

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

200 East 5th Street, Morris MN 56267

320-589-3242

www.flcmorris.org

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



November 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:30am

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

Friends and Members of First,

One thing I don't like about television commercials, in spite of their creativity, is that they are trying to get me to purchase one more thing. When I watch TV, I often "fast forward" through the (recorded show's) commercials; or pause the TV and then fast forward. The "sound bytes" of our consumer culture often ring with the message: Get what you can for yourself. You deserve it. And: *life will be better if you just have this...*

I'm not convinced that this is true. We are immersed in a culture of materialism, so much so, that we don't even notice it. Meanwhile, if we rub shoulders with our friends in faith from other (less affluent) cultures, such as our Companion Synod brothers and sisters from South Africa, we will sooner or later come up against this rub: you're wealthy, they tell us.... Your church buildings, and your town infrastructures, are *amazing*. You have very nice homes.... They are right, of course! We have been blessed with an overflowing abundance.

We are "Faithful Stewards of God's Infinite Grace." That's also the name of this fall's stewardship initiative. As followers of Jesus, we have a different view of life's ultimate meaning. We know we have been rescued, *from death to life*, through the cross of Jesus Christ. We know there is only one death that really matters: the death we died with Christ in Baptism... "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son..." *This song orients us to the infinite grace of God.* Our giving God is generous to the point of God's heart being broken as His son died on the cross... Generosity is God's nature. God's infinite grace is the foundation of our faith. God has given us new life.

The Holy One has given sacrificially so we are free, in Christ, to give sacrificially. Our response is not one of sour duty but one of joyful response. With thanksgiving we give back to God what God first has given us: the gift of time, our talents, and our treasure (money). And in the process we discover this is what we were created for... And it isn't always easy to swim against the stream of culture. The happiest people in the world are the most generous...

Someone asked: What is NOT God's? If God is the giver of life, IF God is the giver of all that we need for life, has God given up ownership? I think you and I know the answer. As you ponder your response to God's generosity in your life, please consider how you wish to thank God in your response to God's grace and mercy. We, as First Lutheran church, and as part of the ELCA, have much to offer. And, as always, it is *God's Work, Our Hands*.

As we give generously for God's mission in this world of dire need, we reflect God's own generosity, and give witness to our faith in Christ. We also experience the joy of giving.

Peace, in Christ,
Pastor Dan Belgum



Fall Dinner and Silent Auction



First Lutheran Church
200 E. 5th St., Morris MN

Drive up/Take Out/Home Delivery

No inside dining and no Pre-Sale Tickets

Home Delivery to Morris residents only.

Please call the church office at 320-589-3242 ext. 100 for home delivery orders.

Silent Auction items will be listed on our website at www.flcmorris.org

or can be viewed in the church basement foyer.

Bidding instructions will be posted on our website.

Wed., November 3, 2021
serving from 4:30-7:00pm

(or until food runs out)

On the menu:

Ham, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Glazed Carrots, Rye Bread, and Pumpkin Roll.

Packaged homemade lefse will be for sale (4 rounds for \$12)

Lefse for Sale!

Prior to our Fall Dinner, we will be offering packaged homemade lefse for sale

4 rounds for \$12

*Submit your orders to the church office. Lefse will be available for pickup starting
Sunday, October 31. Checks can be made payable to: First Lutheran Church*

Number of packages _____

Name _____ Phone #: _____

FIRST THINGS



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

- Oct 1 In honor of our military
- Oct 2 In memory of Darrell Kirwin from Jo Solvie
- Oct 3 In memory of Richard Bjonheld from Emilie Brusuten
- Oct 4 In memory of Laura Kolden from Carol Day
- Oct 7 In memory of Marvel Anderson from Jim & Marian Thraen
- Oct 9 In loving memory of Candice Atonen on her 70th birthday from mom
- Oct 10 In memory of Lee Groff from Cheryl Higgins
- Oct 11 In memory of Marvel Anderson from Al & LaVonne Watson
- Oct 12 In memory of Dave Watson from Al & LaVonne Watson
- Oct 13 Happy Birthday Randee Hokanson from Carol Day
- Oct 14 In memory of Marvel Anderson from Cheryl Higgins
- Oct 15 In memory of Allen Smith from Emilie Brustuen
- Oct 16 In memory of Del Voorhees from Emilie Brustuen
- Oct 17 In honor of Charli Erdahl on her confirmation day from Bernice Erdahl
- Oct 18 In memory of Marvel Anderson from Al & Elizabeth Harris
- Oct 21 Happy Birthday Corrie Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl
- Oct 23 In memory of Terry Thraen on his birthday from mom and dad
- Oct 29 In memory of Frank Fox from the Solvie & Schultz families

- Nov 21 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Terry Thraen
- Dec 24 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Candice Atonen



Lunch Bunch

Please join us
Wed., Nov 10th at 11:30am
at Common Cup
Join us...all are welcome!!



Remember!

Daylight Saving Time
ends on November 7th.
Set your clock back 1 hour.

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 November. Please sign up on the church bulletin board across from the office. Those in the Faith Service Group are:

Eugene & Cathy Anderson

Paul & Sandy Grove

** Dave Jungst & Lindy Ekola

John & Jean Schultz

Randy & Bobbi Jo Staples

Neil & Pam Wiese

Greg & Naomi Fynboh

Tim & Kristin Grove

Diane Nelson

Sarah & Colby Schultz

Scott Staples

Glen & Kahla Gillespie

** Mark & Mary Huebner

Mike & Denise Odello

Cathy & Jo Solvie

Robert & Joanne Thompson

Newsletter Deadline for the December newsletter is noon on Tuesday, November 23rd.

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, November 7 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.

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.venco.com.

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.

Apples Needed! Apples are needed for Prairie Pioneers Days in 2022. Please call Marlene at 320-589-3879 or 320-287-2320 if you have some to share.

Thankofferings are a tradition that goes back to the 1800's or earlier. Then, when it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the work of the church, the women would take action. Women would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. Then they would come together and join their offerings to support ministry of many kinds. We will continue the tradition of collecting a thankoffering this fall with money collected to go to support the life-changing ministries of the Women of the ELCA. You can collect your loose change this fall to donate or simply make a donation by check or cash during a special offering on Sunday, November 14th. If you will not be present at worship, you may drop off your donation at the church office. Thank you for your continued support of Women of the ELCA!

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021

The October meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met in person (and Zoom) on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 and was called to order by President Eugene Anderson at 7:05. Present: John Dosedall, Eugene Anderson, Jason Reed, Jackie Huebner & Allyn Plattner. Absent: Tony Feuchtenberger and Peg Jergenson. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye. A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the regular council meeting on September 7, 2021 and the special council meeting on September 23, 2021 were reviewed by each council member. No corrections or additions. Minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were emailed to each member. Allyn said that a payroll tax refund will be received this year.

Pastor's Report: A written report was given to each council member. Pastor spoke on the highlights of his report including Fusion Ministry/Element, new Bishop Ordination, sponsoring an Afghanistan refugee family, the Harvest Festival and the pastor's Fall Theological Conference. Pastor Dan also noted that Staff Reviews need to be completed by November 1st.

Committee Reports:

- Stewardship Committee is planning a November event.
- Property Committee: the hand rail on the west side of the church was recently stolen. A police report was filed. The hand rail was later found and returned to the church. Bob Heck will work on getting it reinstalled.

Old Business

- Generous Gift Money: Eugene received a letter questioning why a recent donation to pastor's debt was given. Allyn asked if money from this fund could be used to update the kid's activity bags that kids use during worship. It was decided that funds from Sunday school could be used. Allyn and his family will take care of updating them.

New Business

- Worship Protocol: after some discussion, it was decided to keep our current Covid worship protocol in place. A motion was made by John and seconded by Jason to encourage, but not require people to mask during the worship service. Motion carried. Coffee/Fellowship hour will continue. Masking will not be required for Sunday school students or teachers.
- Update to Kitchen Bathroom: a request was received asking for the kitchen bathroom to be updated. In January 2021, a new, taller and elongated toilet along with a new sink was installed. A hand rail is also currently installed. No updates appear to be needed at this time.
- Pipe Organ repair: communication was received that a pipe on the organ needs repair. Rita will be in contact with Deb Mahoney and contact Moe Organ if needed.
- Church Constitution: discussion was held about updating our church's constitution. Rita will send the constitution amendments that were passed at our Annual Meeting to the Synod office for approval.
- Pastor's Portico benefit package for 2022 will need to be chosen by October 15. Eugene Anderson will get this taken care of.
- Next meeting will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021 at 7:00pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary; approved/edited by Jason Reed, Council Secretary

Midweek Advent Worship

Wednesdays: Dec 1, 8, 15 Worship at 5:00pm



Sunday School Christmas Program
Sunday, December 19
details in our upcoming December newsletter

Christmas Eve



Friday, December 24
*worship service details in our
upcoming December newsletter*



Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettia Plant (\$12.00) _____ (Quantity)

In loving memory of:

Or... In honor of:

Given by:

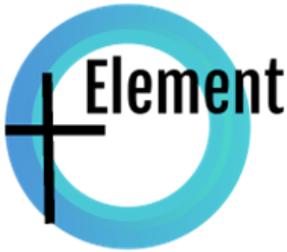
Once again we will be having a Poinsettia Garden around our altar to decorate for Christmas. If you would like to order a plant to contribute to this garden, please fill out this form and return it to the church office by **Monday, December 15th**. Your poinsettia may be in memory of or in honor of a loved one. The plants will decorate the sanctuary during the Christmas season and may be picked up after the 9:00pm Christmas Eve service.

Please note: if you wish to keep your poinsettia plant, it can be picked up after the last Christmas Eve Services. Any plants left at the church after January 3rd will be disposed of.



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

- Sunday, Nov 7th: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm @First Lutheran
- Sunday, Nov 14th: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm @First Lutheran
- Sunday, Nov 21st: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm @First Lutheran
- Sunday, Nov 28th: No Fusion! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



Element Schedule: Youth in 6th-8th Grade

- Wed. Nov 3rd: 6-7:30pm: Element at FAITH Lutheran (*note location change*)
- Wed. Nov 10: 6-7:30pm: Element at First Lutheran Church
- Friday-Saturday, Nov 12 & 13: Element Retreat to Luther Crest
(*see Fusion website for details and to sign up*)
- Wed. Nov 17: 6-7:30pm: Element at First Lutheran Church
- Wed. Nov 24: No Element Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

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 do 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!!

2021-22 Sunday School Schedule



Classes meet from 10:00–11:00am

- November 7 & 21
- December 5 & 19: (Christmas Program)
- January 9 & 16
- February 6 & 20
- March 6 & 20
- April 3 & 10
- May 1 & 15 (Last Day of Sunday School)



Affirmation of Baptism Sunday, October 17, 2021

Front: Ellen Reed, Sarah Dougherty, Charli Erdahl

Back: Micah Ulrich, Skott Anderson, Jaxon Hilbrands, Isaac Just, Pastor Dan Belgom



THE OLIVEWOOD PROJECT

The goal of the Olivewood Project is to help Palestinian Christians in Bethlehem to remain in the Holy Land by providing them income from the sale of their carvings. This is not a commercial operation. **All of the money from the sale of the carvings goes back to Bethlehem.**

The project was started by Michael and Carmen Zoughbi of Bethlehem during the first Gulf War in 1990-1991, when tourism had ceased in the Holy Land. Bethlehem depends mostly on tourism. Families in Bethlehem were impoverished by the lack of sales of their work, some even unable to offer the traditional small cup of Arabic coffee to guests. At first, only two families could be supported, at least partly. Over the years, the project has grown to 46 Christian families, representing over 400 people. There are 700 families in Bethlehem engaged in carving in their small home workshops. We are able to support only 46 of them, but many of the others have better connections with the souvenir shops in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. The 46 families lack these connections. Prices are kept low to increase the volume of sales in order to keep the carvers busy; lack of work is very discouraging and hard on people. COVID-19 has also disrupted tourism and has been difficult for these families. The carvings are made from the dried branches pruned from olive trees. Trees are not cut down to make the carvings.



OLIVEWOOD CARVINGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT FIRST LUTHERAN on Sunday, November 14th 2021. These beautiful carvings are a fitting Confirmation, Christmas or birthday gift. They can also be viewed in our display case in the Gathering Room of the church. Contact Rita Bye, Office Manager, Emilie Brustuen or Pastor Dan Belgom if interested in purchasing at another time.

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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, Nov 7: 9:30am Worship/10am Sunday school

Ushers: Al Harris, Tim Grove, Ward Voorhees
Communion: Elizabeth Harris
Acolyte: Ian Grove & Jaxon Hilbrands
Lector: Natasha Mortenson
Nursery: Jone Anderson
Video: Mike Odello
TV slides: Judy Buro

Sunday, Nov 14: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Brian Erdahl, Scott Staples
Acolyte: Abigail & Skott Anderson
Lector: Allyn Plattner
Nursery: Ann Erdahl
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger
TV slides: Ward Voorhees

Sunday, Nov 21: 9:30am Worship/10am Sunday school

Ushers: Steve Just, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund
Communion: Vicki Dalager
Acolyte: Isaac Just & Aaden Schultz
Lector: Laurie Feuchtenberger
Nursery: Robi Bowman
Video: Mike Odello
TV slides: Steve Wagner

Wed, Nov 24: 7:00pm Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Kellie Hentges, Paul Grove
Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Owen Hentges
Lector: Karen Bolling
Nursery: Sandy Grove
Video: Dave Jungst
TV slides: Ward Voorhees

Sunday, Nov 28: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Karen Bolling, Doug Ehlers
Acolyte: Dane & Brienna Dybdahl
Lector: Sharon Ehlers
Nursery: Bobbi Siegel
Video: Steve Wagner
TV slides: Steve Just

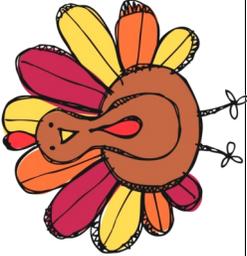
HAPPY
Birthday

- Nov 1: Braeden Huebner, Jacob Just, Marge Kleinhans, Scott Staples
Nov 2: Vicki Dalager
Nov 3: Micah Ulrich, Ryan Watzke
Nov 5: Jack Hartman, Mya Krosch, Katie Monroe, Verna Sharstrom
Nov 6: Aiden Anderson, Heidi Sues
Nov 7: Cody Beyer
Nov 8: Kelsey Staples, Chris Wagner
Nov 11: Evelyn Beyer, Brad Halbe
Nov 12: Marisa Knutson, Isabel Fynboh, Irene Henjum, Dick Smith
Nov 13: Peggy Lussenden, Robert Staples
Nov 14: Tahni Jungst
Nov 16: Shannon Dougherty
Nov 17: Steve Halbe, Christopher Siegel
Nov 18: Ryan Bowman, Brad Krosch, Robert Thompson
Nov 20: Scott Larson
Nov 21: Marilyn Smith
Nov 22: Karen Ritter
Nov 23: Ethan Heck, Laura Peterson, Shana Ulrich
Nov 24: Zackary Krosch, Gage Schultz
Nov 25: Mary Ann Quisberg, Marilyn Syverson
Nov 28: Wanda Dagen, Ray Johnson
Nov 29: Skip Maanum, Alyssa Wagner

Happy Anniversary

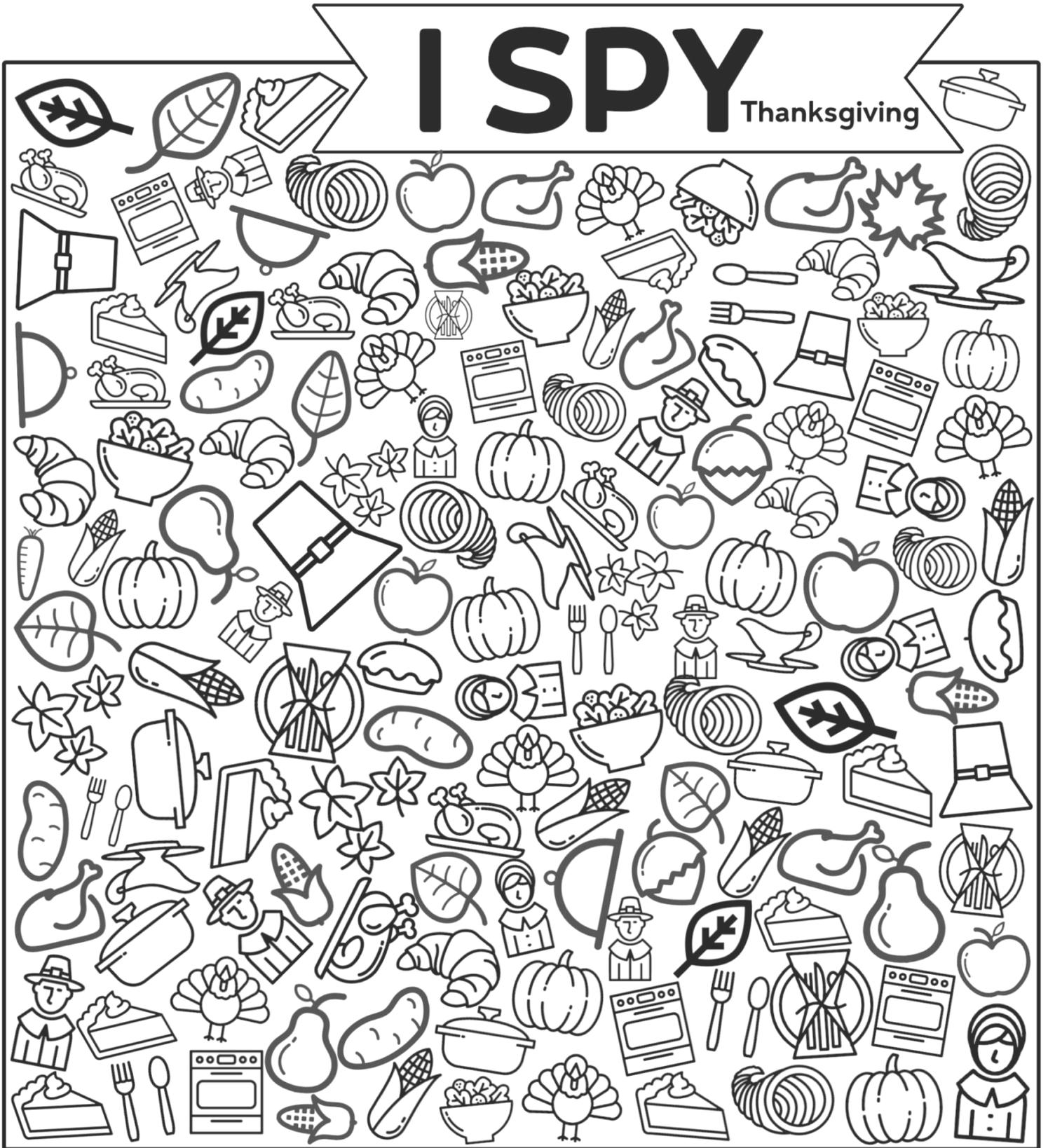
- Nov 17: Earl & Evelyn Beyer
Nov 28: Shane & Deb Decker



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p> <p>7:00pm Council Meeting</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>3</p> <p>4:30-7:00pm Fall Dinner & Silent Auction</p> <p>6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH Lutheran</p> <p>6:30pm BBB</p>	<p>4</p> <p>3:00pm Pastor at West Wind Village Worship</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>10:00-11:00am Sunday school</p> <p>10:30am Coffee Hour</p> <p>3:00-4:00pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>12:00pm Gatherings for Widows & Widowers at Old #1</p> <p>6:30-8:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11:30am Lunch Bunch at Common Cup</p> <p>6:00-7:30pm Element at FIRST</p> <p>6:30pm BBB</p>	<p>11</p> <p>8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)</p> <p>10:00am Pastor at Skyview Court Worship</p> <p>10:45am Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Element Retreat at Luther Crest</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p> <p>Element Retreat at Luther Crest</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Coffee Hour</p> <p>10:30am Olivewood Sales</p> <p>6:30-8:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00pm Girl Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00-7:30pm Element at FIRST</p> <p>6:30pm BBB</p>	<p>18</p> <p>2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p>
<p>21 STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30am Worship</p> <p>10:00-11:00am Sunday school</p> <p>10:30am Coffee Hour</p> <p>3:00-4:00pm Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30-8:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p> <p>6:30pm Sons of Norway</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No Element Class</p> <p>7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Worship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p> <p>(church office closed)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>(church office closed)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30am Worship with Holy Communion</p> <p>10:30am Coffee Hour</p> <p>No Sr. Fusion</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>11:00am Pastor's Text Study</p>	 <h1>November</h1>			

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Thanksgiving



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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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