

September 2023

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



Church Without Walls 2023

Registration Form

Registration can also be complete on-line!

Check out our website at www.flcmorris.org and click on the link!

Sunday, September 10

9:30am-9:45am Kickoff Worship Service

9:45am-11:30am Service Project Work

11:45am-12:15pm Joint Picnic Dinner with Faith Lutheran at Eastside Park

Overview: God's mission has a Church. God's mission is life, life-giving.

Goals:

1. Learn from the community of Morris and the world
2. Respond with gifts of service, resources, talents.

Specifications: We all have a network of work, friendship and family relationships. Within your network of relationships, how might the people, and resources, of First Lutheran Church best utilize their energies in service? Where can work for justice be done? Where can kindness and love be shown? Where can service be accomplished?

Efforts: You are being asked to organize into individual or group work.

Please fill out for each participant, or if choosing a project for an entire family.

1. I'm registering for:

Myself/1 person

My family/ Multiple People-Same Project

2. Name: _____

3. If registering for family/multiple people, list the number of people in group: _____

4. If registering for family/multiple people, list first and last names of each participant:

5. Cell Phone Number (for day of event): _____

6. Email address: _____

Service Activities Selection:

Please select one morning service project. You will go to your project following the morning worship at 9:30am.

Choose your Service Project: (mark only one)

- LWR & Health Mission Kits Assembly (on site project) Sunday school children and adults needed
- Cookies for hospitality (on site project)
- Creative Arts Table (on site project)
- West Wind Village: window washing and grounds clean-up (off site project)
- Morris Public Library: cleaning (off site project)
- Options for Women Morris: general clean-up and sorting (off site project)
- Someplace Safe Store: clean-up and sorting (off site project)
- City Park Baseball Fields: (off site project) Bring gloves for clean up. This project is shared with Faith Lutheran
- Eastside Park: (off site project) Bring gloves for raking playgroup chips and grounds clean-up.
- Courage Cottage: (off site project) Music, Chalk Art and grounds clean up. Bring your own things.
- Food Preparations for Picnic (off site project): prepare, serve, clean up
- Other (contact Tim Grove)

Is there anything else you would like event organizers to know about? i.e. You may state: I/We will work ANY PROJECT. Please describe any special needs or accommodations necessary. Call or text Emilie at 719-440-8575 with any questions.

Liability Release Agreement: I/We understand that there are inherent risks involved in any service project, and I/we hereby release First Lutheran Church, its staff and volunteers from any and all liability due to any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my/our involvement with Church Without Walls. I understand that I/we may be photographed or videotaped by First Lutheran or Faith Lutheran Churches while participating in Church Without Walls, and authorize the use of those photos in any church advertising/website use. By signing below, you agree to the above release.

Signature(s)

Date: _____

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Rally Sunday is September 17!

- Sunday school from 8:30 to 9:30am for all Preschool through 5th grade students!
- Bibles will be given to new Preschool students, 3rd Graders, and the Confirmation Students (6th grade) and installation of Sunday school teachers during the 9:30am worship service.

We are excited for a great year of Sunday School at First Lutheran!

Sunday School will be held *twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 8:30am to 9:30am (with the exception of September)*. On the Sundays when classes do not meet, we encourage children to worship with their families.

Registration forms are available in the Narthex and on our website at www.flcmorris.org under the EDUCATION tab.

The age groups for Sunday School and the schedule for the year look like this:

PreK and Kindergarten	teacher: Shannon Dougherty
First and Second Grade	teachers: Tony Feuchtenberger & Cari Burnett
Third, Fourth and Fifth Grade	teachers: Magen Feuchtenberger & Jeanne Williamson

Classes held from 8:30-9:30am on the following Sundays:

September 10 & 17 *see note below about Sept 10th!

October 1 & 15

November 5 & 19

December 3 & 17 (Christmas Program on the 17th during the 9:30am worship)

January 7 & 21

February 4 & 18

March 3 & 17

April 7 & 21

May 5

THANK YOU to our wonderful teachers! We look forward to a great year! **PARENTS**, we are looking for volunteers to be on a sub list. Even if you are only able to sub one time or have limited availability it would be **GREATLY** appreciated. If you can help please contact Cari Burnett (Cari.burnett@hotmail.com).

*September 10th is Church without Walls. A service project has been lined up for the students assembling Lutheran World Relief Kits at the church. We will not have Sunday school at 8:30am but rather the kids are encouraged to gather at worship (9:30am) with their family. Sunday school kids are encouraged to again help put together a variety of mission kits as their service projects for Church without Walls.



2023-24 Element: 6th-8th Grade Confirmation Info & Important dates to remember!

- Sept 13 at 6pm:** Element Parent Information Meeting at First Lutheran Church (*At least one parent and the youth involved must attend!*) *You will get the complete schedule for the year and lots of more information at this meeting!*
- Sept 20: 6-7:30pm:** Element Student Kickoff at First Lutheran Church
- Sept 27: 6-7:30pm:** Element at First Lutheran Church

Just a little info for those who may not be familiar with Element: Element was created specifically for the 6th - 8th graders in our churches! Element is a joining of Confirmation and Fusion Youth. 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, St. Johns/Kongsvinger of Donnelly, and Heather Black (Fusion Youth Ministry Director). Our goal is to teach the 6th-8th 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! In 2023-24 we will be using the curriculum by LeaderTreks specifically written for 6th-8th graders called Herd!!

Sr. High Fusion (9th-12th Grade) Now meeting Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm at First Lutheran!



- Sept 20: 7-8:30pm:** Sr. High Fusion Kickoff at First Lutheran Church
- Sept 27: 7-8:30pm:** Sr. High Fusion at First Lutheran Church

I am really excited about our upcoming year of Sr. High Youth Ministry with Fusion! When we started Fusion, one of the goals was to build a strong ministry to our older youth as well as to our jr high youth. When Element is over at 8th grade, we truly do miss seeing those students that tend to not come back!! I strongly believe that having a weekly time for our youth to gather together; to connect with each other and God; to explore their faith, grow their faith & live it out in their daily life; to share to love of God together through acts of service & mission trips and just have a safe place to be a teenager is a vital!

As a parent that's what I desire for my kids, and I hope that is something that you desire for your kids.

We are trying something new this year. A new way to do ministry, more student led discussions and a new night to meet. We are excited to see some new faces as well as those who already love being a part of Fusion! All are welcome.

If you have a youth in the 9th - 12th grade range, we would love to see them come on a Wednesday evening! (even if they haven't come before.) And as always, youth are welcome to bring a friend or two!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email or give Heather a call: heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com or 320.349.0103. Check out our website www.fusion-ministry.com .

- ☐ **Coffee Hour** is served in the fellowship hall following the worship service on Sunday mornings. The *Charity Service Group* is on the schedule to serve coffee hours during the month of September. Please sign up on the church bulletin board across from the office. Those in this month's Service Group are:

* Doyle & Jone Anderson	Karen Bolling	Lauren Carlson
Bob & Vicki Dalager	Barry & Nancy Erdahl	Cheryl Higgins
Brent & Jackie Huebner	Steve & Michelle Just	Dick & Suzanne Smith
Kevin & Jeanne Williamson		
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, September 6th at 11:30am at DeToy's. Join us...all are welcome!
- ☐ **Social Hour at Legacy Living** is held each Wednesday at 2:30pm for residents and friends. On the third Wednesday of each month, friends from First Lutheran supply the treats/goodies. Help may be needed occasionally....a batch of cookies or a cake; just something simple. All are welcome to join us anytime. If interested in helping out occasionally, contact Cheryl at 314-570-0700 or Marlene at 320-589-3879.
- ☐ **2023 KMRS Radio Broadcast** last available date is November 12. 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.
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the October newsletter is noon on Wednesday, September 20.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, September 21st at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall. Need to drop something off for the Zipporah group? Their church mailbox is located in the office waiting area.
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows/Widowers** meets on Tuesday, September 12 at noon. Please join us for a time of friendship, conversation and time together for lunch. You are welcome to invite others to join you. Gatherings meet at 12:00pm (noon) on the second Tuesday of each month at Old #1 Southside. Order off the menu at your cost. Listen to KKOK 95.7 for any schedule changes.
- ☐ **Volunteers Needed!** Looking for an opportunity to serve at church outside of Sunday mornings? We are looking for assistance with baking communion bread, which is served on the first and second Sundays of each

First Lutheran Women of the ELCA

While you are out shopping for school supplies for the next school year, please consider purchasing items to donate to Lutheran World Relief School kits. We will hold a packing event again on Sunday, September 10 with assistance from the First Lutheran Church Sunday School students. In addition to the school kits, we will be packing Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits.

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

Fall Dinner Meeting

As you may know, our church dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1st and two very vital people on our Fall Dinner Committee will not be helping this year. One was our co-chair and the other set up iPads to implement our drive-thru orders easily. We need to decide if we are going to continue the Fall Dinner as a drive-thru OR go back to a sit down dinner, but we need your help. Neither dinner option will work if we don't have people willing to volunteer!

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 5th at 5:30pm** in the church fellowship hall for a Fall Dinner Meeting. Anyone who is willing to help at the dinner, or be a co-chair or join the fall dinner committee, or have an opinion on what direction we should go from here is encouraged to attend. Your help is very much needed!

Seniors on the Move

I would like to explain the name change in Senior Ministry. "Seniors on the Move" categorizes as all older adults who would like to go places, enjoy our area and have great fun and Christian fellowship. Due to the weather, the June Garden Trip was cancelled. I would encourage all who are able, to join some fellowship by helping out with Church without Walls, Luther's Eatery, Fall Dinner, or other activities listed in the newsletter. There are still some fun plans for future *Seniors on the Move* trips.

Senior Ministry will be geared towards anyone who would like a visit; either by phone call or a home visit. Communion can be provided. If you would like a visit, please call Rita in the church office at 320-589-3242 and she will get in touch of someone to visit you.

Your sister in Christ, Jo Solvie

REST Volunteer Training

REST (Respite Education & Support Tools) is an evidence based 4 hour program that prepares volunteers to provide respite in a supervised group setting. Those who wish to volunteer for the Memory Makers group respite program that will be held at First Lutheran Church should attend both of these training sessions.

Wednesday Sept 20, 10:00am-12:00pm AND Friday Sept 22, 10:00am-12:00pm

For questions please call 320-424-0018. This is training is part of Western Prairie Human Services Caregiver Consulting Program.

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

- Aug 1 In memory of Bob Van Eps from Marilyn Smith
- Aug 2 In memory of Bob Van Eps from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
- Aug 3 In memory of Gwen Swenson from Emilie Brustuen
- Aug 4 In memory of Charles Giese from Emilie Brustuen
- Aug 5 Happy Birthday Wade Ehlers from mom and dad
- Aug 11 In loving memory of Brian Van Horn from his mother LaVonne Watson
- Aug 13 In memory of John Papke from Jo Solvie
- Aug 14 In memory of Suzanne Smith's brother from Jo Solvie

Our missionaries are Rev. Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson. The Knutsons have served for many years in Southern Africa, and are based in South Africa. Philip was born and grew up in South Africa, the son of missionary parents, and Lou is a native of South Africa. You can sponsor the Knutsons for \$15 per day. You may give this in memory, or in honor of someone. Contact Rita in the church office if you need more information.

September 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>All worship services are streamed live via Facebook (Morris-First Lutheran Church) and YouTube (First Lutheran Church - Morris MN). Recorded services available on our website at www.flcmorris.org</i></p>					1	2 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
3 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship	4	5 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 5:30pm Fall Dinner Meeting	6 11:30am Lunch Bunch at DeToy's	7	8	9 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
10 Church w/o Walls 9:30am Sending service 9:45-11:30am Service Projects 11:45-12:15pm Lunch at Eastside Park	11	12 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/ Widowers at Old #1	13 6:00pm Element Student and Parent Meeting at FIRST 7:00pm Worship & Music Comm. Meeting	14 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	15	16 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
17 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship	18	19 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting	20 10:00-12:00pm REST Training 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes at FIRST 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	21 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	22 10:00-12:00pm REST Training	23 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
24 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship 4:00-7:00pm 9th Gr. Confirmation at FAITH	25	26 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	27 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	28 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	29	30 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran



Rita is available Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm by email, phone call, or text message, and is in the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

In the event of an emergency, she can be reached any day of the week on her cell phone at 320.287.2384.

September Worship Servants

Sunday, September 3: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Michael Bjorklund, Dennis Feuchtenberger **Lector:** Allyn Plattner
Nursery: Jone Anderson **Acolyte:** Lily Nesvig & Brenna Jergenson
Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Owen Nesvig

Sunday, September 10: Church without Walls

Ushers: Steve Just Family **Video:** Steve Wagner **TV Slides:** Giana Feuchtenberger

Sunday, September 17 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Ushers: Al Harris, Ray & Robi Bowman **Lector:** Jennie Odello
Communion: Tim Grove, Millie Tschetter, Judy Buro **Communion Prep:** Liz Harris (bread)
Nursery: Kristin Grove **Acolyte:** Wes Odello & Ian Grove
Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Tyson Grove

Sunday, September 24: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion (Blue Hymnal)

Ushers: Bob Heck, Karen Bolling, Scott Staples **Lector:** Dorwin Tschetter
Nursery: Michelle Just **Acolyte:** Brayden Carlson & Aaden Schultz
Communion: Linda Holland (silver tray) **Comm Servers:** Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Emilie Brustuen
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger **TV slides:** Aubrey Williamson

HAPPY
Birthday

Sept 3 Yvonne Evenson
Sept 4 Linda Holland
Sept 5 Jaelyn Flower, Elizabeth Harrison
Sept 6 Vincent Feuchtenberger, Kahla Gillespie,
Steve Jungst, Michelle Just
Sept 8 Jason Christians, Landyn Lentsch
Sept 9 Gary Knochenmus
Sept 10 Jennifer Mattheis
Sept 12 Benjamin Ehlers, Emily Nelson,
Sarah Schultz, Harvey VanHorn
Sept 13 Don Ritter, Kevin Wevley
Sept 14 Jacob Hanson
Sept 17 Rochelle Anderson
Sept 18 Oliver Averbeck, Cari Burnett, Eli Grove
Sept 19 Laura McCormack
Sept 20 Matt Mortenson, Anita Neisius
Sept 22 Riley Decker, Mackenze Grunig,
Mitchell Grunig
Sept 23 John Dosedall
Sept 24 Curtis Quisberg, Wyatt Schultz
Sept 25 Dale Jacobson, Jim Hills
Sept 27 Chance Buro
Sept 28 Robin McCulloch, Lori Wevley

Sept 29 Bess Boever
Sept 30 Kye Suess

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Sept 3 Jim & Jill Beauregard
Sept 5 Allan & Elizabeth Harris
Sept 8 David Jungst & Lindy Ekola
Sept 10 Dale & Lois Peterson
Sept 12 Neil & Pam Wiese
Sept 14 Dale & Zona Jacobson
Sept 15 Jean & John Schultz
Sept 17 Heidi & Neil Suess
Sept 21 Robert & Janis Waller
Dorwin & Millie Tschetter
Dennis & Natalie Ketterling
Sept 25 Doyle & Jone Anderson
Sept 28 Jim & Jacqui Hills

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights: August 15, 2023

Treasurer's Report: Discussion was held on benevolence, as we are currently behind by \$5080. A motion was approved to send \$1800 for benevolence.

Committee Reports:

Mission & Evangelism:

- Church without Walls, sign up on-line.
- Zoughbis will be on Sunday, Sept 3 and will be staying the week before. Daytime hosts needed.
- UMM Welcome Picnic on Monday, August 21. Volunteers needed to welcome students at Eastside.

Education:

- Sunday school schedule will be similar to last year and Sunday school teachers will remain the same. Curriculum is also being worked on.

Old Business:

- Still no names from the Synod for interim pastor.

New Business

- 9th Grade Confirmation. Pastor Emmy from Faith Lutheran will finish the curriculum for First Lutheran's students. Students will be confirmed at First Lutheran on Reformation Sunday, October 29.
- Education/Rally Sunday will be on Sunday, September 17. Installation of teachers and distribution of Bibles will also take place that Sunday.
- Acolyte training for the 6th grade students. Church members will be contacted to see if they are willing to teach this.
- Morris Community Meal: First Lutheran will host the community meal in September. Volunteers will be needed to help prep, serve and clean up.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm. Tony to give the devotion.

JULY'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$14,792.00 July Giving

\$8245.34 July Expenses

\$136,801.34 Year-to-Date Giving

\$157,509.57 Year-to-Date Expenses

Visitation Home MINISTRY Visits/Calls

If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a visit, or even just a phone call visit, please contact the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact church office without permission.

In the event of an emergency, please call Rita's cell phone at 320-287-2384 and she will get in contact with a local pastor.



**"If I send my prayer as a text message,
will I get a faster reply?"**

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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am

Broadcasted live via Facebook
and YouTube; recorded services
available on our website.

Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 2:00pm

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