

August 2022

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

“O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, God’s steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 118:1)

We are living in a time of incredible technological advancement, miracles of human ingenuity.

Now far beyond the invention of the wheel, to today’s James Webb Space Telescope, GPS, and the global internet system. Yet, with all our knowledge and genius, today society continues to be challenged by environmental distress, war, racial mistrust and tension, denial, changing international alliances, conspiracy theories, and misinformation.

This can make us wonder “where is truth” and “where is hope”?

The Bible, the Scriptures, is our source for truth, life, clarity of purpose, comfort, peace, ethical living, hope and salvation. God’s Word is Jesus Christ, who reveals God’s purposes and salvation. He is “*the Word made flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.*” (John 1:14) Jesus Christ comes us in Word and Sacrament, God’s grace and truth revealed in our humanity. He is our healing and salvation! And “he has given us a *living hope*, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1: 3)

In him, grace and truth, reconciliation and God’s divine purpose, are revealed. (John 1:1)

Every day is a good day to renew our worship life turning our gaze to the Living God in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. On other occasions turning our gaze to the Holy One, in lament, weakness, and tumult, imploring God for mercy, guidance, grace and peace.

“Grace happens!” A campus chaplain many of us knew and loved, used to say this.
Where is grace happening in your life?

In the midst of the joys and troubles of life, may you and I hear God’s voice and turn our gaze to Christ each day. Surely he is our Salvation, who has promised “I am with you always”! He comes to us as gently as a whisper.

“Let’s keep a firm grip on the promises that keep us going. God always keeps God’s word. Let’s see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, not avoiding worshipping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching. (Hebrews 10: 24-25, *The Message*)



Church Without Walls 2022

Sunday, September 11

9:30-9:50am Worship & Send-off

10:00-11:30am Service Projects

11:45am-12:30pm Lunch at Pomme de Terre Park with Faith Lutheran

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 bring forth ideas, small or great, that can be organized into individual or group work.

Return this form to an usher or to the Church Office by Monday, August 8th.

Late forms accepted. Walk Ins on event day are welcomed. Invite a friend.

This form is designed to be used singly, although some couples may wish to work the same projects. Older children may wish to make their own choices. Younger children will be set up to work with their peers as Sunday School Groups. After receiving responses, the Mission & Evangelism planners will determine which/how many projects may be conducted. Planners will contact people to confirm their service for the day. Project Leads will be notified by 8/17/2022. Project Participants will be notified by Labor Day.

Church Without Walls Sunday, September 11, 2022

Name(s): _____

Best Phone Contact: _____

E-mail: _____

1. Name a *new* thing where people of First Lutheran may work in service, to enhance our community in some way.

2. Given the list of past projects, please check ✓ all the projects for which you have experience. Then, with the same list of projects, place an X next to projects that you think might be nice to try. Next, circle your top three choices for which you would like to serve.

_____ PERSONAL CARE KITS, NEWBORN KITS, HEALTH KITS, SCHOOL KITS

_____ COOKIE BAKING

_____ CARD MAKING

_____ PICNIC FOOD PREPARATION/CLEAN-UP

_____ WESTWIND VILLAGE

_____ OPTIONS FOR WOMEN

_____ SOMEPLACE SAFE

_____ MORRIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

_____ STEVENS COUNTY DEVELOPMENT ACHIEVEMENT CENTER (DAC)

_____ COMMUNITY PARK/CITY CLEAN-UP

_____ BALL PARKS CLEAN-UP

_____ HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP

_____ MORRIS AREA SCHOOLS GROUNDS & BLEACHER CLEAN-UP

All of the projects listed are not necessarily offered, but will be developed if we have willing individuals.

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.

Signature (s) _____ Date: _____

June 2022 Church Council Minute Highlights

Pastor's Report: Highlights included: Church without Walls, Harvest Festival in October, Sunday school and Education Committee.

Committee Reports:

- Mission & Evangelism Committee will be making plans to participate in Church without Walls on September 11 and share in a meal with Faith Lutheran.
- Worship & Music Committee met this month and have chosen hymns for the upcoming services.
- Youth/Education Committee met and discussed holding Sunday school twice a month from 8:30-9:30am.
- Property Committee has not met recently. Council briefly discussed finding a handy man to do small repair projects around the church building and grounds.

Old Business

- New pew cushions have been installed.

New Business

- Discussed if the worship sign-in sheets should continue. The council agreed they could be discontinued.
- Cub Scouts have expressed their willingness to extend their help at church in some way. Discussion was held on possibly having them help at Luther's Eatery this fall.
- Choir Director: a candidate will be interviewed by the Executive Council. A compensation package was discussed.

July 2022 Church Council Minute Highlights

Pastor's Report: Highlights of Pastor's report were VBS, carpooling to musical at Minnewaska school, Church without Walls, Confirmation Sunday, interview with Choir Director candidate.

Committee Reports:

- Mission & Evangelism: Zougbi's will be visiting FLC this fall, Rita is working on putting the Olivewood carvings on the church's website, a church ad has been placed in the Campus Connection & Morris Chamber booklet.
- Worship & Music Committee met this month and have chosen hymns for the upcoming services. A Music Scholarship will be given this fall.
- Youth/Education Committee had to reschedule their meeting date.
- Property Committee will move their meetings to the first Tuesday of each month.

Old Business

- Dr. Laura Wiebe has been interviewed for the Choir Director position. Discussion was held on various duties and wage. Pastor Dan will contact her to offer her the position.

New Business

- Discussed having Luther's Eatery the same as in the past. After some discussion it was the consensus of the council to only sell pies.
- Next month's meeting will be on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:00pm.

- ☐ **Coffee Hour** is served in the fellowship hall following the worship service on Sunday mornings. The ***Faith 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 the Peace Service Group are:

** Eugene & Cathy Anderson	Greg & Naomi Fynboh	Glen & Kahla Gillespie
Paul & Sandy Grove	Tim & Kristin Grove	Mark & Mary Huebner
**Dave Jungst & Lindy Ekola	Diane Nelson	Mike & Denise Odello
John & Jean Schultz	Sarah & Colby Schultz	Cathy Solvie
Scott Staples	Neil & Pam Wiese	
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, August 3rd at 11:30am at Fireside in Morris. Join us...all are welcome!
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the September newsletter is noon on Tuesday, August 23rd.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, August 18th at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall. Need to drop something off for the Zipporah group? They now have a church mailbox (located in the church office waiting area).
- ☐ **Gatherings for Widows and Widowers** will meet for lunch at noon (12:00pm) on Sunday, August 7th at Common Cup. 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. Listen to KKOK/KMRS for any changes.
- ☐ **Benefit for Marla Miller**, wife of Pastor Julius Miller of Hancock, on Sunday, July 31 from 4-6 p.m. at the Hancock Community Center. There will be grilled hamburgers by West Central Cattlemen, sides and ice cream. There will also be a silent auction and donated items can be dropped off at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church or contact Kate Erdman, 320-287-3583 or Deb Brown. Marla is undergoing treatment for Stage Four Cancer. A fund has been started at Community Development Bank in Hancock or there is a gofundme page <https://gofund.me/14b41f23>. Thrivent financial is helping support this event.
- ☐ **Music Scholarship** the Worship & Music Committee will once again be offering a Music Scholarship this fall. Watch for details in our September newsletter.

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

July 1	In memory of Greg Thraen from Jim & Marian Thraen
July 2	In memory of Art Kahleck from Jim & Marian Thraen
July 11	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Emilie Brustuen
July 12	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
July 13	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Cheryl Higgins
July 14	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Lauren Carlson
July 15	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Marlene Seip
July 16	Happy Birthday Brian Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
July 18	Happy Anniversary Brian & Ann Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
July 19	In memory of Greg Staples from Robert Staples and family
July 20	In memory of Blanche Van Kempen from Marlene Seip
July 21	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Arlene Fellows
July 22	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger
July 23	In memory of Bernice Belgum from Carol Day
July 24	In memory of Janet Staples from her family

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.

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

PLANTING YOUR SPRING GARDEN: For the Garden of Your Daily Living

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

NO GARDEN IS COMPLETE WITHOUT TURNIPS

1. Turnip For Meetings
2. Turnip For Service
3. Turnip To Help One Another

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME

1. Thyme For Each Other
2. Thyme For Family
3. Thyme For Friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE

1. Lettuce Be Faithful
2. Lettuce Be Kind
3. Lettuce Be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

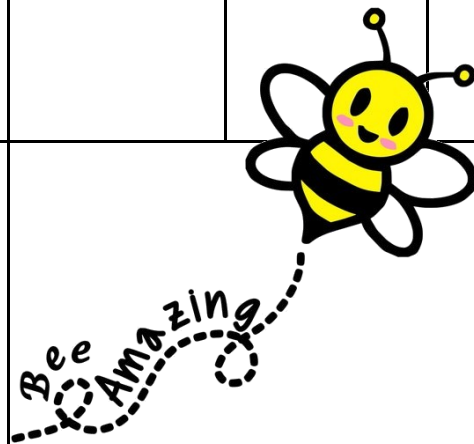
As spring moves into the summer, how are you tending your garden?

Six varieties of squash and two varieties of small pumpkins were seeded on June 10th at the 2022 First Lutheran Church Community Garden.

As our members tend their own gardens, do consider how the extra produce can be used by others.
Be generous to share the abundance!

August 2022

*All worship services are in-person, in addition to being streamed live via Facebook and YouTube.
Recorded services available on our website at www.flcmorris.org*

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 5:30pm WELCA Meeting in Gathering Room 6:00pm Property Committee Mtg	3 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Fireside	4 3:00pm Pastor at West Wind Village (worship)	5 3pm Mission & Evangelism Mtg	6 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
7 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee Hour 12:00pm Gatherings for Widows & Widowers at Common Cup	8	9 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:30pm Worship & Music Meeting	10	11 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10:00am Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship	12	13 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
14 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee Hour	15	16 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting	17	18 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	19	20 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
21 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	22	23 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	24	25 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	26	27 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
28 9:30am Worship HC (Blue Hymnal) 10:30am Coffee	29	30 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	31			

August Worship Servants

Sunday, August 7: 9:30am Worship HC

Ushers: Al Harris, Linda Holland, Kellie & Owen Hentges
Nursery: Bobbi Siegel
Comm Servers: Judy Buro, Emilie Brustuen, Steve VanKempen
Video: Steve Wagner

Lector: Allyn Plattner
Acolyte: Chance Buro & Arora Nemmers
Communion: Liz Harris (*silver tray*)
TV slides: Ian Grove

Sunday, August 14: 9:30am Worship HC Radio Broadcast

Ushers: Dick Smith, Doug & Sharon Ehlers
Comm Servers: Paul Grove, Jim & Jackie Krosch
Nursery: Pam Wiese
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

Lector: Jim Krosch
Communion: Sandy Grove (*silver tray*)
Acolyte: Aaden Schultz & Brayden Carlson
TV slides: Giana Feuchtenberger

Sunday, August 21: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family
Nursery: Lindy Ekola
Video: Dave Jungst

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter
Acolyte: Jaxon Hilbrands & Tyson Grove
TV slides: Isaac Just

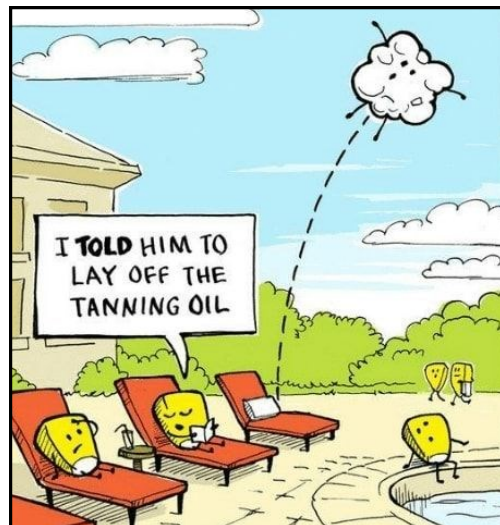
Sunday, August 28: 9:30am Worship HC (Blue Hymnal)

Ushers: Bob Heck, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund
Nursery: Jone Anderson
Comm Servers: Ward Voorhees, Bob Dalager, Cheryl Higgins
Video: Kyle Dougherty

Lector: Karen Bolling
Acolyte: Sarah Dougherty & Kye Sues
Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger (*silver tray*)
TV slides: Taylor Anderson

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 Sues
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 26 Russell Anderson
Aug 28 Carol Voorhees
Aug 30 Cathy Anderson, Cody Krosch
Aug 31 DiAnn Mithun

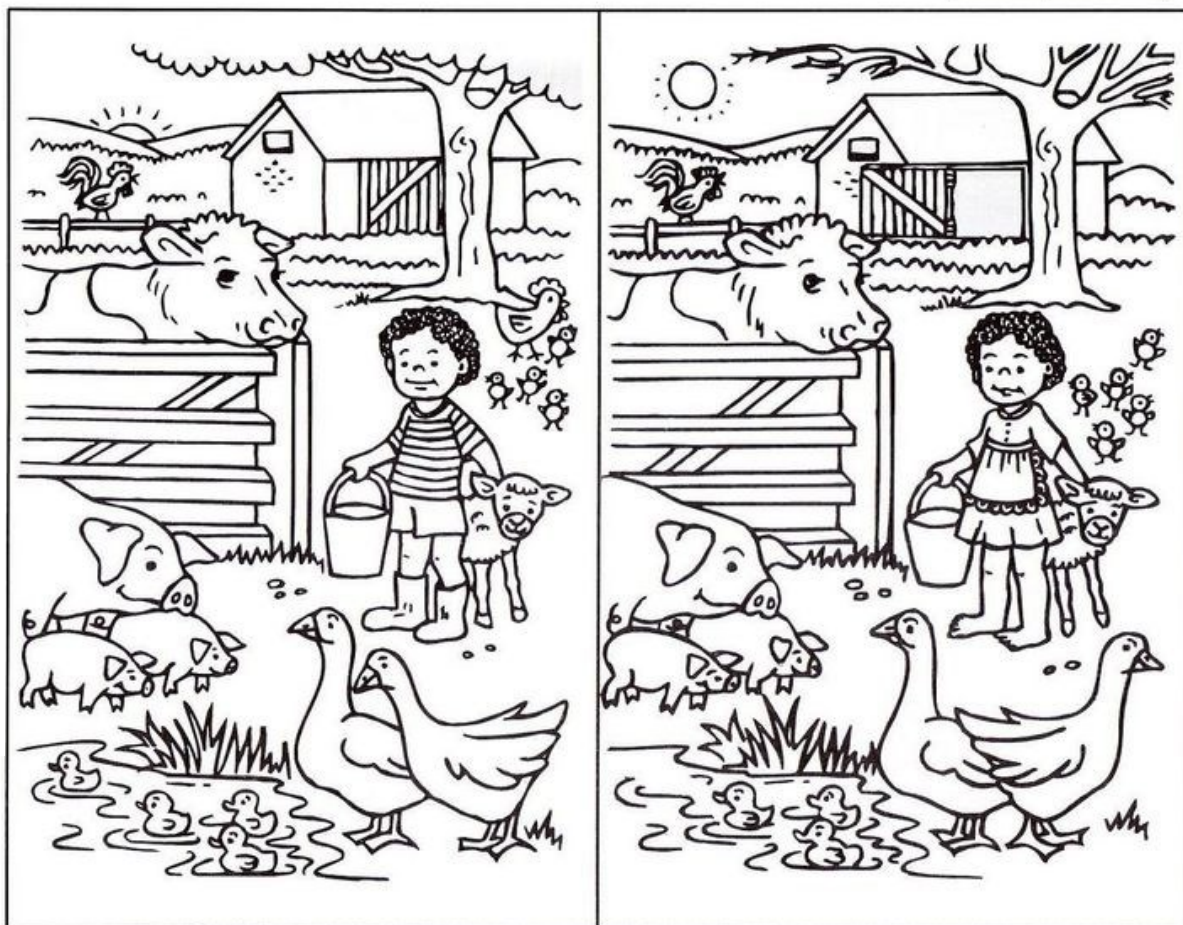


HAPPY
Anniversary!

Aug 6 John & Diane Dossdall
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

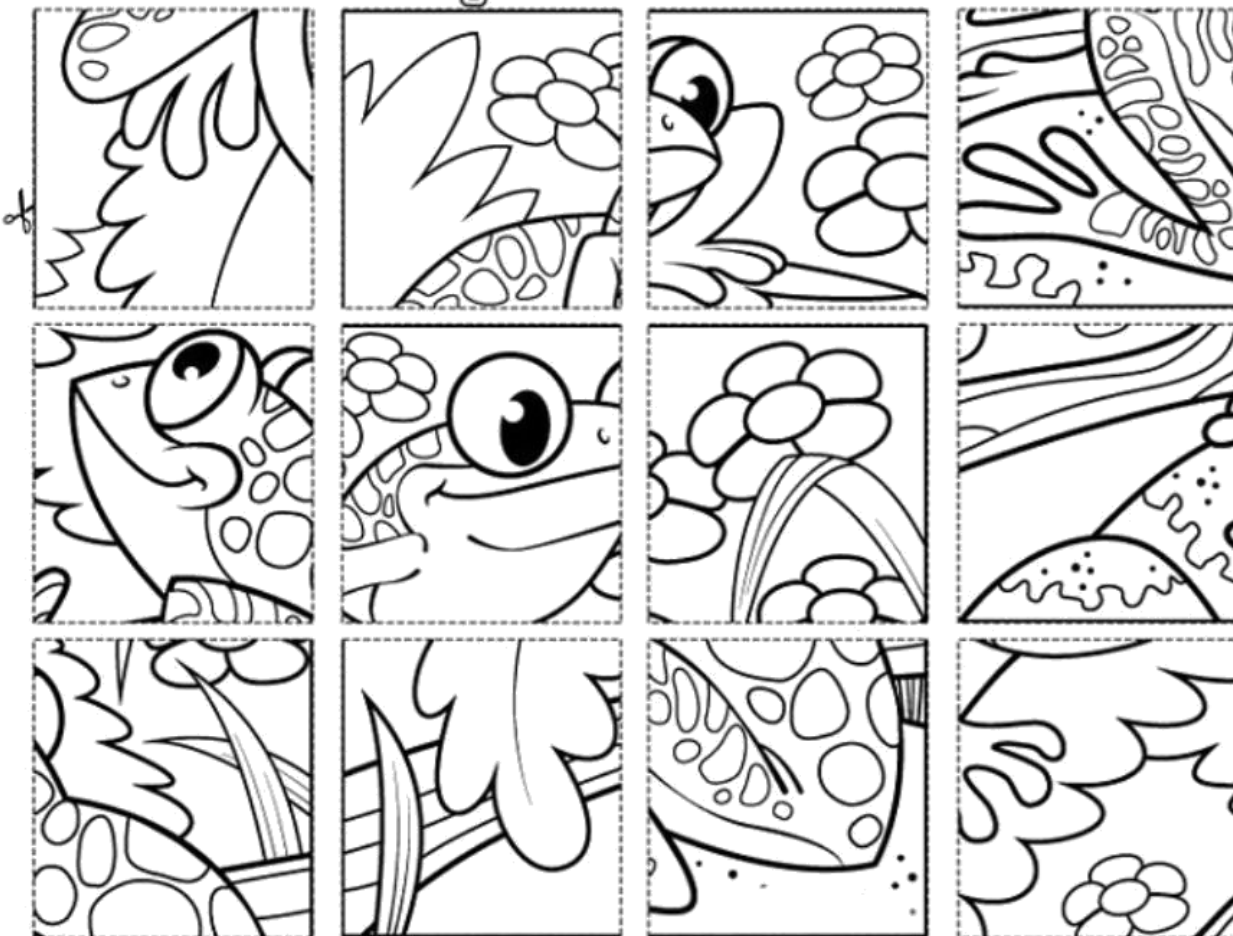
SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you find all the differences in this picture?



Picture Mix-Up

Cut out the squares below and then put them together to make a complete picture.



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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am

broadcasted live via Facebook
and YouTube; also available
on our website.

Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 2:00pm

Federated: Channel 6

MediaCom: Channel 117

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