

February 2024

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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OPEN



Our Hearts

Lent 2024

2 Churches. 2 Worship Times.

“Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.” -Psalm 51:10

First & Faith Lutheran Churches are partnering for midweek for 2024 midweek Lenten Services. Join us at a time that works for you, to enrich your spirit this season. May God open our hearts!

Ash Wednesday, February 14

First Lutheran Church | 12:05 pm Worship

Faith Lutheran Church | 5:15 pm Supper is served (free will donation) | 6:30 pm Worship

Worship Wednesdays, February 21, 28 and March 6, 13, and 20

HOLY LAMENT

12:05 pm at First Lutheran Church

We'll explore various kinds of lament found in scripture. We'll consider what it means to open our hearts, and be honest with God about our grief rather than push it aside. We will remember that God can take our grief and disappointment and transform them into holy joy and renewed hope. Weekly themes are: What is lament?; "Little" Laments, Laments from the Depths, Individual Lament, Communal Lament. Join Pastor Emmy for this meaningful time of reflection. The plan is for Holden Prayer to be our liturgy.

at Faith Lutheran Church

5:15 pm Supper is served (free will donation)

6:30 pm Worship

Through dramas, our youth will help us explore how some familiar games we've all played, can lead us to reflect on our spiritual life. Are our hearts really open to God? Weekly themes: Solitaire—This game of isolation

may be harmful to your spiritual health; Hide and Seek—Hiding from God and responsibility strips life of its meaning; Follow the Leader—We're lost without a leader, but how do we know which one to follow?; King of the Hill—Would you do anything to get to the top?; Twenty Questions—Bringing our questions to God. Holden Prayer will be our liturgy.

THE GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

First Lutheran Church
ANNUAL MEETING
Sunday, February 4

following the 9:30am worship service.

*Annual Reports are available in
the church Narthex.*

Limit of one per family please.



FAT TUESDAY

Valentine's Day
PARTY



Are you tired of winter and ready to party?!?

Fat Tuesday/Valentine's Day Party!

Tuesday, February 13th
2:00 to 4:00pm

in the church fellowship hall



Games! Food! Music! Fellowship!

Everyone is invited....bring your family and friends!

FREE Transit rides for Morris residents.

Don't miss the fun!!

Easter Garden



Once again we will be having an Easter Garden around our altar to decorate for Easter. If you would like to order a plant to contribute to this garden, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Sunday, March 17** We will be ordering a variety of Easter plants. Cost is \$15. Plants can be picked up after the Easter worship service.

Easter Plant (\$15.00) _____ (Quantity)

In loving memory of: _____

or... In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Western Prairie Parkways Sr. Services Care Connections is Proud to Present

AGING, DEMENTIA, CAREGIVING

OH MY!

Join us for a day of discovery, lunch and experiences that will bring your aging journey to the next level of living. Being a Caregiver may be a difficult path, but with the support of a community, it can also be a rewarding one. The addition of "Memory Makers Group Respite" program is one more piece of the puzzle to creating a recipe for success! What does success look like to you?

Dine and Discover

- What is normal along this aging journey and what is not?
- Understand the world of Dementia and how to support the people you love.
- Are you a Caregiver and having feelings that don't feel normal and thoughts that continue to make you feel vulnerable, angry and guilty?

February 22, 2024

FREE

10:00-11:00 Recipe for Success

11:00-1:00 Dine and Discover

1:00-2:00 Memory Makers Experience

FREE

First Lutheran Church

200 E. 5th St.

Morris, MN 56267

To sign up for lunch please RSVP to
Western Prairie Human Services 320-634-7755



Parkways Senior Services
Care Connections

FREE



Krisie Barron LSW
Caregiver/Human Specialist

This project was supported, in part, by a Live Well at Home grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services



Olivewood Carvings

The Olivewood Project carvings will be on display and can be purchased in the lower level foyer on **Tuesday, February 13th from 2:00-4:00pm**, the same day as the First Lutheran Fat Tuesday/Valentine's Day party. A permanent display is in the glass cabinet found in the Gathering Room. As you begin this year's spiritual Lenten journey, you may find a special piece which could give meaning to your family or someone you know. All sales are transferred directly to the Palestinian Christian carving artisan families for their economic support. Purchases can be made at any time, even when they are not out for a special display. Please contact the church office or someone on the Evangelism & Mission Committee, Tony, Pam, or Emilie.



Saint Mary's School 2024-2025 Open Enrollment

2024-2025 open enrollment for preschool (age 4+) through 6th grade will begin February 5, 2024. Saint Mary's School provides a Christian education with small class sizes, and a close knit community experience. All families are welcome to enroll. You do not need to be a member of the Catholic Church to enroll. For more information, please contact Saint Mary's School at (320) 589-1704 or email principal@stmarysmorris.com.

First Lutheran Church Council Highlights: January 9, 2023

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were given to each council member. Denise presented a 2024 Budget similar to that of 2023, with a few minor changes that reflect actual expenditures for the year.

Committee Reports:

- **Music & Worship:** discussed offer from Pastor Emmy to conduct Lenten worship and suggested changes to accompanist's new contract.
- **Property:** looking at additional quotes for window replacements; leak in roof will be looked at.

Old Business:

- Interim update: no new names given to us from Synod. Bishop Dee Pederson will be at First Lutheran on Sunday, February 25 to lead worship. Discussion was held on various options for Sunday worship and leaders.
- Benevolence for 2023 has been paid in full. A motion to send \$1800 a month starting in January was approved.
- 2024 Budget was approved for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4 following the worship service.
- Names of those willing to serve on council were discussed and will be added to the Annual Meeting ballot.

New Business:

- Pastor Emmy from Faith Lutheran has offered to lead First and Faith combined midweek Lenten worship services. The Worship & Music Committee and the Council accepted this generous offer.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00pm.

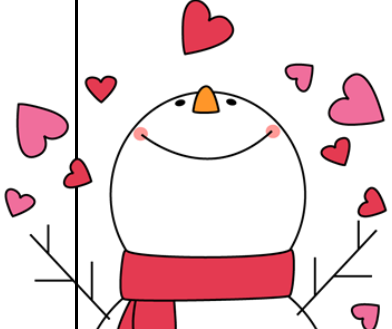
DECEMBER'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$29,067 December Income

\$14,871 November Expenses

\$242,544 Year-to-Date Giving

\$251,273 Year-to-Date Expenses

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>February 2024</h1>				1	2	3 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
4 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Annual Meeting 2:00-4:00pm Girl Scouts	5	6 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Property Meeting	7 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Old #1 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes at FIRST 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	8 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	9 9:30am Glacial Ridge WELCA	10 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
11 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	12 6:30pm Worship & Music Mtg	13 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/Widowers at Old #1 2:00-4:00pm Fat Tuesday/Valentine's Party (Olivewood on sale)	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> @FIRST 12:05pm Worship @FAITH 5:15pm Supper 6:30pm Worship <i>No Element or Sr. Fusion during Lent</i>	15 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	16	17 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
18 <i>Radio Broadcast</i> 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	19	20 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due 7:00pm Council Meeting	21 <i>Midweek Lenten</i> @FIRST 12:05pm Worship @FAITH 5:15pm Supper 6:30pm Worship	22 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10am-2pm Dine & Discover (see ad for more info)	23	24 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
25 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	26	27 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	28 <i>Midweek Lenten</i> @FIRST 12:05pm Worship @FAITH 5:15pm Supper 6:30pm Worship	29		

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

February Worship Servants

Sunday, Feb 4: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 8:30am Sunday school Annual Meeting

Ushers: Steve Just family, Ray Bowman

Acolyte: Grant Anderson & Owen Anderson

Communion Prep: Vicki Dalager

Video: Steve Wagner

Lector: Bob Dalager

Nursery: Robi Bowman

Communion Servers: Judy Buro, Bob Dalager, Sharon Ehlers

TV slides: Mackenzie Just

Sunday, Feb 11: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe

Acolyte: Jennie Odello & Sarah Dougherty

Video: Mike Odello

Lector: Denise Odello

Nursery: Jone Anderson

TV slides: Wes Odello

Ash Wednesday, Feb 14: 12:05pm Worship:

Ushers: Al Harris & Ward Voorhees

Sunday, Feb 18: 9:30am Worship 8:30am Sunday school Radio Broadcast

Ushers: Dick Smith, Michael Bjoklund, Linda Holland

Acolyte: Micah Ulrich & Sawyer Fynboh

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

Lector: LeAnn Dean

Nursery: Pam Wiese

TV slides: Abram Suess

Midweek Lent Wednesday, Feb 21: 12:05pm Worship: **Ushers:** Dick Smith & Doug Ehlers

Sunday, Feb 25: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion Blue Hymnal

Ushers: Al Harris, Amy & Sarah Dougherty

Acolyte: Taylor Anderson & Ruby Swenson

Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtenberger

Video: Kyle Dougherty

Lector: Amy Dougherty

Nursery: Bobbi Siegel

Comm Servers: Millie Tschetter, Linda Holland, Ward Voorhees

TV slides: Madi Schneider

Midweek Lent Wednesday, Feb 28: 12:05pm Worship: **Ushers:** Bob Heck & Dennis Feuchtenberger

HAPPY
birthday

Feb 1: Michael Bjorklund, Justin Hanson,
Sawyer Fynboh

Feb 2: Cathy Solvie

Feb 3: Molly Krosch

Feb 4: Sheila Fahje

Feb 5: Dean Danter, Caleb Schultz

Feb 6: Holli Christians, Hugh Reimers

Feb 7: Kristin Grove

Feb 8: Bruce McCormack, Herb Nelson

Feb 10: Eleanor Plattner

Feb 12: Deb Mattheis

Feb 13: Lilly Nesvig

Feb 14: Cara Krosch

Feb 15: John Barry

Feb 16: Joanne Thompson, Neil Weise

Feb 17: Zach Lies

Feb 18: Erica Swenson, Rochelle Van Kempen

Feb 20: Nancy Erdahl, Solomon Johnson,
Wayde Peterson, Kyle Schultz

Feb 21: Matt Hilbrands, Sam Just

Feb 22: Angie Buchanan

Feb 23: Matthew Carlson

Feb 25: Garner Swenson, Gage Wevley,
Jeanne Williamson

Feb 26: Matthew Burnett

Feb 27: Kris Hutchings

Feb 28: Allen Monroe

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Feb 13: Jay & Joleen Hanson



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

* Connie Anderson	*Laurie & Dennis Feuchtenberger	Tony & Magen Feuchtenberger
Bob & Nadine Heck	Matt & Adrienne Hilbrands	Randee Hokanson
Marisa Knutson	Brad & Heather Krosch	
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, February 7 at 11:30am at Old #1 in Morris. Please join us!
- ☐ **Klub Lunch at Common Cup** join us on Thursday, February 22 from 11am to 2pm for Potato Klub, Ham, Romme Grot and Lefse. \$12.95 for a 1 klub meal, or \$15.95 for a 2 klub meal. No reservations required.
- ☐ **2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast** available dates are: Feb 18, April 14, May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, Nov 17 and December 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.
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the March newsletter is noon on Tuesday, February 20.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, February 15 at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall.
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows/Widowers** meets on Tuesday, February 13 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.

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

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| Jan 1 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Deanna & Ron Rosen |
| Jan 2 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Jim & Marian Thraen |
| Jan 3 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Doug & Sharon Ehlers |
| Jan 4 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Eugene & Cathy Anderson |
| Jan 5 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Al & LaVonne Watson |
| Jan 6 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Emilie Brustuen |
| Jan 7 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Dick & Suzanne Smith |
| Jan 8 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Cheryl Higgins |
| Jan 9 | In memory of Arvin Johnson from Cheryl Higgins |
| Jan 10 | In memory of Kimberly Schmitz from Emilie Brustuen |
| Jan 11 | In memory of Tom Berres from Emilie Brustuen |
| Jan 12 | In memory of Howard K. Olson on the anniversary of his birthday |
| Jan 13 | In honor of First Lutheran's worship servants and all they do |
| Jan 14 | Happy 80th Birthday Cheryl Higgins from Eugene & Cathy Anderson |
| Jan 15 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Connie Anderson and family |
| Jan 16 | In memory of Eldon Westhausen from Emilie Brustuen |
| Jan 17 | In loving memory of Lenore Anderson on her birthday from Pat & Gary Smith and family |
| Jan 18 | In honor of Cheryl Higgins from Doug & Sharon Ehlers |
| Jan 19 | In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Jo Solvie |
| Jan 20 | In memory of Agie Miller from Jo Solvie |
| Jan 21 | In memory of Pat Sharstrom from Jo Solvie |
| Jan 22 | In memory of Marla Miller from Jo Solvie |
| Jan 23 | In memory of Nancy Eidsvold Plecas from Jo Solvie |
| Jan 24 | Happy Birthday Cheryl Higgins from Jo Solvie |
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| Jan 14 | ELCA Lutheran Worship radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Lenore Anderson from Pat, Gary, Chad, Ryan, Shannon, Hunter, Angie & Alexis Smith |

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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 1:30pm

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