



# First Lutheran Church

## PARISH STAFF

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Pastor Ben Schori

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## PARISH COUNCIL

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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 – June 4

Sunday morning

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 5

### Confirmation

September – April

Wednesday evening

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Grades 7–10

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Bible Study

September – June 7

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

### PARISH OFFICE

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

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How did my faith become what it is today? I found myself discerning on this recently and I followed that contemplative path back through my theological development and maturing in seminary, through challenge and perspective broadening in college, through a rich youth ministry experience in high school, through learning and growth in confirmation and all of this brought me to my first real mountain top faith experiences in recollection: camp. If I had to pick one tangible experience that I believe was the formative force that started me down a lifelong path where faith and growth in faith was a priority, I would have to say it was those summer weeks during my childhood at church camp. Nothing compared to those weeks at camp as a kid, and I never looked forward to something quite the same way as I did my time at camp. Camp was one of my most profound early experiences of independence and faith development. I can remember apprehensively saying goodbye to my parents the first time I went to camp, and then, a week later, not wanting to leave. Camp also gave me the opportunity to have a kind of escape from the “real world” and to really dig deep into faith in a way I had never experienced.

Perhaps you have a similar story of camp, or maybe a child or youth in your life does. I encourage you to share and listen to these stories. I cannot stress enough how much I truly believe that summer church camp can be one of the most powerful formative experiences of a young person’s faith, and can plant seeds that will impact their faith journey for the rest of their lives. So, this pastor is an advocate of camp, and we have a fantastic Lutheran camp opportunity in this synod in Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry, which is made up of two camps: Camp Hiawatha and Camp Vermillion. First Lutheran sends kids to VLM camps every summer, and right now there is a lot of financial need. From plumbing repair to debt relief, the needs are plentiful at camp. One in particular that we here at First Lutheran are taking on is what VLM’s “Raise the Roof” Campaign.

For a year, VLM has been raising funds in order to install new steel roofs on three buildings at Camp Hiawatha. One of these buildings is the Log Lodge; a building that FLC has historically sponsored and that has our congregation's name attached to it. In addition to a new steel roof, the Log Lodge had some select rafters replaced and the chimney has been secured and tuck pointed. \$25,000 has been raised and much work has been done, but there's still more to do. \$15,000 is still needed to fully fund the campaign and complete the work. FLC has issued a dollar-for-dollar fundraising challenge to VLM-Hiawatha community in and around Deer Lake of up to \$7,500 to fully fund the Raise the Roof Campaign. Until Memorial Day, FLC will be raising funds and whatever we raise (up to \$7,500) will be challenged and matched by leaders in the Hiawatha community on Deer Lake.

We have already started raising funds for this challenge, and I encourage you to discern if you are being called to help. I know \$7,500 is a lot of money, but this congregation has a great tradition of rising to the challenge for a good cause and when the need is great, and I think good, strong roofs over the buildings where our kids sleep, worship and grow at camp is a pretty awesome cause; especially when the history of our congregation is attached to one of the buildings within this campaign. Please consider making a donation to our fundraiser for the VLM’s “Raise the Roof” Campaign and help kids continue to have mountain top faith experiences at camp in God’s great northwoods for many years to come.

Peace & Blessings,  
Pastor Ben

## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 11, 2017

Call to Order – 5:02 PM

Prayer

March meeting minutes approved – moved by Connie Bryant & Second by Linda Smith (motion passed)

March financial statement received—Checking/General Fund had a negative balance as of 3-31-17 which was taken care of by Connor (accountant) and funds were transferred from savings to checking

### Pastor Ben Schori's report

- Funeral/Memorial Service – Joyce Stone—April 1, 2017

### Property Committee Report

- Piano was moved from quilting room and table was put in its place

### Old Business

- Audio visual proposal made for new equipment – Dave Rian & Sandy Carlson (possible funding from Memorial Committee) - Moved by Pastor Ben Schori and second by Larry Elj (motion passed by unanimous vote by council members present)
- Needle disposal units in bathroom – resolved
- Easter Sunday hosting (council)

### New Business

- Mission Interpreter—Julie Lepisto was present—If interested in becoming a mission interpreter for FLC, please contact Bill Clymer
- VLM Camp roof—Raise the Roof Campaign – Fund-raiser to have our fundraising dollars matched by Deer Lake Association—Moved by Pastor Ben Schori and second by Paul Tokarczyk (motion passed)

### Other Business

- None

Next Council Meeting  
May 9, 2017 – 5:00 pm third floor

Lord's Prayer

Meeting Adjourned – 6:57 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:

April 2—\$3,896.00

April 9—\$2,775.00

April 16—\$4,810.00

April 23—\$1,304.00

April 30—To be reported in May

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

Updated collection amount for March is approximately \$430.00. (April to be reported in May.) 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!

### 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, May 21, 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, May 16, 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. We have lots of great ideas (and are always open to more), but need workers to help complete the projects. **NO** special skills needed! Coffee, treats, and fellowship are enjoyed by all. Talk with Sheryl Tokarczyk if you have questions.

**All Daughters' Banquet** on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall. The last day you may purchase a ticket is May 4. Call the office for information or if you need a ticket.

If you are interested in applying for the **FLC WELCA College Scholarship** contact the office. The scholarship is normally awarded to one student entering their second year or above. Application forms are available in the church office, and should be returned to the office by June 1. (Both males and females may apply.)

**We will be collecting Baby Care Kits for the month of May.** 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)

**Thank you to Barb Tanem for designing and making** the beautiful quilt that was donated to the *Silent Quilt Auction for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal* at the NE MN Synod Assembly, and for the other items she made and donated for the Marketplace Auction.

This year's Assembly was held on April 28—30 at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd. Barb Tanem and Linda Smith were voting member representatives from First Lutheran Church.



## 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 a 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

**VLM Camp Hiawatha Raise the Roof Campaign** - VLM has been raising funds in order to install new steel roofs on three buildings at Camp Hiawatha. One of these buildings is the Log Lodge; a building that FLC has historically sponsored. In addition to a new steel roof, the Log Lodge had some rafters replaced and the chimney has been secured and tuck pointed. \$25,000 has been raised and much work has been done, but there's still more to do. \$15,000 is still needed to fully fund the campaign and complete the work. FLC has issued a dollar-for-dollar fundraising challenge to VLM-Hiawatha community around Deer Lake of up to \$7,500 to meet the goal. Between now and Memorial Day, FLC will be raising funds and whatever we raise (up to \$7,500) will be matched by leaders in the Hiawatha community on Deer Lake.

**Day Camp**—The 2017 Day Camp will be held the week of June 19. This five-day-long day camp is sponsored by Our Savior's Lutheran and First Lutheran Church. Our Savior's will host this year's event. Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry staff will lead the activities. Day Camp is for children from Kindergarten—6th grade. Details will be available soon, as well as information on how you can volunteer to help with day camp.

### **What Do Mission Interpreters Do?**

Mission Interpreters are volunteers who help bring to life the stories of how our offerings and gifts are transformed into effective ministries through our ELCA and ELCA mission partners.

Mission Interpreters remind us how we make a difference in Christ's mission and the work of the church.

They thank people for their faithful giving, share information, provide resources, and give guidance on doing God's work through the congregation, our synod, our churchwide organization and mission partners.

This is accomplished through talks, presentations, visits with councils and committees, social media, church newsletters, etc. Our Mission Interpreters Team will help provide you with these resources.

**Please prayerfully consider joining the Mission Interpreter Ministry for First Lutheran Church.**

Contact Pr. Ben if this interests you.

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

- **Assisting Ministers:** Betty Aanes, Tom Arnold, William Clymer, William Clymer, Linda Smith, Jean Nelson, Paul Stavnes, and Ava Weyrauch
- **Acolyte:** Ava Weyrauch, Stella Schweiberger, Toby Inforzato, and Carly Kolden
- **Greeters:** Bill & Muriel Scofield, Dale and Marcy Berg, The John Schweiberger Family, Doris Baasi, Jean Nettle, and Sharon & Dennis Estey
- **Readers:** Dennis Flynn, Bobbi Nyland, Jean Nelson, Linda Smith, Paul Tokarczyk, Carson Link, Forrest Koland, Paul Tokarczyk
- **Ushers:** Kay Dague, Karyl Giombetti, George & Gloria Maras, Jeanne Albrecht, Betty Aanes, Bob & Sheryl Tokarczyk, Connie & Ken Bryant
- **Videographers:** William Clymer, Larry Elj, Cathy & Forrest Koland, Dave Rian, and Marty Vadis
- **Offering Counters:** Darlene Bennett, Gen Lervik, Art & Mazie Englund, Kay Dague, Karyl Giombetti, Paul & Darlene Stavnes, Renae Grabanski, and Kathy Morgan
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Barb Bautch, Mary Maki, Gladys Griffiths, Jeanne Albrecht, Shirley Albrecht, Darlene Bennett, Gen Lervik, The First Lutheran Church Council, and Paula & Emma Kangas
- **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.

**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

**HIPPA Privacy Rule**—Due to HIPAA Privacy Rules, it is not long 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.

### **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 April **telecasts** were given in memory of Alvie & Gertie Stavnes by the Stavnes family, in memory of Reuben Lervik by Gen Lervik and family, in memory of Kristine Joy Bautch by Dawn Snow, and in memory of Jim Rhude by Joan Rhude and family, and in memory of Kathy (Griffiths) Olson by Gladys Griffiths and family.

**Altar flowers** were given in memory of Reuben Lervik by Gen Lervik and family, and in memory of Kathy (Griffiths) Olson by Barb Bautch and Mary Maki.

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*

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><b>MAY 2017 AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH</b></p> 		<p>Check out the FLC website  <a href="http://www.firsthibbing.org">www.firsthibbing.org</a>            Don't forget to "Like" our Facebook            page, <a href="http://www.facebook.com/firsthibbing">www.facebook.com/firsthibbing</a></p>
	<p><b>1 Philip and James, apostles</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p><b>2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>4 Monica, mother of Augustine</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 am – 3:00 pm  <b>WELCA Leadership Training</b></p>
<p><b>7 Fourth Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School            10:30 am Fellowship</p>	<p><b>8 Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting            5:00 pm Church Council Meeting            6:00 pm All Daughters' Banquet</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>12:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army            3:00 pm ELCA service at Guardian Angels</p>	<p><b>12</b> Office closed</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>
<p><b>14 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/ Sunday School            10:30 am Fellowship            10:45 am Altar Guild Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>6:00 pm Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p><b>18 Erik, Kind of Sweden, martyr</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Boutique Crafters</p> <p>1:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21 Helena, mother of Constantine</b></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>21 Sixth Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/ Sunday School            10:30 am Fellowship            10:45 am WELCA Meeting</p>	<p><b>24 Nicolaus Copernicus and Leonhard Euler, scientists</b></p> <p>1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Group</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>	<p><b>27 John Calvin, renewer of the church</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><b>29 Jeff Tranovsky, hymnwriter</b></p>
<p><b>28 Ascension of Our Lord</b></p> <p>9:30 am Worship Service/ Sunday School            10:30 am Fellowship            Joel Abenth – VLM visit</p>	<p><b>29 Memorial Day</b></p> <p>Office closed</p> <p>7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31 The Visitation</b></p> <p>10:00 am Bible Study</p>			<p>June events:            June 4 – Final Sunday School for the season – will resume in Sept.            June 7 – Final Bible Study-will resume in Sept.            June 19 – 23  <b>Day Camp @ OSLC</b></p>