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Worship –10:30 AM

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Our Mission Statement ...

First Lutheran Church is God's people inviting,
involving equipping and empowering to serve, that all
may know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Introducing Our New Administrative Interim, Pastor Tommy Richter

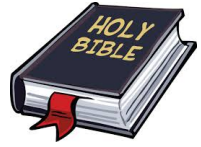
Pastor Tommy Richter is a philosopher, poet, drummer, and avid walking enthusiast. He has a BA in Philosophy and Religion from Ursinus College, 2007, and an MDiv from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, 2013. Ordained in 2016, his first call was to the remote Alaskan Native village of Shishmaref—the northern-most Lutheran Church in the ELCA, just ten miles south of the arctic circle. His second call was at a large suburban congregation in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota just south of the Twin Cities. And now he is a Yooper serving Zion Lutheran in Manistique; where he lives with his wife and they are expecting their first child in July.



Upcoming Scripture Readings

June 6th – Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 3:8-15, Psalm 130, 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1,
Mark 3:20-35



June 13th – Third Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 17:22-24, Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10[11-13]
14-17, Mark 4:26-34

June 20th – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-11, Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

June 27th - Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 3:22-23, Psalm 30, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

July 4th – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5, Psalm 123, 2 Corinthians 12:2-10, Mark 6:1-13

July 11th - Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15, Psalm 85:8-13, Ephesians 1:3-14, Mark 6:14-29

July 18th - Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6, Psalm 23, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 25th – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 4:42-44, Psalm 145:10-18, Ephesians 3:14-21, John 6:1-21

Worship Schedule

Sunday June 6 th	10:30 am Pastor Tom Skrenes
Sunday June 13 th	10:30 am Lisa Bouche, LLM
Sunday June 20 th	10:30 am Lisa Bouche, LLM
Sunday June 27 th	10:30 am Pastor Dave VanKley
Sunday July 4 th	10:30 am TBA
Sunday July 11 th	10:30 am TBA
Sunday July 18 th	10:30 am TBA
Sunday July 25 th	10:30 am TBA

Worship is open to those who feel safe attending. The livestream will continue for those who wish to attend from home. The council is assessing the pandemic and the safety of gathering each month during their monthly meetings.

Worship Notes



After further consideration, with difficulty of getting supply pastors early in the day, the council decided to keep worship at **10:30 AM** For the months of **June, July & August**

Bible Study

Meets on Wednesday's at 9:30 am in the Youth Room.



Grace Circle

Grace Circle will not be meeting until the COVID restrictions are lifted.

Love Circle

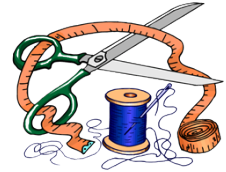
Love circle will meet on the third Thursday of each month, 9:30am at First Lutheran Church. Study material will be in the narthex. Every woman is invited. Please call 428-1696 for more information.

Faith Circle

Faith circle will meet on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.

Sewing Circle

The sewing circle ministry can always use gently used sheets, pillow cases, towels, t-shirts, sweat shirts and material and thread. Yarn is used for making baby sweaters and hats. If you have any of these items, please drop them at church.



Christian Ed

Unfortunately there will not be a Bible Camp this summer due to lack of interested participants.

Call Committee

The call committee announced the pastoral candidate withdrew.

Geraniums

Thank you to all who ordered geraniums for Pentecost Sunday. We haven't had that many in years and it really added beauty to the church for our confirmation youth and graduates. If you ordered geraniums, please pick them up.



FIRST LUTHERAN MASK/FOOD POLICY

In Christian love, we strive to secure the health and welfare of all God's children. Given the contagious nature of COVID-19 and to protect each other, it is the policy of 1st Lutheran Church that people wear a mask and social distance while inside the building for worship or other activities. For additional protection, we do not sanction the serving or consumption of food and beverages within the building and ask groups to sanitize the spaces they use when they are finished. Council will revisit this policy when the State of Michigan allows restaurants to return to normal business-as-usual.



*Congratulations to our...
High School Graduates Class of
2021*



Alaina Marie Trudeau

"I will be graduating from Gladstone High School. In the fall, I will be going to Bay College to study Pre-Pharmacy, while also playing women's basketball at Bay. I will go to Bay College for 1-2 years and then transfer to Ferris State University to pursue and finish a degree in Pharmacy."

Megan Marie Robinson

Graduating from Gladstone High School Megan will be attending Bay College in the Fall. She will be enrolled in the nursing program. Megan plans on getting her RN from Bay College and then transferring to NMU or GVSU to get her BSN. After completing her Bachelor's degree in the Science of Nursing she would like to continue her education to become a Physician's Assistant and specialize in Pediatrics.



High School Graduates not pictured:
Dragan Graham & Danny Knapp

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Congratulations to our...

College Graduates Class of 2021



Jenna Faith Steinhoff

"I graduated from Alma College on May 1st, 2021 magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree. I majored in biology and minored in chemistry with focus on a Pre-Vet path. I played softball all four years at Alma College where I became a member of the National College Athlete Honor Society my senior year. I was also awarded the President's Cup Award my freshman year. I plan on working at a veterinary clinic as a veterinary assistant to gain experience before applying to a doctorate of veterinary medicine program. It has always been my dream to become a veterinarian. I would like to extend a thank you to the congregation for your prayer support."

Fortune Lake News

We are heading into high gear in preparation for summer camp, and we couldn't be more excited!!! There are a few things that we'd like to update you on...

End of Summer Worship Service

After the overwhelming gratitude you showed for the Epiphany worship service, we have decided to offer another one to our association congregations and friends. The 30–40-minute service is intended for the weekend of August 14-15. It will be available to preview on our YouTube channel by Friday, August 13. It can also be sent via a direct link for those who wish to download it directly. The worship service will include Bible readings from the lectionary texts, prayers, worship songs, and a sermon, all done camp-style, featuring summer campers and staff.



e service will be a great way to celebrate what God has done through the summer camp ministry of Fortune Lake, while providing an opportunity to worship together, and maybe even giving your tech team a week off!

Camper Update

We are so excited for the long list of campers who are preparing to join us this summer! There is still limited room in Youth Camp (sorry... Vagabond programs are all full!), with additional availability in Intergenerational Camp and Staff Supported Rentals. Please encourage your congregation and community members to register soon. We have waiting lists for full programs in the event that some campers need to cancel unexpectedly.

Staffing Update

Our 2021 Summer Staff is shaping up to be a fantastic team! We are almost done hiring, but we have four more positions we'd like to fill: 2 male Cabin Leaders and 2 female Cabin Leaders. Please encourage the young adults in your community to consider joining us! Must be at least 18 years old and available June 13-July 30. No experience necessary, as we have a strong group of returning staff ready to pass on the torch.

Camper Fees and Camperships due by June 1

Here's your gentle reminder that all camper payments are due to the Fortune Lake office by June 1, including camperships offered by congregations. Those who are not paid in full by that date will forfeit their early bird discount.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Deborah at officemanager@fortunelake.org

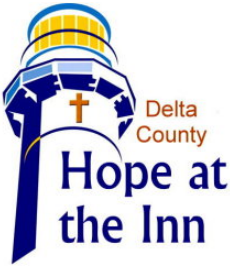
Pastors and Youth Workers Welcome

Although our public stance on visitors and guests is different this year due to COVID precautions, we want our pastors and youth workers to know that you are still welcome at camp this summer! We have private lodging available, and you'd be encouraged to plug in to camp life in safe ways however you feel called. Please let me know if you would like to schedule a day, overnight, or week-long stay at Fortune Lake! Youth Camps run June 27-July 23. Vaccination is encouraged prior to arrival, and COVID precautions will be followed.

Grace & Peace,

Amanda Rasner (she/her/hers), Camp Director

Hope at The Inn



Fundraiser:

Sort bottles & cans on Wednesdays
at Salvation Army,
3001 Fifth Ave. S., Escanaba

We are now accepting 10-cent returnable bottles and cans at The Salvation Army, 3001 Fifth Ave. South, Escanaba.

We need people to help sort them. Please go to www.hopeattheinn.org to sign up for a shift or two ... or you can sign up by calling/texting Lisa at 420-1311 or emailing her at hopeattheinndelta@gmail.com.

Shifts are set up to accommodate up to 4 people at a time. If you have a larger group, contact Lisa. If you must cancel yourself off a shift, please make every effort to do so the day before. If the weather is really nasty, we will cancel.

Grace and Peace, Rhonda Husbye and Pat Casteel

DRIVE
BY
SHOWER



We have the privilege of sponsoring a "Drive-By-Shower" for the family of Aaron and Amanda Kippola. Aaron is our tech person here at First and he and his wife Amanda have recently adopted four children ages 3-7, brothers and sisters. As you can imagine, their needs are great.

Monetary donations or gift cards are encouraged.

Sunday, June 6th

We will serve a sloppy joe bag lunch, sponsored by Thrivent, after our church service. For more information call 428-1696

Stewardship **CAN WE TALK?**

We can be good stewards of the many gifts entrusted to us by a gracious God by what we say as well as what we do. Granted, actions speak louder than words, but words can have profound consequences.

While “walking the talk” is vital if we are going to love our neighbors as Jesus commanded us, but what we say to one another is often not translated into action. Sometimes the words we speak have to stand alone. This should give us pause as we speak with our neighbors.

Since Christ taught that we should love ALL of our neighbors, which include ALL, that’s a tall order. In this highly polarized environment, showing love by what we say to others with whom we have major disagreements on many issues, is very difficult—at least without help. As if it’s not difficult enough, social media has greatly magnified this challenge.

It’s easy to show love by what we say to those who think like we do. There’s not much help needed here. The HUGE rub comes we get “tongue tied” when speaking with those with whom we don’t see eye to eye. A really good friend of mine quotes his beloved mother when he observes situations fraught with disagreement, rancor and harsh differences of opinion. She used to calmly say, “I don’t see Christ in this situation”. I’m sure my memory fails to recall her EXACT words, but it’s close. This speaks volumes about what we, as both saints and sinners, need, desperately, as we talk to each other.

Thank God we are not in this alone. Christ is always “waiting in the wings” to join us in the dialogues we have with others. We just have to ask Jesus to help us listen and hear one another.

I like the quote, “before you speak, ask yourself, is it kind, is it necessary, is it true?” and I would add, is it Christ centered?

This advice will be considered simplistic and naïve, by some, and that’s O.K. There is no perfect answer here—except for the Christ part. The constant search for speaking loving, Christ-centered words to one another is a wonderful act of stewardship.

In Christ, Dirk Manson, Stewardship Chair



Special Giving Envelope

This month's Special Giving will go towards

Mission of Hope

Please help provide funds to Mission of Hope and help struggling families in our community at the Mission of Hope event in August.

Giving Statements will be available for pick up after July 5th

~ Faithful Stewardship ~

Last Month's Giving	Year-to-Date Giving	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Over/(Under)
19,558.46	88,142.21	79,254.00	8,888.21
April: In house On Line Views	8:00 am = 101 8:00 am = 287	10:30 am = no service 10:30 am = no service	

As of April 30st, 2021

Gifts to the Congregation have been given...

In Memory of *Lois McPherson's Birthday*
For Undesignated Memorials
James McPherson

In Memory of *Beverly Lindquist*
For Undesignated Memorials
Andy & Jolane Nelson

June Birthdays

Week 1:

Paul Bialik
Jennifer Walker

Gayla Louis
Alex Wells

Sandy Boutilier
Erika Roman

Week 2:

Patty Geiken
Lauren Marshall

Claire Soderman
Joshua Miron

Tim Rybicki
Paul Hammond

Week 3:

Pam Brown
Kelsey Gustafson

Christina Hanson
Patrick Ziems

Megan Robinson

Week 4:

Jean Helman
Braylin Carter
Braden Sundquist

Chad Walker
Susan Kloet
Carole Wedell

Emily Clement
Adam Hongisto
Jim Pardon

Week 5:

Tom Gobert
Don Seeley
Tim Johnson

Julie Sanville
Bonnie DeMay
Kari Nordin

Alison Rose
Rachel Kars

June Anniversaries

Michael & Deanna Coyne	2 years
Raino & Maxine Maki	38 years
Ray & Pam Chouinard	49 years
Tom & Alice Vermullen	50 years
Paul & Judy Hammond	53 years
Dennis & Diane Hanson	53 years
Dirk & Sue Manson	59 years
Don & Carol Seeley	61 years
David & Mya Nivison	69 years

July Birthdays

Week 1:

Jodi Tianen	Ruth Johnson	John Roman Jr.
Gerald Ebbesen	Dotti Ford	Scot Rose
Sarah Hanson	Kendall Dahlke	Ray Chouinard

Week 2:

Violet Rose	Hadley Wiltzius	David Ellison
Ann Christiansen	John Roman III	Makenna Taavola
Alaina Trudeau	Macy Trudeau	Nora Smith

Week 3:

Eileen Demeuse	Alexis Coleman	Morgan Gerow
Erik Soderman	Rylee Gerow	Scott Hanson
Kali Dykes	Peter DeMay	Christine Mineau
Monica Bostwick	Griffyn Verbeek	Jay Bostwich

Week 4:

Kathleen Shine

July Anniversaries

Barb Karas & Patrick Cleveland	4 years
Jessica & Mike Groleau	4 years
David & Alyssa Ellison	11 years
Steve Bolek & Ann Christiansen	22 years
Ron & Kelly Robinson	28 years
David & Jodi Tianen	33 years
Bruce & Cheryl Dykes	33 years
Wayne & Vickie Marshall	36 years
David & Mary Cowen	38 years
George & Ruth Botbyl	44 years
Ken & Bonnie Groh	44 years
Dale & Donna Schlemmer	45 years
Gordon & Lisa Zuehlke	47 years
Paul & Carole Wedell Sr.	59 Years

(If we've missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know)

Homebound Members

Christian Park

Ruth Johnson
Helen Ruth Seppala
Marilyn Stade

Bishop Noa

Betty Erickson
Joyce Creten
Marie Hirn

Pinecrest, Powers

Jeannie Kenney
Jean Schmidt
Yvonne Sepic

Sunny View

Marv Kaski

Lakeview

Laila Whitfield

Murray's Country View

Pat Shampo
Carroll Wedell

At Home

Arla Pearson
Mary Kossow
Lorraine Moreau

Paul Wedell is currently living in Suamico, Wisconsin with his daughter.
Please contact the church office if you wish to send a greeting.



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Electronic giving is a convenient, easy way to support First Lutheran Church.

By Giving electronically, you can:

- ❖ Give anywhere, anytime from your computer, smartphone or tablet.
- ❖ Donate to one of our special project funds.
- ❖ Set up recurring payments and never worry about bringing your checkbook, cash or envelope again.



Get started today! Visit our donations page to set up your online contribution: www.firstlutheran-gladstone.org



First Lutheran has participated with Mission of Hope the past couple of years. This is the third year Mission of Hope has been in Delta County and they are planning the 2021 event.

Representatives like YOU are needed to help organize and participate in this spritual event.

The next scheduled meeting is June 13th at 5 p.m at Ludington Park, Escanaba.

The Main Event
Sunday, August 8th
at Ludington Park

featuring an acrobatic motorcycle riding group and a christian music band.

Contact Pastor Paul Culbertson at
906-241-6061 or paul@wellspring906.com
to get involved or for more information

Council Highlights

The Congregation Council met on May 17th with Kathy Gobert presiding. At this meeting the council: Meet the new administrative interim Pastor Tommy Richter. Discussed planting the outdoor planters, decided to apply for a NGLS Grant to help support Mission of Hope and to continue mask wearing in the building. It was also decided, until restaurants are fully open there will be no distribution of food or beverage in the building. Dirk Manson is the new chair of the Personnel Committee.



The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be on Tuesday, June 8th at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Serving Us in June & July

Readers	8:00 am	10:30 am
June 6	No Service	Pam Durbin
June 13	No Service	Cindy Sjoquist
June 20	No Service	Nora Smith
June 27	No Service	Ellen Swenson
July 4	No Service	Lynn Thomas
July 11	No Service	Peggy Austin
July 18	No Service	Pam Bialik
July 25	No Service	Ann Christiansen

Thank you for volunteering to read. We understand if you do not wish to read during the pandemic. If you are unable to read, please contact the office at 428-4565. Worship will be at 10:30 am. The live stream will be available at that time and will remain online for later viewing.

Altar Guild

June

Jan Gustafson
Amber Soderman

July

Amy Miron
Marty Nelson

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Director of Music: Ray Miller (temporary volunteer)

Musicians: Ray Miller, Paul Rajala

Christian Ed Coordinator: Cindy Sjoquist (temporary volunteer)

Custodian: Warren Eichner

Congregation Council:

Kathy Gobert, President

Lynn Thomas, Vice President

Cindy Sjoquist, Secretary

Bill Ehrhardt, Treasurer

Steve Bolek

Ken Groh

Jeff Gudwer

Howard Haulotte

Dirk Manson

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