

May 2025

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)
Chosen by Christ. Empowered to Serve.

Let's **Celebrate!**

SUNDAY, MAY 18

➔ 10:00AM IN THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Family
BINGO

Celebrate the end of the Sunday school year with fun for all ages! Bingo prizes for all ages, preschool through adult.

2025
Class of

Come and congratulate our graduating high school seniors and wish them the best for the future!

➔ CAKE, ICE CREAM & COFFEE SERVED!



➔ 11:00AM WORSHIP

with special recognition of our graduating high school students

Sponsored by First Lutheran Church WELCA (Women of the ELCA) with funding from Thrivent. If anyone has items they would like to donate for prizes, please contact Sharon Ehlers. It is an all age bingo, so a variety of prizes will be needed. Monetary donations would also be appreciated for purchasing prizes.

Seniors on the Move



Save the Date for the Next Adventure!!

Join us on Tuesday, May 27 from 1:00pm - 4:00pm as we take a driving tour of local barn quilts, with Ward Voorhees as narrator. Meet in the church parking lot (elevator side). Watch for the sign-up sheet!

Coffee Hour is served in the fellowship hall before the worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. The **Hope Service Group** is on the schedule to serve coffee hour during the month of May. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Lunch Bunch Wednesday, May 7 at 11:30am at Mi Mexico in Morris. All are welcome to join us!

Pies ... Pies... Pies... Thank you to all who helped bake pies and those who purchased pies this spring! You are invited to help designate the priority ministries and charities this fundraiser can support in our upcoming First Lutheran Women of the ELCA meeting. We are hoping to continue our spring pie baking event in 2026. All fruit that we had frozen in the freezer at church is used up. That means we will need your help. Our rhubarb pies are especially popular when we do a spring sale. If you are willing to donate and cut up your own fruit, please put the fruit in containers or freezer bags with the number of cups labeled and dated. We have a freezer available at church to store the fruit in. If you have **rhubarb** or **apples** this year and would like to donate for our pies but are not able to cut them up yourselves, please contact Sharon Ehlers 320-808-4500 or Emilie Brustuen 719-440-8575 or leave your name with Rita at the church office, 320-589-3242.

Newsletter Deadline for the June newsletter is noon on Thursday, May 22.

Spring Salad Supper The Federated Church Women's Fellowship cordially invites all to their Spring Salad Supper on Tuesday, May 13 starting at 6:00pm. A meal of delicious salads will be served, with a short program.

Zipporah Bible Study meets on Thursday, May 15 at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall.

Follow us on Facebook and send us a friend request at "Morris-First Lutheran Church." Our worship services are live-streamed on Sundays at 11:00am. We also try to add current event photos and updates to Facebook.

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: 2:30pm - 3:30pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays: 5:30pm - 6:30pm; Wednesdays and Fridays: 10:30am - 11:30 am. You can reach the food shelf at 320.589.7436.

Share & Care Quilters meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 9:00am in the sewing room (lower level) to sew and put together quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Come and join the group! Sewing skills are NOT required as there are other talents needed.

Pastoral Visit If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church office and a pastor will be contacted to visit you. Even though you may be asked your religious affiliation during check-in, the hospital staff can not share that information without you specifically requesting they contact your church.

Daily Grace Need an on-the-go companion for your faith journey? Just go to the Women of the ELCA website (www.womenoftheelca.org) and sign up for the "Daily Grace." Reflect, pray, and prepare for the day.

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.venmo.com.

Social Hour at Legacy Living is held each Wednesday at 2:30pm for residents and friends. On the third Wednesday of each month, friends from First Lutheran supply the treats/goodies. Help may be needed occasionally....a batch of cookies or a cake; just something simple. All are welcome to join us anytime. If interested in helping out, contact Cheryl at 314-570-0700 or Marlene at 320-589-3879.

2015 Synodical Women's Organization Convention

Saturday, May 3, 2025 at Vinje Lutheran Church, 1101 Willmar Ave., Willmar MN
Registration Fee: \$25

Opening worship with Holy Communion with Bishop Dee Pederson officiating
Keynote Speaker: Rev. Nancy Hansen

Theme: "I Love to Tell the Story" Theme Verse: Joel 1:3 Theme Hymn: "I Love to Tell the Story"

There will be a trailer for In-Kind Offerings this year. In-Kind Donations: Quilts for LWR, Kits for LWR and Global Health Ministries. Convention offerings: 50% to Churchwide Women, 25% to Men in Mission, 25% to Willmar area outreach. Katie's Cans will be available at lunch. Bring your loose change for Katie's Fund.

Convention schedule:

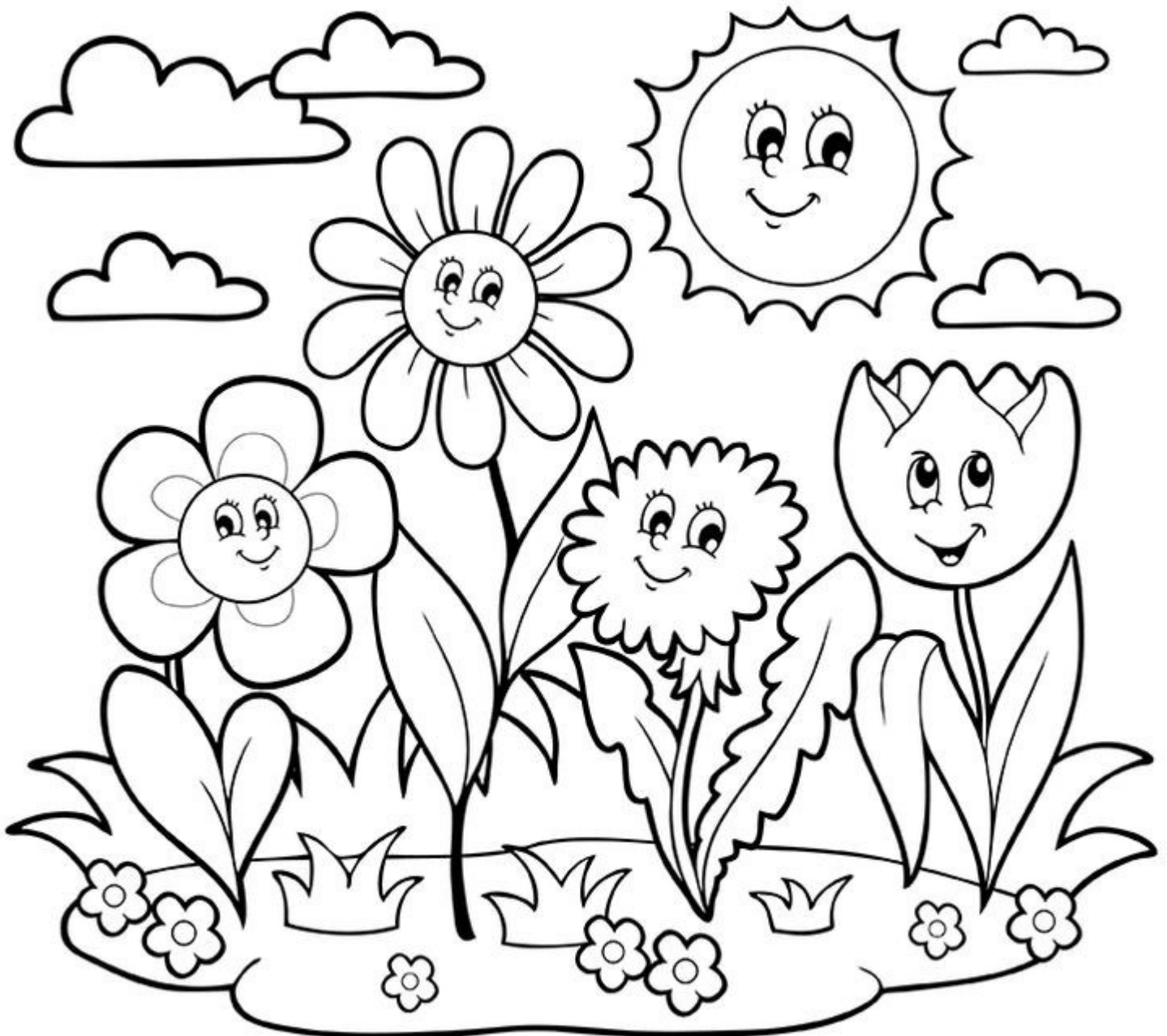
7:30am In-Kind Offering Drop Off begins

8:00am Registration begins

9:00am Opening Worship, In-Kind Offering ends

12:00pm Lunch

4:00pm Convention closes





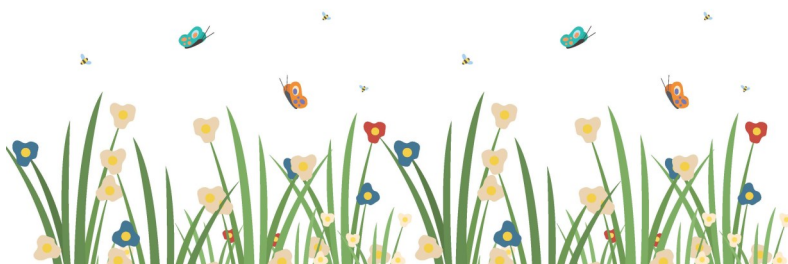
On Wed., April 16, Element ate popcorn and watched "47 Days with Jesus" at First Lutheran.



MAY 7TH- LAST ELEMENT NIGHT

- ROOTBEER FLOATS
- PARENTS ARE WELCOME
- LESSON/GAME

MAY 29TH- LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



SR. HIGH FUSION SCHEDULE (Grades 9 - 12)

- Sunday, May 4: 11:30am - 1:00pm Bible verse flower activity at Faith Lutheran; pizza lunch to follow
- Wednesday, May 14: 6:30-8:00pm End of year party at the Morris Bowling Alley

Fusion BIBLE and BREAKFAST: 7:15-8:00am | Morris at Faith Lutheran and Hancock at Alberts

- Friday, May 2: Bible and Breakfast
- Friday, May 9: Bible and Breakfast
- Friday, May 16: Bible and Breakfast (Morris only)

Please check out Fusion's updated website for more information.

www.fusion-ministry.com Join us on social media Facebook@fusion56267 and Instagram@fusion56267 Email: fusionministry.connect@gmail.com



MAY WORSHIP SERVANTS

| SUNDAY, MAY 4 11:00am: Worship | SUNDAY, MAY 11 11:00am: Worship HC | SUNDAY, MAY 18 11:00am: Worship | SUNDAY, MAY 25 11:00am Worship HC Blue |
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| Ushers: Al Harris Judy & Chance Buro | Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just Ward Voorhees | Ushers: Dick Smith Dennis Feuchtenberger Michael Bjorklund | Ushers: Bob Heck Al & Julie Monroe |
| Lector: Allyn Platter | Lector: Steve Just | Lector: LeAnn Dean | Lector: Sharon Ehlers |
| Acolytes: Cooper Nesvig Lilly Nesvig | Acolytes: Zoe Krosch Kenzie Just | Acolytes: Lucy Feuchtenberger Giana Feuchtenberger | Acolyte: Aubrey Williamson Ashlyn Williamson |
| | Communion Prep: Kahla Gillespie (bread) | | Communion Prep: Judy Buro (wafers) |
| | Communion Servers: Ward Voorhees Elizabeth Harris Vicki Dalager | | Communion Servers: Sharon & Doug Ehlers Emilie Brustuen |
| Video: Mike Odello | Video: Dave Jungst | Video: Tony Feuchtenberger | Video: Dave Jungst |
| TV slides: Nesvig | TV slides: Isaac Just | TV slides: Sawyer Fynboh | TV slides: Chance Buro |
| Nursery: Pam Wiese | Nursery: Amy Dougherty | Nursery: Jone Anderson | Nursery: Lindy Ekola |
| Accompanist: Deb Mahoney | Accompanist: Jennie Odello | Accompanist: Deb Mahoney | Accompanist: Suzanne Smith |

HAPPY Birthday

May 5: Zachary Huebner
 May 6: Abigail Anderson, Diane Dosdall,
 Estelle Feuchtenberger, Craig Knochenmus
 May 8: Ty Flower
 May 9: Andrew Ulrich, Wesley Odello
 May 10: Richard Hawkinson
 May 13: Justin Anderson, Kevin Williamson
 May 15: Kenneth Grunig
 May 17: Brady Krusemark
 May 18: Isaac Just
 May 20: Eric Smith, Charles Yerigan
 May 21: Greta Hentges
 May 22: Elizabeth Harris, Jacqui Hills
 May 23: Carol Day, Tammy Roth
 May 24: Mary Huebner
 May 26: Jared Flower, Andi VanKempen
 May 27: Charli Erdahl
 May 31: Ken Keller

Video/Audio Techs Needed!



Join us on Sunday, May 18 following the worship service for an introduction to see how easy it is to run the equipment, and ask/answer questions on how it all works. It really is easy to do!

HAPPY Anniversary

May 9: Mark & Deb Mattheis
 May 20: Barry & Nancy Erdahl
 May 22: Marisa & Brian Knutson
 May 26: Wayde & Laura Peterson
 May 27: Ken & Noreen Grunig

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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|  | | | | 1 | 2 7:15am Fusion Bible & Breakfast | 3 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran |
| 4 10am Coffee/Fellowship 10am Sunday school 11am Worship 11:30am Fusion Bible verse activity at Faith; pizza lunch to follow | 5 | 6 11am Pastors' Text Study 2pm Worship & Music Meeting | 7 11:30pm Lunch Bunch at Mi Mexico 6:30-8pm Element at First | 8 9am Share & Care (quilting group) | 9 7:15am Fusion Bible & Breakfast | 10 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran |
| 11 10am Coffee/Fellowship 11am Worship HC | 12 | 13 11am Pastors' Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/Widowers at Old #1 7pm Council Meeting | 14 6:30-8pm Fusion Year End Party at Bowling Alley | 15 2pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall | 16 7:15am Fusion Bible & Breakfast (Morris only) | 17 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran Babysitting Clinic at First |
| 18 10am Family Bingo & Graduate Celebration 11am Worship Audio/Video tech intro following worship | 19 | 20 11am Pastors' Text Study | 21 | 22 9am Share & Care (quilting group) 12pm Newsletter Articles Due | 23 | 24 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran |
| 25 10am Coffee/Fellowship 11am Worship HC | 26 Memorial Day Church office closed | 27 11am Pastors' Text Study | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 8am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran |

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

Rita is in the church office Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, but is available Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 4:00pm by phone call or text (320-287-2384) or email (office@flcmorris.org)

SUPPORT MISSIONARY for the DAY

- April 6 In memory of Howard K. and Helen Olson on the anniversary of their wedding
April 7 In memory of Roger Domine from Jo Solvie
April 8 In memory of Donna Koosman from Jo Solvie
April 17 In loving memory of Lenore Anderson on her granddaughter's birthday from Shannon
April 20 In memory of Sharon Munsterman from Emilie Brustuen
April 21 In memory of Ronald Kohlman from Emilie Brustuen
April 22 In memory of John Berres from Emilie Brustuen
April 23 In memory of John Joseph Le Duc from Emilie Brustuen
April 25 Happy Birthday Marlene Seip from Carol Day
April 26 In memory of Eugene Day from Carol Day
- April 13 ELCA Lutheran Worship radio broadcast given by the congregation of First Lutheran

You can sponsor the missionaries of the ELCA for \$15 per day. You may give this in memory, or in honor of someone. Contact the church office for more information, or to sponsor at date.



"The doctor told me I need to burn some fat, so I'm grilling a steak!"

CHUCH COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: APRIL 15, 2025

Committee Reports:

- **Education:** no report
- **Property:** committee did not meet; new tract lighting has been installed and the ceiling fans in the sanctuary have been replaced. The kitchen oven and coffee maker will be looked at and serviced.
- **Mission and Evangelism:** no report
- **Worship and Music:** written minutes were given out to the council

Communications:

- a letter was received from Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Chokio about pastoral needs

Old Business:

- The Ministry Site Profile has been submitted.
- Pastor Matt Orendorff from The Federated Church will be pulpit supply at First for the entire month of May.
- funds removed from the ELCA Investment Fund last year will be placed in a CD for the time being

New Business:

- Call Committee is ready to start meeting
- discussed holding a joint meeting with synod and other area churches that are also seeking pastoral leadership
- substitute accompanist pay was reviewed and updated
- The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13 at 7:00pm. Devotions by Matt.

MARCH'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$12,388.81 March giving

\$16,136.77 March Expense

\$52,635.64 Year-to-Date Giving

\$61,184.82 Year-to-Date Expenses

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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 or 117-2 (*digital*)

STAFF

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Rita Bye, Office Manager office@flcmorris.org

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Deb Mahoney, Accompanist

CHURCH COUNCIL

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