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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

July 2020

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30am Worship
via Facebook Live
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

Friends and Members of First Lutheran,

“To lament is part of being human...” So writes Bishop Jon Anderson of our SW Minnesota Synod.

We are living in a time of tumult and testing. The recent death of George Floyd opened up an old wound in our society. We have seen the virus of racism and also of economic inequality lift up their heads. I believe the two are deeply interwoven. We lament the many ways that we are impacted by Covid-19. The closures, sickness, loss of jobs or businesses struggling, or closing, the death caused by this disease. We lament lost opportunities, like being able to meet in person to worship. We lament not being able to spend time with family, grandchildren, friends, and others. These are challenging times.

We also lament the way that the virus of racism continues to create pain and division in our society. I will quote our Bishop, for his words are timely, and they also closely reflect some of my thinking:

I want to invite you to make space and time in your life personally and communally to lament... to express your pain and frustration, grief, and sadness. In your communal and personal faith life find the time to honestly speak, pray about our disappointments, anger, fears and longings. Part of lament is articulating what we are feeling, thinking, or longing for, normally focused on our God. Another part is to take the time to listen.... to God, to your community, and to one another. For example, we need to lament the pain and deaths of Rayshard Brooks, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, Drasjon (Sean) Reed. There have been many others who lost their lives. There have been others whose lives have been derailed and damaged, if not destroyed by the virus of racism, white privilege, and racial violence of many kinds in our history...(end quote)

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I know I am challenged to be more aware of how my own thinking and actions, or simply unawareness, impact others. I pray and I am hopeful that God will use these times we are living in to help us all create a more just, equitable and hopeful future for children and adults of every single color of people. May God grant us the "fruit of the Spirit" as we continue in this time of pandemic and challenge: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:24). We are all human. We all share this world. We all want to be treated the same: with dignity and kindness.

Pastor Dan Belgum

FIRST THINGS & ETC.

Parking Lot services We will begin parking lot services on Sunday, July 5th at 9:30am. We will use the parking lot of the county courthouse and our own and will have speakers set up. We ask that you give adequate space between you and others. We will have some marks on the pavement to show where to park. We will meet at the usual time: 9:30am. We will be sending more information online with details.

Newsletter Deadline for the August newsletter is noon on Monday, July 20th.

2020 Church Without Walls Persons are needed to help plan a Church Without Walls event for 2020. It can be like no other, and all ideas are welcome. If you have thoughts about the FLC service event, please contact Pastor Dan, Emilie Brustuen, or Rita. We are unable to develop the plans without your calling! Please let us know soon.

2020 KMRS Radio Broadcast dates are: July 19, Aug 23, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 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.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 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, Pat Barry, Reid Ketterling, Judy Olson
- 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, Greg Schultz
- 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, Lynn Watzke
- July 29: James Carlson, Thomas Holland
- July 30: Jon Amundson, David Nelson, James VanAlstine
- July 31: Rhonda Lair, Greg Thymain

ANNIVERSARIES

- July 1: Jon & Shana Ulrich
- July 6: Cheryl & Keith Hawkinson
- July 8: Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger
- July 9: 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

WORSHIP SERVANTS

While we are uncertain as to when in-person worshiping will begin again, the worship servant schedule is ready for when that happens!

<u>Usher</u>		<u>Greeter</u>
July 5	B & N Erdahl, T Feuchtenberger	Schneider family
July 12	Just family	Just family
July 19	Maanums, D & L Feuchtenberger	Ulrich family
July 26	A Harris, P & S Grove	VanKempens

<u>Lector</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Nursery</u>
July 5	C Anderson	T Schneider & S Anderson
July 12	K Bolling	Erdahls
July 19	L Feuchtenberger	M Ulrich & J Christians
July 26	A Harris	B Dybdahl & M Grove

<u>Communion Prep</u>	<u>Communion Servers</u>
July 5	J Buro
July 12	R Hokanson
July 19	S Ehlers
July 26	E Harris



MISSIONARY FOR THE DAY



Support Missionary For A Day and honor a loved one \$15.00/day
Pastor Alex LaChapelle is an ELCA missionary serving in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. Alex serves as Country Coordinator for the

Young Adults in Global Mission Program in South Africa. Imagine all that you have to celebrate this month...now bring it as a gift in support of our missionary. Contribute to Missionary for the Day and it will fill out the visual of our daily support calendar. Acknowledge the celebration or contribute anonymously.

- June 1 In memory Pastor George Fisher from Charles & Marlene Seip
- June 2 Happy Birthday Scott Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- June 3 In memory of Steve Wagner's mom from Sharon & Doug Ehlers
- June 4 In memory of Pastor George Fisher from Mary Krattenmaker
- June 5 In memory of Rosella Staples from Cheryl Higgins
- June 7 Happy Birthday Ann Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- June 7 Happy Birthday LaVonne Watson from Bernice Erdahl
- June 10 In memory of Rosella Staples from Cheryl Higgins
- June 11 In memory of our grandparents from Jo Solvie
- June 12 In memory of our parents from Jo Solvie
- June 13 Happy Birthday Evelyn Warnes from Bernice Erdahl
- June 14 In memory of Don Fellows from Arlene and family
- June 15 In memory of Angie Staples from Arlene Fellows
- June 16 In memory of Angie Staples from Dennis & Carole Johnson
- June 17 In memory of Angie Staples
- June 18 In memory of Angie Staples from Allan & Elizabeth Harris

PRAYER REQUESTS

To help our community, First Lutheran Church has placed a “Prayer Request Box” in the front entrance of our building and added a link to our web page, www.flcmorris.org, where anyone may place a prayer request. Requests may be identified as being for Pastor Dan’s eyes only, First Lutheran Staff prayers, Prayer Chain members, Public prayers during worship, All of those or any combination of these options. If you would like a phone call or email from Pastor Dan, please include your phone number and/or email address. He will get back to you as soon as possible.

This service is available to anyone who desires prayer. You do not need to be a member of First Lutheran Church or of any faith community. All are welcome to request prayers – even if your faith feels non-existent or is a bit shaky at this point. We are a group of Lutheran Christians (ELCA) who welcome all regardless of where you are in your faith journey.

In these difficult and uncertain times, it’s easy to feel alone, frightened, confused, and worried about what is happening or going to happen. What will tomorrow bring? There can be a sense of confusion and even the most positive of us can feel like today is a nightmare from which we cannot awaken. Even good news can feel like it is being swallowed up in despair. First Lutheran Church wants to help. We are here to listen and pray for anyone who would like prayers – for any reason.

Jesus Christ promised that wherever two or more are gathered in his name, there he will be with them. He also promised that we would never be alone. In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul reminds us that, we are to “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thess. 5:16-18) and James asks us, “Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 13 & 14) We may not be able to meet in the traditional sense or anoint anyone with oil at this time, but we can still pray for one another and sing songs in our own homes.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

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.

- 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