

April 2024

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

11:00am Worship | 10:00am Coffee/Fellowship
10:00am Sunday school

The Church Council, along with the Worship & Music Committee, have formed an arrangement with local area pastors to lead worship each Sunday at First Lutheran. In order to facilitate this, First Lutheran will need to move its worship time to 11:00am to allow these pastors time to travel from their church service to First.

1st Sunday: Pastor Art Wiese (or other guest preacher) 2nd Sunday: Pastor Matt Orendorf (Federated)
3rd Sunday: Pastor Chris Richards (Trinity, Cyrus) 4th Sunday: Pastor Emmy Swedlund (Faith)
5th Sunday: layperson

Seniors on the **Move**



Lent is over....Easter has come and we are celebrating Jesus' resurrection!
Come and join us for an afternoon get-together with coffee, snacks and BINGO!
Wednesday, April 17th from 2:00-4:00pm in the church fellowship hall.
All of God's children are welcome to join the fun!



Any youth or family from First Lutheran that plans on attending Youth Bible Camp, or a Family Bible Camp this summer (such as Luther Crest) can request a campership scholarship! First Lutheran will pay 40% of the registration fee. Contact the church office for details! Funds available are first-come, first-serve.

Mark Your Calendars for Sunday, May 19

Once again we will celebrate the end of the Sunday School year and honor our graduates on Sunday, May 19 with a Family Bingo Event. This event is sponsored by the First Lutheran Church WELCA with Thrivent funding. We are reaching out to you, our church family to see if anyone has some Bingo Prizes they would like to donate. It is an all ages Bingo, so we would need a variety of bingo prizes. Monetary donations towards purchasing prizes would be appreciated as well. If you'd like to donate or have questions, please contact Sharon Ehlers, 320-808-4500. More details will be included in the May newsletter.



- ☐ **Coffee Hour** is served in the fellowship hall before the worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. The *PEACE Service Group* is on the schedule to serve coffee hour during the month of April. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Those in this month's Service Group are:

Rochelle Anderson	Judy Bluth	Emilie Brustuen
Terry & Jill Dybdahl	* Doug & Sharon Ehlers	Rob & Peggy Jergenson
Dennis & Natalie Ketterling	Tom & Heather Schneider	Neil & Heidi Suess
Kent & Erica Swenson	Dorwin & Millie Tschetter	Jamie & Rochelle Van Kempen
Jill Van Kempen		
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:30am at Pizza Hut. All are welcome to join us!
- ☐ **2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast** available dates are: April 14, May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, and Nov 17. 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 May newsletter is noon on Tuesday, April 23.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, April 18 at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall.
- ☐ **"Sew Many Pieces" Quilt Show and Lunch** at Faith Lutheran Church, Morris, on Saturday, April 13 from 11am to 2pm. Admission for the quilt show is a food shelf item. Free will donation for lunch of scalloped potatoes with ham, salads and pumpkin bar. Sponsored by Women of Faith
- ☐ **Spring Fling** at Faith Lutheran Church, Morris, on Tuesday, April 23rd from 11am to 1pm. Come for lunch and bingo. Pastor Emmy will be the guest speaker. This event is FREE and all are welcome!
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows/Widowers** meets on Tuesday, April 9 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.

Prayer Shawls Needed We are putting out a call to all knitters and crocheters as we are in need of prayer shawls. There are instructions for these shawls on the table by the Senior Ministry office (upper hallway next to the handicap bathroom), or call the church office to have one mailed or emailed to you. It is interesting to know that there are prayers that go with the shawl as you make one. Thank you for your help with this ministry.

Baby Baptismal Blankets We are also in need of homemade baby baptismal blankets (crocheted, knitted, or sewn). As of now we are in need of boy or unisex colored blankets. New blankets only; no used blankets will be accepted.



Element Schedule (6th–8th Grades)

- ☐ **Wed, April 3:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST
- ☐ **Wed, April 10:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST
- ☐ **Wed, April 17:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST
- ☐ **Wed, April 24:** Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST

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

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

- ☐ **Wed, April 3:** Sr. High Fusion 7-8:30pm @First Lutheran Church
- ☐ **Wed, April 10:** Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8:30pm Progressive Dinner – More details to come!
- ☐ **Wed, April 17:** Sr. High Fusion 7-8:30pm @First Lutheran Church
- ☐ **Wed, April 24:** Sr. High Fusion 7-8:30pm @First Lutheran Church
- ☐ **Friday, April 26:** Fusion Friday Breakfast 7:15-8am (Check back for location)





MAKER'S SPACE FOR KIDS

held at First Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall (lower level)

*Hosted by the FLC Mission & Evangelism Committee,
these Maker's Space for Kids sessions
are an intergenerational activity to learn new skills.*

Registration is FREE *and open to all students in Grades 3 through 8*

Bring your friends because they are also invited!

A light snack will be served.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for drop-off and pick-up of students.

Register for all 3 sessions, or just one or two of them....you pick which ones!

Saturdays: April 6, May 4 and June 1

9:30am to 11:00am each time

Schedule:

9:30am: Worship/Devotional time

9:45 to 10:45am: Workshop sessions

10:45am: Snack

11:00am: Dismissal

Sessions:

April 6: Woobles Kits (crochet) | Jams, Jellies and Pies

May 4: Woobles Kits (crochet) | Jams, Jellies and Pies | Lefse

June 1: Work working | Woobles Kits (crochet) | Jams, Jellies and Pies | Lefse | Painting

**Sessions are subject to change upon availability of volunteers*

Registration is easy!

1. On-line at <https://forms.gle/XtD5mvwnqCsVe7mS7> (March 31 deadline) This link can be found on our website at www.flcmorris.org under the Education tab.
2. fill out the form on the back of this page, or pick one up in the church Narthex (April 1 deadline to drop off at church office)
3. Walk-in registrations are welcome prior to each session. Please arrive by 9:15am on the day of the event to allow extra time for registering.

Maker's Space for Kids 2024
Youth Event Permission Form and Waiver
First Lutheran Church, 200 East 5th St., Morris MN 56267
(320) 589-3242 email: office@flcmorris.org

Youth Name: _____ Circle Dates Attending: April 6 | May 4 | June 1

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ M F

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Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ M F

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home or Work Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Additional Emergency Contact if unable to reach parent/guardian:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone #: _____

Food Allergies or other Special Requirements (things we should know about your child)

LIABILITY WAIVER: I, Parent/Guardian, give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the youth events organized by First Lutheran Church, Morris MN. I understand that my child(ren) will be under the supervision of adult leaders and volunteers during the event. I hereby release and hold harmless First Lutheran Church and its leaders, volunteers, and staff from any and all liability claims arising out of, or related to, my child(ren)'s participation in these events.

PHOTO RELEASE: I give permission for my child(ren)'s picture, but not name, to be used on the church's website, Facebook page and newsletter.

MEDICAL RELEASE: I understand that it may be necessary for emergency medical treatment to be administered if an injury or illness occurs during these youth events/activities. I grant permission to an adult leader, my appointed agent if needed, to provide consent for any medical diagnosis or treatment/hospital care as advised by a licensed physician, surgeon or dentist in the State of Minnesota. This may include visits at a doctor's office as well as hospitals.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 <i>Church Office Closed for Easter Holiday</i>	2 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Property Meeting	3 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Pizza Hut 6:00-7:30pm Element 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion		5	6 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran 9:30-11:00am Makers Space for Kids at First
	<i>Rita on vacation until Monday, April 8</i>					
7 10am Sunday school 10am Coffee/Fellowship 11am Worship 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scouts	8	9 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/Widowers at Old #1	10 6:00-7:30pm Element 6:30-8:30pm Sr. Fusion Progressive Dinner	11 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 4:15pm Worship & Music Mtg	12	13 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
14 10am Coffee/Fellowship 11am Worship with Holy Communion	15	16 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting	17 2:00-4:00pm Seniors on the Move BINGO in fellowship hall 6:00-7:30pm Element 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion	18 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	19	20 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
21 10am Sunday school 10am Coffee/Fellowship 11am Worship 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scouts	22	23 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	24 6:00-7:30pm Element 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion	25 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	26 7:15-8am Fusion Friday Breakfast	27 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
28 10am Coffee/Fellowship 11am Worship with Holy Communion	29	30				

*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*

April Worship Servants

Sunday, April 7: 11:00am Worship (Dave Clark) 10:00am Sunday school and Coffee Hour

Ushers: Al Harris, Scott Staples, Linda Holland

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Video: Mike Odello

Lector: Denise Odello

Acolyte: Jennie & Wes Odello

TV slides: Abram Suess

Sunday, April 14: 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion (Pastor Matt) 10:00am Coffee Hour

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Lindy Ekola

Acolyte: Mackenzie Just & Chance Buro

Communion Servers: Bob Dalager, Ward Voorhees, Emilie Brustuen

Video: Dave Jungst

Nursery: Vicki Dalager

Communion Prep: Judy Buro (bread)

TV slides: Dane Dybdahl

Sunday, April 21: 11:00am Worship (Pastor Chris) 10:00am Coffee Hour

Ushers: Dick Smith, Brian Erdahl, Jon Ulrich

Nursery: Bobbi Siegel

Video: Steve Wagner

Lector: Allyn Plattner

Acolyte: Micah Ulrich & Owen Anderson

TV slides: Jacoby Burnett

Sunday, April 28: 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion (Pastor Emmy) 10:00am Coffee Hour

Ushers: Bob Heck, Kyle & Amy Dougherty family

Nursery: Amy Dougherty

Communion: Elizabeth Harris (wafers)

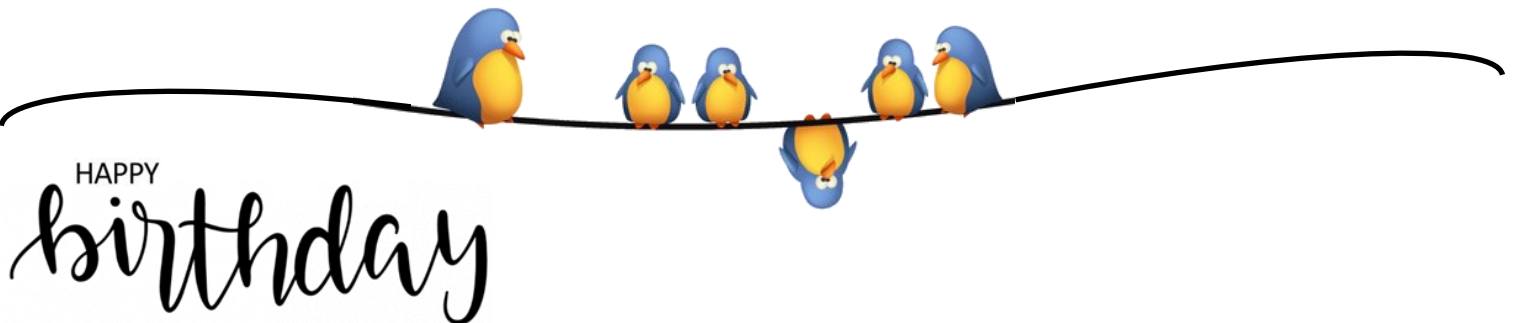
Communion Servers: Doug & Sharon Ehlers, Millie Tschetter

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter

Acolyte: Braden Huebner & Giana Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Aubrey Williamson



April 3: David Jungst, Jamie VanKempen

April 4: Nick Milbrandt, Ward Voorhees

April 5: Del Sarlette

April 8: Kyle Dougherty

April 9: Skott Anderson, Lois Peterson

April 11: Tim Grove, Allysa Peterson

April 12: Katie Knochenmus

April 13: Helen Yerigan

April 14: Emma Bowman, Aaden Schultz

April 16: Karen Bolling

April 17: Pam Wiese

April 19: Keith Hawkinson, Nadine Heck,
Kristi Krusemark

April 20: Julie Monroe

April 21: Marie Eblen, Brent Huebner,
Christopher Just

April 22: Kellen Erdahl

April 24: David Denzer, Mason Dougherty,
Justine Huebner

April 25: Marlene Seip

April 26: Carlene Sarlette

April 27: Grace Mortenson

April 30: Sandy Fuhrman, Brock Krusemark

HAPPY
Anniversary!

April 2: Curtis & Mary Ann Quisburg

April 5: Doug & Sharon Ehlers

First Lutheran Church Community Members:

We are currently moving on with the process of calling a new pastor. Part of this process includes creating a Ministry Site Profile, which is a description of our church that aids in the search of potential pastors. We have created a Transition Team made up of a variety of our congregational members who will work together to create this MSP. We are requesting that you fill out the following form and return it to the church office so our Transition Team can get a collective understanding of who our congregation is.

Thank you for your participation. We appreciate your opinion!

First Lutheran Church Council

AS A COMMUNITY

A LOT **A LITTLE** **A LITTLE** **A LOT**
LIKE US **LIKE US** **LIKE US** **LIKE US**

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| We tend to be formal and programmatic. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We tend to be informal and spontaneous. |
| We have clearly defined goals and plans for our future. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We have no stated goals or plans. |
| We are racially and economically diverse. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We are demographically homogeneous. |

OUR LEADERSHIP STYLE

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| We welcome ideas that are provoking and challenging. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We prefer ideas that are tried and true. |
| We rely on our leaders for direction. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We rely on group decision-making. |
| We have learned to use conflict constructively. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We tend to perceive conflict as something destructive. |

OUR PROGRAMMING

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| Our facilities are often used by community groups. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Our facilities are only used for our activities. |
| We train people to minister outside our walls. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We train people to minister inside our walls. |
| We focus on ideas and beliefs. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We focus on skills and action. |

OUR THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

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| We are obviously Lutheran in identify and practice. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We are less obvious about our Lutheran heritage. |
| We participate in synod and ELCA activities. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We are not very active in synod and ELCA. |
| We focus on Biblical studies and doctrine. | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | We focus on contemporary issues and topics. |

**Glacial Ridge Conference Women of the ELCA Spring Gathering
"Bit of Grace" on Monday, April 15, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran in Benson**

Registration at 4:00pm, meal at 4:30pm; program to follow. Registration cost of \$10.00

In-kind offering to the Swift County Food Shelf. Offering to be distributed between the WELCA SWMN Synod and Bit of Grace. The speaker topic is on Autism by a local family who responds to their challenge with both education and a nonprofit that spreads tools of care. The public is invited to the speaker portion of the event.

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

- March 1 In memory of Ray Johnson from Marlene Seip
- March 2 In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Marlene Seip
- March 3 In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Mary Philip
- March 4 In memory of Steve Van Kempen from Deb & Dick Mahoney
- March 5 In memory of Roman Fidler from Emilie Brustuen
- March 6 In memory of Marilyn Mahoney from Emilie Brustuen
- March 7 Thank you Pam, from Marlene Seip
- March 8 In memory of Donald Hansen from Emilie Brustuen
- March 9 In memory of Frank Fox from Jo Solvie
- March 10 In memory of Steve Van Kempen
- March 15 In memory of Myron Syverson from Jo Solvie
- March 16 In memory of Lyn Anderson from Jo Solvie
- March 17 In memory of Myron Syverson from Marlene Seip
- March 18 In memory of Myron Syverson from Deb & Dick Mahoney
- March 19 In memory of Myron Syverson from Doug & Sharon Ehlers

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.

First Lutheran Church Council Highlights: March 19, 2024

Old Business:

- Ministry Site Profile Update: The council met by Zoon with Pastor Heather Culuris from the Synod office and will follow her recommendation of starting the MSP with the help of Pastor Emmy Swedlund. Those that expressed interest to be on the Transition Team will be contacted. A congregational survey for the MSP will be published in the April newsletter, in a congregational email, and hard copy prints to be given out during worship service. Call Committee names were discussed.
- Bank signature card was signed by those in attendance.

New Business:

- Campership Scholarships: A motion to pay 40% of the camp fee for any youth or family attending a religious summer camp, on a first come, first served basis until the Campership funds on hand are depleted was made and approved.
- Vacation Bible School: discussed VBS for this summer. The Education Committee will be contacted to see what their recommendation would be.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00pm. Devotions to be given by Bob D.

FEBRUARY'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$16,397 February Income

\$23,908 February Expense

\$40,149 Year-to-Date Giving

\$36,424 Year-to-Date Expenses

First Lutheran Church

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Morris-First Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule

Sundays: 11:00am

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

Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 1:30pm

MediaCom: Channel 8

STAFF

Pastor

Heather Black, Youth Ministry Director heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com

Rita Bye, Office Manager office@flcmorris.org

Wyatt Vavra, Custodian

Deb Mahoney, Accompanist

CHURCH COUNCIL

Cari Burnett President

Bob Heck Vice-President

Denise Odello Treasurer

Matt Hilbrands Secretary

Bob Dalager

LeAnn Dean

J. Mark Nesvig