second by Mazie Englund (motion passed)

New Business

- Benefit Hog Roast and Concert Vesper Service at Messiah Lutheran, Mt. Iron – July 19, 2017
- Red Cross Blood Drive at FLC – August 1, 2017
- Carpets were cleaned throughout the church – office, sanctuary, hallway/stairs

Other Business

Next Council Meeting—August 8, 2017 – 5:00 pm third floor

Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned – 6:45 PM

Submitted by Larry Elj, Council 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, seminars, 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:

July 2—\$2,803.00

July 9—\$2,519.00

July 16—\$975.00

July 23— \$1,841.00

July 30—to be reported in September

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

Amount collected in June is \$350.00. 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!

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.

WELCA (Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American) will not meet during the summer months. If you have questions please contact our WELCA president, Barb Tanem.

WELCA will be collecting School Kits Lutheran for Lutheran World Relief

Education is important for any community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited options for young people to reach their potential. School Kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases, adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. And that learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

Include the following items in each school kit:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or-college-ruled paper approx 8 X 10.5" (no loose-leaf paper)
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 1/2" eraser
- One sturdy drawstring backpack-style cloth bag approximately 14" X 17" with shoulder straps (no standard backpacks); recommended fabrics include heavy cotton, canvas, denim, and twill

Do not add other items other than those listed above. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close.

NOTE: This is the time of year when school supplies are out and ready for sale—and on sale! If you do not want to make up a kit, you may donate cash that will be used to purchase these supplies. Talk with Barb Tanem.

Upcoming dates to remember:

Hobby/Quilt Club will resume on Monday, September 11. Please consider joining this group. We meet on Mondays from 1:00—4:00 pm. At 3:00 pm we have a coffee and snack break and a devotional reading. New participants are welcome (and needed) to be part of this on-going ministry!

The 2017 **Prayer Partner Gathering** will be held on Tuesday, September 26. Details will be available in the September newsletter.

Do you like to create things or just socialize with a group of fun people? **The Christmas Boutique Crafter's** will meet twice in August on Tuesday, August 1 and Tuesday, August 29 at 1:00 in the fellowship hall. We are looking for women (**men, too**) who would like to help make crafts to sell at the bazaar. **NO** special skills needed! Coffee, treats, and fellowship are enjoyed by all! Remember, that if you are a home crafter, your treasures are still needed, and appreciated, to make our bazaar a success. Talk with Sheryl Tokarczyk if you have questions.



Calling out to all canners, picklers, and jam/jelly makers! We hope that when you are harvesting and preserving your fruits and vegetables this summer/fall, you will keep the church bazaar in mind and the area we call "Granny's Pantry." Make a few extra jars to be sold in that area. Any homemade preserves will be truly appreciated! Talk with Sheryl Tokarczyk if you have questions. Thank you!

For a few of our projects, we are in need of **quart and pint canning jars**. If you have any, and are willing to donate them to our cause, we would LOVE to have them. You may drop them off at church.



What's Happening at Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

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Gretchen Bachman, Program Director



Golf Scramble - Camp at the Course!

September 16, 2017 - Vermilion Fairways, Cook, MN

Camp at the Course in 2017 includes:

- 18 holes of golf
- catered dinner
- drawing for a gas grill
- connecting with camp friends
- experiencing a little bit of camp on the golf course!

Your generous support and participation in this event provide a place for kids to explore God's great northwoods, develop lifelong friendships, and build confidence as they grow in the faith in Christ.

Schedule of events:

10:00 am Check in and early lunch on the grill

11:00 am Shotgun start (this is a 9 hole course played twice)

4:00 pm Dinner, camp stories, and maybe even a campfire!

Event Fees:

\$60 - includes greens fee, dinner, and entry into gas grill drawing

\$100 Business Sponsor - promotional marketing

\$250 Tee Sponsor - one round of golf, tee flag, promotional marketing

\$20 Gallery - a relaxing at the course, dinner, and entry into gas grill drawing

Golf cart is not included in any fees. If cart is needed, please let us know!

Registration Deadline: Friday, September 8—call 800-331-5148

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 July **telecasts** were given in memory of Andie Zozgornik by Joann Zozgornik, in memory Hartie and Esther Swanson by Virginia Swanson Nordeen, in memory of Brenda Koschak by Ron and Joann Koschak, and in honor of the First Lutheran Church Congregation by Nancy White. **Altar flowers** were given in memory of Gordon Poirier by Nancy Poirier.

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.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of you who generously donated to the Campership Fund. We were able to pay in full all camperships for thirteen campers from First Lutheran totaling \$4,180.00. As always, members of First Lutheran stepped up when needed! Church Camp is such a fun ministry. We appreciate your continued support.

Campers from First Lutheran: Alexis Walters, Drew Kolden, Gavin Schweiberger, Carly Kolden, Stella Schweiberger, Ava Weyrauch, Landon Tokarczyk, Owen Qualley, Madeleine Soderberg, Jack Bautch, Hilda Knuckey, Christina Jacobson, Hannah Knuckey (Canoe trip)

FLC Memorial and Campership Fund Committee: Sandy Carlson, Jean Crep, Liz Kolden, Gen Lervik

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

- **Assisting Ministers:** Linda Smith, William Clymer, Gen Lervik, Candy Clark, Tom Arnold
- **Greeters:** Sue Sundvall, Barbara Wray, Doris Baasi, Jean Nettle, Greg and Marlene Barto, Bryce and Rochelle Pearson
- **Readers:** Linda Smith, Bobbi Nyland, Jean Nelson, Barb Tanem
- **Ushers:** Art and Mazie Englund, William Clymer, Betty Aanes, George and Gloria Maras, Ken and Connie Bryant
- **Special Music:** Angela Schweiberger and Linda Smith
- **Videographers:** Dale Berg, William Clymer, Larry Elj, Paula Kangas, Cathy & Forrest Koland, Dave Rian
- **Offering Counters:** Darlene Bennett, Gen Lervik, Kay and Karyl Giombetti, Galen and Ethel Erickson, Renae Grabanski, Kathy Morgan
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Jeanne Albrecht, Barb and Loyal Tanem, Emily Willard, the Church Council, Barb Bautch, Mary Maki, Gladys Griffiths,
- **Altar Guild:** Barb Bautch, Connie Bryant, Kay Dague, Karyl Giombetti, Deno Kubena, Gen Lervik, Mary Maki

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 Linda Smith for volunteering to be the “church’s recycler.” She picks up all our items needed to be recycled and goes through all “the stuff” to get it ready to bring to the recycling facility. It’s a lot of work, and we truly appreciate what she does for us.

Fall is fast approaching! If your group/committee is planning an activity at the church, please check with the office so it can be put on the calendar, and to be sure another event isn’t scheduled for that day.

If you have a **key to the church** that you no longer need, please bring it to the church office. Thank you!

Please—help us maintain our mailing list and your church membership information. Let us know if:

- Your address or phone number has changed.
- You want us to have your email address.
- Your child is grown, has moved away and they want to receive mailing from our church. Call with their new address.
- You don’t want to receive a newsletter via the mail and prefer to read it online. (www.firsthibbing.org)

Clem Wesley Willard was baptized on July 9. Her parents are Robert and Emily (Savich) Willard. Her sponsors are Joseph Rutherford and Alyssa David. Clem has two brothers, Lucas and Jackson Willard.

Dear First Lutheran Friends,

As you all must know by now, I retired on July 31. Leaving was not entirely easy for me. I have genuinely enjoyed working for First Lutheran Church in the role of church secretary. I sincerely appreciate the support provided to me during my 16+ years of employment. You are a second family to me. While I look forward to enjoying my retirement, I will miss all the daily phone calls and visits from you. However, I am a member of First Lutheran Church so now my “volunteer work” begins.

Peace and Blessings,
Nancy



Confirmation

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Confirmation is a shared program between First and Our Savior's Lutheran. Confirmation is for all youth 7th grade through 10th grade. To register your youth for Confirmation, please fill out this form as completely as you can. Multiple youth? Please use this sheet to give us all your Confirmation aged kid's information. Greater information, such as a schedule and program expectations, will be sent after registration.

Student's Name(s):

Address:

Birth date: ___/___/___ Birth date: ___/___/___

Baptism date: ___/___/___ place: _____ Baptism date: ___/___/___ place: _____

Grade Level in 2017-2018 School Year: _____

Student's Phone Number(s) and Email(s):

Parent/Guardian Name(s):

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s) and Email(s):

Emergency Contact (relationship):

Emergency Contact Phone Number(s):

Is there medical (allergies, medication, etc) or other Information we should be aware of while your child is involved in Confirmation? Please explain here:

Is your child allowed to walk home? Yes No

Who is allowed to pick your child up from Confirmation?

Parent/ Guardian Signature:

Parent/Guardian signature gives permission for your child to participate in the activities of Confirmation and Youth Group, and for First Lutheran Church to obtain emergency medical attention for your child if necessary.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
<p>First Lutheran Church 2201 Third Avenue East Hibbing, MN 55746 218-263-8388 Pr. Ben Schori Office Email: office@firsthibbing.org</p>					<p align="center">AUGUST 2017 AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH</p>  <p align="center">Check out the FLC website www.firsthibbing.org Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/firsthibbing</p>				
<p>Lutheran Social Service Supervised Visitation held at First Lutheran Monday – Saturday as scheduled</p>							1	2	3
<p>6 <i>Lectionary 18</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>7 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p>8 <i>Dominic, founder of the Dominicans</i> 4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>9 Noon - Organs in Revue at Faith United Lutheran Church in Iron</p>	<p>10 12:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army 3:00 pm ELCA service at Guardian Angels – Pr. Ben</p>	<p>11 <i>Clara, Abbess of San Damiano</i> Office closed</p>	12			
<p>13 <i>Lectionary 19</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>14 <i>Maximilian Kolbe, Kaj Munk</i> 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p>15 <i>Mary, Mother of Our Lord</i> 1:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army</p>	<p>16 Noon - Organs in Revue at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church</p>	<p>17 September newsletter articles due</p>	<p>18 Office closed</p>	19			
<p>20 <i>Lectionary 20</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>21 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p>22 <i>Happy Birthday Pastor Ben!</i></p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Bartholomew, Apostle</i></p>	<p>25 Office closed</p>	26			
<p>27 <i>Lectionary 21</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>28 <i>Augustine, Bishop of Hippo</i> <i>Moses the Black, monk, martyr</i> 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p>29 1:00 pm Boutique Crafters meet in Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>30 5:30 – 7:30 pm Annual Confirmation Informational Meeting at First Lutheran</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>September Events: Sept. 4 – Labor Day – office closed Sept. 10 – “God’s Work. Our Hands” Sunday Sept. 13 – Laurentian Confirmation Kickoff Sept. 17 – Sunday School starts Sept. 20 – Confirmation starts Sept. 26 – Prayer Partner Gathering</p>				