

October 2023

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



Fall Dinner and Silent Auction

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

Dine-In ~ Take Out ~ Home Delivery

No Pre-Sale Tickets. Home Delivery to Morris residents only.

For home delivery orders, please call the church office by 3:00pm on November 1st at 320-589-3242.

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

serving from 4:30-7:30pm

(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 \$14)

Tickets: \$14 per meal

Payment options: Cash, Check or Venmo

First Lutheran's silent auction



Don't miss First Lutheran's on-line Silent Auction! (hosted by Zielsdorf Auction)
Bidding opens Friday, October 27 and runs through Monday November 6.

Auction items can be viewed on-line and at the church starting on Oct 27.

Bidding will be on-line through the Zielsdorf Auction website.

If you are unable to bid on-line, please contact the church office (320.589.3242)
for instructions on how to place a max bid.

Please consider donating a basket for the Silent Auction! We have so many talented and creative individuals in our congregation so let's see what fun and interesting items you can come up with! Some ideas would be: sports tickets, movie tickets, meat bundles, a hunting/fishing outing, dessert/cookie/bread of the month (could even be purchased at Willie's and delivered once a month!), yard work, house cleaning, a home cooked meal, cake decorating lessons, sewing lessons, musical lessons, themed baskets, or repurposed furniture! Do you have a home based business? This would be great advertising/product introduction!

Please bring your baskets/items to the church by Monday, October 16!

The FLC Lefse making day will be held the morning of Saturday, October 28th.
Please volunteer for your favorite kitchen job by contacting Emilie at 719-440-8575

Lefse for Sale!

Stock up for Thanksgiving and Christmas...it freezes well!

4 rounds for \$14

Submit your orders to the church office by Sunday, October 22.

*Lefse will be available for pickup Saturday, October 28 from 1:00-3:00pm
and on Sunday, October 29 until 11:30am. Late pickups will be frozen.*

Checks can be made payable to: First Lutheran Church

Number of packages _____

Name _____ Phone #: _____

Element Schedule (6th–8th Grades)

- ☐ **Wed., October 4th 6:00-7:30pm:** Element at First Lutheran
- ☐ **Wed., October 11th 6:00-7:30pm:** Element at First Lutheran
- ☐ **Wed., October 18th** No Element due to MEA weekend!
- ☐ **Wed., October 25th 6:00-7:30pm:** Element at First Lutheran



Sr. High Fusion (9th-12th Grade)

Now meeting Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30pm at First Lutheran!

- ☐ **October 4th 7:00-8:30pm:** Sr. High Fusion at First Lutheran
- ☐ **October 11th 7-8:30pm:** Sr. High Fusion at First Lutheran
- ☐ **October 18th 7-8:30pm:** No Sr. High Fusion due to MEA weekend!
- ☐ **October 25th 7-8:30pm:** Sr. High Fusion at First Lutheran
- ☐ **FRIDAY, October 27th 7:15-8:00am:** Fusion Friday Breakfast, TBA...

see website for more details



As always, if you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email or give Heather a call: heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com or 320.349.0103. Check out our website www.fusion-ministry.com.

Music Scholarship

The Worship & Music Committee will once again be offering a Music Scholarship this fall. One scholarship in the amount of \$200 will be awarded. Applications are available in the church Narthex or can be emailed if requested. Deadline to apply is Sunday, October 8, 2023.

Sunday school

classes are held from 8:30-9:30am on the following Sundays:

October 1 & 15
November 5 & 19
December 3 & 17
January 7 & 21
February 4 & 18
March 3 & 17
April 7 & 21
May 5

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

* Connie Anderson	*Dennis & Laurie Feuchtenberger	Tony & Magen Feuchtenberger
Bob & Nadine Heck	Matt & Adrienne Hilbrands	Randee Hokanson
Marisa Knutson	Heather & Brad Krosch	
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, October 4th at 11:30am at China Panda. Join us...all are welcome!
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the November newsletter is noon on Tuesday, October 24th.
- ☐ **Norwegian Smorgasbord** at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Benson will be held on Wednesday, October 25, dine-in or pick-up from 4:30-7:30pm. Adults \$16 and children under 6 \$10. On the menu: rommegrot, sot suppe, lefse, blod & potato klub, rullepølse, flatbread, mashed potatoes and gravy, meat balls, roast pork, coleslaw, relishes, deviled eggs and assorted cookies.
- ☐ **Fall Bazaar** at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Chokio on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Crafts and décor items for all seasons, bake sale, with a raffle at noon. Homemade lunch served from 9am-1pm.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, October 19th 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, October 10th 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.
- ☐ **Worship Servants Needed!** We are in need of help on Sunday mornings! If you are willing to be an usher, head usher, communion preparer, communion server, nursery attendant or audio/video tech, please contact the church office. Training will be provided!
- ☐ **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.

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

- Sept 2 In memory of LeAnn Dean's sister from Jo Solvie
- Sept 3 In memory of Robert Staples from Jo Solvie
- Sept 4 In memory of Robert Staples from Cheryl Higgins
- Sept 5 In memory of Jayne Hacker from Cheryl Higgins
- Sept 6 In memory of Robert Staples from Marlene Seip
- Sept 7 In memory of Arlene Fellows from Jo Solvie
- Sept 8 In memory of Dick Lanke from Jo Solvie
- Sept 9 In memory of Bernice Riley from Jo Solvie
- Sept 10 In memory of Dan Sayles' father from Jo Solvie
- Sept 12 Happy Birthday Ben Ehlers and Emily Nelson from mom and dad
- Sept 13 In memory of Harley Hanke from Jim & Marian Thraen
- Sept 28 In loving memory of Helen Rose Olson
- Sept 29 In loving memory of John Solvie from his family

- Oct 1 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Terry Thraen

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.

October 2023

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 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship	2	3 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Property Meeting	4 11:30am Lunch Bunch at China Panda 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes at FIRST 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	5	6	7 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
8 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship 2:00-4:00pm Girl Scouts Music Scholarship Application deadline	9 11:00am Seniors on the Move trip to Rolling Forks Vineyard	10 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/ Widowers at Old #1	11 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes at FIRST 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting	12 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	13	14 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
15 8:30am Sunday school 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship	16 Silent Auction items due at church <i>Rita on vacation until Tuesday, Oct 24</i>	17 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	18 No Element or Sr. Fusion	19 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	20	21 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
22 9:30am Worship 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship 2:00-4:00pm Girl Scouts Lefse orders due	23	24 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due 7:00pm Council Meeting	25 6:00-7:30pm Element Classes 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	26 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	27 7:15-8:00am Sr. Fusion Breakfast Bidding opens on Silent Auction	28 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran Lefse making day at First
29 Reformation Sunday & Affirmation of Baptism 9:30am Worship HC 10:30am Coffee/ Fellowship	30	31 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 				

Rita is available Monday through Thursday 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.

October Worship Servants

Sunday, October 1: 9:30am Worship HC and 8:30am Sunday school Radio Broadcast

Ushers: Al Harris, Kyle & Amy Dougherty family

Lector: Ward Voorhees

Nursery: Vicki Dalager

Acolyte: Chance Buro & Aubrey Williamson

Communion: Judy Buro (bread)

Communion Servers: Ward Voorhees, Emilie Brustuen, Liz Harris

Video: Steve Wagner

TV slides: Sarah Dougherty

Sunday, October 8: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Lindy Ekola, Kent Swenson

Lector: Lindy Ekola

Nursery: Bobbi Siegel

Acolyte: Sawyer Fynboh & Dane Dybdahl

Video: Dave Jungst

TV slides: Jaxon Hilbrands

Sunday, October 15: 9:30am Worship and 8:30am Sunday school

Ushers: Steve Just family, Ray & Robi Bowman

Lector: Dorwin Tschetter

Nursery: Michelle Just

Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Aaden Schultz

Communion: Linda Holland (bread)

Communion Servers: Millie Tschetter, Laurie F., Robi Bowman

Video: Mike Odello

TV slides: Brenna Jergenson

Sunday, October 22: 9:30am Worship Blue Hymnal

Ushers: Bob Heck, Jon Ulrich, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Allyn Plattner

Nursery: Pam Wiese

Acolyte: Ian Grove & Connor Siegel

Video: Kyle Dougherty

TV slides: Micah Ulrich

Sunday, October 29: 9:30am Worship HC Affirmation of Baptism

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Judy & Chance Buro

Lector: Vicki Dalager

Nursery: Jone Anderson

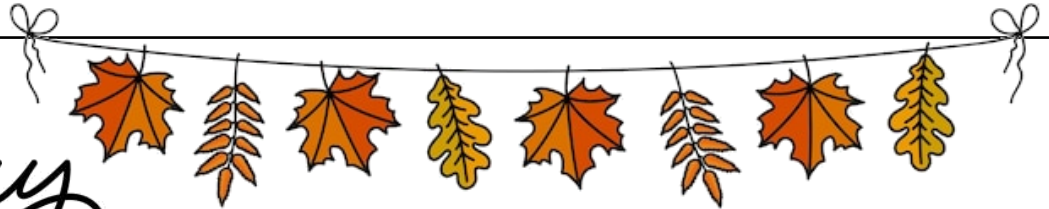
Acolyte: Wes & Jennie Odello

Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtenberger (wafers/silver tray)

Communion Servers: Bob Dalager, Doug & Sharon Ehlers

Video: Tony Feuchtenberger

HAPPY
Birthday



Oct 1: Tony Feuchtenberger
Oct 2: Lindy Ekola
Oct 3: Irene Furhman, Jackie Thymian
Oct 4: Bobbi Siegel
Oct 5: Judy Bluth, Leroy Fahje
Oct 6: Peter Sarlette
Oct 8: Eleanor Pochardt
Oct 9: Greg Fynboh
Oct 10: Laurie Feuchtenberger, Mark McCormack
Oct 11: Jo Solvie
Oct 13: Randee Hokanson
Oct 14: Brady Jergenson
Oct 15: Magen Feuchtenberger, Natasha Mortenson
Oct 18: J. Allan Anderson
Oct 19: Kellie Hentges, Hunter Ketterling
Oct 20: Sally Utech
Oct 21: Corrie Erdahl, Noah Grove, MacKenzie Just, Dick Mahoney
Oct 23: Joe Holland
Oct 24: Eugene Anderson

Oct 25: LeAnn Dean, Lucy Feuchtenberger, Rob Jergenson
Oct 26: Naomi Fynboh
Oct 27: Ryan H. Anderson, Bryce Jergenson
Oct 28: Mark Smith, Jill Van Kempen
Oct 30: Arora Nemmers

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Oct 3: Ryan & Laura Anderson
Oct 7: Leroy & Sheila Fahje
Bob & Nadine Heck
Oct 10: Kevin & Lori Wevley
Oct 12: Herb & Marlene Nelson
Oct 23: Glen & Kahla Gillespie
Oct 25: Colby & Sarah Schultz
Oct 31: Mick & Deb Rose

First Lutheran Church Council Highlights: September 19, 2023

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports given to each council member. A motion was approved to send \$1800 for benevolence.

Committee Reports:

- **Mission & Evangelism:** Church without Walls went well and was well attended.
- **Music & Worship:** Ad for Choir Director in the newspaper. Looking into organ and piano tuning. Music Scholarship Fund has been built back up after the Easter Breakfast fundraiser.
- **Property Committee:** Received estimate for 4-5 security cameras at the church; council approved purchase. Received estimates on replacement of windows in boiler room and Martha room.

Old Business:

- Bob Heck and Steve Just will do Acolyte Training.
- Worship leaders are lined up for the month of October.
- Interim pastor candidate; working on scheduling an interview

New Business

- Possible Choir Director names were given and will be looked into.
- Approved compensation to Pastor Emmy at Faith Lutheran for her help with our 9th graders to finish their confirmation requirements.
- Approved purchasing a refurbished computer and new screen for monitor.
- Unused items from Theatre Room/Youth Room to be disposed of by Property Committee.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 24th at 7:00pm. Tony to give the devotion.

AUGUST'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$20,251.75 August Giving	\$14,923.57 August Expense
\$157,053.09 Year-to-Date Giving	\$172,433.14 Year-to-Date Expenses

Sr. Ministry Home Visits/Calls

Jo Solvie and Pam Wiese are making calls and visits to those wanting a visit or call. If you would like to hear from Jo (320-766-3260) or Pam (320-589-4556), please give them a call!

If you or someone you know is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church office at 320-589-3242 or Rita's cell 320-287-2384 and we will contact a local pastor.

Seniors_{on the} Move

**Relax and Enjoy Rolling Forks Vineyard
overlooking Lake Minnewaska**

**Monday, October 9th:
leaving the church parking lot at 11:00am**

We will take a van to Rolling Forks Vineyard, enjoy a lunch together and then tour the vineyard and see the process of harvesting to making wine. Wine samples included in the tour! Worried about Lutherans going to a winery? Just remember that Jesus turned water into wine!

**Cost is \$20 plus the cost of your meal
Sign up in the church Narthex!**

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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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Wyatt Vavra, Custodian
Deb Mahoney, Organist/Pianist
Pastor Philip & Lou Knutson, Missionary

CHURCH COUNCIL

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