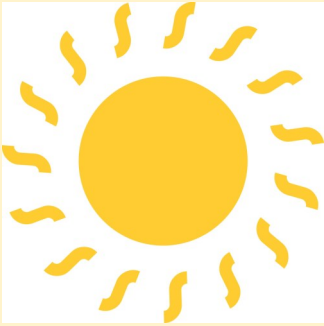
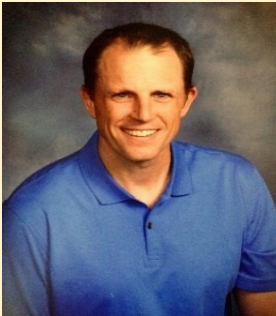




August 2026

Bell

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“Full-Filled”

Throughout this month we will be encountering Pentecost Gospel stories from Matthew 14,15 & 16 that point to...and give the promise of... God’s Full-Fill-ment. The feeding of the 5,000 with 12 baskets “FULL” of extra bread...Peter’s Faith- “FULL” declaration of the Christ...and even when running on empty- we can be “FULL” with faith, by taking up our cross and following Jesus...these stories all point to and give the promise of God’s

FULL-FILL-ment!

On August 9th we will be meeting for a Mission Moment like no other! Come to the fellowship hall for worship and experience a beautiful lifetime masterpiece of a photography slide presentation by our very own Kathy Herold. Her presentation is called “Glory to God!” With a spirit-filled serendipity of Birds/Nature photography with scripture and songs... you will be moved at the marvels of God’s creation!

On August 16th we will be meeting once again in the fellowship hall for worship. Our mission moment speaker will be Samantha Barron from Operation Sandwich. She will be bringing the good news message of the good we are doing in our community through this outreach of feeding our neighbors in need. She will also be doing a hands-on packing of the bags to show us all how and why each food item is packed.

August 2nd		“12 baskets full”	Matthew 14: 13-21
August 9th	Mission moment	“Glory to God”	Katharine Herold
August 16th	Mission moment	“Full-filling”	Samantha Barron
August 23rd		“Faith-full”	Matthew 16: 13-20
August 30th		“Running full on empty”	Matthew 16: 21-28

The beginning of August begins with excitement and love as we will celebrate the Hoplin/Winter wedding! The Andersons will be in Norway for a good part of this month visiting our son who is studying abroad! I look forward to coming back from the fjords all refreshed and ready for the last weeks of summer.

See you in Kirke (church!)

Pastor Hans >< >< ><

You are cordially invited



Rite of Installation

Bishop Taryn K. Montgomery

Northeastern Minnesota Synod

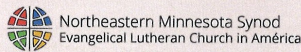
**Saturday, September 12th at
2:00pm**

**First Lutheran Church
1100 E Superior St.
Duluth, MN**

Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will preside and preach.

Clergy are invited to vest and process.
The color of the day is red.

A light reception will follow the service.
Childcare will be provided.



**Bishop
Taryn K. Montgomery**



Bishop Taryn Montgomery has served on the Northeastern Minnesota Synod staff since 2023. Previously, she worked as a hospice chaplain and served congregations in Minnesota and North Dakota. She is married to Pastor Christoph Schmidt. Together, they have four children and live in Duluth.

**RSVPs are not required,
but helpful as we plan for the day.**



Welcome. Connect. Reform. Support.



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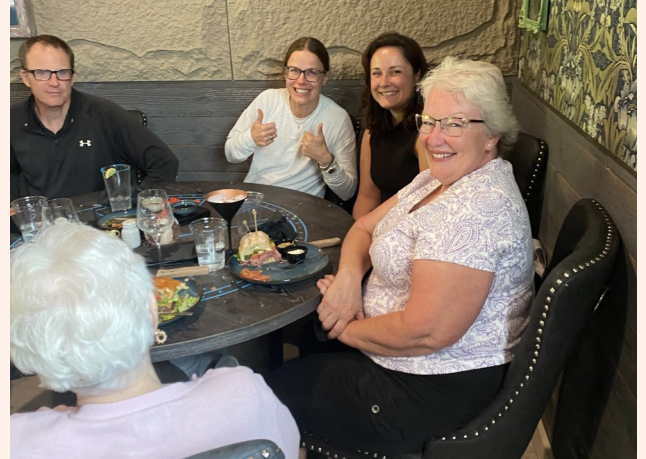
What does a bishop do?

A synod bishop is the pastor and chief spiritual leader for the synod, called to preach, teach, and administer the sacraments while providing pastoral care and guidance to congregations, rostered ministers, and Synod Authorized Ministers (SAMs). The bishop ordains, attests and provide for installation of calls, leads the synod's mission, and ensures that preaching, teaching, and sacramental life are faithful to the gospel and the ELCA's Confession of Faith.

“The Blessing of Being Together”

was shared by 21 on the annual FLCW evening meal outing.

We gathered at Mad Rabbits in Crosslake.



SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER? YES WE SHALL!

FLCW will host the fifth 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 fun game.

If it is raining, we will gather at the church.

Tuesday, August 18, 2026—noon

FLCW hopes to fill 72 backpacks with supplies for Lutheran Relief. FLCW purchased the 288 notebooks. Some supplies have already been donated. These are the items still needed. There is a tote to receive your donations by the display in the narthex.

Unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers —	Have all we need!
Box of 16 or 24 crayons —	Have all we need
30-centimeter ruler , or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other	Have all we need
Blunt scissors	need 56
Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink) —	Have all we need
2 and 1/2” eraser	Have all we need
Pencil sharpener	Have all we need!

Financial donations can also be made to FLCW to purchase school kit supplies. Donations can be given to the church office or Denice Smith.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS WORTHWHILE CAUSE to help a student smile and have the tools to learn.



Donations of school supplies and financial donations have been

OUTSTANDING!!

The only item needed yet for the Lutheran World Relief back packs is

56 –blunt scissors

If you have already purchased other school kit items, please place them in the bin in the narthex. They will be stored and used when we do this again.

THANK YOU! God's Work Your Hands

Kitchen Committee

meeting will be Monday,



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 6th and 20th

Naomi Circle

*Will not be meeting this month. Please join us
for the Shall We Gather at the River Picnic
on August 18.*

FLCW has a new treasurer!!

Thank you to Holly Knutson for her willingness to use her financial knowledge for First Lutheran Church Women.

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Tuesday, August 18, 2026

12 noon

Vacation Bible School

Another successful week of VBS in the books! Riverview Church, Mildred Bible Chapel, First Lutheran Church, and New Life Church all gathered and worked together to pull off another great week of Sports Camp! For the second year, two sessions were offered - one in the morning and another one in the evening. In addition to basketball, soccer, cheer, and team 45, art was offered during the evening session this year!

Camp Stats:

Campers: 111

Volunteers: 45

Teams: Soccer, Basketball, Cheer, Art, & Team 45

I would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible, whether that was through donation or time - it is always greatly appreciated!!

Student-Adult Prayer Warrior Information

Pairing of Adults with First Lutheran Youth (birth to 8th grade), will begin anew in September. August is the planning month; when names of adults willing to be a prayer warrior will be gathered. There is a sign – up sheet in the narthex. In September the updated guidelines will be sent. This will provide both the adults and youth and their families to learn about the life bonding intergenerational program. If you have any questions, please contact Denice Smith, @ 218-820-4522

FINANCIAL DATA
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SEPTEMBER 1, 2025 - JULY 20, 2026

Budgeted Income (all areas)	\$172,653.85
Actual Income (all areas)	<u>153,054.69</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 19,599.16)

Budgeted Expenses	\$172,653.67
Actual Expenses	<u>153,559.20</u>
Difference (BELOW BUDGET)	(\$ 19,094.47)

Actual Income (all areas)	\$153,054.69
Actual Expenses	<u>153,559.20</u>
Difference (Deficit)	(\$ 504.51)

ACTUAL PREVIOUS MONTH CHECKING:

June 30	Ending Balance	\$51,388.42
June 1	Beginning Balance	<u>50,085.15</u>
	Difference (loss)	\$ 1,303.27

June Income	\$14,690.46
June Expenditures	<u>13,387.19</u>
Difference (loss)	\$ 1,303.27

Because there are some changes in income and expenses after this report is written, you will see the bottom portion of the report giving the actual previous month's numbers.



NOISY OFFERING

The August Noisy Offering will go to Tiger Den Food Pantry in the Pine River Backus School District. Start collecting your loose change now and bring it to church on August 27th. We all LOVE to hear the rattle of change in the bucket.

First Lutheran Church
Congregational Care Commission Minutes
7/19/2026

Members Present:

Pastor Hans Anderson Matthew Rohr Melanie Lindquist Anne Holm
Denice Smith Penny Siewert Rhonda Wippler Val Johnson

Members Absent:

Cora Hohnstadt Peter Moeller

Today's Devotions: Anne Holm **Devotions for August:** Denice Smith

Pastor's Report: The Pastor presented August and September Message planning and his upcoming trip to Norway.
Youth Education - Fall planning is complete and will be explained in further detail in the Bell

Pastoral Care Concerns: Jeanette Anderson and Harvey Kelley
Motion to Approve: Anne Seconded by: Penny

Secretary's Report: Minutes for 6/21/2026
Motion to Approve: Anne Seconded by: Penny

Treasurer's Report: Reviewed documents; Cora was unable to attend today's meeting
Motion to Approve: Penny Seconded by: Matthew

Old Business:

FLC Website and Plans to Update Previous Zoom Platform: Matthew outlined the projected equipment purchases (audio, video cameras etc), building of website, monthly hosting fees and the operational phase (including training). YouTube will replace our current Zoom platform and assure far easier access for those viewing from home. Discussed including some of our youth in the trainings, if interested.

Discussed which fund balances we will utilize to cover these expenses and unanimously agreed to proceed with Tidewater Creative as our new vendor. Electronic equipment installs will be managed by Matthew Rohr.

God's Work Our Hands: September 13, 2026

Teen Challenge: Wednesday Evening - October 28, 2026

Noisy Offering: We will be adding our Local Veterans to the Noisy Offering donations schedule.

Budget for 2027: In progress, updates at next meeting.

Outdoor Service – June 6, 2027 – Rhoda Anderson – Need formal approval
Motion to Approve: Val Seconded by: Anne

First Lutheran Church
Council Minutes, *Continued*

New Business:

Prayer Warriors for Birth through 8th Grade: Watch for details in August Bell

Installation of new Bishop – Taryn Montgomery: Denice, Sandy and Erin will be attending in Duluth on September 12th; others invited to attend if they wish.

Pine River Fire Department: We have received a request for a donation. In the past, our donation has been \$100.00 from our Benevolence Fund. Decided on same amount for this year.

Motion to Approve: Anne Seconded by: Matthew

Nominating Committee: Meeting on August 30, 2026

Pastor Hans exited the meeting.

Discussed Salary Proposals Presented:

Motion to Approve: Anne Seconded by: Penny

Next Meeting: Sunday, August 16, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted.
Rhonda Wippler, Secretary



August 2026

Worship Volunteers

August 2, 2026

<i>10th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Reader:	
	Sound:	Denice Smith
	Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt

August 9, 2025

<i>11th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Reader:	
	Sound:	NA, we will be downstairs
	Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt

August 16, 2025

<i>12th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Reader:	
	Sound:	NA, we will be downstairs
	Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt

August 23, 2025

<i>13th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Reader:	
<i>Noisy Offering</i>	Sound:	Matthew Rohr
	Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt

August 33, 2025

<i>14th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	Reader:	
	Sound:	Denice Smith
	Zoom:	Cora Hohnstadt

Ushers:	Paul Pearson & Jim Riess
Counter:	Holly Knutson
Altar Guild:	Anne Holm
Coffee	Colleen Moser, chair

August 2026

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Wedding

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Worship 9:00 AM
Coffee 10:00 AM
Game Day
1-3:00 PM
Dorcas 9:00 AM
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