

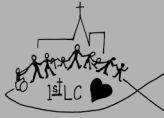
First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

200 East 5th Street, Morris MN 56267

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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



September 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:30am

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

The world-renowned Spanish Catalan cellist and conductor, Pablo Casals, mused on his life:

For the past eighty years I have started each day in the same manner. It is not a mechanical routine but something essential to my daily life. I go to the piano, and I play two preludes and fugues of Bach. I cannot think of doing otherwise. It is a sort of benediction on the house... It is a rediscovery of the world of which I have the joy of being a part. It fills me with awareness of the wonder of life, with a feeling of the incredible marvel of being a human being. The music is never the same for me, never. Each day it is something new, fantastic and unbelievable.

The Psalmist must have felt a similar sense of the wonder.

“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet, you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor (Psalm 8:3-5). “For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made! Wonderful are your works; that I know full well” (Psalm 139: 13-14).

May you find time to reflect, while you sit, or stand; or go for a walk, run, or play the piano, the drums, violin, tuba, guitar or cello, or throw a ball, cook a meal, lift a weight, bale some hay, or write an essay, or paint a painting, and reflect on “the wonder of being human.” Truly, you and I are fearfully and wonderfully made. All of life, and the worlds beyond us, is a miracle...

While I also love music, and Bach, like Casals, for the past 35 years, or so, I have begun each new day differently, by opening the Scripture and reading and trying to pray. I find newness each time I read, and pray, even the same passage I’ve read 100 times before. Always new! The Word is a “living Word”! The Psalms are my favorite book.

I know life is hard and unpredictable. It is also marvelous and a wonder. Yet, I can’t help but marvel at Casals words; his awareness of the wonder of life... of simply being human. And with the psalmist, agree: “This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118: 24)

Pastor Dan Belgum





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

during Prairie Pioneer Days on Saturday, September 11

We need a lot of volunteers! Cashiers, fryers, pie bakers, clean-up workers....all are needed to help make the booth a success. Please sign up for your choice of jobs in the Narthex.

A work day for pie making has been scheduled for: Friday, September 10th starting at 8:00am in the church kitchen to make the pies. Any and all willing to lend a hand (and a pair of good strong arms) is encouraged to help out!



LUTHER'S EATERY PIES

Pre-orders are being taken for fresh baked pies!

First Lutheran bakers will be baking fresh fruit pies to be served at Luther's Eatery Saturday, September 11. In addition to enjoying pie and hamburgers at Prairie Pioneer Day at the fairgrounds, you can also pre-order fruit pies to take home and eat or freeze. Rhubarb, Cherry, Peach, Apple, and Blueberry pies will be baked on Friday, September 10 and will be available for pick up later that day. Cost is \$15.00 per pie.

The deadline to pre-order is Wednesday, September 1st. Orders must be received by noon!

Order forms will be available in the church Narthex. This fundraiser event is being supported with Thrivent Action funds and will benefit First Lutheran WELCA Lutheran World Relief efforts and First Lutheran youth.

Name _____

Telephone Number _____

_____Rhubarb

_____Cherry

_____Peach

_____Apple

_____Blueberry

Total pies _____ X \$15.00 = _____

Make checks payable to "First Lutheran WELCA"

FIRST THINGS

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

- Aug 1 In memory of Luella Peterson from Emilie Brustuen
Aug 2 In memory of Mack Mattson from Dick & Suzanne Smith
Aug 3 In memory of Kenny Lindor from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
Aug 4 In honor of Skip & Vicki Maanum from Ward & Carol Voorhees
Aug 5 Happy Birthday Wade Ehlers from mom and dad
Aug 6 In memory of Kenny Lindor from Emilie Brustuen
Aug 7 In memory of Mack Mattson from Jo Solvie
Aug 8 In memory of John Larson from Jo Solvie
Aug 9 In memory of Kenny Lindor from Jo Solvie
Aug 10 Best wishes to Skip & Vicki Maanum from Marlene Seip
Aug 11 In loving memory of Brian VanHorn from his mother LaVonne Watson
Aug 12 In memory of Leroy Aker from Cheryl Higgins
Aug 13 In honor of Miss Morris, Amber Hausmann from Cheryl Higgins
Aug 14 In appreciation of Skip & Vicki Maanum from Carol Day
Aug 15 In memory of Kenny Lindor from Carole Johnson
Aug 22 In memory of Chuck Seip from Marlene
Aug 23 In memory of Kenny Lindor
Aug 24 In honor of Jim Thraen's sister, Eva Anderson on her 99th Birthday from Jim & Marian Thraen
- Aug 22 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Chuck Seip
Oct 24 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Mack Mattson

Coffee Hour is once again being served in the fellowship hall following the worship service on Sunday mornings. The **Kindness Service Group** is on the schedule to serve coffee hours during the month of September. Please sign up on the church bulletin board across from the office. Those in the Hope Service Group are:

Ryan & Laura Anderson	Kyle & Amy Dougherty	Sheila & Leroy Fahje
Jay & Joleen Hanson	**Allan & Elizabeth Harris	Carole Johnson
Bruce & Laura McCormack	Allen & Julie Monroe	Jason & Selena Reed
Marilyn Smith	Jim & Marian Thraen	Jon & Shana Ulrich
**Ward & Carol Voorhees	Steve & Sherri Wagner	

Newsletter Deadline for the October newsletter is noon on Tuesday, September 21.

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

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon (12:00pm) on Sunday, September 12th 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.

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.

Glacial Ridge Women's Fall Meeting has been cancelled due to Covid concerns.

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.

School Supplies for Lutheran World Relief are being collected this fall. 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.

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.

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.

**First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

The July meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met in person on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 and was called to order by President Eugene Anderson at 7:08pm. Present: John Dosdall, Peg Jergenson, Jackie Huebner, Tony Feuchtenberger, Eugene Anderson Absent: Alyn Plattner and Jason Reed. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum; absent: Rita Bye. A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

Old Business

- Memorial Gift Money: discussed replacing church pew cushions; possible cost of \$4-5,000; also discussed donating money to Chris Richards and Eric Rundquist. John Dosdall also mentioned Katie Ohren. Tony told council that the Executive Council agreed to give 20% of memorial funds outside of church and keep 80% within church. Tony made a motion to donate \$2,000 to Chris Richards, Eric Rundquist and Katie Ohren. Peg second. Motion passed. Tony suggested a letter be sent with the checks. Pastor Dan will draft a letter.

New Business

- Discussed Sunday school - Jeanne Williamson, Megan Feuchtenberger and Heidi Suess may be interested in organizing Sunday school. Tony will discuss with Megan and Education Committee should meet soon.
- Element Youth confirmation (6-8th graders) will meet at First Lutheran this year due to Faith Lutheran not having a pastor.
- The Harvest Festival will be held Oct. 3rd at Carole Johnson's. There will be apple picking, cider making and a wine making demonstration by Steve Just. Would like to involve Fusion Youth with apple picking. A suggestion was made to have the apples picked the prior day. Discussed using memorial gifts to pay for tent rental.
- It was suggested that Pastor Dan discuss the need for funds to the congregation.
- Heather Black will lead the Senior High Youth in painting and decorating the youth room at First Lutheran.
- Eugene and Cathy Anderson drafted a one page article for the newspaper. Rita will submit to newspaper by Thursday.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 7th at 7:00pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Jergenson, Council Member



Sr. High Fusion Youth: Youth in 9th-12th Grade

- Sunday, September 19th: Paintball Trip (see info on next page)
- Sunday, September 26th: Small Group Kickoff @6:30pm at First



Element Schedule: Youth in 6th-8th Grade

- September 15th @6pm: Parents and youth meeting at First Lutheran Church! At least one parent and the youth involved must attend! You will get the complete schedule for the year and lots of more information at this meeting!
- September 22nd @6-7:30pm: Element Kickoff at First Lutheran Church
- September 29th @6-7:30pm: Element at First Lutheran Church

Fusion Youth Ministry Needs:

- We are still in need of a male co-leader for Element. You would be working with the 6th or 8th grade boys group!
- We would also love to provide a Bible study for the parents of Sr. High Fusion and Element to be held on Wed nights. We would need 2 people who would be interested in leading that Bible study with the parents who are interested.

Please Check out Fusion's updated website for more information. www.fusion-ministry.com

Join us on social media Facebook@fusion56267 and Instagram@fusion56267



7th - 12th Graders Sign Up TODAY!!

Cost: \$450 per person

(\$150 Registration due at signup)

We will be doing various fundraisers to help raise the funds to go on this trip!

We will be going with the organization called YouthWorks! In Louisville, we will doing a variety of service opportunities, including working with local organizations that serve children in the community, spending time with the elderly, getting hands-on with work projects, and serving the homeless. Students may serve all or part of the week at a food pantry, clothing distribution

center, park beautification project, soup kitchen, children's program or minor home repairs. In the evenings, explore this beautiful city by playing at Waterfront Park, attending a local church service, visiting Churchill Downs, the home of the Kentucky Derby, and spending time with newfound friends. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 2008.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Heather Black! We look forward to serving on this amazing adventure!!

Why do we do Fusion Youth Ministry? Why is it important?

You have heard it said that pictures are worth a 1000 words...so here you go. These are lives that are being changed through the love that the volunteer adult leaders, parents and pastors are showing to these kids. Think back to some of the positive life changing adventures and experiences that you experienced in school... most likely it was a good friendship, an amazing trip or an awesome teacher that listened and heard you. You may not know all of these kids...and that's because there are 5 different churches represented here! What an amazing thing to have these days. A unified ministry involving so many different views and traditions! What an amazing thing to teach our youth and families. "It's ok to be different and we can be still be unified!" These are the faces (among many more) that we are supporting through Fusion! Through Canoe Trips, Retreats, lunches, nerf wars, service projects, ping pong, bible studies, Element ministry and so much more! God is using Fusion to love and change the lives of the youth in the Morris Area.



Sr. High Fusion Kickoff!

Paintball Trip

Kickoff the 2021-22 School year with some fun! If you are in 9th-12th grade you are invited!
We are heading to Crossfire Paintball in Clearwater, MN.

When: Sunday, September 19th Noon-8pm

Cost is \$35 (plus money for supper on the way home)

You will get 3hrs of playtime, 500 paintballs
and all the equipment needed to have a great time!

Sign Up TODAY! (deadline to signup is Sunday, September 12th)
We will leave at noon from First Lutheran's parking lot!



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_____ Yes, I give _____ permission to attend the paintball trip on Sunday, September 19th with Fusion Youth Ministry. I understand that they will be driven there and back by an adult or parent from Fusion ministry.

_____ Attached is \$35 _____ cash or _____ check # (written out to Trinity Lutheran Church)

_____ I have filled out the waiver online. (from Crossfire Paintball)

<https://www.vantora.com/Paintball/cfp/waiver/default.asp?ev=357878664>

Or go to www.fusion-ministry.com/events and click on the Sr. High paintball event and follow the link to fill out the form.

Attention Youth and Parents!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 19th

- First Day of Sunday school for all Preschooler through 5th grade!
- Bibles will be given (*during the 9:30am worship service*) to new Preschool students, 4th Graders, and the Confirmation Students (6th, 7th & 8th grade)
- Acolyte Training for 6th, 7th and 8th graders at 10:30am. Training will take place after worship in the church sanctuary.

2021-22 Sunday School Information & Schedule

We are excited for a great year of Sunday School at First Lutheran! This year, Sunday School will be held twice each month (except September) *usually* on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month from 10:00am-11:00am. On the other weeks, we encourage children to worship with their families. ***Please carefully note the schedule below for exceptions to the "first and third Sundays."*** We needed to shift a few of these Sundays in order to recognize other events. On Sunday School Sundays, children are welcome to join their families for the beginning part of the service and then to head out for Sunday School at 10:00am. Our SS curriculum follows the readings for each Sunday.

Registration forms are available in the church Narthex and on-line on our website at www.flcmorris.org. Click on EDUCATION tab to register and/or view the class schedule.

The age groups for Sunday School and the schedule for the year look like this:

PreK-Kindergarten together

First and Second Grade together

Third-Fifth Grade together

September 19: First Day of Sunday School

October 10 (*moved due to Harvest Festival Sunday on October 3rd*)

October 17

November 7

November 21

December 5

December 19: Christmas Program

January 9 (*moved due to Christmas and New Year*)

January 16

February 6

February 20

March 6

March 20

April 3

April 10 (*moved due to Easter*)

May 1

May 15: Last Day of Sunday School

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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, Sept 5 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Tim Grove, Lindy Ekola
Communion: Elizabeth Harris
Acolyte: Madelyn Grove & Madelyn Siegel
Lector: Allyn Plattner
Nursery: Vicki Dalager
Video: Dave Jungst
TV slides: Judy Buro

Sunday, Sept 12 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Barry & Nancy Erdahl
Acolyte: Tyler Schneider & Jason Christians
Lector: Ward Voorhees
Nursery: Jone Anderson
Video: Mike Odello
TV slides: Steve Just

Sunday, Sept 19 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger,
and Michael Bjorklund
Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger
Acolyte: Isaac & Sam Just
Lector: Laurie Feuchtenberger
Nursery: Ann Erdahl
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger
TV slides: Steve Wagner

Sunday, Sept 26 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family
Acolyte: Cowan & Grace Mortenson
Lector: Mike Odello
Nursery: Amy Dougherty
Video: Kyle Dougherty
TV slides: Ward Voorhees



Lunch Bunch


meets the first Wednesday of each month. Please join us on Wed., September 1st at The Fireside (across the street from the library) at 11:30am. Come and join us....all are welcome

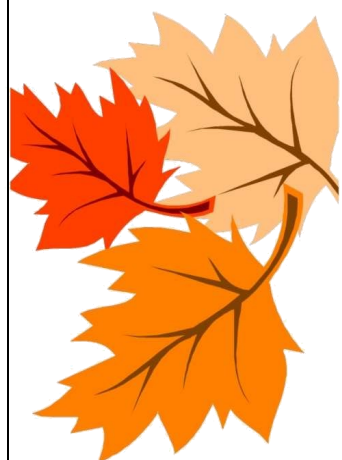
HAPPY *Birthday*

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| Sept 3 | Yvonne Evenson |
| Sept 4 | Linda Holland |
| Sept 5 | Jaelyn Flower, Elizabeth Harrison |
| Sept 6 | Vincent Feuchtenberger, Kahla Gillespie,
Steve Jungst, Michelle Just |
| Sept 7 | Jo Hoffart |
| Sept 8 | Jason Christians, Landyn Lentsch |
| Sept 9 | Gary Knochenmus |
| Sept 10 | Jennifer Mattheis |
| Sept 12 | Benjamin Ehlers, Emily Nelson,
Sarah Schultz, Harvey VanHorn |
| Sept 13 | Don Ritter, Kevin Wevley |
| Sept 14 | Jacob Hanson |
| Sept 17 | Rochelle Anderson |
| Sept 18 | Oliver Averbek, Cari Burnett, Eli Grove |
| Sept 19 | Laura McCormack |
| Sept 20 | Matt Mortenson, Anita Neisius |
| Sept 22 | Riley Decker, Mackenze Grunig,
Mitchell Grunig |
| Sept 23 | John Dossdall |
| Sept 24 | Curtis Quisberg, Wyatt Schultz |
| Sept 25 | Dale Jacobson, Jim Hills |
| Sept 27 | Chance Buro |
| Sept 28 | Robin McCulloch, Lori Wevley |
| Sept 29 | Bess Boever |
| Sept 30 | John Eblen, Kye Suess |

Happy Anniversary

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| Sept 3 | Jim & Jill Beauregard |
| Sept 5 | Allan & Elizabeth Harris |
| Sept 8 | David Jungst & Lindy Ekola |
| Sept 10 | Dale & Lois Peterson |
| Sept 12 | Neil & Pam Wiese |
| Sept 14 | Dale & Zona Jacobson |
| Sept 15 | Jean & John Schultz |
| Sept 17 | Heidi & Neil Suess |
| Sept 21 | Robert & Janis Waller
Dorwin & Millie Tschetter
Dennis & Natalie Ketterling |
| Sept 25 | Doyle & Jone Anderson |
| Sept 28 | Jim & Jacqui Hills |

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<h1>September</h1>						
5 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Coffee Hour	6	7 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 7:00pm Council Meeting	8 6:30pm Fusion Leader Meeting 6:30pm BBB	9 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10:00am Pastor at Skyview Court Worship 10:45am Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship	10 8:00am Pie Making for Luther's Eatery 1:30pm Mission & Evang Meeting	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran Luther's Eatery during Prairie Pioneer Days
12 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour	13	14 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	15 6:00pm Element Parent/ Student Meeting at FIRST 6:30pm BBB	16	17	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
19 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion Bibles distributed during service 10:00-11:00am Sunday school 10:30am Acolyte Training 10:30am Coffee Hour	20	21 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	22 6:30pm BBB	23 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 7:00pm Stewardship Mtg	24	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran 9:30am Stole Making for 9th Grade Confirmation
26 9:30am Worship No Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour	27	28 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:30pm Sons of Norway	29 6:00-7:30pm Element at FIRST 6:30pm BBB	30		



Harvest *Festival*



Sunday, October 3, 2021

**9:30am Outdoor Worship
10am to 12pm Festival Events**

- *Apple Picking**
- *Apple Cider Demo**
- *Homemade Wine Demo**
- *Garden Produce available**

**Located at: 21474 430th Ave., Morris MN
Hosted by Carole Johnson
and sponsored by First Lutheran Church**

**Bring your own lawn chairs and lawn games!
Free Will Donations for Garden Surplus Produce
with proceeds going to Fusion Youth Group**

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Sundays: 9:30am
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Televised Services:

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

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Pastor Alex LaChapelle, Missionary	

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