

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

200 East 5th Street, Morris MN 56267

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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

April 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:30am

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



Maundy Thursday *April 1st at 7:00pm*

Remembering Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples, we will hear his invitation to join him at the table; to share his precious gift of forgiveness and life.

Good Friday

April 2nd at 7:00pm

Join us for this moving service as we tell the story of Jesus' crucifixion and death.



HE IS RISEN

He is risen indeed!

Join us for a celebration of new life!

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30am and 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion



To maintain safe distance seating, there will be limited seating in the sanctuary. We ask that if possible, please make reservations for attending one of the two Easter Services, so we can plan accordingly for setting up overflow areas. Reservations can be made by leaving a message on Rita's voicemail 320-589-3242 ext. 100 or by filling out the reservation form on the church's website at www.flcmorris.org

Reservations should be made by noon on Friday, April 2nd

PASTOR'S PAGE

Carole King has written some beautiful songs in her day, including one called “Bitter and Sweet” (1972). I’m really dating myself now! I recently heard it on Spotify, and it caught my attention. The song boils down to: You have to take the bitter with the sweet in life. It got me pondering how life *is both*, bitter and sweet. As we enter into Holy Week, in just another week from today, we are all aware of the one year anniversary of the COVID-19 global pandemic. The pandemic has certainly been a bitter time for all of us. Tucked away in the bitter, have been some occasional “sweet” things, too. These have been a big encouragement as we navigate this bloody pandemic. One of those has been the remarkable people “on the front lines” of this medical professionals, postal workers, grocers, teachers, and others. Another, closer to home for me, has been the way we, as a church, have been able to adapt to the many restrictions of this pandemic. We have been able to use technology to get God’s Word out – via Facebook Live and YouTube. We have learned how to conduct meetings, and even our Annual Meeting with Zoom. Some have been able to spend more time with family.

I think all of us would prefer the way things were *before* this pandemic. It is almost like we are the Israelites wandering through the wilderness, living on manna and quail. We miss singing together. We’ve had to search for the “silver linings” in this time of upheaval, loss, and grief. Maybe you have other thoughts about what may have been, at least, a reprieve from the pandemic. One thing I’ve done a lot more of has been walking and exercising outside. This has been a blessing. “The little things” seem a lot bigger now: Like a handshake, a hug, a lunch shared inside without masks, singing in worship with abandon, going to the concert, and the importance of our friends and family. Daily prayers have become much more significant, including intercessions for many. And, further, many of us realize anew the deep significance of God’s steadfast love (Psalm 118), and of *faith, hope and love* (I Corinthians 13).

I don’t want to minimize the impact of the pandemic. Yet, anyone in medicine knows that it is nothing short of miraculous the speed with which vaccines have been developed. I am a vaccine proponent, and I’m thankful to have received my first shot, by sheer luck (and/or God’s grace). Thankfully, vaccines are coming on strong now, and we can maybe see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Holy Week also contains the “bitter and the sweet.” Jesus went through the bitter woe of his own passion: his Last Supper with his beloved disciples, the garden, the betrayal, the arrest, mockery and scorn, and finally, nails and the horror of the cross. We also know that is not the end of the story. There is also a “fairy tale ending” – that is no fairy tale. It is the hope of the ages. May God’s power to resurrect and renew us be at work as we move into Easter hope, and the joy of spring and thereafter summer. Finally, a quote on “little things” or small things:

But we live in a world that has lost its appreciation for small things. We live in a world that wants things bigger and bigger. We want to supersize our fries, sodas, and church buildings. But amid all the supersizing, many of us feel God doing something new, something small and subtle. This thing Jesus called the kingdom of God is emerging across the globe in the most unexpected places, a gentle whisper amid the chaos. Little people with big dreams are reimagining the world. Little movements of communities of ordinary radicals are committed to doing small things with great love. —Shane Claiborne, *The Irresistible Revolution*, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2006 p 25.

STEVENS COUNTY FOOD SHELF

Please consider a generous gift to the ongoing food from now thru April 11th. Donations can be made directly to the Stevens County Food Shelf. Visit their website at: <https://stevenscountyfoodshelf.org/> for more information.

The Stevens County Food Shelf is happy to announce free rides and delivery options for people who do not have transportation to the food shelf. Residents of Morris may call the Morris Transit to schedule a ride with 2 hours advance notice. Please make sure that you only schedule rides for a time when the food shelf is open (see regular hours, below).

When you call to schedule a ride, tell them you are riding directly to the Food Shelf, and the ride will be free of charge. Rides should be scheduled two hours in advance, if possible, and must go directly to the food shelf without other stops in order to qualify for the free ride.

When arriving, visitors will stay on the bus and volunteers will bring out a short form to allow visitors to select the items they would like. Volunteers will pack requested items and bring them out, then the Transit will return visitors to their home.

Stevens County residents outside of Morris may contact the Rainbow Rider for food delivery during our regular hours every day except Thursday, as our hours fall outside of Rainbow Rider operating hours on that day.

To receive a free delivery of food outside of Morris, call or email the Food Shelf to place a food request, and then call the Rainbow Rider to schedule your delivery day and time. Please place your food request at least one day in advance so that our volunteers have time to pack these items. The Rainbow Rider will deliver these items to your home.

There is no special paperwork required to visit the Stevens County Food Shelf. All are welcome.

To schedule a ride or delivery:

Morris Transit: 320-589-1000 (in Morris)

Rainbow Rider: 1-800-450-7770 (outside Morris)

Food Shelf hours:

Monday 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Thursday 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Rainbow Rider not available)

For questions or to place a food request for delivery, please contact the Stevens County Food Shelf:

Email: stevenscountyfoodshelf@gmail.com

Phone: 320-589-7463



THIS N' THAT

Women of First Lutheran Church will host a study through Zoom of Rev. Christa von Zychlin and her four-part study "Journeys with Angels." This study will take place through Zoom on the fourth Tuesday of each month (see schedule below). Please register by the previous Thursday to receive the meeting Link. Email Emilie at ebrustuen@gmail.com to register and receive the link.

Session topic and date is: **Tuesday, April 27th at 7:00pm: Feasting angels**

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

Pastor Alex LaChapelle is the pastor at Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation in Kenya, Africa. We continue to provide him with needed support through our Missionary for the Day contributions. Contact the church office to sponsor a day "in memory of" or "in honor of" someone. Address of congregation is: Nairobi International Lutheran Congregation, PO Box 34089, Nairobi, Kenya 00100 Website: www.nilc-nairobi.org

March 1 In memory of Rocky Allen from Arlene Fellows
March 15 Happy Birthday Deb Mahoney from Bernice Erdahl
March 15 Happy Birthday Deb Mahoney from Carol Day
March 19 In memory of Enid Grindland from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
March 20 In memory of Rocky Allen from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
March 23 Happy Birthday Barry Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl

Thank you to all that donated items for our Clothing Drive! All donations were much appreciated!

We bless the life around us far more than we realize. Many simple, ordinary things that we do can affect those around us in profound ways: the unexpected phone call, the brief touch, the willingness to listen generously, the warm smile or wink of recognition. We can even bless total strangers and be blessed by them. Big messages come in small packages.

—Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D., My Grandfather's Blessings, Riverhead Books, 2000 p 5

We practice patent-medicine religion: we know that God created the universe and has accomplished our eternal salvation. But we can't believe that he condescends to watch the soap opera of our daily trials and tribulations; so we purchase our own remedies for that. To ask him to deal with what troubles us each day is like asking a famous surgeon to put iodine on a scratch. But Psalm 121 says that the same faith that works in the big things works in the little things.

—Eugene Peterson (1932-2018), A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, InterVarsity Press, 1980 p 40

The true Christians are the true citizens, lofty of purpose, resolute in endeavor, ready for a hero's deeds, but never looking down on their task because it is cast in the day of small things; scornful of baseness, awake to their own duties as well as to their rights, following the higher law with reverence, and in this world doing all that in their power lies, so that when death comes they may feel that humanity is in some degree better because they lived.

—Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919), 26th U.S. President, The Strenuous Life, P. F. Collier & Son, 1900 p 272

Let your aim be to please our dear Lord perfectly in little things, and to attain a spirit of childlike simplicity and dependence.

—Jean Nicolas Grou (1731-1803), The Hidden Life of the Soul, London: Rivingtons, 1870 p 3

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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.

Maundy Thursday, April 1 7:00pm Worship

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family

Communion: Jane Johnson

Video: Mike Odello TV slides: Judy Buro

Good Friday, April 2 7:00pm Worship

Ushers: Allan Harris, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Video: Dave Jungst TV slides: Steve Wagner

Easter Sunday, April 4

8:30am Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Tim Grove
& Dennis Feuchtenberger

Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

TV slides: Ward Voorhees

10:30am Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Steve & Jill VanKempen

Communion: Elizabeth Harris

Video: Steve Wagner

TV Slides: Steve Just

Sunday, April 11 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Barry & Nancy Erdahl, Kellie Hentges

Video: Kyle Dougherty TV slides: Judy Buro

Sunday, April 18 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Skip Maanum, Mortenson family

Communion: Vicki & Bob Dalager

Video: Mike Odello TV slides: Ward Voorhees

Sunday, April 25 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Schneider family

Video: Dave Jungst TV slides: Steve Wagner



April 1: Ray Bowman, Raelene Reimers

April 3: David Jungst, Jamie VanKempen

April 4: Nick Milbrandt, Ward Voorhees

April 5: Del Sarlette

April 8: Kyle Dougherty

April 9: Skott Anderson, Lois Peterson

April 11: Tim Grove, Allysa Peterson

April 12: Katie Knochenmus

April 13: Helen Yerigan

April 14: Emma Bowman, Aaden Schultz

April 15: Laretta Andreasen

April 16: Karen Bolling

April 17: Pam Wiese

April 19: Keith Hawkinson, Nadine Heck,
Kristi Krusemark

April 20: Julie Monroe

April 21: Marie Eblen, Brent Huebner,
Christopher Just

April 22: Kellen Erdahl

April 23: Jon Rundquist

April 24: David Denzer, Mason Dougherty,
Grayson Gibson, Justine Huebner

April 25: Marlene Seip

April 26: Carlene Sarlette

April 27: Grace Mortenson

April 30: Sandy Fuhrman, Brock Krusemark

Happy Anniversary

April 2: Curtis & Mary Ann Quisburg

April 5: Doug & Sharon Ehlers



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Worship services are currently being held in-person. Please check our website for any changes. All of our services are streamed live via Facebook and YouTube.</p> <h1>April</h1>						
4 EASTER SUNDAY 8:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:30am Worship with Holy Communion	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00pm Girl Scouts	6	7 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (Confirmation)	8 6:00pm Fusion Board Meeting 7:00pm Stewardship Mtg	9 12:00pm 40 Day Book Study group in Gathering Room 1:30pm Mission & Evangelism Mtg	10
11 9:30 am Worship 6:00-7:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	12	13 12pm-1pm Lunch with Heather (Fusion)	14 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (Confirmation)	15	16	17
18 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 6:00-7:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	19 6:00pm Girl Scouts	20	21 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (Confirmation)	22 9:30am Glacial Ridge Conf. Pastor's Mtg 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	23	24
25 9:30am Worship 6:00-7:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	26	27 7:00pm Church Council Meeting 7:00pm Women's Bible Study (Zoom)	28 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (Confirmation)	29	30	

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What is Fusion?

Fusion is a multi-congregational youth ministry reaching out to 6th-12th graders in the Morris and surrounding area. Their purpose is to engage students inside and outside of the church walls, create a sense of connection for all students, and teach students about God. We are a proud supporter of Fusion. We have many students that attend the events and participate in Element, the confirmation program. To continue supporting the program, please consider making a donation.

How to make a donation:

There are envelopes at the church with amounts written on them ranging from \$1-\$100. Simply pick an envelope, place the amount of money printed on the outside of the envelope inside. You can put the envelope in the offering during the service or drop off at the office. If you are not attending church at this time, you may wish to mail a check - just add a note that it's for the Fusion fundraiser! Call the office to find out what amounts are left. If you would like to write a check, please write that check out to our church, but write "Fusion Fundraiser" in the memo line. Thank you so much for your generous donations!



Lunch with Heather! A short Bible study with lunch and conversation for parents of youth and Fusion/Element volunteers! Please contact Heather Black if you would like to attend for if you have any questions. 320-349-0103 or heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com. Meeting dates are:

Tuesday, April 13th Noon to 1:00pm at Common Cup

Tuesday, April 27th Noon to 1:00pm at Common Cup

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

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