

March 2024

# First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

*Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve*

## Palm/Passion Sunday

Sunday, March 24 at 11:00am

We will hear Matthew's telling of the events from Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem to his arrest in the garden of Gethsemane.



## Maundy Thursday

March 28 at 7:30pm  
(First Communion for 5th Graders)

Remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, we will hear his invitation to join him at the table; to share his precious gift of forgiveness and life.



## Good Friday

March 29 at 7:00pm  
at Faith Lutheran

Surround by music, we'll reflect on the story of Christ's passion and death. All ages are welcome. Hosted in partnership with First, Faith, Federated & Trinity Cyrus



He is Risen

## Easter Sunday March 31

11:00am Worship with Holy Communion  
Easter Breakfast served from 9:30-10:30am

**Easter Breakfast** served from 9:30am - 10:30am

On the menu: Egg bake, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee and milk

*Suggested donation of \$8 for adults and \$6 for children*

Proceeds to benefit First Lutheran's Music Scholarship Fund



Starting Sunday, March 3rd

# 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

## 2 Churches. 2 Worship Times. There's a SPOT for you!


### Worship Wednesdays: March 6, 13, and 20

#### 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

First Lutheran Church, Morris  
[flcmorris.org](http://flcmorris.org)

#### 6:30 pm on Wednesdays

Faith Lutheran Church, Morris  
[faithlutheranmorris.org](http://faithlutheranmorris.org)



Feb 21 - What is Lament?  
Feb 28 - Little" Laments  
Mar 6 - Laments from the Depth  
Mar 13 - Individual Lament  
Mar 20 - Communal Lament




Feb 21 - Solitaire  
Feb 28 - Hide and Seek  
Mar 6 - Follow the Leader  
Mar 13 - King of the Hill  
Mar 20 - Twenty Questions

**5:15 pm Meal is Served**  
**Free will donation**

Feb 21 - Fusion Senior High Events  
Feb 28 - ELCA Youth Gathering Youth  
Mar 6 - Do Day Quilters  
Mar 14 - Operation Christmas Child  
Mar 20 - Outreach Committee

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## 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: \_\_\_\_\_





# Fat Tuesday - Valentine's Day Party

A lot of fun, good food, fellowship and a Marti Gras parade was just some of the highlights of the Fat Tuesday/Valentine's Day Party held on Tuesday, February 13. Thank you to all that attended and all that help to decorate and provide food/treats.

Watch the April newsletter for an upcoming Seniors on the Move event/trip!

Happy Easter



- ☐ **Coffee Hour** is served in the fellowship hall before the worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. The *Kindness Service Group* is on the schedule to serve coffee hour during the month of March. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church 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
Ward & Carol Voorhees	Steve & Sherri Wagner	
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, March 6 at 11:00am at Common Cup. Please note change in time!
- ☐ **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 April newsletter is noon on Thursday, March 21.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, March 21 at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall.
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows/Widowers** meets on Tuesday, March 12 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.

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

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- Feb 1 In memory of John Solvie on his birthday
- Feb 2 In honor of Cheryl Higgins' birthday from Carol Day
- Feb 3 In memory of Arvid Johnson from Marilyn Smith
- Feb 4 In memory of J. Allan Anderson from Marlene Seip
- Feb 5 In memory of Ray Johnson from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
- Feb 6 In memory of Ray Johnson from LaVonne & Al Watson
- Feb 7 In memory of J. Allan Anderson from LaVonne & Al Watson
- Feb 8 In memory of Ray Johnson from Allan & Elizabeth Harris
- Feb 9 In memory of J. Allan Anderson from Allan & Elizabeth Harris
- Feb 10 In honor of Cheryl Higgins' birthday from Marlene Seip
- Feb 11 In memory of Ray Johnson from Emilie Brustuen
- Feb 12 In memory of Ray Johnson from Ron & Deanna Rosen
- Feb 13 In memory of J. Allan Anderson from Deb & Dick Mahoney
- Feb 14 In memory of James Gades from Marilyn Smith
- Feb 15 In memory of Victor Arnold from Emilie Brusten
- Feb 16 In honor of the church council and staff for all they do
- Feb 17 In loving memory of Lenore Anderson on her daughter's birthday from Pat Smith
- Feb 17 In memory of Verna Anderson from Connie Anderson and family
- Feb 18 In memory of Ray Johnson from Judy Bluth
- Feb 19 In memory of Steve Van Kempen
- Feb 20 Thank you to Tony and the Church Council for all their hard work this past year
- Feb 21 In memory of Don Bursken from Jo Solvie
- Feb 22 In memory of Marilyn Mahoney from Jo Solvie
- Feb 23 In memory of LaVonne Watson's brother from Jo Solvie
- Feb 24 In memory of Helen Olson on the anniversary of her birthday
- Feb 25 In memory of Ray Johnson from Jo Solvie
- Feb 26 In memory of J. Allan Anderson from Jo Solvie
- Feb 27 In memory of Millie Tschetter's sister-in-law from Jo Solvie
  
- Feb 18 ELCA Lutheran Worship radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of J. Allan Anderson from Jim & Marion Thraen

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
3 10am Sunday school 10am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am Worship	4	5 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Property Meeting	6 11:00am Lunch Bunch at Common Cup <i>Midweek Lenten @FIRST</i> 12:05pm Worship @FAITH 5:15pm Supper 6:30pm Worship	7 5:00-8:00pm Daycare Food Prep Training	8	9 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
10 10am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am Worship HC  <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	11	12 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/ Widowers at Old #1	13 <i>Midweek Lenten @FIRST</i> 12:05pm Worship @FAITH 5:15pm Supper 6:30pm Worship	14 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)  6:30pm Worship & Music Mtg	15	16 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
17 10am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am Worship	18	19 11:00am Pastor's Text Study  7:00pm Council Meeting	20 <i>Midweek Lenten @FIRST</i> 12:05pm Worship @FAITH 5:15pm Supper 6:30pm Worship	21 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due  2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	22 7:15am Fusion Breakfast at First	23 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
24 <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10am Sunday school 10am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am Worship	25	26 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	27 6:30-8:30pm Fusion at First	28 <i>Maundy Thurs</i> 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 7:30pm Worship <i>First Communion for 5th graders</i>	29 <i>Good Friday</i> 7pm Worship <i>at Faith Lutheran</i>	30
31 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 9:30-10:30am Easter Breakfast 11am Worship HC	<p><i>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 <a href="http://www.flcmorris.org">www.flcmorris.org</a></i></p>					

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# March Worship Servants

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## Sunday, March 3: 11:00am Worship with 10:00am Sunday school

**Ushers:** Steve & Michelle Just family

**Lector:** Cathy Anderson

**Nursery:** Lindy Ekola

**Acolyte:** Jaxon Hilbrands & Issac Just

**Video:** Dave Jungst

**TV slides:** Brayden Carlson

## Wednesday, March 6: 12:05pm Ushers: Al Harris & Doug Ehlers

## Sunday, March 10: 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion

**Ushers:** Dick Smith, Doug Ehlers, Michael Bjorklund

**Lector:** Ward Voorhees

**Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

**Acolyte:** Jacoby Burnett & Wes Odello

**Communion:** Sharon Ehlers

**Communion Servers:** Emilie Brustuen, Bob & Vicki Dalager

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty

**TV slides:** Skott Anderson

## Wednesday, March 13: 12:05pm Worship Ushers: Dick Smith & Dennis Feuchtenberger

## Sunday, March 17: 11:00am Worship with 10:00am Sunday school

**Ushers:** Bob Heck, Dave Jungst & Lindy Ekola

**Lector:** Allyn Plattner

**Nursery:** Jone Anderson

**Acolyte:** Abram Suess & Connor Siegel

**Video:** Tony Feuchtenberger

**TV slides:** Kye Suess

## Wednesday, March 19: 12:05pm Worship Ushers: Bob Heck & Ward Voorhees

## Palm Sunday, March 24: 11:00am Worship

**Ushers:** Al Harris, Judy & Chance Buro

**Nursery:** Erica Swenson

**Acolyte:** Mackenzie Just & Aubrey Williamson

**Video:** Mike Odello

**TV slides:** Abigail Anderson

## Maundy Thursday, March 28 7:30pm

**Ushers:** Steve Just, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

**Lector:** Steve Just

**Nursery:** Bobbi Siegel

**Communion:** Vicki Dalager

**Comm Servers:** Bob Dalager, Judy Buro, Laurie Feuchtenberger

**Acolyte:** Giana Feuchtenberger & Lilly Nesvig

**Video:** Mike Odello

**TV Slides:** Wes Odello

## Easter Sunday, March 31: 11:00am Worship with Holy Communion Easter Breakfast 9:30-10:30am

**Ushers:** Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Scott Staples

**Lector:** Shana Ulrich

**Nursery:** Pam Wiese

**Communion:** Laurie Feuchtenberger

**Communion Servers:** Millie Tschetter, Elizabeth Harris, Emilie Brusten

**Acolyte:** Braeden Huebner & Dane Dybdahl

**Video:** Kyle Dougherty

**TV slides:** Owen Nesvig

HAPPY  
*birthday*

March 2: Mark Nemmers, Ashford Swenson

March 3: Terry Dybdahl, Stan Staples

March 4: Justin Durkee

March 5: Jeremy Heck

March 6: Janis Waller

March 7: Denise Odello, Lauren Peterson,  
Ellen Reed, Ruby Swenson,

March 8: Bob Dalager

March 9: Tom Schneider

March 11: Tony Schultz

March 13: Diane Nelson

March 14: Dani Schultz Kangas

March 15: Deb Mahoney

March 16: Kyle Krosch

March 17: Jay Hanson, Allan Harris, Dale Peterson

March 18: Gwen Rudney

March 19: Lauren Carlson, Michael Lair, Jean Schultz

March 21: Colby Schultz, Maela Suess, Amy Werk

March 22: Travis Beyer

March 23: Barry Erdahl

March 24: Shane Decker

March 25: Marleen Nelson

March 26: Samantha Buro Fowler, Jaxon Hilbrands,  
Kylar Smith

March 28: Blake Amundson, Mark Huebner,  
Heather Krosch, Nathan Smith

March 29: Dennis Feuchtenberger

March 31: Philip Rosen



HAPPY  
*Anniversary!*

March 20: Bruce & Laura McCormack

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## *Snacks Needed!*

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There are numerous students at Morris Area Elementary who cannot bring a snack to school for their snack breaktime. Morris area churches have volunteered to provide these much needed snacks for all students in the elementary.

**100-120 boxes needed! Please donated by Sunday, March 31!**

Please make sure crackers/snacks are not expired as they cannot be used.

Some suggested snacks:

Ritz or Club crackers	saltines
graham crackers	plain animal crackers ( <i>not frosted</i> )
Cheez-It	Goldfish
pretzels	granola bars
fruit/applesauce cups ( <i>please provide spoons</i> )	

Not recommended:

cookies  
fruit roll-ups  
candy/candy bars  
sugary cereals  
perishable foods

### **Winter 2024 Edition of the Communicator**

What a perfect day to relax with the Winter 2024 publication of "The Communicator" from your Southwestern Minnesota Women of the ELCA. Copy and put this in your search engine <http://www.swmnwelca.org/the-communicator/> Next Click on the words Winter edition January, February, March 2024 to download your copy today! In addition, our website [www.swmnwelca.org](http://www.swmnwelca.org) is ready to help you with news and information of the happenings of your WELCA Synod as well as find past publications of the Communicator. Content is always being added, so be sure to check back often.

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## *First Lutheran Church Council Highlights: February 20, 2024*

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### Committee Reports:

- **Music & Worship:** final edit to accompanist's new contract; finalized worship plans for March
- **Education:** 5th grade First Communion classes to be taught during Sunday school with the student's First Communion at the Maundy Thursday worship. No Seder meal this year.

### Old Business:

- Interim update: Pastor Heather Culuris from the Synod will meet with the council and recommends putting together a Transition Team to start work on the Ministry Site Profile, and form a Call Committee. She suggested using the help of a local pastor with the MSP. A motion to follow the Synod's recommendation was approved.
- Worship Leaders: an agreement with area pastors to provide Sunday morning worship has been finalized. 1st Sunday: Art Wiese (or other guest preacher); 2nd Sunday: Pastor Matt Orendorf; 3rd Sunday: Pastor Chris Richards; 4th Sunday: Pastor Emmy Swedlund; 5th Sunday: lay leader.

### New Business:

- Executive Council members are: President Cari Burnett, Vice President Bob Heck, Secretary Matt Hilbrands, Treasurer Denise Odello.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00pm.

## **JANUARY'S GIVING and EXPENSE**

\$23,751.75 January Income	\$13,027.20 January Expense
\$23,751.75 Year-to-Date Giving	\$13,027.20 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.

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#### **Televised Services:**

**Tuesdays at 1:30pm**

MediaCom: Channel 8

#### **STAFF**

Pastor

Heather Black, Youth Ministry Director [heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com](mailto:heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com)

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Wyatt Vavra, Custodian

Deb Mahoney, Accompanist

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

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