

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

June 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30am Worship
via Facebook Live
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

Dear Brothers in Sisters in Christ,

We have been worshipping in the parking lot since the beginning of July. Today, for the first time together since mid-March, we celebrated Holy Communion. It was incredibly special to once again speak the words of institution, and to receive this sacrament. We continue to meet outside to protect one another's health and to put safety first.

We continue to deal with a major global pandemic. This continues to stymie many activities, hopes and actions in our lives. The corona virus to date, has infected more than 3,722,200 people in the United States, and led to at least 139,955 peoples' deaths. As a whole our country has seen a seven-day average of 65,790 new cases a day. There are more confirmed cases per capita than any other major industrial nation. (Source: N.Y. Times, July 19, 2020). This is shocking and shows we need to do better. Most states have increasing numbers of infections.

What can we do? When Jesus said "Love your neighbor as yourself" how might this apply to a pandemic? Our top infectious disease specialists in the country including the director of the CDC have informed us that if everyone wore a mask, we could control the spread of the virus in three to four weeks. Maintaining six feet or more of social distance reduces the spread of the virus. Meanwhile, being outdoors reduces transmission dramatically. Especially combined with social distancing and a mask. Many schools turned to outdoor education in the early 1900s when there was a pandemic. Now schools struggle with the decision of opening schools to in-class instruction. Perhaps some will meet outdoors, who knows? Others will stay online. Difficult decisions will need to be made.

Wearing a mask, when in public, in a store, in a gas station, when you are around many people can save lives. It is a way of loving your neighbor. It may not be comfortable. But really is your and my comfort *that* important? It may seem like an infraction on one's "freedom." However, we all know that driving in the left lane on the highway could be deadly, to us and others, so we don't do it. So, I strongly urge you to consider how your actions may impact your neighbor. As Christians, we are called to care for one another, and all people. One way to do so is practicing prevention approaches to the spread of the corona virus. Thank you for wearing a mask, for washing your hands and for practicing social distancing!

Pastor Dan

Please pray for Michael and Carmen Zoughbi and their son, Jamil. All of whom have contracted corona virus. Jamil is seeking ordination in the Melkite Catholic church. His wife, Claudine, he and their two children live with Carmen in a small apartment in Jerusalem. Michael and Jamil are hospitalized. The Zoughbis visited here last fall, and he is the Coordinator of The Olivewood Carvings project of 42 carving families in Bethlehem. Because of a lack of tourism, this Palestinian community has been badly hurt economically. Also, coronavirus infections have escalated on the West Bank (Palestinian area) and in Israel.

Pastor Matthew Edwin Orendorff Ordained

Pastor Matt Orendorff was ordained as a pastor in the United Church of Christ at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 19, 2020. Pastor Orendorff has been serving as pastor of The Federated Church in Morris. Congratulations Pastor Orendorff.

MISSIONARY FOR THE DAY

Support Missionary For A Day and honor a loved one ~ \$15.00/day

Pastor Alex LaChapelle is the pastor at Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation in Kenya, Africa. We continue to provide him with needed support through our Missionary for the Day contributions. Contact the church office to sponsor a day “in memory of” or “in honor of” someone. Address of congregation is: Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation, PO Box 34089, Nairobi, Kenya 00100 Website: www.nilc-nairobi.org

- July 1 In memory of Angie Staples from Skip & Vicki Maanum
- July 8 Happy Birthday Grandma Bernice from your grandkids
- July 12 In memory of Sylvia Yarger on her birthday from Dick & Judy Bluth
- July 13 In memory of Angie Staples from Dick & Judy Bluth
- July 15 In memory of Angie Staples from Bernice Erdahl
- July 16 Happy Birthday Brian Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- July 18 Happy Anniversary Brian & Ann Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- July 18 In memory of Janet Staples from her family
- July 19 In memory of Greg Staples from Robert Staples and family
- July 20 In memory of Norma Brustuen Sands from Emilie Brustuen
- July 21 In memory of Angie Staples from Emile Brustuen
- July 24 In memory of Janet Staples from her family
- July 27 Happy Birthday Carole Johnson from Bernice Erdahl

What is Missionary for a Day?

Sometimes we've done something important for so long that we forget what it is. Such may be the case with Missionary for a Day. For more than 50 years First Lutheran has been engaged in missionary support by individual sponsorship rather than as a budgeted item.

Originally the day sponsorship covered most of the daily cost of missionary support. Currently the \$15 per day support must be combined with many others but still reflects our commitment to the great commission.

Here's how to participate: Contact Rita to select a calendar day or more to support. She will record your choices on a calendar along with your dedication to sponsor in honor of a passing, birthday, anniversary, graduation, etc. The calendar is posted on the left wall at the front entrance of the church.

Over the years members have supported medical missionaries in east Africa, evangelizing missionaries in Senegal, the ELCA Hunger and Disaster appeals, a hospital in the Holy Land and other mission activities.

Modern global mission in the ELCA has evolved to emphasize calls for accompaniment and service often with our “companion churches” abroad. Background info can be found at <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Global-Mission>. Our SW MN Synod's companion synod and her churches, for example, is the Southeastern Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Other synods of the ELCA are connected with companion synods around the world.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Luther Crest Bible Camp has developed their Bold Transformational Faith Program for our churches this summer. It is an online "Day Camp" this year due to Covid-19 pandemic. The theme for the summer is "Go! Make Disciples!" This is a great opportunity for your children/family to participate! The theme verses are from Matthew 28:19-20 which says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Morris Area Churches (First, Faith, St. John's/Kongsvinger, and Trinity-Cyrus) are registered for both weeks of the day camp program. This means that your family can choose which week to participate, either August 3-6 or August 10-13. Choose the week that works the best for your family! Here is more information, including a place to fill in information to register your child(ren). A printable version or an on-line registration form is available on our website at <https://www.flcmorris.org/youth>

DONATIONS NEEDED!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Believe it or not, school supplies will be on sale soon! When you are purchasing for your school supplies for your kids, please consider purchasing extra for Lutheran World Relief.

Donations of school supplies can be dropped off in the box in the church Narthex. Cash donations will also be accepted, but please leave in the church office.

Listed below are the items that will be put in each School Kit. Please do not substitute any of the items, as we can only use what is listed.

- Four (4) 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½". No loose leaf paper.
- One (1) 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One (1) pencil sharpener
- One (1) pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five (5) unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secured together with a rubber band
- Five (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), secured together with a rubber band
- One (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One (1) 2½" eraser



JUNE COUNCIL MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting June 10, 2020

The June meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met by teleconference through Zoom and was called to order by President Bob Dalager on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:13pm. Present: Bob Dalager, Tony Feuchtenberger, Naomi Fynboh, Jason Reed, Eugene Anderson, Allyn Plattner and John Dossall, Absent: Rheanne Kline, Gary Wagner, Peggy Jergenson, Terry Dybdahl. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye.

Pastor's Report: A written report was emailed to each council member. Pastor spoke on some of the highlights of his report.

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

Treasurer's Report: Naomi reported that giving has decreased from last month and expenses still exceed our income. Naomi has been in contact with Laurie & Ryan concerning the PPP loan to make sure we stay on track. The loan forgiveness paperwork is on hold for the time being due to a change in the time-frame rules.

Committee Reports

- Tony reported that the Mission and Evangelism Committee are working on ways to let the congregation know more about our missionary, Pastor Alex LaCheppelle in Kenya. Discussions are also being held concerning the Church without Walls Sunday that we normally hold in September.

Old Business

- Video System Update: equipment has been installed and is working well.
- The elevator updating has been completed and the bills have been paid.
- Sidewalk Repair: Robert Thompson is working with our insurance company to see what needs to be done with repairing the front sidewalk.

- VBS: Faith Lutheran is in charge of the organization but it is set for an on-line VBS the first week in August. The Education Committee needs to be activated and will be discussed more at the July meeting.

New Business

- Pastor will re-word the new Funeral Policy specific for the Covid-19 pandemic to match the guidelines set forth by the governor. Pastor will email this to the council for discussion/approval.
- Worship Services: How to move forward with worship services; on-line, in-person or outdoor services were discussed. No decisions were made this time.

Since the Pastor was the Zoom host, and he had a Zoom Bible study he needed to attend, the council meeting ended at 7:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Ushers

Aug 2 Bob Heck, Hentges family
Aug 9 Barry & Nancy Erdahl, Linda Holland
Aug 16 Just family
Aug 23 Skip & Vicki Maanum, Jungst/Ekola
Aug 30 Dick Smith, Stan Staples, Scott Staples

Communion Assistants

Aug 2 Linda Holland, Barry Erdahl
Aug 9 Bowman family
Aug 16 Vicki & Bob Dalager
Aug 23 L Feuchtenberger, Emilie Brustuen
Aug 30 Jane Johnson, Ward Voorhees

THIS N' THAT

Stevens County Food Shelf supplies a five-day emergency or supplemental food package to residents of Stevens County. There is no fee for this service, but clients must provide proof of residency. The food shelf is located at 701 Iowa Ave in Morris, and is open the following days/hours: Mondays 2:30-3:30pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10:30-11:30am, Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm. Please mail any monetary donations, or give them a call to schedule a time to drop off any food donations.

Newsletter Deadline for the September newsletter is noon on Monday, August 24.

2020 KMRS Radio Broadcast dates are: Aug 23, Oct 25, Nov 22, 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.



- Aug 2 Sarah Buchanan
- Aug 4 Dane Dybdahl, Abby Rach, Richard Ross
- Aug 5 Wade Ehlers, Olyn Wernsing
- Aug 6 Mark Anderson
- Aug 7 Brenna Jergenson
- Aug 8 Brent Rosen
- Aug 11 Dennis Ketterling, Hannah Schneider
- Aug 12 Brienna Dybdahl, Emmitt House, Madilyn Schneider
- Aug 13 Bentley Burnett, Brandon Jergenson, Kasey Morris, Suzanne Smith
- Aug 15 Bob Heck, Abram Sues
- Aug 18 Judy Buro
- Aug 19 Michael Dalager, Mary Alyce Krattenmaker, Claire Reed
- Aug 20 Summer Anderson, Delbert Crow
- Aug 23 Brenna Monroe, Tyler Wernsing
- Aug 24 Jill Dybdahl
- Aug 26 Russell Anderson
- Aug 28 Carol Voorhees
- Aug 30 Cathy Anderson, Cody Krosch
- Aug 31 DiAnn Mithun



Happy Anniversary

- Aug 7 Gwen & Steve Rudney
- Aug 12 Chris & Bobbi Siegel
- Aug 13 Magen & Tony Feuchtenberger
- Aug 16 Heather & Tom Schneider
- Aug 18 Ron & Deanna Rosen
- Aug 22 Rob & Peggy Jergenson
- Aug 29 Peggy & Randy Lussenden

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Worship Schedule

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