



First Lutheran Church

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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 – April

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-beginning in

September at 8:30 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

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

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For over a year now, the ELCA congregations in the Hibbing/Chisholm area have been having regular meetings we have dubbed *Mission We Share*. This group of congregations includes our own (First Lutheran), Our Savior's Lutheran, Holy Trinity Lutheran, and Faith Lutheran in Chisholm. Council members from each congregation are especially encouraged to attend, but all parishioners are welcomed to participate in these meetings. In these *Mission We Share* meetings, we do a number of different things: We discuss and plan upcoming combined ministry events (both new and recurring ones we've done before) and we also discern the future of our congregations and how we might be called into that future together.

Recently, in order to better define and direct our meetings, Pastor Kevin Olson of OSLC crafted a precise purpose statement for our meetings that I feel is very accurate to our goals. It states the purpose of these meetings is **“For ELCA congregations in the Hibbing/Chisholm area to collaboratively work together in mutual ministry for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, AND to prepare for a future when ELCA congregations may have to yoke, combine, consolidate, or merge facilities, staffing, and resources for the propagation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”** This purpose statement has been positively received by the parishioners present at recent meetings from all participating congregations, and it has prompted fruitful and intentional conversation.

Not only did I want to share this purpose statement with you all, but I also wanted to unpack what it means and what it doesn't mean. First, what it doesn't mean. It doesn't mean that our congregations are actively planning on merging or consolidating. As things currently stand, First Lutheran will remain First Lutheran. So, if the second part of that purpose statement made you feel uncomfortable, know that nothing official is currently being pursued in that vein. Second, what it does mean. What this does mean though is that leaders of First Lutheran and the other ELCA congregations in our area will continue to intentionally discern ways that we can work and grow together in ministry. We also will look to our congregations' futures and discern the possibility that those futures might intersect in some form of congregational consolidation in order to better spread the ministry of Christ to our ever changing community and world. We continue to discern why this would be needed, what that might look like, when it might happen, how it would work, where it could take us, and who it might impact both within our membership and outside it. We are still very much in the discerning and relationship building process, and I welcome you to join in that process.

The possibility of change can be hard, our beloved Parish Secretary Nancy White's retirement is evidence of this (and make sure you check out the info on her farewell fellowship at the end of this month in this newsletter), but change can also bring new life and energy. Our second annual *Lutherans in the Park* event happening later this month is a great example of this (info on this event can also be found in this news letter) and this event, and many others, have come out of this intentional coming together to explore what we are being called to together. As this vision continues to deepen and expand, I welcome you to come to our next *Mission We Share* meeting on August 1 at 6:30 pm at Faith Lutheran in Chisholm to listen, learn, and participate in this ongoing process and the good work we are doing.

Peace & Blessings,
Pastor Ben

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes June 13, 2017

Members Present – Lynn Schweiberger, Marcy Berg, Larry Elj, Pastor Ben Schori, Bill Clymer, Linda Smith, Mazie Englund

Members Absent – Connie Bryant, Paul Tokarczyk

Call to Order – 5:00 PM

Prayer

May meeting minutes approved – moved by Lynn Schweiberger & Second by Linda Smith (motion passed)

May financial statement received

Pastor Ben Schori's report

Funeral/Memorial Service

Esther Anderson – May 16, 2017

Shawn Martinson – June 1, 2017

Karolyn Linderman – June 3, 2017

Michael Tomperi – June 10, 2017

Property Committee Report

Sidewalk at the Parsonage needs repair, and cloths line has been lifted by frost

Taking bids for fixing and replacing both

Old Business

- VLM – Raise the Roof Campaign – to date: \$2265.70—Mazie Englund made a motion to take \$5234.30 from Savings to equal our goal of \$7,500 for the Raise the Roof Campaign (dollar-for-dollar match challenge to be presented to supporters of Camp Hiawatha and residents of Deer Lake), seconded by Pastor Ben Schori (motion passed)
- Day Camp – Week of June 19, 2017 at OSLC

New Business

- Outdoor Worship – Lutherans in the Park – July 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM in Bennett Park
- Flooring/Carpet in three offices
- Parish Secretary Position
 - Job Description
 - Ad submitted to newspaper
 - Plan for interviewing applicants
 - July 30 farewell fellowship
 - Retirement date is August 15, but last day of work is July 31.
 - Health insurance paid through August 2017
- Next "Mission We Share" Meeting – Wednesday June 28 at Holy Trinity, 6:30 PM

Other Business

\$306 collected from fellowship for the FLC softball team

Next Council Meeting—July 11, 2017 – 5:00 pm third floor Meeting Adjourned – 6:30 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:

June 4—\$3,799.00

June 11—\$2,931.00

June 18—\$1,990.75

June 25— \$1,728.00

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 May is \$225.00. 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.

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

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.

The **Christmas Boutique Crafters** will take a “vacation” in July. The next gathering will be on Tuesday, August 1 at 1:00 pm in the fellowship hall. Both women and men are welcome to join the group. Talk with Sheryl Tokarczyk if you have questions.

WELCA will be collecting School Kits 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.

You are invited to a Benefit Hog Roast & Concert Vesper Service to address Seminarian Debt Relief. The benefit will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church, in Mt. Iron on Wednesday, July 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. Entitled: "Freed from Debt for Vocation", this event is sponsored by the ELCA churches of Laurentian Conference of the N.E. Minnesota Synod.

4:30 – 5:30 Mass Choir Rehearsal

5:00 – 6:15 p.m. Hog Roast

Featuring locally brewed root beer and live music from local bands. Suggested donation: \$15.00

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Concert Vespers Worship

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 June **telecasts** were given in memory of Loved Ones by Don and Bertha Engebretson, in memory Errol Hietala by Jan Hietala, in memory of Richard Johnson and Loved Ones by Dolly Johnson and the Girls, and in memory of Frances Erickson by family and friends.

Altar flowers were given in memory of Kelsey Perkins by her mother, Lisa.

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.

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



What's Happening at Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

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Gretchen Bachman, Program Director



Bluegrass Festival - Saturday, July 29 - Camp Vermilion

It is a day of fun and fundraising in God's great northwoods!

Music by homegrown bluegrass and folk bands

- Delicious food
- Activities for the kids
- Silent and live auction

The music is free! All proceeds from the raffle tickets, food sales, and auctions support the programs at Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermilion.

Raffle prizes:

1st prize: 2017 Lund 1600 Fury Tiller, Mercury 25 EFI Four Stroke with Power Trim/Tilt, & Shoreland'r Roller Trailer (\$13,500 Retail Value)

2nd prize: A pair of Norco Storm 7.1 Mountain Bikes, with helmets and water bottles (\$1,300 Retail Value)

3rd prize: \$500 cash

Drawing takes place at 6:15pm on July 30. Need not be present to win.

Can't make it that day? You can purchase raffle tickets by calling 800-331-5148.

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,

Just an FYI...Due HIPAA Privacy Rules, it is no longer customary for the hospitals to inform churches of patients and their status. If you or a loved one is in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church office at 263-8388.



Retirement Party for Nancy White, Parish Secretary

On Sunday, July 30, First Lutheran will hold a retirement party for Nancy during our fellowship hour (after the worship service) at 10:30 am.

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

- **Assisting Ministers:** William Clymer, Larry Elj, Tom Arnold, Paul Stavnes, Lynn Schweiberger
- **Acolyte:** Carly Kolden
- **Greeters:** Soderberg/Van Drunen family, the Weyrauch family, the Derek Bautch family, Dennis and Sharon Estey
- **Readers:** Linda Smith, Jean Nelson, Bobbi Nyland, Rolland Maki
- **Ushers:** Barb and Loyal Tanem, Mel and Shirley Scofield, William Clymer, Jeanne Albrecht, Darlene Bennett
- **Videographers:** Dale Berg, William Clymer, Larry Elj, Paula Kangas, Cathy & Forrest Koland, Dave Rian
- **Offering Counters:** Darlene Bennett, Gen Lervik, Art and Mazie Englund, Diane Riihiluoma, Arlene Gustafson, Rolland Maki, Rodney Jacobson
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Jim Kolden and the FLC Softball Team, Loyal and Barb Tanem, Russ and Linda Smith
- **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 our members who donated to the “**Raise the Roof Campaign.**” We collected \$2,265.70.

Thank you to Linda Smith for her help with Day Camp, and to those of you who contributed money for meals for camp counselors and other expenses.

Thanks you to Kathy Koland who planted the front garden and flowers pots

“Lutherans in the Park” Outdoor Worship will be held next Sunday, July 16, at 10:00 am the three ELCA congregations in Hibbing (First Lutheran, Holy Trinity and Our Savior’s) together with Faith Lutheran in Chisholm, will gather at the new (south) pavilion in Bennett Park to worship and sing a joyful noise unto the Lord, receive our Lord’s tangible presence through the sacrament of Holy Communion and celebrate our unity in the Body of Christ and call to be the hands and feet of our Lord to the world. Bishop Tom Aitken will preach and preside over communion. This will be a great celebration for our congregations and for the ELCA presence in this area. We ask that you bring your own seating. Golf cart rides from the parking lot to the pavilion will be available for those with mobility limitations. Shade is needed – we need canopies/umbrellas. Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided. Those attending are asked to bring side dishes and desserts, but no crock pots. We will have bouncy houses for the youth after the worship service. Offerings placed in your envelopes will go to First Lutheran – undesignated offerings will be donated to Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry. We look forward to seeing all of you in the park on July 16.

Condolences and prayers to the family and friends of:

Shawn Travis Martinson. Shawn died on May 20. A memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church on June 1.

Karolyn (Kottom) Linderman. Karolyn died on February 16, 2017. A memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church on June 3.

Michael J. Tomperi. Michael died on Monday, May 29. A memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 10.

Jason William Lamphere. Jason died on June 3. A memorial service was held at First Lutheran Church on June 22.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<p><i>First Lutheran Church</i> 2201 Third Avenue East Hibbing, MN 55746 218-263-8388 Pr. Ben Schori Office Email: office@firsthibbing.org</p>					<p>JULY 2017 AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH</p> 		<p>Lutheran Social Service Supervised Visitation held at First Lutheran Monday – Saturday as scheduled</p>	<p>1 <i>John Mason Neale</i> <i>Catherine Winkworth</i> <i>Hymn translators</i></p>
<p>2 <i>Lectionary 13</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>3 <i>Thomas, Apostle</i> Office Closed 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p>4 Fourth of July Holiday Office Closed</p> 	<p>5 No Organ Revue today</p>	<p>6 <i>Jan Hus, martyr</i></p>	<p>7 Office Closed</p>	<p>8</p>		
<p>9 <i>Lectionary 14</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>10 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p>11 <i>Benedict of Nursia,</i> <i>Abbot of Monte</i> <i>Cassino</i> 4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>12 <i>Nathan Soderblom,</i> <i>Bishop, Bishop of</i> <i>Uppsala</i> Noon - Organs in Revue at First Presbyterian Church</p>	<p>13 12:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army 3:00 pm ELCA service at Guardian Angels – Pr. Ben</p>	<p>14 Office closed</p>	<p>15</p>		
<p>16 <i>Lectionary 15</i> 10:00 am Lutherans in the Park Outdoor worship</p>	<p>17 <i>Bartolome de Las</i> <i>Casas, missionary to the</i> <i>Indies</i></p>	<p>18 1:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army</p>	<p>19 Noon - Organs in Revue at First Lutheran Church 5:00 – 7:00 pm Benefit Hog Roast & Concert Vesper Worship Service At Messiah Lutheran Church, Mt. Iron</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Office closed</p>	<p>22 <i>Mary Magdalene,</i> <i>Apostle</i> 3:00 pm Wedding Annie Dilley and Victor Otubelu</p>		
<p>23 <i>Lectionary 16</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p>24 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p>25 <i>James, Apostle</i></p>	<p>26 Noon - Organs in Revue at St. James Episcopal</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 <i>Johann Sebastian</i> <i>Bach, Heinrich Schutz,</i> <i>and George Frederick</i> <i>Handel, musicians</i> Office closed</p>	<p>29 <i>Mary, Martha, &</i> <i>Lazarus of Bethany</i> <i>Olaf, King of Norway,</i> <i>Martyr</i></p>		
<p>30 <i>Lectionary 17</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Retirement Party Nancy White</p>	<p>31 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>				<p>Check out the FLC website www.firsthibbing.org Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/firsthibbing</p>			