

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

September 2020

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30am

Outdoor Parking Lot Worship
broadcasted on Facebook Live;
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

Dear People of First,

Grace to you and peace, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

As we look ahead, fall is just around the corner and we continue to see the need to be flexible and nimble.

Our church council met this week, deciding that we will develop a Task Force to explore how we best return and when, to in-person, inside-the-nave, worship. The first meeting will be after our parking lot worship on Sunday, September 6th. *If you are interested in being part of this Task Force, please come to that meeting (or, contact us). We especially welcome health care professionals.* I am, and the Council is, aware that some of you are eager to resume indoor worship services. That is entirely understandable. Meanwhile, some of you are anxious about indoor worship. As weather permits we will continue to offer Parking Lot services *and* online worship. We are trying hard to look out for the health and well-being of our congregation and we have taken a rather cautious approach, while observing what our Minnesota Department of Health recommends and state guidelines. The best science has shown that outdoor activities, combined with physical distancing, are considerably safer than indoor. Wearing masks is also known to be highly important in reducing transmission of coronavirus. I think all of us are aware of that by now.

When we do again worship our Lord and God inside our church walls we must be honest that our services will be quite different in some ways. Services will be shorter and we will need to wear masks, maintain six feet or more of physical distance and it is unlikely we can sing. Still, we will worship! We will hear God's law and gospel and worship and praise the God of life. We will keep you abreast of changes as we move into the fall.

Meanwhile, this fall, we are starting an exciting new venture for our youth by joining together with Trinity in Cyrus, Faith, Federated in Morris, and Kongsvinger/St. John's for Confirmation ministry. We are calling this "Element." We will be informing parents and the youth more about this at the *Parent Meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 16th at Faith Lutheran.*

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

Affirmation of Baptism Service

Affirmation of Baptism(Confirmation) service for those youth wishing to affirm their Baptism into Christ will be at 9:30 a.m. on October 4th at the service in the parking lot. Those planning to affirm their faith will make stoles on Wednesday, September 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the courtyard of the church (*rain plan: In the basement of the church*). A light meal will be included.

Confirmation Fall 2020 – Parent Meeting

This year for “confirmation” we are doing something entirely new. We’re starting an exciting new venture called “Element,” joining hands with Trinity, Cyrus, Faith and Federated, Morris, and Kongsvinger and St. John’s, Donnelly. This is for 6th-8th graders. We are excited to be adding 6th grade this year. We are calling this ministry “Element.” Our Parent Meeting is at 6 p.m. Wednesday, September 16th at Faith Lutheran. We will be meeting at Faith, where their space allows for more physical distance. We ask that only one parent come with your child to this meeting, so we can meet in one place. Please wear a mask and keep a six foot physical distance from non-family persons. Large group and small groups with adult leaders will be our format. We will also have service events, and more relational gatherings, at times. And retreats as well.

Sunday School

Because of the pandemic, and our current outdoor worship schedule, the Education Committee has decided to wait for now until we know more about how things go at the public schools this September. We will inform you (soon) about the start of Sunday School and details relating to teaching and learning.

“Bread for the World Sunday”: October 11th

“Just a sentence or two written into a piece of legislation, can benefit millions of people in the United States and around the world...” Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization founded by a Lutheran pastor, Arthur (Art) Simon, in 1974.

Since its founding, Bread for the World has worked tirelessly to advocate for people living in poverty, here in the United States and around the world. In a world where the scourge of children going to bed hungry every night is still a stark reality Bread has been making a vital difference as a collective voice for Christians of many denominations, from around the country, in the effort to end hunger.

This year, for our *Church Without Walls*, we will be setting aside one Sunday to write and collect letters written to our Minnesota legislators urging their support of legislation that can reduce childhood and adult hunger in our nation and around the world.

We know that early nutrition for infants and children is vital to their health and cognitive functioning. This legislation hopes to secure funding for programs that ensure a healthy and good start for infants and children in households that are food insecure. In the U.S., one in seven children live in food insecure households. Because of Covid-19, and the economic impacts, the need for food security in these households has increased.

BFW’s 2020 Offering of Letters to Congress: “Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow.”

We will be providing more information about this important effort in coming days.

Fusion Youth Ministry

Fusion youth ministry started one year ago and is one of the vital ways we are connecting with the youth in our community. Heather Black has worked hard to develop this ministry, training adult leaders who connect with our youth, as well as providing regular, ongoing Christ-centered programming for the youth in our congregations and others from Morris area. Once again, we need your support. This ministry of our four congregations has been funded by generous supporters from within our four congregations, as well as grants from our SW MN Synod and from the United Methodist Church. Since this ministry is not a line item in our budget, we are looking again for vital financial support for this important ministry. Please consider making the most generous contribution you can to this ministry, with notation in memo line to Fusion Youth Ministry. Thank you for your support.

Pastor Dan

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

- Aug 1: In memory of Angie Staples from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
- Aug 2: In memory of Rosella Staples from Jo Solvie
- Aug 3: In memory of Angie Staples from Jo Solvie
- Aug 4: In memory of John Fougerson from Jo Solvie
- Aug 5: Happy Birthday Wade Ehlers from Mom and Dad
- Aug 6: In memory of Lowell Larson from Jo Solvie
- Aug 7: In honor of Pastor Dan’s ordination anniversary from Jo Solvie
- Aug 8: In honor of the 2020 graduates from Jo Solvie
- Aug 9: In memory of Reginald Power from Jo Solvie
- Aug 10: In memory of Angie Staples from Evelyn Warnes
- Aug 11: In loving memory of Brian Van Horn from his mother LaVonne Watson
- Aug 12: In memory of Angie Staples from Dick & Suzaane Smith
- Aug 13: In honor of Sue Bruer’s retirement from Common Cup from Emilie Brusten
- Aug 18: In memory of Chuck Seip from Dennis & Carole Johnson
- Aug 19: In memory of Tom Rach from Deb & Dick Mahoney
- Aug 20: In memory of Tom Rach from Bernice Erdahl
- Aug 21: In memory of Chuck Seip from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
- Aug 22: In memory of Chuck Seip from Bernice Erdahl
- Aug 23: In memory of Chuck Seip from Cheryl Higgins
- Aug 24: In memory of Chuck Seip from Lauren Carlson
- Aug 25: In memory of Chuck Seip from Al & LaVonne Watson
- Aug 26: In memory of Dennis Johnson from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
- Aug 27: In memory of Chuck Seip
- Aug 28: In memory of Chuck Seip from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
- Aug 29: In memory of Tom Rach from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
- Aug 30: In memory of Dennis Johnson from Barry & Nancy 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. 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.

Here’s how to participate: Contact Rita to select a calendar day or more to support and make a payment of \$15. 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.

WOMEN OF FIRST

BOLD Outreach Mission Sunday

On March 8, Women of First Lutheran Church held a Mission Event at our church. Our goals were to introduce mission projects of Lutheran World Relief (LWR) www.lwr.org and Global Health Ministries (GHM), www.GHM.org. Please check out the websites for more information about both organizations.

We want to thank our First Lutheran Church endowment committee for providing a donation towards our Mission Sunday. Monies donated were used to purchase supplies for packing the kits and to help cover shipping costs for the kits. We had volunteers packing personal care kits and tying fleece blankets. We also shared samples of School Kits and Baby Care Kits and had some beautiful quilts displayed which are all LWR projects. Volunteers also ripped and wrapped bandages and demonstrated how to crochet and knit baby caps. We had a sample Newborn kit on display which includes those baby caps. The bandages and newborn kits are GHM projects.

Thanks to a Thrivent grant, LWR coffee was sold with proceeds to go towards supplies for more mission projects. Thank you to the Dental Depot and Morris Dental for donating tooth brushes for the personal care kits.

The 3 fleece tie blankets that were tied were donated to Someplace Safe in Morris as LWR is no longer accepting these items. Another change in LWR donations is they no longer are accepting bars of soap to be sent separately. Any soap that has been donated will be included in personal care kits in the future.

We were able to send our LWR items to warehouses in the cities thanks to Barb and Richard Barsness from Trinity Lutheran Church, Cyrus. They graciously offered to transport First Lutheran items along with their own church items in July. We sent two year's worth of items with them. Boxes sent were filled with **96 quilts, 32 school kits, and 50 personal care kits.**

Thank you to all who participated that Sunday and those who have made supply donations for the kits. Thank you also to our pancake crew who served a delicious pancake breakfast!

Moving Forward.....

We would like to continue our mission projects throughout the year. We are going to be including information about Mission projects on the church website. Please consider making donations for supplies for the projects we promoted on March 8. You can always drop these items off at church. If you are looking for projects to work on in your own home, check out the kit supply sheets. The Baby Care and Newborn kits have items which can be purchased or made at home. Please feel free to contact Sharon Ehlers or Emilie Brustuen for more information about any of the mission projects.

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.

- 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

COUNCIL MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting July 22, 2020

The July meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met by teleconference through Zoom and was called to order by President Bob Dalager on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 6:23pm. Present: Bob Dalager, Gary Wagner, Naomi Fynboh, Jason Reed, Eugene Anderson, Rheanne Kline and John Dosedall, Absent: Allyn Plattner, Peggy Jergenson, Tony Feuchtenberger and Terry Dybdahl. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belugum and Rita Bye. Visitor Emilie Brustuen was present at the beginning of the meeting.

Visitor: Emilie Brustuen, from the Mission & Evangelism Committee, spoke on a few different options for the Church Without Walls Sunday event that is normally held in September. Discussion was held on how the event could take place with the current limitations on group gatherings and social distancing; or postponing until next year. No decisions were made at this time.

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

Treasurer's Report: Naomi reported that giving has not been good, but with the Payroll Protection Program, we have been able to keep up with the bills. Naomi has been in contact with the bank and with Morris & Associates to start the loan forgiveness application once it becomes available. We have been keeping up with benevolence payments for 2020, and paying what is owed for 2019. It was decided to pay our upcoming insurance renewal premium in full this year instead of by installments. John moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jason.

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

Communications

Bob Dalager attended a Racial Justice Network meeting with the SW MN Synod (on Zoom).

Old Business

- Amendment to Church Constitution: Bob Dalager will write an amendment to our Church Constitution that would reduce our current council size from 11

to 7. This amendment will need approval from the congregation.

- Payroll Protection Program: Naomi reported we are on track with the requirements and are waiting for the application process to start so we can apply for loan forgiveness.
- Sidewalk Repair: repairs have been done and the bills paid; the insurance company has been notified of the completed repairs.
- Funeral Policy Update: Pastor Dan has updated the funeral policy to reflect the current COVID-19 pandemic rules/regulations.
- VBS: Luther Crest will be leading an online VBS this year with 2 different weeks available for the FLC youth. An email has been sent to all youth families with the registration and it is also available on our website.
- Parking Lot Repaving: project has been put on hold at this time.
- Worship Service Update: parking lot services are currently being held if the weather permits. Services are also broadcasted via Facebook Live and YouTube. Printing of bulletins and serving communion was discussed and was decided that communion will be served on the 1st and 3rd Sundays for the time being, using the pre-package communion kits. A limited amount of bulletins will be printed, but the congregation is encouraged to print their own from the church's website. Safety protocol/procedures will be sent to ushers and communion servers. Tony Feuchtenberger's personal iPad that is used to record the services for church was damaged during the recording this past Sunday. A motion was made by Rheanne to have the church pay up to \$500 for the repair to his iPad, seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

New Business

- Youth and Fusion: discussion was held on Fusion being held with Zoom; Sr. High youth have been participating more than the Jr. High Youth. Discussion was also held on the possibility of local area churches doing combined confirmation classes; either this fall or sometime in the future.
- Custodial Position: A letter was received from someone in the congregation that is interested in taking care of the custodial duties at First Lutheran. It was decided that Wyatt is doing well with his duties and his position will continue as is.
- Council Member Bio: it was decided that each

council member will write a short biography, and include what they love about FLC and what their hopes are for FLC's future. These will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

- Parish Nurse Position: There is someone interested in being the Senior Ministry Coordinator at FLC, but not in a Parish Nurse role. The Executive Council will meet to discuss expected duties, hours/wage, and will then meet with the candidate.
- Indoor, in-person worship: will not be happening in the near future.
- Electronic Giving: the on-line giving options on the church's website will be updated to reflect the same options that we currently have through Simply Giving.

The next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00pm. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22pm followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

Edited/verified by: Gary Wagner, Council Secretary

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting August 26, 2020

The August meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met by teleconference through Zoom and was called to order at 6:08pm by President Bob Dalager. Those present were Bob Dalager, Allyn Plattner, Naomi Fynboh, Jason Reed, Eugene Anderson, Rheanne Kline, Terry Dybdahl, Tony Feuchtenberger and John Dossdall. Absent: Gary Wagner and Peggy Jergenson,. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye.

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

Treasurer's Report: Naomi has been in contact with Ryan at Riverwood Bank and with Laurie at Morris & Associates to stay on top of regulations with the Payroll Protection Program. We have been keeping up with benevolence payment. Tony moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jason.

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

Communications

- Pastor Dan spoke on behalf of the Mission & Evangelism Committee and their work on "Bread for the World" which will be held on Sunday, October 9. This will be in place of our Church without Walls for this year.

Old Business

- Amendment to Church Constitution: Bob Dalager drafted an amendment to our Church Constitution that would reduce our current council size from 11 to 7. This amendment will need approval from the congregation at the Annual Meeting. Tony made a motion to accept a bylaw to the Church Constitution stating in part that the Nominating Committee will strive to include someone age 30 or under on the Council ballot. Seconded by Rheanne. Motion approved.
- Senior Ministry Coordinator update: the council is continuing to look for someone interested in the position.
- Snow removal/lawn care: the council is looking into option for the upcoming winter season.

New Business

- In-person worship was discussed. It was decided to form a Task Force that will look at the options of when in-person worshipping could take place. Volunteers will be recruited.
- Fall Dinner: the Fall Dinner Committee is looking at different options for this year's dinner
- Confirmation Class: our confirmation classes will be combined with Faith, Federated and Trinity Cyrus for the upcoming year. Fusion will also be integrated in with confirmation for the junior high youth.
- Discussion was held about holding in-person council meetings with social distancing. The next council meeting will be held in the fellowship hall on Wednesday, September 23rd at 7:15pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

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| 6 9:30am Parking Lot Worship (weather permitting) 10:30am Worship Task Force Meeting All Sunday morning worship services are also streamed live via Facebook. The recorded service will also be available on our YouTube channel later in the day. | 7 | 8 | 9 5:00pm 9th Grade confirmation class stole making (courtyard). Light meal to be served. | 10 12:00pm LuMin Board meeting in Fellowship Hall | 11 | 12 |
| 13 9:30am Parking Lot Worship (weather permitting) | 14 | 15 | 16 6:00-7:30pm Parent and Student (gr. 6-8) Meeting for Element: Jr High Ministry at FAITH Lutheran | 17 | 18 | 19 7:00pm Sr. High Fusion Ministry (location to be determined) |
| 20 9:30am Parking Lot Worship (weather permitting) | 21 | 22 | 23 7:15pm Council Meeting in Fellowship Hall | 24 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting in Fellowship Hall | 25 | 26 |
| 27 9:30am Parking Lot Worship (weather permitting) 6:00-7:30pm Sr. High Fusion Ministry at FIRST Lutheran | 28 | 29 | 30 6:00-7:30pm Element: Jr High Ministry at FAITH Lutheran | <h1>September</h1> | | |

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Worship Task Force volunteers are needed to explore how and when to resume in-person worship. The first meeting will be held in the church parking lot following the worship service on Sunday, Sept 6. If you are interested in being a part of this Task Force, please come to this meeting, or contact Pastor Dan. We especially would like some health care workers to be a part of this team.

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 October newsletter is noon on Thursday, September 24.

2020 KMRS Radio Broadcast dates are: 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.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Ushers/Greeters

Sept 6: Bob Heck, Dougherty family
Sept 13: Dick Smith, Mortenson family
Sept 20: Al Harris, Schneider family
Sept 27: Skip Maanum, Brian & Ann Erdahl family

Communion Assistants

Sept 6: Doug & Sharon Ehlers
Sept 20: Paul & Sandy Grove



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 7 Jo Hoffart
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 Averbek, 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 Doslall
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 John Eblen, Kye Suess

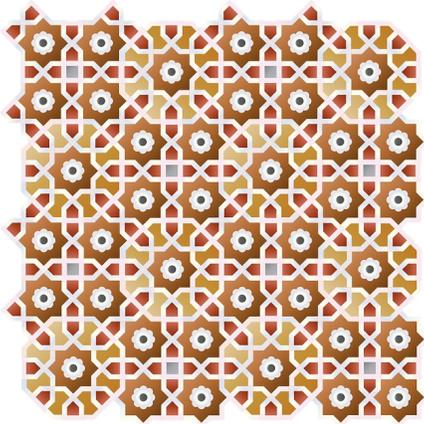
Happy Anniversary

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 Tschter
Dennis & Natalie Ketterling
Sept 25 Doyle & Jone Anderson
Sept 28 Jim & Jacqui Hills
Sept 30 Andrew & Krystal Svendsen

Church without Walls 2020: Advocacy

Sunday, October 11

Bread for the World, www.bread.org, is a collective Christian voice urging our nation's decision makers to end hunger at home and abroad, this guide is designed to inspire those moved by God's grace in Jesus Christ, to reach out to our neighbors--whether they are next door, in the next state, or on the next continent.



Bread for the World's 2020 Offering of Letters to Congress: Better Nutrition, Better Tomorrow

Meet Gita.

Gita, a woman in India, gave birth a month prematurely to her daughter who weighed just 900 grams or slightly less than two pounds.

Last year, Congress passed legislation to increase global nutrition funding by \$5 million for a total of \$150 million--demonstrating the substantial support Bread members have fostered on Capitol Hill for global nutrition.

First Lutheran Church will be participating in this advocacy for this year's God's Work Our Hands service.



Meet the food insecure.

In the U.S., 1 in 7 children live in food-insecure homes.

Due to centuries of inequitable public policies in our nation's history, communities of color reside in these areas at significantly higher rates. One in 2 Indigenous, 1 in 4 African Americans, and 1 in 6 Hispanics live and go to school in areas of concentrated poverty compared to 1 in 13 whites.

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A simple gesture

Scriptures portray the Lord as upholding the cause of those who are oppressed and providing for hungry and poor people.

God provides out of God's abundance.

All creation is reconciled with God through Jesus Christ, and we are to be agents of reconciliation.

Our government is more divided than ever, but access to good nutrition for mothers and children should not be a partisan issue. By investing in domestic and international nutrition programs, we can help children get off to a good start and make the future better for all of us.

We work toward a just world, showing God's love and honor the dignity and worth of our neighbors.

First, we are to love God.

Second, we are to love our neighbors.



God loves justice and requires us to do **justice** and **love kindness**.

God calls people into community and sets the expectation that leaders should care for their people.

We hear God's voice in Scripture and respond with the faithful use of our own voices.

Proverbs says, "**Speak out for those who cannot speak.**" Proverbs 31. God has a role for government to play in the protection and development of people.

Leaders are servants for the good, **whether or not they acknowledge that their authority comes from God.** Christians can advocate for government to protect and provide for all its people (Acts 21-26.)

→ **Relate**

Heavenly Father, I pray for the one in seven children in our country who lives in a family that struggles to get enough to eat. Grant patience and wisdom to parents who work so hard to see that their children have the food they need to grow and learn. Amen.

→ **Compare**

Therefore, we also reflect God's love by challenging individuals and institutions given the power to change laws and structures that keep people vulnerable.

What can you do?
Pray: Ask God to end hunger in our world. **Act:** Make your voice heard in Congress.
Give: Join Bread for the World. bread.org



Tip

bread.org/pray
bread.org/actnow
facebook.com/breadfortheworld
twitter.com/bread4theworld
bread.org/give



Hello from Fusion Youth Ministry. It has been quite a year hasn't it! Our first full year of Fusion Youth Ministry has been full of ups and downs. It has been a joy getting to know the different churches, the parents and most importantly the youth! They are quite amazing! With a full year under our belts, and now assessing the needs and desires of the churches involved, Fusion is proud to announce some exciting new ministry opportunities available to the youth of this community. Thanks again for all the support for this ministry! - Heather Black

Element: Jr High Ministry – Wednesdays 6-7:30pm @Faith Lutheran

I would like to introduce you to a new program that has been created specifically for the 6th-8th graders in our churches! Element is a joining of Confirmation and Fusion Youth: the best of both worlds. Learning the elements of your faith in a fun and engaging space! This has been a collaboration between the pastors, myself and with the blessing of the various church councils! We are super excited to start up in September. Element will be held Wednesday evenings 6-7:30pm. Starting September 30th at Faith Lutheran Church. There is a required parent informational meeting (please only 1 parent and the student involved) on Wed, September 16th @6pm at Faith Lutheran. Keep an eye on your email for more information!

Save the dates: Wednesday, September 16th – Required Parent Meeting @6pm at Faith

Sunday, September 20th - Church without walls.

Various locations throughout Morris in the morning.

Wednesday, September 30th – Element Youth @6-7:30pm

Sr. High Youth Ministry: Sundays 6-7:30pm @ First Lutheran Church

Sr. High will meet on Sunday nights! Our goal for Sr. High youth is to provide a place to learn about Jesus, connect with friends, have a place to be open and real and just have fun! We have amazing volunteers ready to mentor and engage the youth in a small group style of ministry!

Save the dates: We are still working on the details for the following, but save the dates!!

Saturday, September 19th- Kickoff bonfire and outdoor movie night! @7pm (Location TBD)

Sunday, September 20th- Church without walls. Various locations throughout Morris in the morning.

Sunday, September 27th- Small Group Kickoff event! At First Lutheran @6-7:30pm

*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!



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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am
Outdoor Parking Lot Worship
broadcasted via Facebook Live;
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

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Rheanne Kline, Contemporary Director rheannekline@gmail.com
Pastor Alex LaChapelle, Missionary

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