

August 2023

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



Church Without Walls 2023

Registration Form

Registration can also be complete on-line!

Check out our website at www.flcmorris.org and click on the link!

Sunday, September 10

9:30am-9:45am Kickoff Worship Service

9:45am-11:30am Service Project Work

11:45am-12:14pm Joint Picnic Dinner with Faith Lutheran at Eastside Park

Overview: God's mission has a Church. God's mission is life, life-giving.

Goals: 1. Learn from the community of Morris and the world
2. Respond with gifts of service, resources, talents.

Specifications: We all have a network of work, friendship and family relationships. Within your network of relationships, how might the people, and resources, of First Lutheran Church best utilize their energies in service? Where can work for justice be done? Where can kindness and love be shown? Where can service be accomplished?

Efforts: You are being asked to organize into individual or group work.

Please fill out for each participant, or if choosing a project for an entire family.

1. I'm registering for:

Myself/1 person

My family/ Multiple People-Same Project

2. Name: _____

3. If registering for family/multiple people, list the number of people in group: _____

4. If registering for family/multiple people, list first and last names of each participant:

5. Cell Phone Number (for day of event): _____

6. Email address: _____

Service Activities Selection:

Please select one morning service project. You will go to your project following the morning worship at 9:30am.

Choose your Service Project: (mark only one)

- LWR & Health Mission Kits Assembly (on site project) Sunday school children and adults needed
- Cookies for hospitality (on site project)
- Creative Arts Table (on site project)
- West Wind Village: window washing and grounds clean-up (off site project)
- Morris Public Library: cleaning (off site project)
- Options for Women Morris: general clean-up and sorting (off site project)
- Someplace Safe Store: clean-up and sorting (off site project)
- City Park Baseball Fields: (off site project) Bring gloves for clean up. This project is shared with Faith Lutheran
- Eastside Park: (off site project) Bring gloves for raking playgroup chips and grounds clean-up.
- Courage Cottage: (off site project) Music, Chalk Art and grounds clean up. Bring your own things.
- Food Preparations for Picnic (off site project): prepare, serve, clean up
- Other (contact Tim Grove)

Is there anything else you would like event organizers to know about? i.e. You may state: I/We will work ANY PROJECT. Please describe any special needs or accommodations necessary. Call or text Emilie at 719-440-8575 with any questions.

Liability Release Agreement: I/We understand that there are inherent risks involved in any service project, and I/we hereby release First Lutheran Church, its staff and volunteers from any and all liability due to any injury, loss, or damage to person or property that may occur during the course of my/our involvement with Church Without Walls. I understand that I/we may be photographed or videotaped by First Lutheran or Faith Lutheran Churches while participating in Church Without Walls, and authorize the use of those photos in any church advertising/website use. By signing below, you agree to the above release.

Signature(s)

Date: _____

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

Justin & Lori Anderson	Ryan & Summer Anderson	Ray & Robi Bowman
Judy Buro	Matt & Cari Burnett	LeAnn Dean
Kellie Hentges	Linda Holland	Craig & Katie Knochenmus
Gary & Corrine Knochenmus	Matt & Natasha Mortenson	Dave Nelson
Dale Peterson	Allyn & Hannah Plattner	Chris & Bobbie Siegel
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, August 2 at 11:30am in the church parking lot to car pool to Buddie's in Hancock. Join us...all are welcome!
- ☐ **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 occasionally, contact Cheryl at 314-570-0700 or Marlene at 320-589-3879.
- ☐ **2023 KMRS Radio Broadcast** last available date is November 12. 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 September newsletter is noon on Wednesday, August 23.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, August 24 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, August 8th 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.

First Lutheran Women of the ELCA

While you are out shopping for school supplies for the next school year, please consider purchasing items to donate to Lutheran World Relief School kits. We will hold a packing event again on Sunday, September 10 with assistance from the First Lutheran Church Sunday School students. In addition to the school kits, we will be packing Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits.

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



Ministry Celebration
 Wednesday, August 16 from 6:30-7:30 pm
 at Faith Lutheran Church
We want to THANK YOU for your support.
 Enjoy a dessert. Hear about how Fusion
 Ministry is making a difference students' lives.



Home Visits/Calls
Visitation
 MINISTRY
 If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a visit, or even just a phone call visit, please contact the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact church office without permission.
 In the event of an emergency, please call Rita's cell phone at 320-287-2384 and she will get in contact with a local pastor.

We are in need of Crystal Light (or the Essential Everyday brand) plastic containers! Please save them and drop off at the church office. We use them as Thankoffering containers. Thank you!

Our Mission.....First Lutheran WELCA

Mission is our main focus. We try to collect supplies and send kits and quilts to Lutheran World Relief www.lwr.org and Global Health Ministries www.GHM.org.

Share and Care Quilters meet the second and fourth Thursday mornings during the school year.

Information on the mission projects we support is found under the Members tab on the website. Please consider working on these projects at home, donating items/supplies, or helping the Share and Care Quilters.

The final touch point date of **August 27** will allow small group discussions to review progress and prepare for packing. We will meet during coffee hour (10:30am) on these dates. Bring whatever you have shopped for or made. Ask questions, work together.

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

- July 4 In honor of our veterans from Ron & Deanna Rosen
- July 7 In memory of Arlene Fellows from Nile Fellows
- July 12 In memory of Sylvia Yarger from Kay Werpy and family
- July 13 In memory my brother Gary Kopitzke from Marlene Seip
- July 18 In memory of Janet Staples from her family
- July 19 In memory of Greg Staples from Robert Staples and family
- July 22 In memory of Bob Van Eps from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
- July 24 In memory of Janet Staples from her family

- July 9 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Sylvia Yarger

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.



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 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	2 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Buddie's in Hancock (meet at church parking lot)	3 1:15pm Worship & Music Mtg	4	5 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
6 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	7	8 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/Widowers at Old #1	9	10 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	11	12 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
13 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	14	15 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting	16 6:30-7:30pm Fusion Ministry Celebration at Faith Lutheran	17	18	19 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
20 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship	21	22 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	23 12:00pm Newsletter Deadline	24 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	25	26
27 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship with Mission Kit Mtg	28 <i>Feed My Starving Children packing event</i>	29 11:00am Pastor's Text Study <i>Feed My Starving Children packing event</i>	30 <i>Feed My Starving Children packing event</i>	31		

During the summer months, Rita is available Monday through Wednesday 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.

August Worship Servants

Sunday, August 6: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Ushers: Dick Smith, Tom & Heather Schneider family

Nursery: Vicki Dalager

Communion: Sharon Ehlers (bread)

Video: Kyle Dougherty

Lector: Amy Dougherty

Acolyte: Connor Siegel & Abigail Anderson

Comm Servers: Judy Buro, Doug Ehlers, Hannah Schneider

TV slides: Sarah Dougherty

Sunday, August 13: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Steve & Michell Just family

Nursery: Lindy Ekola

Video: Steve Wagner

Lector: Dave Jungst

Acolyte: Kye Suess & Taylor Anderson

TV slides: Isaac Just

Sunday, August 20: 9:30am Worship (Radio Broadcast)

Ushers: Bob Heck, Judy & Chance Buro

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

Lector: Cathy Anderson

Acolyte: Giana Feuchtenberger & Lily Nesvig

TV slides: Sawyer Fynboh

Sunday, August 27: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

Ushers: Al Harris, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund

Nursery: Jone Anderson

Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger (*silver tray*)

Video: Mike Odello

Lector: Denise Odello

Acolyte: Wes & Jennie Odello

Comm Servers: Ward Voorhees, Liz Harris, Tim Grove

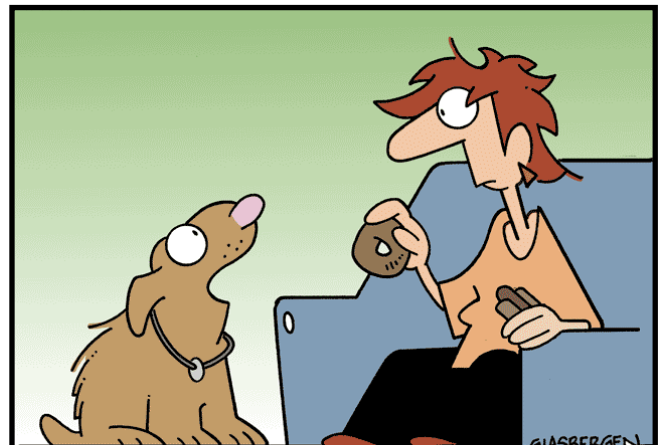
TV slides: Ian Grove

HAPPY Birthday

Aug 2 Sarah Buchanan
Aug 4 Dane Dybdahl, Richard Ross
Aug 5 Wade Ehlers
Aug 6 Mark Anderson
Aug 7 Brenna Jergenson
Aug 11 Dennis Ketterling, Hannah Schneider
Aug 12 Brienna Dybdahl, Emmitt House,
Madilyn Schneider
Aug 13 Bentlee Burnett, Brandon Jergenson,
Kasey Morris, Suzanne Smith
Aug 15 Bob Heck, Abram Suess
Aug 18 Judy Buro
Aug 19 Michael Dalager, Mary Krattenmaker,
Claire Reed
Aug 20 Summer Anderson, Delbert Crow
Aug 23 Brenna Monroe
Aug 24 Jill Dybdahl
Aug 28 Carol Voorhees
Aug 30 Cathy Anderson, Cody Krosch
Aug 31 DiAnn Mithun

HAPPY Anniversary!

Aug 6 John & Diane Dosedall
Aug 7 Gwen & Steve Rudney
Aug 12 Chris & Bobbi Siegel
Aug 13 Magen & Tony Feuchtenberger
Aug 16 Heather & Tom Schneider
Aug 18 Ron & Deanna Rosen
Aug 22 Rob & Peggy Jergenson
Aug 29 Peggy & Randy Lussenden
Aug 29 Rochelle & Jamie Van Kempen



"Rawhide doughnuts, rubber hot dogs, squeaky plastic pork chops....I hate to say this, but you're a lousy cook!"

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Highlights: July 18, 2023

Committee Reports:

- Mission & Evangelism: continuing working on Church without Walls. Will be doing a pork chop feed with Faith.
- Music & Worship: Looking into the possibility of paying the pianist/organist based on weekly instead of salary.

Communications:

- Tony received message from Pastor Emmy to do a free will donation at the pork feed after Church without Walls with splitting the donations 50/50 and our portion to go towards our \$10,000 commitment for Fusion. A motion for our portion of the donations to go towards our \$10,000 commitment to Fusion was seconded and carried.

Old Business:

- Still no names from the Synod for interim. A council member gave a list of names of some people who may be able to be Interim Pastor that will be looked into.

New Business

- Bob will bring the list of building updates to Property Committee.
- Jo Solvie would like to act as a Parish Nurse without having the title of it.
- All proceeds from Luther's Eatery will go into the General Fund.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00pm. LeAnn to give the devotion.

JUNE'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$14,347.09 June Giving	\$18,587.52 June Expenses
\$122,009.34 Year-to-Date Giving	\$149,303.73 Year-to-Date Expenses

Seniors on the Move also known as Senior Ministry

Visited Waska Village in Glenwood on July 20th!



West Central Area Churches are holding a Feed My Starving Children food packing event at the Morris Elementary School Cafeteria on the following days/times:

Monday, Aug 28: 4:30-6:30pm or 7:00-9:00pm

Tuesday, Aug 29: 5:00-7:00pm or 7:30-9:30pm

Wed., Aug 30: 2-4pm, 5-7pm or 6:30-9:30pm

For further information and to sign up, or donate, go to <https://www.fmssc.org/get-involved/volunteer>. Under MobilePack Events, look for "2308-097EA West Central Area Churches." You can also contact Robin at 320-226-1902 or drsmith@fedtel.net. Thank you for your support!

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Morris-First Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am

Broadcasted live via Facebook
and YouTube; recorded services
available on our website.

Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 2:00pm

Federated: Channel 6

MediaCom: Channel 117

STAFF

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CHURCH COUNCIL

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