

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

February 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:30am

broadcasted live on Facebook;
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

Dear Members and Friends of First,

In the preface to his book, "40 Days Living the Jesus Creed," Scot McKnight writes about watching Hummingbirds come to their backyard feeder one summer weekend. He and his wife along with family and some friends spent most of one weekend in the backyard screened porch, reading, eating meals, and relaxing. He estimated that the Hummers would come in to their flowers and feeders around 40-50 times per day.

"Herein lies a parable for us today: many of us live as if we were designed to eat like lions, as if one big meal (Sunday) is enough to sustain us for the week. Not so. Followers of Jesus are more like hummingbirds than lions. We need a steady diet of spiritual nectar if we are to live the kind of life Jesus asks us to live." (Introduction to the book).

This Lenten season is a wonderful opportunity for us to sustain ourselves more like hummingbirds than lions.... I would love to see everyone in our congregation read this book together. There are brief daily readings for 40 days, each of 3-5 pages. Then, I look forward to leading weekly discussions of the weekly readings (see schedule elsewhere in this newsletter). A study guide will offer guidance. Please contact me, or Rita at the church to order your book! Even if you don't join a study group, this book will enrich your Lenten journey.

The New Year is moving along and in less than a month, Lenten services will begin. Ash Wednesday is February 17th, and we will begin weekly midweek services at church and online. I'm excited to dig into *The Jesus Creed* with you, as we grow as followers of Jesus, as beloved community, in 2021!

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these. (Mark 12: 29-31) - "The Jesus Creed"

In Christ,
Pastor Dan Belgum

Lenten Midweek Series for 2021

Midweek Lenten services weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30pm (no suppers this year); also available on Facebook Live and YouTube. Weekly study group of *40 Days Living the Jesus Creed*, by Scot McKnight (available for order). Please call or email the church office to order your book! Cost will be between \$12 and \$14 per book depending on number of participants. Please place order by Wed., February 3rd. Book study discussion groups will meet at 7:30pm Wednesday evenings and 12 noon on Fridays. You may come to either discussion each week. Themes for Midweek Lenten Services:

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| Wed., Feb 17: | "The Jesus Creed" (Ash Wednesday) |
| Wed., Feb 24: | "The God of the Jesus Creed" |
| Wed., March 3: | "The Jesus Creeds and Its Loves" |
| Wed., March 10: | "The Jesus Creed Becomes the Sermon on the Mount" |
| Wed., March 17: | "The Early Christian Leaders Teach the Jesus Creed" |
| Wed., March 24: | "The Jesus Creed Becomes the Love Chapter" |
| Thursday, April 1st: | "Examples of Jesus Creed Love" (Maundy Thursday) |

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

- Jan 1 In memory of Milton Stenstuen from Emilie Brustuen
- Jan 2 In honor of Stephanie Kilmer from Bernice Erdahl
- Jan 3 In memory of Clifford Maus from Jo Solvie
- Jan 4 In memory of Gen Morrissey from Jo Solvie
- Jan 5 In memory of Steve Wagner's brother from Carole Johnson
- Jan 6 In memory of Steve Wagner's brother
- Jan 7 In honor of Mary Alyce Krattenmarker's birthday from Carol Day
- Jan 8 In memory of Chuck Seip from Carol Day
- Jan 9 In memory of Enid Grindland from Penny Freeman
- Jan 10 In memory of Skip Maanum's sister Ginny Moll from Carole Johnson
- Jan 12 In memory of Howard K. Olson
- Jan 13 In memory of Sarla Agarwal from Jo Solvie
- Jan 14 In honor of Elizabeth Harris from Carol & Ward Voorhees
- Jan 15 In honor of Marlene Seip from Carol & Ward Voorhees
- Jan 16 In memory of Marion Anderson from Cheryl Higgins
- Jan 17 In loving memory of Lenore Anderson on her birthday from Pat & Gary Smith and family
- Jan 18 In memory of Ginny Moll from Cheryl Higgins
- Jan 19 In memory Jim's niece Bobby Jo Sturges from Jim & Marian Thraen
- Jan 20 In memory of Jim's nephew Dan Gionet from Jim & Marian Thraen
- Jan 21 In memory of Virene Irwin-Nagl from Marlene Seip
- Jan 22 In memory of Virene Irwin-Nagl from Deb & Dick Mahoney

Women of First Lutheran Church will host a study through Zoom of Rev. Christa von Zychlin and her four-part study "Journeys with Angels" in which we will shake those biblical branches, watch for angels and listen for God's calls to action. Please invite a new neighbor or someone of a different age, political persuasion or cultural group than their own to join in.

This study will take place through Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of each month (see schedule below). Please register by the previous Thursday to receive the meeting Link. Email Emilie at ebrustuen@gmail.com to register and receive the link.

Session topics and dates are:

Tuesday, February 23rd at 7:00pm: Repentance and route-changing angels

Tuesday, March 23rd at 7:00pm: Loneliness, abandonment and holy comfort

Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00pm: Feasting angels

The Bible features numerous encounters with angels who show up on an array of missions, from wielding a sword (Genesis 3:24), to rescuing a child (Genesis 22:11-12), to a mass choir singing, "Glory to God in the highest" (Luke 2:14). Angels are not a major focus of holy Scripture, nor are they ever mentioned in our Christian creeds. Yet they show up frequently and at pivotal moments in both Old and New Testaments. Church Reformer Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant."

The Rev. Christa von Zychlin has served Lutheran churches around the world through ELCA Global partnerships. She co-pastors St. Luke Lutheran Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where she also loves exploring the spirituality of mountains and deserts.

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Worship services are currently being held in-person. In the event that worship services are changed to "on-line only," an announcement will be made, along with posting the information on our website. Those scheduled for Video and TV slides will need to help as scheduled, whether it is in-person or on-line only.

Sunday, Feb 7

Ushers: Al Harris, Dougherty family

Communion: Elizabeth Harris

Video: Kyle Dougherty TV slides: Colby Schultz

Sunday, Feb 14

Ushers: Bob Heck, Tim & Kristin Grove family

Video: Steve Wagner TV slides: Ward Voorhees

Ash Wednesday, Feb 17

Ushers: Barry & Nancy Erdahl, Dennis Feuchtenberger

Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger

Video: Dave Jungst TV slides: Steve Just

Sunday, Feb 21

Ushers: Steve Just family, Doug Ehlers

Communion: Sharon Ehlers

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger TV slides: Judy Buro

Midweek Lenten, Wed., Feb 24

Ushers: Dick Smith, Mortenson family

Video: Mike Odello TV slides: Ward Voorhees

Sunday, Feb 28

Ushers: Skip Maanum, Brian & Ann Erdahl family

Video: Colby Schultz TV slides: Steve Wagner



Feb 1: Michael Bjorklund, Christie Olhoft, Justin Hanson, Sawyer Fynboh

Feb 2: Cathy Solvie

Feb 3: Molly Krosch

Feb 4: Sheila Fahje

Feb 5: Dean Danter, Caleb Schultz

Feb 6: Hugh Reimers

Feb 7: Steve Van Kempen, Kristin Grove

Feb 8: Bruce McCormack, Herb Nelson

Feb 12: Deb Mattheis

Feb 14: Jim Krosch, Cara Krosch

Feb 15: John Barry

Feb 16: Joanne Thompson, Neil Weise

Feb 17: Zachary Lies

Feb 18: Erica Swenson, Rochelle Van Kempen

Feb 19: Kevin Stallman

Feb 20: Marvel Anderson, 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

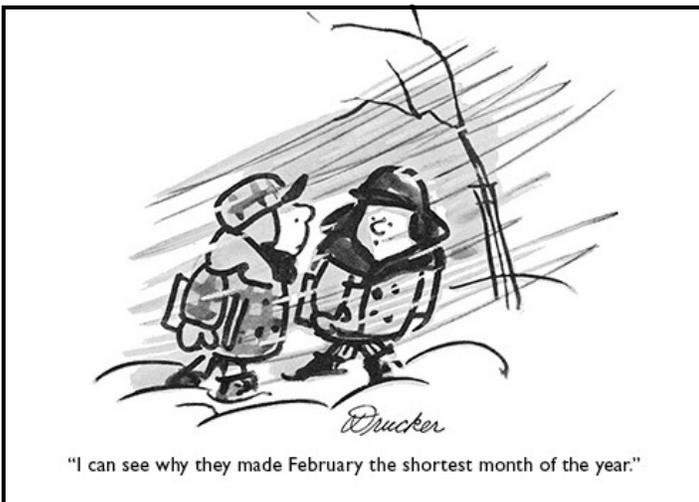
Feb 26: Matthew Burnett

Feb 27: Kris Hutchings

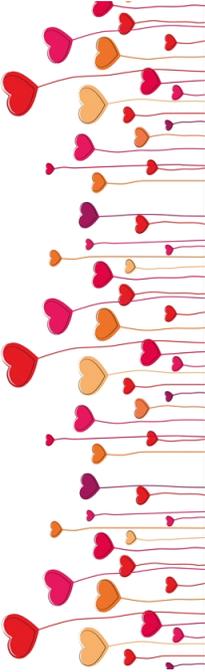
Feb 28: Allen Monroe

Happy Anniversary

Feb 13: Jay & Joleen Hanson



"I can see why they made February the shortest month of the year."

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Please check our website at www.flcmorris.org to see if our worship services are in-person or on-line only. All of our services are streamed live via Facebook and YouTube.</p>	1 6:00pm Girl Scouts	2	3 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH Lenten Book Study orders due	4 5:00-5:30pm UMM Choir rehearsal in church sanctuary 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting	5 1:30pm Mission & Evangelism Meeting	6
7 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 6:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	8	9	10 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH	11	12	13
14 9:30 am Worship HAPPY Valentine's DAY	15 President's Day Holiday Church Office Closed 6:00pm Girl Scouts	16	17 (no Element) 6:30pm Ash Wednesday Worship	18	19 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	20 Fusion Girls Retreat (all day event)
21 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 6:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	22 7:00pm Women of First Bible Study: Journey with Angels study (Zoom)	23	24 (no Element) 6:30pm Lenten Worship 7:30pm Book Study (Lenten)	25	26 12:00pm Book Study (Lenten)	27
28 9:30am Worship 6:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST						

February

COUNCIL MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting January 6, 2021

The January meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met by teleconference through Zoom and was called to order by President Bob Dalager on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:32pm. Present: Bob Dalager, John Dosedall, Gary Wagner, Naomi Fynboh, Allyn Plattner, Eugene Anderson, Peggy Jergenson, Jason Reed and Tony Feuchtenberger. Absent: Rheanne Kline & Terry Dybdahl. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye. A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

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

Treasurer's Report: Naomi went over the year end reports and it appears we will be ending the year on the plus side. Naomi has been meeting with Laurie at Morris & Associates going over the year-end financial reports and is finalizing the budget for 2021.

Pastor's Report: A written report was emailed to each council member. No further discussion was needed.

Communications: Swift County Social Services asked if one of the church's rooms could be used for supervised visitations. When asked for more details, the social worker never responded back, so it was assumed they have secured a different location. Some discussion was held and the consensus is that Someplace Safe in Morris offers this type of service, and it would not be ideal for the church to offer this type of meeting place.

Old Business

- In-person Worship Update: we will begin offering in-person worship starting Sunday, January 10th with limited capacity.
- Snow Removal: a quote from Max Feuchtenberger was reviewed. After a brief

discussion, Tony moved to continue with our current contractor for the parking lot snow removal, and to hire Bob Heck to take care of the sidewalk snow removal. Seconded by Gary. Motion carried.

- Church Property Insurance: After some discussion on the quote received for the church insurance, John made a motion to switch the church's property, liability and workers' compensation insurance coverage to Church Mutual as recommended by the Property Committee. Seconded by Tony. Motion carried, with 1 nay vote.

New Business

- Annual Meeting Task Force: some discussion was held on how to best hold the Annual Meeting, both in-person and on-line. A task force will meet later this month to finalize plans. Those on the task force are: Naomi, Tony, Bob, Gene, Pastor Dan, Rita. A couple of congregational members will be invited to attend as well.
- Employee Salary recommendations were made, discussed and approved by the council.
- Videographer Compensation was briefly discussed. It was decided to leave this as a volunteer position at this time.
- The next council meeting is set for Thursday, January 21st at 7:30, through Zoom.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

Approved and edited by:

Gary Wagner, Council Secretary

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