



“Strengthen Our Foundation” Capital Campaign

As of December , the total amount that has been contributed to the campaign is \$45,975.00. We would like to thank everyone who has continued to donate to this fund, but at this time until this COVID-19 is over, we will suspend the campaign so we can focus on the day to day general expenses of the church. We will continue to give updates in the bulletins and newsletters on our campaign efforts and funds raised so that all are aware of the progress and how close we have come to our goal when all is said and done. Our goal for this campaign will be to raise \$150,000 to help cover some of the costs of the repairs and projects that were recently completed (and for future projects). We appreciate any and all help we can get in helping maintain our beautiful building! God bless!

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.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the ministry at our church! Please continue to send in your offerings to help us continue to operate in our community.

Ways to give:

- 1) Mail in offering to the church
- 2) Drop off offering in our mail slot on the office door
- 3) Give online– See article in newsletter on “A New Way to Give: (To sign up for online giving, contact the church office)

Don't forget you can give weekly, or for the entire month! Again, thank you for all the ways you support the ministry here at First Lutheran!

Monthly offerings:

December: \$14,260.00

January: (as of January 26th) \$8,448.50

Alleviating Hunger in our Community

Amount collected in December was \$250.00. Your donations will be divided between the **Hibbing Salvation Army and the First Lutheran Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Account.** The soup kitchen account provides meals for the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen once 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) of the month, First Lutheran members volunteer at the Salvation Army Soup Kitchen. Help is always needed on the day we serve. Please call Rodney Jacobson at 263-8770 if you can help. Thank you to the volunteers within this ministry!

Easter Flowers

Although Easter is still a few months away, the planning has already begun. This year we are once again asking you to contribute money to buy Easter flowers for the church. The donation amount is \$17.00 which covers the cost of each plant. 40 plants will be ordered this year. Your gift may be designated to be “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone important in your life. Any money left over will be donated to the FLC Soup Kitchen Account. Flowers will be purchased locally and will be available to those who would like one after Easter. **We will have curbside pick up from 11-11:45 on Easter Sunday.** Please fill out the form below and return it to the church office no later than March 31st.

Amount: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

By: (the name of the person/persons who are giving this gift): _____

Phone number: _____

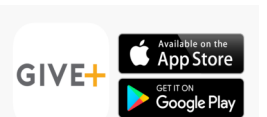
A New Way to Give

First Lutheran is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account or processed using your credit or debit card. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and provides donation consistency for our congregation.

To get started, visit the church website at www.firsthibbing.org, locate the online giving page labeled “Give Plus”, and set up your recurring giving schedule. This works for one-time donations as well. The first time you give you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete giving history.

You can also download the GIVEPLUS Mobile app on the App Store or on Google Play. Just enter the zip code to search for First Lutheran Church and set up or log in to your account.

If you have any questions, please contact Rian in the church office and she will be happy to assist you! Thank you for supporting First Lutheran and we hope you enjoy this new way to contribute to our church!



We hope to see you at one of these great VLM events!



April 16-18 Paddle building at Camp Vermilion. Spend a weekend building a paddle board paddle

May 1st Spring Work Day at Camp Hiawatha-volunteers getting camps ready for summer. Includes snacks and lunch.

May 15th Spring Work Day at Camp Vermilion-volunteers getting camps ready for summer. Includes snacks and lunch.

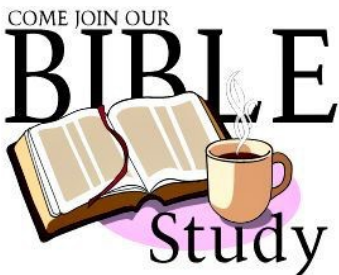
July 31st Bluegrass Festival at Camp Vermilion— an annual fundraiser for VLM with music, raffle and auction opportunities, and the opportunity to fellowship with camp supporters while supporting camp.

Summer Camp Registration @VLM Has Begun!

It is time to start thinking about summer camp. If you are interested in signing your child up for summer camp at either Camp Hiawatha or Camp Vermilion this year, please contact the church office as soon as possible. The camper-ship fund will pay camp fees except for \$100. The office will need to know which camp you would like your child to attend and which week. You will then need to go online to complete your registration, or call VLM at 1-800-331-5148 and a representative can walk you through it. Camp dates fill quickly and early registration ends on February 15—so don't miss it!

First Lutheran's Bible Study meets on Zoom every Wednesday at 10:00 am. You can still join at any time! If you would like to join in on the Zoom Bible study, call Rian in the office to give your email, or if you have any other questions!

Zoom link: <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/99214636193>



Or to call in: Dial 1-312-626-6799
Enter Meeting ID: 992 1463 6193



FLC Coffee and Fellowship Sundays

We will be continuing with Zoom fellowships on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month following the broadcast! This month we will meet on February 7th and 21st. You can join in anytime after 10:15am. Here is the link: <https://luthersem.zoom.us/j/91315616196>

Or you can call in by phone:
Dial 1-312-626-6799

Enter meeting ID# 913 1561 6196
Hope to see you there!!!



Happy Birthday to the following February Birthday Congregants: Jack Benolken, Jaclyn Ridlon, Wendy Rue, Amy Mandt, Olive Morrison, Gregory Clark, Dorothy Cencich, Megan Jones, Layla Garrison, Louise Ochsner, Dennis Estey, Gionna Hughes, Paula Kangas, Lillyan McCarroll, Lillian Elj, Sandra Hecimovich, Irene Hardy, Landon Krampotich, Taya Krampotich, Matthew McCarroll, Barbara Bonelli, Russell Smith, Owen Qualley, Tina Greenwood, Kazuko Larson, Austin Walters, Colton Wollin, Ryan Lind, Sherie Griffiths, Gen Lervik and Robert Griffiths.



WELCA Scholarship Applications!



Attention all parents of students entering college or post-graduate schooling next fall...First Lutheran's WELCA group has a scholarship available that your child may apply for! Scholarship funds vary year-to-year and only a certain number of candidates are chosen based on funds available. Candidates can pick up the application at the church office. Once filled out, they may drop off/mail back their applications to the office. All applications must be received by April 1st, 2021 in order to be considered.