

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

July 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:30am

in-person worship and
broadcasted live on Facebook;
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

FAITH IS A LIVING, DARING CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S GRACE

“He woke and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’” (Mark 4: 39-40)

Apparently, Jesus didn't have an *amygdala*, the “fear center” in the brain. He slept through a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee, then he wondered why his disciples were afraid. Or, more likely, he knew that he, and they, would be fine. There is some humor in this “serious” story. We often hear the word “faith” and we may wonder what it means. Yet, we know what it means. It means *trust and confidence* in something or someone. A mountain climber has to trust the rope and carabiner that they are attached to, before they make the ascent. In my first call, one of our friends came to visit us at the parsonage in North Dakota. Our son, who was two and a half years old, didn't trust him, and kept his distance for the three or four days he was with us. Then, in the last few minutes, as he was at the door preparing to leave, our son ran across the living room floor and leapt into the air flying over the four steps down to the entryway and door, and into the strong arms of our friend, who caught him. That's faith!

Here are some words to ponder:

We cannot date when faith begins in human life. Neither can we teach another person's faith. It is a gift that we share with each other. The faith of an adult may be different in its expression from that of a child, but it is the same faith. That is why, in “Will Our Children Have Faith?”, I suggest that faith grows like a tree, by adding rings. Comparing faith development to tree development seems to fit, because a one-year-old tree is truly and completely a tree. As it develops, it doesn't become more truly a tree; it only becomes more complex. In the same way, one stage of faith is not better or more truly faith than another.

To continue the analogy, a tree's growth depends on its environment. It needs water, sun and the right sort of healthy soil. Faith is like that; it doesn't develop in a vacuum, but in response to our experiences in the world. Further, a tree grows in a slow, orderly manner, building on its previous growth. It doesn't skip rings or lose rings. Each ring depends on the ones before and after it for wholeness. Fully mature faith has not lost the character and nature faith has at its very beginning; it is not greater faith but only expanded faith. (From Bringing Up Children in the Christian Faith, by John Westerhoff III)

According to Martin Luther: “Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times...”

The apostle Paul said of faith: “Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. And we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.” (Romans 5: 1-2).

Faith is a leap, and faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Pastor Dan Belgum



Vacation Bible School

is just around the corner!

Local churches have combined forces with Luther Crest to bring our community's youth a fun-filled Vacation Bible School!

Monday, July 26 through Friday, July 30
at Faith Lutheran Church in Morris

8:30am to 12:00pm for Preschool through 5th Grade: *(ages 3-5 and must be potty trained)*

Sign-up on-line at www.myvbs.org/FaithLutheran
or registration forms are available in the church Narthex.

We also need volunteers!! Adults and teenagers are encouraged to volunteer!

Sign-up sheets for volunteers are also on the small table in the Narthex,
or you can sign up for volunteering on the registration link above.
We will need Crew Leaders (to lead the groups from session to session),

School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief

Believe it or not, school supplies will be on sale soon! When you are purchasing for your school supplies for your kids, please consider purchasing extra for Lutheran World Relief.

Donations of school supplies can be dropped off in the box in the church Narthex. Cash donations will also be accepted, but please leave in the church office.

Listed below are the items that will be put in each School Kit. **Please do not substitute any of the items, as we can only use what is listed.**

- Four (4) 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10½". No loose leaf paper.
- One (1) 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One (1) pencil sharpener
- One (1) pair of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five (5) unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, secured together with a rubber band
- Five (5) black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), secured together with a rubber band
- One (1) box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One (1) 2½" eraser

FIRST THINGS

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

- June 1 In memory of Gen Morrissey from the Martin Family
- June 2 Happy Birthday Scott Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- June 3 In memory of Delores Pochardt from Vicki & Skip Maanum
- June 4 In memory of Gary Brunko from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
- June 5 In memory of Avy Gray from Jo Solvie
- June 6 Thanks to all who provided worship services during Covid from Jo Solvie
- June 7 Happy Birthday Ann Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- June 8 Thank you to Brad & Ana Miller for their service to First Lutheran from Jo Solvie
- June 9 In memory of my grandparents from Jo Solvie

July 18 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) is given in memory of Sylvia Yarger

Coffee Hour is once again being 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 July. Please sign up on the church bulletin board across from the office. Those in the Charity Service Group are:

Doyle & Jone Anderson	Lauren Carlson	Bob & Vicki Dalager
Barry & Nancy Erdahl	Brian & Ann Erdahl	Cheryl Higgins
Brent & Jackie Huebner	Steve & Michelle Just	Don & Karen Ritter
Dick & Suzanne Smith	Joan Smith	Marilyn & Myron Syverson
Kevin & Jeanne Williamson		

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon (12:00pm) on Sunday, July 11 at the Old #1 Southside. This venue allows for social distancing. Order lunch off the menu and enjoy an opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new ones who are also experiencing life as a widow/widower. No need to RSVP. For questions call Rose at Pedersen Funeral Home 320-589-3220.

Burgers, Beverages and Blessings meets each Wednesday at 6:30pm at the Fireside in Morris. All are welcome and invited!!

Fusion Volunteers Needed! We need a few good men and women! Our Element program has need for some men and women who would be interested in Co-leading a small group of 8-12 girls or boys in 6th-8th grade.

Our current needs are as follows:

- 1 woman for the 6th grade girls group
- 1 man for the 6th grade boys group
- 1 or 2 men for the 8th grade boys group

We would also need a few men and women who would be willing to be a replacement if a leader cannot make it. We believe that 2 adult leaders per group is proper and safe for both adults and youth alike. Please contact Heather Black 320-349-0103 or heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com if you are interested or would like more information!

Donate with Venmo! You can quickly and easily make donations to First Lutheran through Venmo. Not familiar with Venmo? (it's a safe and easy way to transfer money) Check out and download the app on your smart phone (available for Android and Apple) or check out their website at www.venco.com.

Stevens County Food Shelf supplies a 5-day emergency or supplemental food package to residents of Stevens County. There is no fee for this service, but clients must provide proof of residency. The food shelf welcomes people's donations of food to support our community. Monetary donations are also very helpful in purchasing food supplies. The Food Shelf is located on the corner of 7th Street and Iowa Ave and their hours are: Mondays: 2:30-3:30pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:30-11:30am, Thursdays: 5:30-6:30pm. You can reach the food shelf at 320.589.7436.

Baby Blanket Ministry There is a need for more baby blankets for our baptismal baby blanket ministry. Blankets can be sewn or crocheted, and are needed for both boys and girls (gender neutral blankets work great too!) Blankets can be dropped off at the church office.

Soap Drive—Lutheran World Relief Commercially wrapped soap needed! This soap is used over-seas for schools, hospitals, clinics, households and refugee camps. This is an ongoing drive, so please continue to donate. A collection basket is located on the table in the lower Narthex area.

2021 KMRS Radio Broadcast dates are: August 22, October 24, November 21, 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 August is noon on Wednesday, July 21.

A special thank you for the prayers, cards and best wishes, and also a special thank you the Pastor Dan for the prayers and encouraging words. I am on the road to recovery. —Dolores Crow

Thank you To the members of First Lutheran, thank you again for another generous gift! Our family has felt so loved and supported by our church! We will be putting this money into our Famous Jamis Medical Account and will be using it for future trips to Philly. We are so blessed to be a part of the First Lutheran Church Community! —The Burnett family

Thank you very much for your recent contribution to the Stevens County Food Shelf. Our community is stronger because of thoughtful and caring people like you! Your generous gift will make a big impact and we are truly grateful for your continues support. —Stevens County Food Shelf



"One medium, one medium rare, one medium well, one very well, one just between medium and medium rare, and one almost rare."



"Welcome to our church—even though you are sitting in our family pew...."

THIS N' THAT

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, July 4 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund

Communion: Elizabeth Harris

Acolyte: Lydia & Isabel Fynboh

Lector: Cathy Anderson

Video: Mike Odello

TV slides: Ward Voorhees

Sunday, July 11 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Dave Jungst, Lindy Ekola

Acolyte: Sarah & Shannon Dougherty

Lector: Amy Dougherty

Video: Kyle Dougherty

TV slides: Steve Wagner

Sunday, July 18 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Barry & Nancy Erdahl, Doug Ehlers

Communion: Sharon Ehlers

Acolyte: Ellen Reed & Madelyn Grove

Lector: Sharon Ehlers

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Judy Buro

Sunday, July 25 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Steve & Jill Van Kempen

Acolyte: Madelyn Siegel & Brienna Dybdahl

Lector: Jim Krosch

Video: Steve Wagner

TV slides: Steve Just

HAPPY *Birthday*

- July 1: Sharon Ehlers
July 2: Justin Anderson, Cheryl Hawkinson
July 3: Dorwin Tschetter, Al Watson
July 4: Dolores Crow, Natalie Ketterling, Steven Sarlette
July 5: Paul Grove
July 6: Lori Anderson, Taylor Anderson, Reid Ketterling
July 7: Laura Anderson
July 8: Dennis Fuhrman, Ben Staples
July 9: Rich Buro
July 10: Dustin Anderson, Jacoby Burnett, Brekk Huebner, Sharon VanAlstine, Victor Youle
July 11: Shelley Beyer
July 12: David Evenson, Todd Staples
July 13: Brittany Harrison, Thomas Wulff
July 15: Rebecca Holland
July 16: Ardell Anderson, Gordon Dalseide, Brian Erdahl, Jacob Ulrich
July 17: Charles Henrich Jr., Myron Syverson
July 18: Jennie Odello, Hannah Zehringer
July 20: Ian Grove
July 21: Anna Grove
July 22: Mason Williamson
July 23: Kendra Buro, Joel Harrison
July 25: Ethan Lebrija, Olivia Lebrija
July 26: Damien Warner
July 27: Carole Johnson, Nikki Krosch
July 28: Robi Bowman, Durgin Decker, Tyson Grove, Connor Siegel
July 29: James Carlson, Thomas Holland
July 30: Jon Amundson, David Nelson, Jim VanAlstine
July 31: Rhonda Lair, Greg Thymain

Happy Anniversary

- July 1: Jon & Shana Ulrich
July 6: Cheryl & Keith Hawkinson
July 8: Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger
July 9: Matt & Cari Burnett
Charles & Helen Yerigan
July 18: Brian & Ann Erdahl
July 20: Eugene & Cathy Anderson
July 21: Dennis & Anita Neisius
July 23: Bob & Vicki Dalager
July 30: Ray & Jane Johnson



Lunch Bunch meets the first Wednesday of each month. Please join us on Wednesday, July 7th at Old #1 at 11:30am. All are welcome!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>5 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</p>	<p>6 11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>7 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Old #1</p>	<p>8 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)</p>	<p>9 12:00pm Friedman's Fables study (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11 9:30am Worship</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>14 10:00am Luther Crest Gratitude Gathering <i>(invite only event)</i></p>	<p>15 7:00pm Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>16 12:00pm Friedman's Fables study (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>21 12:00pm Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>22 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)</p>	<p>23 12:00pm Friedman's Fables study (Gathering Room)</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25 9:30am Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 7:00pm Church Council Meeting</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

July

COUNCIL MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting Tuesday, May 25, 2021

The May meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met by teleconference through Zoom on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 and was called to order by President Eugene Anderson at 7:02pm. Present: Eugene Anderson, Tony Feuchtenberger, John Dosedall, Jason Reed, Allyn Plattner. Absent: Jackie Huebner and Peggy Jergenson. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye. A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from April 27, 2021 were read to each council member. No corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were emailed to each member. No discussion was held concerning the reports. Allyn Plattner will meet with Laurie at Morris & Assoc. and prior Council Treasurer, Naomi Fynboh.

Pastor's Report: A written report was emailed to each council member. Pastor spoke on some of the highlights in his report, including Faith Lutheran Church, a farewell to Brad and Ana Miller family, upcoming Bishop election, and vacation time.

Committee Reports:

- Property Committee: John said the roof on the Bell Tower has already been taken care of.

Old Business

- Memorial/Donation gifts: the Task Force will meet again soon. Tony will talk to the congregation to possibly hear of any ideas.
- Council Treasurer Position: Allyn Plattner has agreed to be Council Treasurer. He will need to be added to the bank signature card at Riverwood Bank.
- Community Garden: the ground has been tilled and planted, along with trimming of the vineyard.
- Pastor Dan has signed a contract with Faith Lutheran Church to help them during the time they seek an interim or a called pastor.

New Business

- Outdoor Worship: discussion was held about holding some outdoor worship services this summer at Eastside park. These services would not be broadcasted on Facebook.
- Vacation Bible School: we are partnering with Faith Lutheran Church and other area churches for this summer's VBS, to be held July 26-30 at Faith Lutheran. Jeanne Williamson will be the contact person for First Lutheran. Volunteers are needed.
- Coffee Hour: discussion was held on having the Service Groups serve Coffee/Fellowship Hour following the worship service. The congregation will be polled to see if there is enough interest.
- Next council meeting: Tuesday, June 29 at 7:00pm

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

Approved/edited by Jason Reed, Council Secretary

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Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 2:00pm
Federated: Channel 6
MediaCom: Channel 117

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