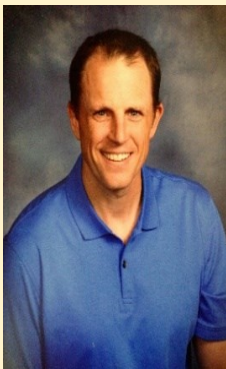




August Bell

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BECOME!

This Summer's preaching series continues!

June- BELONG

July- BELIEVE

August- BECOME

In this month of August we will be navigating through John 6! This carbo-loading chapter is all about bread. What do we mean when we say, "Bread for the Journey?" How do we navigate when we face tough times? How do we follow Jesus in the face of an unknown future? This month we will be having temple talks from council members and their highlights from "Canoeing the Mountains," and I will weave John 6 and navigational leadership into inspiring messages.

August 4 th	Navigating ON the map	John 6: 24-35
August 11 th	Navigating OFF the map	John 6: 35, 41-51
August 18 th	Navigating Relationships	John 6: 51-58
August 25 th	Navigating Transformation	John 6: 56-69

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The WOW Wednesday afterschool program for 1st-6th graders beginning on September 18th is the big adventure that we are gearing up for this Summer! Please look in the bulletin for more information, both for volunteer opportunities and for the opportunity to register your children/grandchildren!

Wow! Summer is flying by! It has been great to see you in church! Average worship attendance has been strong, roughly in the 80's each week. We also ended our fiscal year in great shape, and now we begin anew! Thank you! Let us become, who we are in Christ, belonging and believing our way into a bold new future!

See you in church!

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Pastor Hans

Upcoming Events at First Lutheran Church

Sunday, September 8—God's Work Our Hands

September 18—WOW

September 18—Chosen Meal/Video

September—"Mommy and Me"

October 2—Teen Challenge Concert

Please watch for sign up sheets for volunteering for these wonderful upcoming events.



FLCW NOTES

Thank you to Russ Sheldon for sharing the space in front of his barber shop with First Lutheran Women for the Bake Sale. Thank you to all who furnished baked items, helped with the set up and take down and those who helped with the sale. Thank you to the ‘faithful customers’ who supported the bake sale. The donations of time, talent and financial support are **GREATLY APPRECIATED!** The profit from the Bake Sale was \$719.50.



SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER? YES WE SHALL!

FLCW will host the third annual Picnic by the River. All First Lutheran Women and their guests are invited to gather at the Lion's Club Shelter (on the Hill overlooking the river.) Please bring your lawn chair and a sack lunch. There will be a short program. If it is raining, we will gather at the church.

School kits continue to be a big need for Lutheran World Relief. FLCW hopes to fill 72 backpacks with supplies. The backpacks have been purchased. FLCW will purchase the notebooks. Some supplies have already been donated. As school supplies at sale prices begin to fill store shelves, remember these are the items needed:

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| Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers — | need 55 |
| Box of 16 or 24 crayons — | need 57 |
| 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other | need 50 |
| Blunt scissors | need 57 |
| Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) — | need 45 |
| 2 and 1/2” eraser | need 49 |
| Pencil sharpener | need 59 |

Financial donations can also be made to FLCW to purchase school kit supplies. Donations can be given to Kim Terhaar, Irene Gearey, or Denice Smith.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE



August Circle Meetings

Dorcas Sewing Circle

Meetings are the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the lower-level Quilting Room in the church.

Dorcas is quilting and fellowship; no Bible study.

August meeting dates are the 1st and 15th

Naomi Circle

See you at the Lion's Club Shelter overlooking the Pine River on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 11:30 AM



Kitchen Committee

meeting will be Monday,
August 26th at 4 PM.

We are in the process of reorganizing monthly groups for coffee time after church. Thank you to the following people who have agreed to chair the remaining months of 2024:

Colleen Moser—August

Nancy Johnson—September

Rhonda Wippler—October

Patty Sweeney—November

Sandy Gilbertson—December



Sign up sheets will be posted in the narthex for 2025.

We will need chairpersons for each month and 8-10 willing people to help, so that is not just one person for the entire month. If you are not able to work, but could contribute goodies or cash, please let us know.

A BIG Thank you to Annette Newton, and Art & Shirley Schmidt and others who have helped them serve the past few years.

“The Blessing of Being Together”

16 FLCW women enjoyed an evening meal together on July, Tuesday 23



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Tuesday, August 13, 2024
11:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We had a great VBS week! Riverview Church, Mildred Bible Chapel, First Lutheran Church, and New Life Church worked together to provide a week of Sports Camp for free. UW Sports Ministry is the outside ministry that we partnered with (uwsportsministry.org). Thanks to all who donated food and/or your time to make it so successful!

Camp Stats:

Monday: 105 campers, 31 volunteers

Tuesday: 105 campers, 30 volunteers

Wednesday: 107 campers, 32 volunteers

Thursday: 95 campers, 29 volunteers

Friday: 91 campers, 29 volunteers



WOW!

Wednesday After School Program

6-week session beginning

September 18th

at 3:30 PM

at First Lutheran Church

SCHEDULE

3:30 PM Snack, Video, & Game

4:00 PM Craft or Science Project

4:30 PM Story or Drama

5:00 PM Meal

6:00 PM Confirmation

6:00 PM Chosen Video Series

Register online or call

218-587-2316 for more information

\$5 per family

Per week

First through

Sixth Grade

First Lutheran Church | 309 North Second Street | Pine River, MN



National Youth Gathering 2024

Ashley Shamp, Maddie Knapp, Kaya Anderson, Hudson Juel, Zairion English, Camden Zinda, Blake Hoplin, and Bella Raasch.

The adults that accompanied these youth are **Pastor Hans Anderson and Kayci Finley**

Participant reports:

Kaya Anderson: My favorite part of the gathering was listening to all of the different speakers, it was highly inspirational and honestly, very intriguing to learn about many current social justice situations and cultural stories; these were beautiful and exciting to witness.

One of the speakers particularly stood out to me: a female pastor from Palestine. She was the first pastor in her country and she gave an amazing speech about the importance of being a disruptive Christian in a system that is exhibiting hurtful and unjust behaviors.

Overall, the trip was fabulously unforgettable, dually because of the exciting speakers and also the audience in the arena; it was truly an unreal experience to be in a room with over 16 thousand Lutheran youth just like me.

Thank you so much to my congregational family at first Lutheran in Pine River for all of your support in my faith journey.

Bella Raasch: My highlight was the aquarium, where I got to see lots of cool fish and birds. I even made a new friend.

Mady Knapp: One of the many highlights about the New Orleans trip was the amount of people that we got to meet and learn from. Along with the thousands of youth that were there to worship music! we also got to listen to many speakers that were very inspiring as they talked about how they came to find themselves and Jesus in their lives. The mass gatherings and exploring the city was another one of my favorite things that we did! We got to see the amazing culture and food of the city, while spending our evenings with thousands of people dancing and singing.

Blake Hoplin: One of the highlights from my trip was the mass gathering, whether that be the 17,000 teenagers singing along to the bands that played or the speakers that presented strong messages. Overall I just found that aspect very moving and you could definitely feel a holy presence there in the stadium with you.

Ashley Shamp: I had an amazing trip down to Louisiana! We got to see and do some amazing things like take a steamboat down the river, go to the French Quarter, and explore the city! Besides all that we did, the best part was definitely when we had the nightly gatherings. 16,000 of us filled the Smoothie King Center and it was incredible. It was so cool being a part of such a huge moment in many lives. Countless amazing speakers and such good music. The Gathering is something that people remember for the rest of their lives and I can agree with that. The laughter, the praise, and the happiness was unlike anything I've experienced. In a world where there is a lot of darkness this was a pretty big light. Thank you all for supporting us along our journey!

First Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
7/10/2024

Members Present:

Anne Holm, Jan Brasel, Pastor Hans Anderson, Melanie Lindquist, Kayci Finley, Denice Smith, Gloria Johnson, Penny Siewert, Art Schmidt, Val Johnson, Barb Richards, Camden Zinda, Cora Hohnstadt

Members Absent:

Call to Order:

Denice Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Penny Siewert led devotions.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor gave an oral report.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Anne Holm to approve the minutes, seconded by Kayci Finley with the correction of the line reading "Discussion of Secretary extra office hours" should read Secretary comp time. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Kayci Finley to approve treasurer's report. Seconded by Anne Holm. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Budget preparation continued.

New Business:

Transfer \$600.00 from Mission Trust Fund for Timber Bay donation.

Next council meeting will be Sunday, August 18, 2024, 10:30 am in person. Devotions will be provided by Val Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Brasel, Secretary

August 2024

Worship Volunteers

August 4, 2024

11th Sunday in Pentecost

Reader: Rene Frigaard
Communion Assistants:
Sound: Val Johnson
Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

August 11, 2024

12th Sunday in Pentecost

Reader:
Communion Assistants: Mary Krecklau
Sound: Chuck Brasel
Zoom: Tyler Hoplin

August 18, 2024

13th Sunday in Pentecost

Reader:
Communion Assistants:
Sound: Denice Smith
Zoom: Tyler Hoplin

August 25, 2024

14th Sunday in Pentecost

Noisy Offering

Reader:
Communion Assistants:
Sound: Sandy Gilbertson
Zoom: Cora Hohnstadt

AUGUST



2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 9:00 AM Dorcas Circle	2	3
4 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee 10:00 AM Altar Guild Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee	12	13 11:30 AM Shall We Gather at the River?	14	15 9:00 AM Dorcas Circle	16	17
18 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM Coffee 10:30 AM Church Council	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 9:00 AM Worship/Noisy Offering 10:00 AM Coffee	26 4:00 PM Kitchen Committee	27	28	29	30	31



For the 2024/2025 school year, we will be re-starting the **Prayer Warrior Program**. The program pairs a student with an adult. The adult will use their church mailbox or other means to share a friendly hello, birthday, or holiday greeting, and words of encouragement with their student. The sign up sheet is in the Narthex!



Sunday Worship

Worship & Communion	9:00 AM
Coffee & Fellowship	10:00 AM

Pastor: Hans Anderson

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