

# First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

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*Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve*

## November 2020

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30am

in-person worship and broadcasted  
on Facebook Live; also available on  
our website and YouTube channel

## In-person Worship begins on Sunday, November 1st!

Please see page 5 for details, along with regulations and instructions.  
Since the number of attendees will be limited, reservations for worship  
will need to be made by noon on Friday prior to the Sunday service.

## Fall Dinner and Silent Auction Wed., November 4th

*See page 4 for all the details!*

## Consecration Sunday is coming...

### “Stewards of God’s Love”

**Sunday, November 22 at 9:30am at Morris Elementary Concert Hall**

**Catered take home meal will be provided after worship**

Consecration Sunday service will be held at the Morris Elementary Concert Hall as our planning team believes this will be a safe place to worship as we can utilize a large concert hall to physically space to the max, while still worshipping together. The school has limited the number in the concert hall to 175, which should be adequate for our congregation. A catered take home meal will be provided following worship. See page 3 for more information.

## Thanksgiving Eve Worship

*Wednesday, November 25th with Worship at 7:00pm*



Dear People and Friends of First,

By the time you have read this Reformation Sunday will have come and gone.

And before you receive this, we should be having our first indoor worship service since March 8<sup>th</sup> eight months ago (on November 1<sup>st</sup>). How life has changed since then! Meanwhile, you should be receiving this around the time that some are calling “the most important election in our lifetimes.” It is a privilege to vote and thus to shape our nation’s future course. It is also, I believe, a responsibility. I was just reading that “New U.S. Covid-19 Cases Top 80,000 to Reach a Single-Day Record” (Wall Street Journal, October 24, 2020). That is *not* good news. To be sure, this has been a difficult and trying year. Meanwhile, we have a Word that proclaims: “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want (I have everything I need).” While this is Psalm 23 in the Old Testament, it is still a “gospel” promise...

During the Reformation, while Luther was teaching and preaching, and challenging misunderstandings and abuses in the church, Katie was cooking and making beer, and tending their large garden and livestock, and both managed their large household of children and guests. And there was another pandemic. The Black Plague. During that time the Luther’s lost a child. One third of Europe’s population died in the plague. There were no vaccines. Meanwhile, people physically distanced, quarantined as seen necessary, and wore masks. Here is a quote from Dr. Luther: I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all, but whatever I have placed in God’s hands, that I still possess.”

And here is another: “This life, therefore, is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness; not health, but healing; not being but becoming; not rest, but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it; the process is not yet finished, but it is going on; this is not the end, but this is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified.” - Defense and Explanation of all Articles: Luther’s Works, Vol. 32.

We are “on the road” as people of God. We have not arrived, but we are “on the way....” There are potholes, dangers and unknowns; there are surprises, rewards and joys. There is the joy of human companionship. Through it all, the promise of God is “Fear not, for I am with you.” That is a great promise. May it sustain us all.

Prayer: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, p. 317)

Pastor Dan





## Consecration Sunday is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's Stewardship Committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to reach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year. Our theme is "Stewards of God's Love."

*New Consecration Sunday* is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people towards proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes the Estimate of Give Card does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feel personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our guest leader will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday Team and Council members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Congregation President,

  
Bob Dalager

# Fall Dinner

## and Silent Auction



First Lutheran Church  
200 E. 5th St., Morris MN

Drive up/Take Out Only

No inside dining and no Pre-Sale Tickets

*Silent Auction items will be listed on our website at [www.flcmorris.org](http://www.flcmorris.org)  
or can be viewed in the church basement foyer. Bidding instructions will be posted on our website.*

**Wed., November 4th**  
**serving from 4:30-7:00pm**  
*(or until food runs out)*

On the menu:

Ham, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,  
choice of Corn or Candied Carrots,  
Rye Bread, and Pumpkin Roll.

*Packaged homemade lefse will be for sale (4 rounds for \$12)*

Tickets: \$12 for Adults

Youth \$8 (ages 12 and under)

Payment options: Cash, Check or Venmo



# **In-Person Worship Protocol**

(begins Sunday, November 1, 2020)

**Masks and Physical distancing:** In order to minimize risk, we are asking everyone

- To wear masks.
- To maintain physical distancing of 6+ feet apart at all times in the building.
- To stay home if you have any symptoms or any exposure to someone that has tested positive.
- To quarantine if you have tested positive or have been around someone who tested positive.

**Services:**

- One Sunday service at 9:30 a.m.
- Maximum of 60 people in sanctuary/nave/worship space; up to 15 people in Fireside Room.
- Ushers will usher you in, and out at conclusion of service.
- Soloists, piano and instruments will provide music. We will refrain from singing. Humming along with the soloist or liturgist is acceptable.
- Pews will be marked to show how to maintain physical distancing.
- Nursery will not be provided.
- We will use a Power Point projected on the screen for following along with worship. No bulletins.

**Building:**

- We will ask you to enter through front main doors or elevator side doors at parking lot. Ushers will usher you out of the sanctuary.
- We ask that you leave the building after worship, with only the briefest visiting as you go out.
- Visiting after worship is a normal and understandable desire. We ask you to limit this to only passing greetings. Please do not enter into long conversations, unless you are outside the building.
- There will not be fellowship time or any food served at this time.
- Restrooms will be open.

**Masks:**

- Everyone must wear masks except children 2 and under;
- If you are unable to wear a mask while in the church building and during the worship service for any reason, we ask you use the online viewing option instead of attending.

**Sign up system: (must sign-up by noon on Friday to attend the coming Sunday service)**

- At least to begin with, we will have a sign up system so we know who is in worship and to limit the number of people in worship on any given Sunday morning.
- Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis. To sign up, do one of the following:
  - ◆ call the church office and leave a voice mail on Rita's extension (320.589.3242 ext. 100)
  - ◆ text Rita on her cell phone (320.287.2384)
  - ◆ email the church office ([office@flcmorris.org](mailto:office@flcmorris.org))
  - ◆ submit an on-line reservation form on our website at [www.flcmorris.org](http://www.flcmorris.org)
- A list will be kept so we can trace those in attendance in case anyone becomes ill.

**Communion:**

- We will have communion on the first and third Sundays to begin with. Prepackaged containers will be available for you as you enter the worship space. These will contain both the wine and bread. Communion will be taken while staying in the pews; not at the altar, which will allow for distancing. At the end of the service you can either take the used container home to dispose of it, or dispose of in a waste basket as you leave worship.

**Weather and Covid**

- In the event of bad winter weather, if we cancel worship we will contact the radio (KKOK/KMRS) and send out email and Facebook posts.
- In the event that the Morris Public Schools goes entirely to online learning (meaning no *in-school* learning) we will switch to *only* online worship via Facebook Live and YouTube on our website. Again, we will publicize this using the above means.

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting October 21, 2020

The October meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met by teleconference through Zoom and was called to order by President Bob Dalager on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:37pm. Present: Peggy Jergenson, Tony Feuchtenberger, Bob Dalager, John Dosdall, Gary Wagner, Terry Dybdahl and Naomi Fynboh. Absent were: Rheanne Kline, Eugene Anderson, Allyn Plattner and Jason Reed. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye. A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

**Secretary's Report:** The minutes from September were emailed to each council member. No corrections or additions were needed. Peggy moved to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Naomi.

**Treasurer's Report:** Naomi reported that expenses still exceed our income, but there are only 2 more months of paying on the 2019 benevolence in addition to that of 2020. She also reported that the federal government will be forgiving all PPP loans that were under \$50,000; which we qualify for. Paperwork for this loan forgiveness is being worked on. Naomi will be in contact with Portico to renew Pastor Dan's health insurance benefit package for the coming year. Peggy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bob.

**Pastor's Report:** A written report was emailed to each council member.

### Old Business

- The council reviewed and discussed the recommendations set forth by the Worship Task Force Team. With a few changes to their recommendations, the council approved opening the church for in-person worship

beginning on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Tony moved to accept the updated guidelines for in-person worship, seconded by Peggy. Motion passed. Pastor Dan will work on updating the guidelines with the changes made by the council for in-person worship.

- Council will serve the Thanksgiving meal at LuMin on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Plans were made for who is preparing and serving. Naomi will be in contact with LuMin about the final details.

### New Business

- Employee Reviews will need to be completed this fall. Those on the Employee Review Committee are: Pastor Dan, Gary Wagner and Bob Dalager. They will be in contact with all employees to set a review date(s). A separate Employee Salary Committee will consist of Naomi Fynboh and Peggy Jergenson.
- The Annual Meeting date has been set for Sunday, January 31. Some discussion was held on how to hold the Annual Meeting with Covid-19 restrictions. The amendment of reducing the council size to 7 was also discussed as to how to hold a congregational vote to approve or disapprove of this amendment.
- The next Council meeting was set for Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm through Zoom.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

Approved/edited by Gary Wagner, Council Secretary



**Remember!**  
Daylight Saving Time  
ends on November 1st.  
Set your clock back 1 hour.

# THIS N' THAT

**Thankofferings** are a tradition that goes back to the 1800's or earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would take action. Women would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. Then they would come together and join their offerings to support ministry of many kinds. We will continue the tradition of collecting a thankoffering this fall with money collected to go to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. You can collect your loose change this fall to donate or simply make a donation by check or cash during a special offering on Sunday, November 15th. If you will not be present at worship, you may drop off your donation at the church office. Thank you for your continued support of Women of the ELCA!

**Newsletter Deadline** for the December newsletter is noon on Thursday, November 19

**2020 KMRS Radio Broadcast** dates are: Nov 22 and Dec 24. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### Sunday, Nov 1

Ushers/Greeters: Skip Maanum, Fynboh family  
Communion: Vicki Maanum

### Sunday, Nov 8

Ushers/Greeters: Steve & Michelle Just family

### Sunday, Nov 15

Ushers/Greeters: Dick Smith, Dennis & Natalie Ketterling  
Communion: Sharon & Doug Ehlers

### Sunday, Nov 22

Ushers/Greeters: Al Harris, Mortenson family

### Wed., Nov 25

Ushers/Greeters: Bob Heck, Dougherty Family

### Sunday, Nov 29

Ushers/Greeters: Barry & Nancy Erdahl, Brian & Ann Erdahl



- Nov 1 Braeden Huebner, Jacob Just, Marge Kleinhans, Scott Staples
- Nov 2 Vicki Dalager
- Nov 3 Brad Miller, Micah Ulrich
- Nov 5 Mya Krosch, Katie Monroe, Verna Sharstrom
- Nov 6 Aiden Anderson, Heidi Sues
- Nov 7 Cody Beyer
- Nov 8 Christopher Wagner
- Nov 11 Evelyn Beyer
- Nov 12 Marisa Carlson, Isabel Fynboh, Irene Henjum, Dick Smith
- Nov 13 Peggy Lussenden, Robert Staples
- Nov 14 Tahni Jungst, Brandon Olhoft
- Nov 16 Shannon Dougherty
- Nov 17 Chris Siegel
- Nov 18 Ryan Bowman, Bradley Krosch, Robert Thompson
- Nov 20 Scott Larson
- Nov 21 Ana Miller, Marilyn Smith
- Nov 22 Karen Ritter
- Nov 23 Ethan Heck, Laura Peterson, Shana Ulrich
- Nov 24 Zackary Krosch, Gage Schultz
- Nov 25 Mary Anne Quisberg, Marilyn Syverson
- Nov 28 Wanda Dagen, Ray Johnson
- Nov 29 Skip Maanum

*Happy Anniversary*

- Nov 17 Earl & Evelyn Beyer
- Nov 28 Shane & Deb Decker



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30am In-person Worship with Holy Communion (reservations need to be made due to a limited number of seats available)	2	3	4 4:30-7:30pm Fall Dinner 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (6-8 grade)	5 7:00pm Consecration Sunday Team Meeting by Zoom	6	7
6:00-7:30pm Sr. High Fusion at FIRST Lutheran (9-12 grade)						
8 9:30am In-person Worship (reservations need to be made due to a limited number of seats available)	9	10	11 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (6-8 grade)	12 6:30pm First Communion Class (grade 5-6)	13	14
6:00-7:30pm Sr. High Fusion at FIRST Lutheran (9-12 grade)						
15 9:30am In-person Worship with Holy Communion (reservations need to be made due to a limited number of seats available)	16	17	18 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (6-8 grade) 7:30pm Council Meeting	19 Thanksgiving Dinner served by Council at Christus House	20 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	21
22 Consecration Sunday 9:30am In-person Worship at Morris Elementary Concert H (reservations need to be made due to a limited number of seats available)	23	24	25 7:00pm Worship	26 	27	28
6:00-7:30pm Sr. High Fusion at FIRST Lutheran (9-12 grade)						
29 9:30am In-person Worship (reservations need to be made due to a limited number of seats available)	30	<p><i>All Sunday morning worship services are streamed live via Facebook.</i></p> <p><i>The recorded service will also be available on our website and YouTube channel later in the day.</i></p>				

# November





Element is a joining of Confirmation and Fusion Youth for those in 6th-8th grade. Learning the elements of your faith in a fun and engaging space! This has been a collaboration between the pastors of Faith Lutheran, First Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Federated and St. Johns/Kongsvinger of Donnelly, Heather Black (Fusion Youth Ministry Director) and with the blessing of the various church councils! Our goal is to teach the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to learn and experience the elements of a Christian life. To believe, know and experience God, connect with others, serve others in love and live out our faith daily!

**Wednesday Night Schedule** (In Person): 6pm-7:30 on Wednesday evenings at FAITH Lutheran  
6:00-6:15pm — arrive and check into your small group location – snack and catch up time.  
6:15-6:30pm — Large Game/Worship time and/or the hook to the lesson  
6:30-7:30pm — Teaching and small group discussion time

## The Staff

Heather Black: Fusion Youth Ministry Director  
Pastor Chris Richards: Trinity Lutheran Church, Cyrus  
Pastor Dell Sanderson: Faith Lutheran Church  
Pastor Dan Belgum: First Lutheran Church  
Pastor Matt Orendorff: Federated Church  
Pastor Rochelle Anderson: St. John's/Kongsvinger

## Our Amazing Volunteers!

Danielle Lesmeister, Naomi Fynboh,  
Amy Swanson, Elissa Breuer, Mike Odello,  
Nick Milbrandt, David Black and  
Hannah Michaelson

**Element Jr. High Youth Ministry:** Wednesdays, November 4th, 11th and 18th  
from 6-7:30pm at FAITH Lutheran Church

There will be a live stream and Zoom option available for all Element events.

**Sr. High Youth Ministry:** Sundays, November 1st, 8th and 22nd  
from 6-7:30pm at FIRST Lutheran Church

Sr. High ministry is for 9th-12th graders. We have some amazing adult volunteers who are ready to help teach! This age is critical to keeping youth engaged in church past graduating from high school. In a world that is crazy right now, it's important to connect those kids who are wanting to learn and grow in their faith to support and encourage each other.

*\*All dates and times are subject to change due to Covid related issues that may or may not come up. Please watch your email, the church websites or the Fusion Facebook Page and Instagram Page for any updates or changes that may occur!*



# FUSION MINISTRY

People of First,

As we enter the fall season, I am thankful for our partnership with our local churches which has allowed us to develop a youth ministry called Fusion. This is the "one year anniversary" of Fusion. Perhaps now you are becoming more familiar with this ministry.

Thanks to the generosity of members of First Lutheran, last year we were able to support "our share" toward this vital and dynamic ministry for our youth and families.

I am thrilled that Fusion is off and running strongly, with many involved youth and adults. Heather Black has done an amazing job, even in the midst of the worst pandemic in 100 years, in leading this. Our Board and the five involved pastors are active in advising and supervising the ministry.

This dynamic approach has been a blessing to our youth and families! A new dimension is *Element* – our innovative ministry with Junior High kids on Wednesday nights. We are focusing on the key "elements" of our Christian faith. Senior high youth continue to meet on Sunday evenings.

I am inviting you to join me in supporting this year-round ministry with the most generous gift you can. We need to raise at least \$10,000 for this year. Since this is not a line item in our budget, the support of this ministry is dependent on our gifts above and beyond our usual offerings.

Thank you for your support of this ministry!

In Christ,  
Pastor Daniel Belgum

Here are comments from a parent survey from this summer:

*I think it is such a positive opportunity, but would not participate unless COVID is no longer a threat/ vaccinations are available. My daughter loved being a part of the group and it was a very welcoming atmosphere for her. I can support the group in ways that do not require face to face interaction."*

*"I think it is absolutely wonderful how you send cards to the kids. My kids loved hearing from you!! Made them feel special being it was so personable. You are doing a great job! I will keep trying to get my kids involved! Thank you for all you do."*

*"We appreciate all of your time and efforts! I know it's been a crazy year. Once Covid is not an issue (hopefully sooner than later!), we would welcome more opportunities. As a child I remember growing a lot spiritually through this (Luther Crest, mini trips here and there as a church group, a New Orleans mission trip, etc). We know having a core group of friends in faith is important for our kids and has an impact on who they choose to become and choices they make! Thank you for everything you have done for our youth."*

*"Heather, You are doing a wonderful job and I am really glad my family has you in our life!!"*

# COUNCIL BIOGRAPHIES

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## Tony Feuchtenberger Biography

I am Tony Feuchtenberger and I am in my first year sitting on the First Lutheran Church Council. Though I did not grow up here, I was born in Morris and was baptized at First Lutheran Church. My parents: Michelle (Staples) Fuller and Dennis Feuchtenberger were members here when I was first born. They then moved to southern Minnesota where I grew up. It was not until 2015 that I moved back to Hancock.

I went to school in a few towns in southern Minnesota: Janesville, Waseca, and St. James (where I graduated from HS). After high school, I went to Ridgewater CC in Willmar where I got my AA degree and I wrestled. I then transferred down to Minnesota State, Mankato to finish my schooling with a BA in Education (Secondary Education with an emphasis in Social Studies). I never ended up finding a job as a teacher but found good employment in other places. I worked my way up the ladder at a CHS Soybean Processing and Refinery Plant. I also started a brewery in Mankato; Mankato Brewery which is still in business and available throughout Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Iowa. In 2015, my family and I moved back to Hancock and I got a job working for the University of Minnesota at the West Central Research and Outreach Center as the Facility Manager.

I met my wife Magen in High School in St. James and I suppose we would be considered 'high school sweethearts'. We were married in 2005 and in 2009 we started adding to our family. We now have 4 children: Giana (10), Lucy (7), Estelle (6), and Vincent (2). We try to make it to church regularly and if you are there you probably don't miss us; at least one of our kids are likely running around (currently it is Vincent). Our kids go to school in Hancock and they love it! Especially after last year, they are happy to still be schooling in-person!

When I am not working, I find myself active in many other places. I have been involved in wrestling in one way or another since I was in first grade. I am currently coaching the MAHACA Youth Wrestling Program. This runs from December into April and is open to any child PreK – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Wrestling is a great sport and I recommend that each child at least try it (always promoting). In 2017, I joined the Hancock Fire Department and I enjoy the work that we do both on calls and in the community! I also enjoy hunting, fishing, and working with my dog (Chief, a golden retriever). But more than anything I like spending time with my family! Covid opened my eyes to the importance of this. I truly feel that this has been a blessing that God gave to us through the current pandemic. During the time that we were staying at home more, we had the opportunity to reconnect and grow in our relationships together and in our faith!

I also try to be active within the church. Last year Magen and I had the opportunity to teach Sunday school. I really enjoyed working with the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders (Magen taught 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>) here at First Lutheran Church and we both look forward to continuing this work when we get the opportunity! I also have been helping with the video and audio needs here at church and I have found this to be really rewarding. I have enjoyed working to improve First Lutheran Church's online presence and helping to get the Word of God out to the people.

Since moving back to the area, Magen and I never questioned where we would go to church. When we lived down in southern Minnesota, First Lutheran was always the church we went to when we came up here to visit family. Magen and I both feel strongly that our family needs to be involved in our church. We both have grown in our faith since moving back and being a part of First Lutheran Church and we hope to continue by helping others grow in their faith journey. I hope that I can have a positive impact on Church Council and help to grow First Lutheran Church and the spreading of God's Word and good works! Please feel free to say 'hi' if you see me out and about, or at church. And please feel free to talk to me if you have any questions or concerns with anything relating to FLC!

# COUNCIL BIOGRAPHIES

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## Peggy Jergenson Biography

I was born and raised in Morris, MN. My parents are Audray and Nancy Henrichs, and I have an older brother and a younger sister who both live in Morris. I was baptized, confirmed and married at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church in Donnelly, MN. After college I married my high school sweetheart, Rob. We have been married for 28 years. Rob is a quality manager at Superior Industries and has worked there for 27 years. I am an office manager at the Morris Area Elementary school and thoroughly enjoy my job. We have four children: Bryce, Brady, Brandon and Brenna. Bryce graduated from UMM Morris in 2018 and works at Westmor Industries in sales. Brady graduated from UMM Morris in 2020 and is a fourth grade teacher in Alexandria, MN. Brandon is a junior in high school and Brenna is in sixth grade. One of the first things I noticed about First Lutheran Church and its congregation is how welcoming it is. The members of the congregation are kind, caring and make you feel like a part of the church family. My hope for First Lutheran Church is that it will continue to be a welcoming place of worship and that it will meet the needs of all who choose to worship here.

## John Dosdall Biography

I was born in Morris, MN and baptized, confirmed and attended rural Scandia Lutheran Church. I attended and graduated from Cyrus Public School, and have been a farmer in the Cyrus and Hancock area my entire life. I am married to Diane and we have four children and fourteen grandchildren. Through the years, my hobbies have included raising Arabian horses, hunting, fishing and multi-generational 4-H involvement.

## Eugene Anderson Biography

I was born and raised on a livestock and grain farm west of Donnelly. I was raised in an environment of hard work and hard play: milk cows – go fishing; milk cows – plant – crops; milk cows – go hunting; milk cows – harvest crop,- etc. In my youth, my mother was the spiritual leader in the family. I am a graduate of Morris High School in 1963, UMM in 1965 and College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Minnesota, B.S. and D.V.M., in 1969. I have retired from veterinary profession after practicing both large and small animal medicine for 47 years, all here in Morris. My wife Cathy and I celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in July 2019. My wife Catherine is an incredibly dedicated person. Any success I have is a result of her support and in guiding our family of four children, three boys and one girl, to adulthood and now being a supportive grandmother to ten grand children. I am a life long member of First Lutheran. My great grandfather Per Anderson was an original member and charter signer 100 plus years ago. The church held services initially over a saloon in Morris. We have so much to be grateful for today: A church that still provides us a place to gather and express our faith to God and each other. A place for our extended families to come together for worship on special occasions and feel at home. And finally a place for personal comfort and peace.

## Naomi Fynboh Biography

I am married to Greg, and we have three kids: Isabel is in 11<sup>th</sup> grade, Lydia is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, and Sawyer is a 7<sup>th</sup> grader this year. We live on a farm twelve miles from Morris where Greg grows corn and beans. This year we also had cows graze on our land (we like cows very much!) and we took care of four pigs this past summer (we like pigs less!). I have degrees in English and Education from the University of St. Thomas. I actually went to Gustavus for two years before the lure of big city life (or if I'm honest, Greg, who was studying at the University of MN) led me to St. Paul. Before moving to the Morris area, Greg and I lived in Chaska, Arlington, Rochester, and St. Charles, where I taught Language Arts at the highschool for seven years. Now I am in my 8<sup>th</sup> year of homeschooling my own kids. In my free time, I love hanging out with family and friends, reading, and traveling. Our family adventures have led us to England, Iceland, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Italy, and half of the United States. I currently serve as Treasurer on Church Council. Our family chooses to belong to First Lutheran because of the people. The people here are kind, hard working and worthy of emulation. We are blessed to be part of a caring church family!



## What Do The Olivewood Project sales at First Lutheran Church mean?

The Evangelism and Mission Committee has acquired a glass case which is found in the Gathering Room to display artisan carvings for the purpose of promoting ongoing support to the project. This means that sales of the beautiful and inspiring pieces can be ongoing instead of only available in brief, infrequent display promotions. Items can be acquired at anytime someone needs to be remembered with a meaningful gift, or simply as a way to enrich one's home through their faithful expressions.

The goal of the Olivewood Project is to help Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem to remain in the Holy Land by providing them income from the sale of their carvings. This is not a commercial operation. All of the money from the sale of the carvings goes back to Bethlehem. The carvings are made from the dried branches pruned from olive trees. Trees are not cut down to make the carvings.

The project was started by Michael and Carmen Zoughbi of Bethlehem during the first Gulf War, when tourism had ceased in the Holy Land. Bethlehem depends mostly on tourism. Families in Bethlehem were impoverished by the lack of sales of their work, some even unable to offer the traditional small cup of Arabic coffee to guests. At first, only two families could be supported, at least partly. Over the years, the project has grown to 46 Christian families, representing over 400 people. There are 700 families in Bethlehem engaged in carving in their small home workshops. We are able to support only 46 of them, but many of the others have better connections with the souvenir shops in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The 46 families lack these connections. Prices are kept low to increase the volume of sales in order to keep the carvers busy; lack of work is very discouraging and hard on people. The project seeks the support of congregations willing to assist. The carvings are beautiful, unique (not available generally,) and meaningful because their purchase actually helps people.

If you wish to acquire Olivewood carvings, please contact Pastor Dan, someone with the Evangelism and Mission Committee, or the church office to help you obtain them. Thanks for whatever help that you can provide!



*Affirmation of Baptism—Sunday, October 4, 2020*  
*L to R: Jason Christians, Owen Hentges, Owen Anderson, Ruby Swenson,*  
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