

November 2023

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



Fall Dinner and Silent Auction

First Lutheran Church, 200 E. 5th St., Morris MN

Dine-In ~ Take Out ~ Home Delivery

No Pre-Sale Tickets. Home Delivery to Morris residents only.

For home delivery orders, please call the church office by 3:00pm on November 1st at 320-589-3242.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

serving from 4:30-7:30pm

(or until food runs out)

On the Menu: Ham, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots, Rye Bread, and Pumpkin Roll.

Packaged homemade lefse will be for sale (4 rounds for \$14)

Tickets: \$14 per meal Payment options: Cash, Check or Venmo

First Lutheran's
silent
auction

Don't miss First Lutheran's on-line Silent Auction!

(hosted by Zielsdorf Auction)

Bidding is currently open and runs through Monday November 6.

Auction items can be viewed on-line and at the church (lower level). Bidding will be on-line through the Zielsdorf Auction website. If you are unable to bid on-line, please contact the church office (320.589.3242) for instructions on how to place a max bid.

Beginning in the late 19th century, Lutheran women were given small ThankOffering boxes to place in a special location in their homes as a visible reminder of blessings received. Women would add coins to those boxes almost daily as particular blessings were noted. From their use came the idea of an annual church service to celebrate their collection, and so the women of the congregation would come together for a ThankOffering service.

At that first ThankOffering in 1889, \$6,100 was collected. Today, Women of the ELCA collects more than \$1 million in ThankOfferings annually for the ministries and mission of our women's organization. ThankOfferings have always been, and still are, our opportunity to say thank you to God in both significant and ordinary moments.

At First Lutheran Church, ThankOffering Collection containers are available in the Narthex. Please pick one up and collect your loose change. Money from this collection goes to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. *We will collect the offering during worship on November 12, or they can be dropped off at the church office.*



Zipporah needs Christmas Cards!

If you have unused cards with envelopes, please drop them off at the church. Zipporah has a church mailbox in the office waiting area. Thank you!



Everyone is invited to become familiar with The Olivewood Project carving pieces enough to consider them for Christmas gift-giving, as well as gift giving such as Confirmation and other special occasions. Children, youth, and adults are encouraged to shop for their parents, grandparents, teachers, children, grandchildren, and others on their "list." There is a wide selection of items that can be purchased for under \$10-

\$25. We plan to wrap items in tissue paper and provide a modest gift bag to help the privacy of shopping for loved ones. Display will be in the lower foyer. All sales are transferred directly to the Palestinian Christian carving artisan families for their economic support. Micheal and Carmen Zoughbi, of The Olivewood Project, were guests at First Lutheran Church in September, when Micheal delivered the sermon at our worship service.

Three display dates/times are planned:
Wednesday, November 15, 5:30pm - 8:30pm
Sunday, November 19, 8:00am - 11:30am
Sunday, December 5, 8:00am - 11:30am

Seniors on the Move



We had a wonderful time at the Rolling Forks Winey! We toured the vineyard and learned about growing and harvesting grapes, and then toured their processing room to hear how to make wine. We enjoyed a wonderful lunch and everyone had fun.

Our next outing will be in Morris to attend the Morris Area High School play "The Little Mermaid" on Saturday, November 18th at 1:00pm. Sign up in the Narthex and we will carpool to the school at 12:30. Cost of the tickets is on your own.



Remember!

Daylight Saving Time ends on November 5. Set your clock back 1 hour.



Element Schedule (6th–8th Grades)

- Wed, November 1 Element 6:00-7:30pm @FAITH Lutheran Church
- Wed, November 8 No Element
- Wed, November 15 Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST Lutheran Church
- Wed, November 22 No Element due to Thanksgiving Weekend!
- Wed, November 29 Element 6:00-7:30pm @FIRST Lutheran Church

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

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

- Wed, November 1 Sr. High Fusion 7-8:30pm location TBA (Check the website for more details)
- Wed, November 8 No Sr. High Fusion
- Wed, November 15 Sr. High Fusion 7-8:30pm @FIRST Lutheran Church
- Friday, November 17 Fusion Friday Breakfast 7:15-8am (Location TBA – see Website for more details)
- Wed, November 22 No Sr. High Fusion due to Thanksgiving Weekend!
- Wed, November 29 Sr. High Fusion 7-8:30pm @FIRST Lutheran Church



Fusion Student Ministry's Purpose and How we are accomplishing that purpose:

Engage – There is a need for this ministry to the youth and families of this community. The four churches involved have a little over 150 kids to pull from. Our goal is to engage youth both inside and outside the church walls!

In September – October Element: 56 students; Sr. High: 25 students; Parent Small Group: 5-8; Social Media & Website: Great way to engage the community and communicate what we are up to; Leadership: 17 adult volunteers & pastors & Student leadership: 4 students; Element Parent Meeting: 75 Parents/caregivers (roughly)

Connect – Having a sense of connection to others is so important at all ages, but especially during the 6th-12th ages. We have a goal to help youth connect to other youth as well as to positive adults. We want to provide a safe environment for them to feel welcome, wanted and known. Love them where they are. Love is messy and the people we love are not perfect. Teenagers are certainly not perfect and in the messiness of life are looking for positive love and acceptance.

In small Group time and small group get togethers they are connected together, making friendships in a safe space and are connected to healthy adult leaders; Sr. High Lock-In & various fun activities helps to connect them through shared fun memories; & the Church without Walls porkchop lunch connected the youth and families to the church community!

Teach – Our goal is to teach youth to answer the question, “What do you believe about God and what does your life look like because of it?” This will be done through fun and creative teaching, experiences, connecting in small groups and letting them ask the hard questions.

We are teaching the Fruit of the Spirit Series in Element and Renew your Heart, Soul, Mind & Strength Series in Sr. High Fusion. The kids open their bibles, highlight in them, memorize bible verses and learn how to apply the truth of scripture to their daily life.

Send – Our goal is to send them out into the world with knowledge about God and how He relates to the world. Send them out to adventure and service. We want to make lifelong Christians who can love fiercely and respect others. Challenge them to live out their faith in all aspects of their life: at school, home, church, work and with friends and family.

We send our students and adults out into the world in so many ways. We sent out over 80 youth and adults on a prayer walk to pray for our community, churches, businesses & law enforcement (etc). We encourage our adult leadership to reach out to their students outside of Fusion. On Sat, Oct 14th a group of students and adults helped a family in Benson move into their home. And we are training future leaders: Piper Swanson, who is our Sr High Fusion Intern wants to be a youth pastor in the future and is leading in the Sr. High Fusion area! And students in student Leadership in Sr. High Fusion are stepping up to the plate to help lead and plan!

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

————— *First Lutheran Church Council Highlights: October 24, 2023* —————

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports given to each council member. A motion was approved to send \$2000 for benevolence.

Committee Reports:

- **Mission & Evangelism:** will be selling Olivewood in October and November.
- **Music & Worship:** No one applied for the Choir Director position. Discussed position with a current UMM student and she would not be able to take on the position due to school commitments.
- **Property Committee:** Security cameras to be installed this week. Boiler needed to be repaired by Mohr Plumbing. Waiting for additional window estimates.

Old Business:

- acolyte training for 6th graders, set a tentative date of Sunday, November 19th
- Interim update: we have interviewed two different candidates and both have accepted calls elsewhere. Main reason seems to be the distance they would need to travel
- Worship leaders for November: we are still in need of someone on November 26. We will not be holding a Thanksgiving Eve service this year.

New Business

- Worship leaders for December: Pastor Gary Mills lined up for December 3, 10 and 24. Sunday school teachers will lead on Dec 17. Need someone for December 31. No midweek Advent this year.
- Employee Reviews will be held on Tuesday, November 21.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00pm. Tony to give the devotion



SEPTEMBER'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$11,165.75	September Income	\$13,648.70	September Expense
\$173,003.87	Year-to-Date Giving	\$186,081.84	Year-to-Date Expenses

November 2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4:30-7:30pm Fall Dinner No Element or Sr. Fusion	2	3	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
5 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship 2:00-4:00pm Girl Scouts	6	7 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Property Meeting	8 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes at FIRST 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	9 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	10	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
12 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship 2:00-4:00pm Girl Scouts	13 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	14 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/Widowers at Old #1	15 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes at FIRST 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	16 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	17	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
19 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	20	21 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due 7:00pm Council Meeting	22 No Element or Sr. Fusion	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Church office closed 	24 Church office closed	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
26 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	27	28 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	29 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes at FIRST 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	30		

Rita is available Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm by email, phone call, or text message, and is in the church office on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

In the event of an emergency, she can be reached any day of the week on her cell phone at 320.287.2384.

November Worship Servants

Sunday, November 5: 9:30am Worship HC and 8:30am Sunday school

Ushers: Al Harris, Ward Voorhees, Linda Holland

Communion: Liz Harris (*bread*)

Nursery: Robi Bowman

Video: Steve Wagner

Lector: Cathy Anderson

Comm Servers: Sharon Ehlers, Ray Bowman, Judy Buro

Acolyte: Abigail Anderson & Brenna Jergenson

TV slides: Chance Buro

Sunday, November 12: 9:30am Worship HC Radio Broadcast

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dave Jungst, Kellie Hentges

Communion: Vicki Dalager (*bread*)

Nursery: Lindy Ekola

Video: Mike Odello

Lector: LeAnn Dean

Comm Servers: Bob Dalager, Emilie Brustuen

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Aaden Schultz

TV slides: Connor Siegel

Sunday, November 19: 9:30am Worship and 8:30am Sunday school

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family, Michael Bjorklund

Nursery: Michelle Just

Video: Kyle Dougherty

Lector: Denise Odello

Acolyte: Wes & Jennie Odello

TV slides: Taylor Anderson

Sunday, November 26: 9:30am Worship HC (Blue Hymnal)

Ushers: Bob Heck, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Scott Staples

Nursery: Amy Dougherty

Communion: Linda Holland (*wafers*)

Comm Servers: Laurie Feuchtenberger, Cheryl Higgins, Millie Tschetter

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

Lector: Shana Ulrich

Acolyte: Dane Dybahl & Giana Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Sawyer Fynboh

HAPPY
Birthday

Nov 1: Braeden Huebner, Jacob Just,
Marge Kleinhans, Scott Staples
Nov 2: Vicki Dalager
Nov 3: Micah Ulrich, Ryan Watzke
Nov 5: Mya Krosch, Katie Monroe,
Verna Sharstrom
Nov 6: Aiden Anderson, Heidi Suess
Nov 7: Cody Beyer, Finn Nesvig
Nov 8: Chris Wagner
Nov 12: Marisa Knutson, Isabel Fynboh,
Dick Smith
Nov 13: Peggy Lussenden
Nov 14: Tahni Jungst
Nov 16: Shannon Dougherty
Nov 17: Teagan Nelson, Christopher Siegel
Nov 18: Ryan Bowman, Brad Krosch,
Robert Thompson
Nov 20: Scott Larson
Nov 21: Marilyn Smith
Nov 22: Karen Ritter

Nov 23: Ethan Heck, Laura Peterson, Shana Ulrich
Nov 24: Zackary Krosch, Gage Schultz
Nov 25: Mary Ann Quisberg, Marilyn Syverson
Nov 28: Wanda Dagen, Ray Johnson
Nov 29: Skip Maanum, Alyssa Wagner

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Nov 28: Shane & Deb Decker

HAPPY
Thanksgiving



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

Ryan & Laura Anderson	Kyle & Amy Dougherty	Sheila & Leroy Fahje
Jay & Joleen Hanson	* Allan & Elizabeth Harris	Bruce & Laura McCormack
Allen & Julie Monroe	Jason & Selena Reed	Jon & Shana Ulrich
Steve & Sherri Wagner		
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, November 8 at 11:30am at Fireside. Please note change of date!
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the December newsletter is noon on Tuesday, November 21st.
- ☐ **Meatball Dinner** at Faith Lutheran Church in Morris will be held on Wednesday, November 8, serving from 4:30-7:00pm. On the menu is: meatballs and gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, lefse and pumpkin bar. Adults \$15; children 10 and under \$6; preschoolers eat free. Dine in or Take out available.
- ☐ **Fall Festival** at Kongsvinger Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 19th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. On the menu: grilled pork chop, bake potato, candied carrots, assorted salads and desserts, rolls, pickles, coffee and milk. Adults \$15 and Children 10 and under \$10. Also included is Bake Sale and Raffle.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, November 16 at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall. Need to drop something off for the Zipporah group? Their church mailbox is located in the office waiting area.
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows/Widowers** meets on Tuesday, November 14th 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!

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

- Oct 1 In memory of Robert Staples from Jim & Marian Thraen
- Oct 2 In memory of Robert Staples from Mary Alyce Krattenmarker
- Oct 3 In memory of Robert Staples from Emilie Brustuen
- Oct 4 In memory of Robert Staples from Marilyn Smith
- Oct 5 In memory of Robert Staples from Hugh & Kay Gilmore
- Oct 6 Thank you to our Sunday school teachers
- Oct 7 In memory of Dick Bluth from Deanna Rosen
- Oct 8 In memory of Dick Bluth from Cheryl Higgins
- Oct 9 In memory of Lanny Rohloff from Cheryl Higgins
- Oct 10 In memory of Dick Bluth from Bernice Erdahl
- Oct 11 In honor of all the Luther's Eatery workers at the Fall Festival. Thanks for keeping it going!
- Oct 12 In memory of Dick Bluth from Jo Solvie
- Oct 13 In memory of Harley Hanke from Jo Solvie
- Oct 14 In memory of Dave Wenthe from Jo Solvie
- Oct 15 In memory of Samantha Overland from Jo Solvie
- Oct 16 In memory of Lanny Rohloff from Jo Solvie
- Oct 23 In memory of Terry Thraen on his birthday from mom and dad

- Oct 1 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Terry Thraen

Our missionaries are Rev. Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson. The Knutsons have served for many years in Southern Africa, and are based in South Africa. Philip was born and grew up in South Africa, the son of missionary parents, and Lou is a native of South Africa. You can sponsor the Knutsons 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

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