

January 2024

# First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

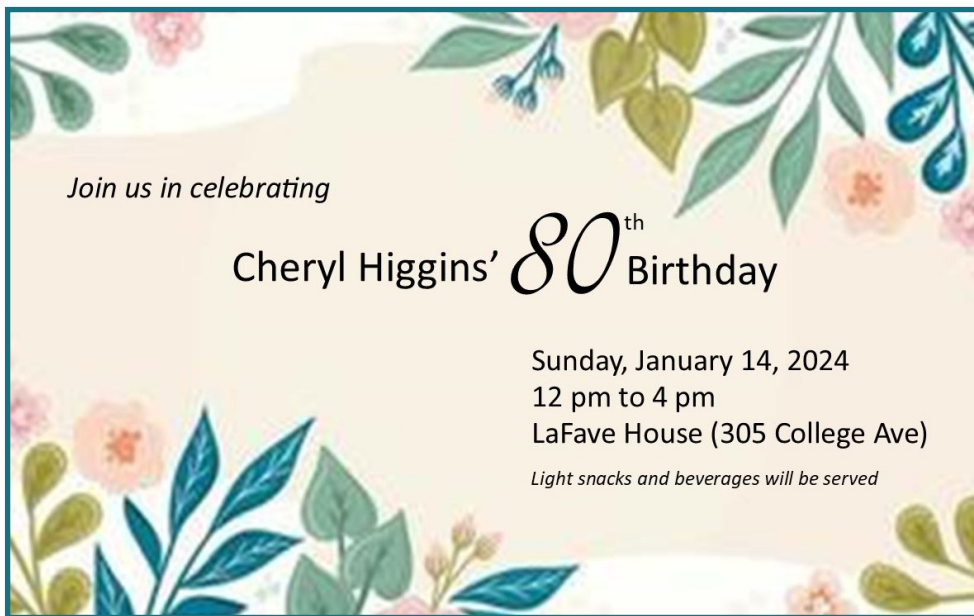
*Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve*



# First Lutheran Church ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, February 4

First Lutheran will hold its Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 4th following the 9:30am worship service. Mark your calendars! *For those on committees, annual reports need to be submitted to the church office by Sunday, January 14.*

We are also in need of 2 new church council members starting in 2024 (3 year term), along with various delegates and committee members. Please contact a current council member or the church office to volunteer or for more information.



## thank you

We would like to thank EVERYONE who helped in anyway with our church Fall Dinner. We could not have done it without you. We served nearly equal numbers of take-out and dine-in meals. Our profit for the dinner was 3653.52. The profits will go to World Hunger, our local food shelf and our church's general fund. We were fortunate to have many donations that help cover some of the costs for the dinner. Thank you, also, to Rita and Bob who work diligently behind the scene to help us co-chairs out. They are indispensable.

Thank you again. We hope that you will eagerly sign up next year when the sign-up sheets come out. We enjoyed working side by side with each of you. You were greatly appreciated!

-Laurie Feuchtenberger,  
Jone Anderson  
and Nadine Heck





## Element Schedule (6th–8th Grades)

- Wed, January 10:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST
- Wed, January 17:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST
- Wed, January 24:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST
- Wed, January 31:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST

## Sr. High Fusion (9th-12th Grade)

Now meeting Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm at First Lutheran!

- Wed, January 10:** Sr. High Fusion 7:00-8:30pm @FIRST
- Wed, January 17:** Sr. High Fusion 7:00-8:30pm @FIRST
- Wed, January 24:** Sr. High Fusion 7:00-8:30pm @FIRST
- Friday, January 26:** Fusion Friday Breakfast 7:15-8:00am (more details later)
- Wed, January 31:** Sr. High Fusion 7:00-8:30pm @FIRST



## Fusion Sr. High Winter Wipeout Retreat at Camp Shaminuea

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**Jan 19-21, 2024**  
**Cost: \$110**

Worship & Engaging speakers | Outdoor & Indoor  
Winter Activities | cozy cabins | Connecting with Jesus  
and each other | Some much more...

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Sign up on the Fusion website by Dec. 13th  
- Spots are limited!

[www.fusion-ministry.com/events-2-1/sr-high-winter-wipeout](http://www.fusion-ministry.com/events-2-1/sr-high-winter-wipeout)

## ELEMENT WINTER RETREAT

FEBRUARY 23RD-24TH, 2024  
COST: \$70

**Activities**

- Snow tubing & Sledding
- Snowball Fights
- Broomball
- Connecting with Friends
- Learning about Jesus

**SIGN UP ON THE FUSION WEBSITE  
BY JANUARY 31ST, 2024  
[WWW.FUSION-MINISTRY.COM](http://WWW.FUSION-MINISTRY.COM)**

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



*Thank you to the Sunday school students and their teachers for the wonderful Christmas Program "Room at the Inn" they presented on Sunday, December 17th.*

*First Lutheran Church Council Highlights: December 19, 2023*

**Treasurer's Report:** Financial reports were given to each council member.

**Committee Reports:**

- **Music & Worship:** Hymns for January have been chosen. Accompaniment's contract will need to be updated for the coming year.
- **Education:** Sunday school Christmas Program on December 17 went very well.
- **Property:** Door locks on numerous doors around the church have been fixed, security camera on the lower level has been installed, blower fan on furnace has been repaired, and they are waiting for quotes on replacing windows in the furnace room and Martha Room.

**Old Business:**

- Interim update: interim interview with went well.
- Benevolence: we have been able keep up with the 10% benevolence, and a motion to send money to cover November and most of December was approved.
- 2024 Budget: a few changes were made to the budget and will be discussed/approved and the next council meeting.

**New Business:**

- New Council Members: names were discussed and will be contacted to see if they will consider being on the ballot.
- Annual Meeting: The annual meeting has been set for Sunday, February 4 following the worship service.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00pm.

**NOVEMBER'S GIVING and EXPENSE**

\$24,960.69	November Income	\$23,253.63	November Expenses
\$211,823.38	Year-to-Date Giving	\$222,229.67	Year-to-Date Expenses

# January 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>  <i>Church office closed</i>	<b>2</b> <b>11:00am</b> Pastor's Text Study  <b>6:00pm</b> Property Meeting	<b>3</b> <b>11:30am</b> Lunch Bunch at Hudson Inn  <b>6:00-7:30pm</b> Element Classes at FIRST <b>7:00-8:30pm</b> Sr. Fusion at FIRST			<b>6</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
<b>7</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sunday school <b>9:30am</b> Worship HC <b>10:30am</b> Coffee/Fellowship	<b>8</b>  <b>6:30pm</b> Worship & Music Mtg	<b>9</b> <b>11:00am</b> Pastor's Text Study <b>12pm</b> Gatherings for Widows/Widowers at Old #1	<b>10</b> <b>6:00-7:30pm</b> Element Classes at FIRST <b>7:00-8:30pm</b> Sr. Fusion at FIRST	<b>11</b> <b>8:30am</b> Share & Care (quilting group)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
<b>14</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Coffee/Fellowship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> <b>11:00am</b> Pastor's Text Study  <b>7:00pm</b> Council Meeting	<b>17</b> <b>6:00-7:30pm</b> Element Classes at FIRST <b>7:00-8:30pm</b> Sr. Fusion at FIRST	<b>18</b> <b>2:00pm</b> Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
<b>21</b> <b>8:30am</b> Sunday school <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Coffee/Fellowship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>11:00am</b> Pastor's Text Study <b>12:00pm</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>24</b> <b>6:00-7:30pm</b> Element Classes at FIRST <b>7:00-8:30pm</b> Sr. Fusion at FIRST	<b>25</b> <b>8:30am</b> Share & Care (quilting group)	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
<b>28</b> <b>9:30am</b> Worship <b>10:30am</b> Coffee/Fellowship	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>11:00am</b> Pastor's Text Study	<b>31</b> <b>6:00-7:30pm</b> Element Classes at FIRST <b>7:00-8:30pm</b> Sr. Fusion at FIRST			

*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](http://www.flcmorris.org)*

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## January Worship Servants

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### Sunday, Jan 7 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 8:30am Sunday school

**Ushers:** Steve Just family, Kent & Erica Swenson

**Acolyte:** Wyatt & Aaden Schultz

**Communion:** Judy Buro

**Video:** Mike Odello & Kye Suess

**Lector:** Laurie Feuchtenberger

**Nursery:** Pam Wiese

**Communion Servers:** Linda Holland, Millie Tschetter, Emilie Brustuen

**TV Slides:** Giana Feuchtenberger

### Sunday, Jan 14: 9:30am Worship Radio Broadcast

**Ushers:** Dick Smith, Brian Erdahl, Scott Staples

**Acolytes:** Brayden Carlson & Chance Buro

**Video:** Steve Wagner

**Lector:** Dorwin Tschetter

**Nursery:** Jone Anderson

**TV slides:** Dane Dybdahl

### Sunday, Jan 21: 9:30am Worship and 8:30am Sunday school

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Jon & Micah Ulrich

**Acolyte:** Giana Feuchtenberger & Abigail Anderson

**Video:** Dave Jungst

**Lector:** Allyn Platter

**Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

**TV slides:** Jaxon Hilbrands

### Sunday, Jan 28: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion Blue Hymnal

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Michael Bjorklund

**Acolyte:** Lilly & Owen Nesvig

**Communion:** Liz Harris

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty

**Lector:** Sharon Ehlers

**Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

**Communion Servers:** Ward Voorhees, Laurie Feuchtenberger, Bob Dalager

**TV slides:** Taylor Anderson



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HAPPY  
*Birthday*

Jan 1: Grant Anderson, Owen Anderson,  
Brenda Boever, Peggy Jergenson

Jan 3: Doug Ehlers, Jane Johnson,  
Julie Thymian

Jan 4: Ashlyn Williamson

Jan 5: Andrew Hutchings

Jan 6: Ron Rosen

Jan 9: Ryan S. Anderson

Jan 10: Honor Knochenmus, Shiloh Knochenmus

Jan 11: Philip Ask, Jayce Plattner

Jan 12: Doug Beyer, Aubrey Williamson

Jan 13: Jazlynn Hilbrands

Jan 14: Cheryl Higgins, Glen Gillespie,  
Tyler Schneider

Jan 17: Jone Anderson

Jan 19: Steve Just, Sarah Larson

Jan 21: Jayson Galligan-Halbe

Jan 25: Jeanne Halbe, Adrienne Hilbrands

Jan 26: Mark Gunderson

Jan 27: Luella Anderson

Jan 28: Brian Williams

Jan 29: Gwyneth Hanson

Jan 31: Jamis Burnett, Blaine Hills, Zoe Krosch

HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

Jan 6: Greg & Naomi Fynboh

Jan 15: Al & Lavonne Watson

- ☐ **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 January. Please sign up on the church bulletin board across from the office. Those in this month's Service Group are:
 

* Jone & Doyle Anderson	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, January 3 at 11:30am at Hudson Inn. Special arrangements were made for our group! Please join us!
- ☐ **2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast** available dates are: Jan 14, 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 February newsletter is noon on Tuesday, January 23.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, January 18th at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall. *Zipporah says a big thank you for all the cards people have donated. They will put them to good use!*
- ☐ **Council Members Needed!** We are in need to two people willing to serve on the Church Council (3 year term) starting in 2024. Anyone interested is encouraged to talk with one of the current council members or the church office for more information.
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows/Widowers** meets on Tuesday, January 9th 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.
- ☐ **Worship Servants Needed!** We are in need of help on Sunday mornings! If you are willing to be an usher, head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!

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

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- Dec 1 In honor of Rita's birthday from Deb Mahoney
- Dec 2 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Deb & Dick Mahoney
- Dec 3 In memory of Dick Bluth from Mary Krattenmaker
- Dec 4 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Mary Krattenmaker
- Dec 5 In loving memory of Dewey Solvie on his birthday
- Dec 6 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Cheryl Higgins
- Dec 7 In memory of Marla Miller from Cheryl Higgins
- Dec 8 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Paul & Joyce Rentz
- Dec 9 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Paul & Joyce Rentz
- Dec 10 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Bernice Erdahl
- Dec 11 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Randee Hokanson
- Dec 12 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Ward & Carol Voorhees
- Dec 14 In memory of Evelyn Warnes from Carol Day
- Dec 15 In memory of Stan Blasey from Jo Solvie
- Dec 16 In memory of Amy Lynn Harris Glass from Emilie Brustuen
- Dec 17 In memory of Ardis Schwartz from Emilie Brustuen
  
- Dec 24 ELCA Lutheran Worship radio broadcast (KMRS) given in by the congregation of First Lutheran

You can sponsor the missionaries of the ELCA 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.

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#### Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am

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

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#### Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 1:30pm

MediaCom: Channel 8

#### STAFF

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