

THE VISITOR

SEPTEMBER 2017



# First Lutheran Church

## PARISH STAFF

### Pastor

Pastor Ben Schori

### Secretary

Amy Mandt

### Organist

Elaine Sweeney

### Custodial Services

Range Center Job Corps

## PARISH COUNCIL

Marcy Berg

Consuelo "Connie" Bryant

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 – April

Wednesday evening

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Grades 7–10

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Bible Study

September – May

Wednesday

10:00 am – 11:00 pm

## 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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I always feel a little extra frantic around the office come September. Programs are starting back up, volunteers are needed to recruit, and important info and schedules need to get into the hands of already busy families. This year, September feels especially busy because of a new, important addition to the FLC staff. As most of you are aware, Nancy White officially retired last month and she has stayed on part-time until we found her replacement and trained them in. Well, I am pleased to announce that, after a lot of searching and a long interview process, we have filled the position of Parish Secretary.

Amy Mandt applied for the position and it was apparent right away that she would be a great fit for the job and our church office. Amy not only has terrific administrative skills but also the kind of personal skills that you want in a parish secretary. Amy is a daughter and member of the congregation and you may have had the opportunity to connect with her, her husband Tom, and their two daughters Kamryn and Vivienne over the last few Sundays. Pastor Kevin from OSLC actually baptized Vivienne on Sunday August 27 during worship here at First Lutheran (I was leading worship at Holy Trinity Lutheran and Faith Lutheran that day). I know that Amy is very excited to be starting her work in the church office, and I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that I am grateful to have her.

I think part of the reason for the frantic energy in the air during this time of the church year has to do with the fact that so many things are changing; and with change comes challenge. As Amy starts here at First Lutheran this month, and is trained in by Nancy as she fully transitions into retirement, there will be challenges with this change, but, as people of faith, we are called to meet the challenges of change with patience, an open mind, and grace. As all of the programs start, and things begin to change, there will be challenges to be met. One such challenge is the fact that we are in need of a new Sunday school teacher. Another challenge stems from the reality that Sunday school participation has dwindled in recent years. Should it continue on as it has been, or do we explore new possibilities and even greater change?

In the midst of all this change and possible change First Lutheran is facing this month, there is something that, not too long ago, was a change, but now is something familiar. Once again, we will be coming together with the people of Our Savior's, Holy Trinity, and Faith in Chisholm for "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday on September 10. All four congregations will gather for worship at OSLC at 9:30 am. Don't forget to wear your yellow "God's Work. Our Hands." T-shirt (if you don't have one, talk to me). Then we'll have a time for fellowship, in house service projects, and, of course, there will be food. Then it's off into the community to be the hands and feet of Christ through a number of different service projects. Please come and participate in as much of this great day as you are able.

It was only a few years ago that we started doing this day of service together, and I have found that it has become something many look forward to. It's amazing what the Holy Spirit can do with enough open hearts. As we move into September, I think that's one of the best things we could take with us: an open heart. The thing about this time in the church year, when I'm feeling busy and frantic in the midst of change and challenge, is that this is one of the times where it's most exciting to be the church; to meet the challenges intentionally and to be open to the great possibilities that the Spirit has in store.

Peace & Blessings,  
Pastor Ben

## First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes August 8, 2017

Members Present - Marcy Berg, Linda Smith, Connie Bryant, Lynn Schweiberger  
Pastor Ben Schori  
Members Absent - Bill Clymer, Mazie Englund, Larry Elj, Paul Tokarczyk

Call to Order - 5:04  
Prayer

July meeting minutes approved with correction of Funeral/Memorial Service changed to Jason Lamphere - Moved by Marcy Berg and second by Linda Smith.

July financial statement received.

Pastor Ben Schori's report

- Wedding - Annie Ray Dilley and Chuckwudi Victor Otubelu - July 22, 2017
- Committal - Bernice Tate - July 26, 2017

Property Committee Report

- Sidewalks for parsonage complete
- Landscaping and rock for parsonage foundation needed.

Old Business

- Mission We Share report - Lutherans in the Park report
- Pastor swap - August 20 and 27
- Parish Secretary - Start date Sept 5. Nancy to stay to train new secretary

New Business

- "God's Work/Our Hands" Sunday - Sept 10 at Our Saviors
  - All 4 churches to participate - work options in Chisholm and Hibbing
  - FLC to bring sides or dessert for meal

No further business

Next Council Meeting - Sept 12, 2017

Meeting adjourned - 5:40 PM

Submitted by Lynn Schweiberger, acting secretary

**Bell Choir Practice** will begin on Monday, September 18, 5:00 pm, at the Wesley United Methodist Church. If you are interested in joining the choir, please come and see what it's all about. New members are needed.

**Adult Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, September 6 at 10:00 am.

**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:

July 30—\$3,600.00  
August 6—\$2,542.00  
August 13—\$2,047.00  
August 20—\$2,125.00  
August 27—\$1,369.00

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 July is \$135.00. 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!

**Note:** We are in need of volunteers on Thursdays. Please call Rodney if you can help out. Thanks!

### 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).

**All women of First Lutheran are members of WELCA!** WELCA will meet on Sunday, September 17 at 10:45 am. We will work on plans for upcoming events. You are all welcome to attend this meeting. If you have questions, please talk with Barb Tanem, WELCA President.

**It's back to work for the Hobby Quilt Club.** Beginning Monday, September 11, the group will resume meeting on Mondays from 1pm—4 pm. At 3:00 pm we have a coffee and snack break. No special talents are needed. **New participants are welcome** and needed to support this ongoing ministry.

**The WELCA Prayer Partner Gathering** is scheduled for Tuesday, September 26, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All women are welcome to attend. If you currently have a prayer partner, gifts will be exchanged. All attending will be given a prayer partner name for the following year. See you there!

This year's **WELCA Fall Conference** will be held on Saturday, October 7, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. The speaker will be Pr. Liz Cheney. She will speak on her mission trips to Guatemala. Let's plan on car pooling, and let's get a big group together!! If you are interested in attending please call the church office or talk with Barb Tanem.

**Smorgasbord time is coming up!** The FLC Annual Smorgasbord will be held on Thursday, October 26. The Smorgasbord will run continuously from 4:30—6:30 pm. Barb Bautch and Mary Maki will co-chair this year's smorgasbord. More information will be published in upcoming bulletins and the October newsletter. Start thinking about ways you can help and watch for the sign-up sheets. Your assistance will be truly appreciated!

### **WELCA will be collecting Baby Care Kits September—November**

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.

**We are in need a Sunday school teacher.** If you are interested please call the office. Thank you to Patty Barsness for her many years of teaching our Sunday School youth. She did a wonderful job, and we appreciate her!



## What's Happening at Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry

www.VLMcamps.org • vlm@VLMcamps.org

800-331-5148 • 218-666-5465

Gretchen Bachman, Program Director



### **Golf Scramble - Camp at the Course!**

September 16, 2017 - Vermilion Fairways, Cook, MN

**Registration Deadline:** Friday, September 8.

Call 800-331-5148 to register for this event and for details.

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.

**Memorial Fund** 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 August **telecasts** were given in memory of family members by Karyl Giombetti, in memory of Bernice Tate by her family, in memory of Brenda Koschak by Ron and Joann Koschak, and in memory of Evelyn "Toots" Anderson by Gloria Maras and family. **Altar flowers** were given in memory of Evelyn "Toots" Anderson by Gloria Maras and family .

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*

### **"God's Work/Our Hands Sunday" – September 10, 2017**

- A Celebratory Worship will be held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 9:30 am.
- In House Service Projects at 10:45 am
- Potluck Dinner at 11:45 am
- Disperse out into the community to do Service Projects in Hibbing and Chisholm at 12:45 pm.

Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Holy Trinity LC, First Lutheran Church, and Faith Lutheran Church (Chisholm) will be involved.

**"God's Work/Our Hands" Combined Choir** - Once again we will plan on combining our voices in a choir for the "God's Work, Our Hands" service that will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup>, Our Savior's Lutheran in Hibbing at 9:30 AM. We have one rehearsal left prior to that service. Please plan to attend on September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the OSLC fellowship Hall. The choir will be under the direction of Roy Berg.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

#### **Make checks payable to**

Hurricane Response - United States

and send to:

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

P.O. Box 1809

Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

#### **By phone**

Call 800-638-3522 to make a donation with a credit card. Operators are ready to assist you Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Central Time.

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

- **Assisting Ministers:** Mazie Englund, Paul Stavnes, Dennis Flynn, Paul Tokarczyk
- **Greeters:** George & Gloria Maras, Bill & Murial Scofield, Richard & Karen Podominick
- **Readers:** Linda Smith, Bobbi Nyland, Jean Nelson
- **Ushers:** Betty Aanes, William Clymer, Jeanne Albrecht, Shirley Szweduik, Kay Dague, George & Gloria Maras
- **Videographers:** Dale Berg, William Clymer, Larry Elj, Paula Kangas, Cathy & Forrest Koland, Dave Rian
- **Offering Counters:** Darlene Bennett, Gen Lervik, Paul & Darlene Stavnes, Kay Dague, Karyl Giombetti, Diane Riihiluoma, Arlene Gustafson
- **Fellowship Hosts:** Amy Mandt, Russ & Linda Smith, Barb & Loyal Tanem, Betty Brandt, Cindy Brandt, Louise Perunovich, Gloria Maras
- **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 Cathy and Forrest Koland** for cleaning out the maintenance room. (It was needed!)

**A “big” thank you** to my First Lutheran Friends and the Church Council for the wonderful retirement party! (My gift was above and beyond expectations.) I appreciate all the cards, gifts and thoughtful words I received. *Nancy White*

**Condolences and prayers** to the family and friends of **Bernice Marie Tate**. Bernice died on July 17, 2017. A committal was held at Maple Hill Cemetery on July 26, 2017.

**Vivienne Marie Mandt** was baptized on August 27, 2017. Her parents are Thomas and Amy Mandt. Her sponsors are Chelsie Radziwill and Andrew Tuckner. Vivienne has a sister, Kamryn.

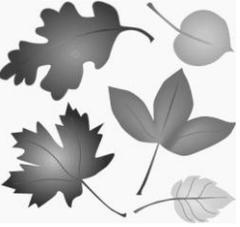
**The Christmas Boutique Crafter’s** will meet not meet in September. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 3**, in the fellowship hall. We are looking for women (**men, too**) who would like to help make crafts to sell at the bazaar. **NO** special skills needed! Coffee, treats, and fellowship are enjoyed by all!

**Calling out to all canners!**

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! 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. Talk with Sheryl Tokarczyk if you have questions. Thank you!

**Confirmation and Sunday School Information:**

- Wednesday, September 13—6:30—8:00 pm. Laurentian Conference Confirmation Kickoff at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron. Meet at Memorial Bldg parking lot at 5:45 pm. (Grades 7—11)
- Sunday, September 17—Sunday School begins
- Wednesday, September 20—Confirmation begins
- Sunday, October 15—Confirmation Sunday Prep at FLC from 4:00—7:00 pm (Dinner Included)
- Wednesday, October 25 at 8:30 pm—Rehearsal for Confirmation Sunday
- Sunday, October 29—Confirmation Sunday at First Lutheran at 11:00 am.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>First Lutheran Church</b> 2201 Third Avenue East Hibbing, MN 55746 218-263-8388 Pr. Ben Schori Office Email: office@firsthibbing.org				<b>SEPTEMBER 2017 AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 		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>
				Lutheran Social Service Supervised Visitation held at First Lutheran Monday – Saturday as scheduled	1 Office Closed	2 <i>Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvik, bishop, renewer of the church</i>
3 <i>Lectionary 22</i> 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship	4 <i>Labor Day Holiday</i> Office Closed  7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon	5	6 10:00 am Bible Study	7	8 Office closed	9
10 <i>Lectionary 23</i> "God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday 9:30 am Joint Service at Our Savior's Lutheran Church	11 1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Club  7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon	12 4:00 pm Property Committee Meeting 5:00 pm Church Council Meeting	13 10:00 am Bible Study  6:30 – 8:00 pm Laurentian Conference Confirmation Kickoff at Messiah LC – meet at Memorial Bldg at 5:45 pm	14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i> 12:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army 3:00 pm ELCA service at Guardian Angels	15 Office closed	16 <i>Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr</i>  Wedding at OSLC Courtney Anderson and Jim Schnortz (Pr. Ben Officiates)
17 <i>Lectionary 24</i> 9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 am WELCA Meeting	18 <i>Dag Hammarskjold</i> 1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Club 5:00 pm Bell Choir Practice at the Methodist Church 7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon	19 October newsletter articles due  1:00 pm FLC serves meal at Salvation Army	20 <i>Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop</i> 10:00 am Bible Study  7:00 pm Confirmation	21 <i>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	22 <i>Autumn begins</i> Office closed	23 Wedding Stefanie Scofield and Nickolas Borowicz
24 <i>Lectionary 25</i> 9:30 am Worship Service/Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship	25 1:00 pm Hobby Quilt Club  7:00 pm Alanon, Gamanon	26 6:00 pm Prayer Partner Gathering	28 10:00 am Bible Study  7:00 pm Confirmation	29 <i>Michael and All Angels</i>	30 <i>Jerome, translator, teacher</i> Office Closed	<b>October Events:</b> Oct. 7 – WELCA Fall Conference at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Ely  Oct. 26 – FLC Scandinavian Smorgasbord