

Welcome to First Lutheran Church! May God richly bless our time together through silence, in prayer, song, and in studying God’s Word.

Prelude/Chimes “Variations on “Austrian Hymn” Franz Joseph Haydn

Time For Quiet Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song “Love Can Build A Bridge” Video

Greeting

Confession and Forgiveness

Money Minute

Prayer of the Day

Psalm Psalm 37: 1-7

Intro to Bullying

First Lesson: 2 Kings 2: 23-25

Second Reading: Acts 5: 1-10 & 3 John 1: 9-10

Gospel: Matthew 23: 1-7

Children’s Sermon Pastor Lynn Melchior

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Hymn of the Day “Goodness is Stronger Than Evil” X2 ELW# 721

Affirmation of Faith

Welcome New Members — Scott & Julie Andreassen & Dea Halvorson

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace with our Neighbors

Offering “Simple Gifts” Russell Schulz-Widmar

Offering Hymn “We Give Thee But Thine Own” Vs. 1 ELW# 686

Lord’s Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song “What A Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW# 742

Dismissal

Chimes and Postlude “Echo Alleluia” Henry Purcell

OUR WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS

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“He said, ‘Come.’ Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Practicing the Spiritual Principle of Perseverance

This week, we will focus on the **Spiritual Principle of Perseverance**.

Perseverance refers to the continued effort in achieving success or overcoming obstacles, despite delay or difficulty.

Benefits of perseverance: 1. Builds resilience and mental strength. 2. Increases self-confidence and self-discipline. 3. Leads to greater success and achievement. 4. Fosters a positive attitude and mindset

Importance: Perseverance is important because it allows individuals to navigate challenges and setbacks without giving up. It is a key trait for achieving long-term goals and fulfilling one’s potential.

Examples of Perseverance: 1. Continuing to pursue a career despite facing numerous hurdles. 2. Overcoming personal health challenges to achieve physical fitness goals. 3. Persisting in learning a new skill or hobby despite initial difficulties.

Spiritual aspect: In a spiritual context, perseverance can be seen as a form of faith and dedication to a higher purpose, often involving trials and tribulations without giving up. It’s what keeps us going when things get rough.

Bible Verses about Perseverance: *James 1:4 “Let **perseverance** finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” James 1:12 “Blessed is the one who **perseveres** under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” Hebrews 12: 1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with **perseverance** the race marked out for us.”*

How to Practice 52 Spiritual Principles by Stanley Scott Jr.

Mission Jamaica brings hope to communities across Jamaica by sharing supplies, skills, and medical expertise during several mission trips each year. We have 2 more spaces left for Mission Jamaica in 2027 (from January 30th to Feb 6th). You’ll serve your neighbor while helping the poorest of the poor in Jamaica, as Jesus taught through his example. Interested in attending? Connect with Pastor Lynn or Jim Gronbeck!



Mary Jane, Sandy, Patricia, Michelle, Suzann, Kathleen, Daryl, Sheri, Cheri, Cathy, Karen, Jeff, Harold, Jan, Jeremiah, Anne, Jim, Keith, Linda, Justin, Doug, Ray, Bev, Chris, Delores, Shari, Boston, Lynda, Rob, Vera, Scot, and Cherie.

Offering Options:

- *In person – drop in offering plate
- *QR code
- *Mail a check – Send it to:
505 W Holdt St,
Battle Lake, MN 56515



*Use your banks “bill pay” option

*Direct Giving - <https://blfirstlutheran.org/simply-giving> and we have this QR code that can be used also. Thank you for your generous giving.

Your offerings support our Building, Pastor, Staff and our valuable ministries to the community.

2026 August giving through 8/6 \$ 3,684.46
(Bills paid for the month of June \$ 28,030)

Events Upcoming

- August 19th — Car Wash and Lemonade Stand
- August 18th — Bookmobile
- August 10th — Honor Flight Golf — Tournament/Fundraiser
- August 13th — AOTL Pie Making class

The Battle Lake Lions invite everyone to Carlson’s Pillow Cleaning Service on Saturday, August 22nd from 7 am to 1 pm and an option to drop off pillows on Friday night, August 21 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the small shelter at Lions’ Park in Battle Lake.
Also check for ordering your peaches.



August Noisy Offering is for The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN

The Veterans Honor Flight of ND/MN is a volunteer organization that takes Veterans to Washington, DC free of charge to visit the memorials built in their honor. 2,824 veteran trips have been provided, with 871 veterans on the wait list. Each flight costs \$290,000. Priority is given to older veterans (World War II and Korean War Veterans) and those terminally ill. Several members of our congregation have been honored with the flight.

Welcome!

We are glad you are here. Join us as we worship God and love our neighbors. Those who are mobility challenged are welcome to remain seated while others stand.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee fellowship after service. To learn more about our ministries, visit our website at www.blfirstlutheran.org or grab a copy of our newsletter at the Kiosk near the entryway.

If you are visiting, introduce yourself to Pastor Lynn – she would love to meet you!

Love Can Build a Bridge

"Love Can Build a Bridge" was co-written by Naomi Judd, Paul Overstreet, and John Barlow Jarvis as a heartfelt farewell message from Naomi to her fans and daughter Wynonna after a severe hepatitis C diagnosis forced her retirement from The Judds. The song, Naomi said is about the importance of standing together.

Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

The song "Goodness is Stronger than Evil" comes from a 1995 prayer originally titled "Victory Is Ours" written by South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, which composer John Bell later turned into a short, popular congregational hymn.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

The hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" was written as a comforting poem by Joseph Scriven in 1855 to comfort his ailing mother in Ireland after he suffered the tragic loss of his first fiancée to a drowning accident and his second fiancée to illness.

The YMCA Food Truck

Any children 18 years old and younger are eligible for free weekly food. Each bag contains food for 7 days worth of breakfast, lunches and snacks.

The YMCA truck will be here at First Lutheran on Mondays from 10:30 am-11 am

August 10th is the last day.

77 packages + milk this last week

A yellow and orange YMCA Food Truck is shown from the side. The side of the truck features the text "SERVING UP SMILES" in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below this, in smaller white letters, is "YMCA FOOD PROGRAM". There are also logos for the YMCA and a circular logo with the text "SERVING UP SMILES" inside. The truck is parked on a street with trees in the background.

How do we apply it to our daily lives?

2 Kings 2:23-25 Elisha bullies the bullies. Is this how you respond to bullying?

Psalms 37:1-7 Trust and patience are hard to come by when life is difficult. How do you practice trust and patience?

Acts 5:1-10 Do you know anyone who says one thing but does something else? How do you deal with their actions?

3 John 1:9-10 Not everyone plays well with others. Can you think of anyone that fits that description? Are they a bully?

Matthew 23:1-7 Wealth and status are nice to have but can be detrimental to us spiritually. How can you avoid being a Pharisee?

Weekly Calendar	
Sunday, August 9th	
10:00 a.m.	Worship/New Members
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
11:00 a.m.	Group 4 Share & Care meet in conference room
Monday, August 10th	
FLC Camp	
10:30 a.m.	YMCA Food Truck
Honor flight Golf Tournament/Fundraiser	
Tuesday, August 11th	
FLC Camp	
9:30 a.m.	Lydia Circle
10:30 a.m.	Naomi Circle
10:30 a.m.	Worship & Music
2:30 p.m.	Finance
5:30 p.m.	Bldg Bridges meeting
6:30 p.m.	Council
Wednesday, August 12th	
FLC Camp	
9:30 a.m.	Mary Circle
2-4 p.m.	Confirmation
7:30 p.m.	NA @Sr. Ctr.
Thursday, August 13th	
FLC Camp	
8:00 a.m.	TOPS
4-7 p.m.	AOTL Pie Making
Friday, August 14th	
7:00 p.m.	AA & Al-Anon at Sr. Center
Saturday, August 15th	
10:00 a.m.	Lake Ave apt. communion
Sunday, August 16th	
10:00 a.m.	Worship
11:00 a.m.	Fellowship
August Sermon Series — Bullies of the Bible	
The next potluck is Sunday, August 30. All are welcome! Sunday, August 2nd— 80 Facebook and Youtube service —329	
Welcome new members: Scott & Julie Andreassen and Dea Halvorson! Why to join a church? 1. Spiritual accountability 2. Formal establishment of what Pastor shepherds you. 3. You get to vote on congregational matters.	



Musicians: Gail Malmgren Nelson

Christ Welcomes Everyone!!

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Pastoral Visits: If you would like a visit, especially if you are to be or are hospitalized or are having health issues, please contact the church office at 218-864-5686 or you may contact Pastor Lynn on her cell, 218-298-0396