

February 2022

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

Recently, a heating and cooling specialist came to my house to look at my gas stove. The manual suggested it be examined “by a professional” each year. Since I had never used it, and it was “old” or “used” I thought this was a good idea. The service pro found an issue, which didn’t allow it to start. He ordered the part and came back two weeks later; and he replaced a component that heats the gas so it can ignite properly. It was a big job. I was there to watch him do it; and I was thrilled he knew what he was doing! Now, it is wonderful to have that heat up the living room on these sub-zero days. Then, just a few days ago, en route back home from the Cities, my car’s Red Triangle came on. “Trouble” flashed on my Prius’ small “computer screen.” I knew I better turn around and get it checked. Turned out I was low on coolant. Three hours of waiting and they were able to get it in... Thankfully, not a big bill.

Our Baptism into Jesus Christ is something you and I can remember today and everyday: “God, you have **made me your own**, through the water and the Word of Baptism.” In Baptism, the Triune God works to give us an ‘alien righteousness’ through the gift of Christ. Our worth is not determined by society’s values or the opinions of others. We are of infinite value to God, as revealed in Christ’s life and teachings, death and resurrection. We are **grafted to the Tree of Life** through Jesus Christ! We are connected *by the Holy Spirit* to the God of the entire – yes, *entire*, Universe! That is a miracle of God’s grace.

In Genesis, God declares that we have dominion. This is not dominion in order to dominate, rather, to contribute to the common good. While we live, asking for God’s guidance, grace and rule for our lives and, as Christians, each of us has a place over which we have “dominion” (expertise, rule, and authority) within Creation. (Genesis 1: 26-31) That may be in part why it says we are “created in the image of God.” God has *dominion* over all of creation. Through our professions, our work, we have *dominion* over a small corner of Creation. This is not a summons to live at the expense of Creation. That is a gross misunderstanding of the word. It means to exercise our lives in ways that benefits creation and our fellow humanity (just as God’s dominion does).

Recently, Sidney Pottier, who was the first African-American actor to win an Academy Award (“Lilies of the Field,” 1963) died. He spoke of how he could only play certain limited roles in the 50s and 60s, because of the social climate of that era. He also used his position to give an example of dignity, excellence, and roles in movies that changed hearts regarding African-American people. He realized he had a “domain” in acting on the big screen, to “influence the affairs of the world” that advanced God’s kingdom on earth, and helped advance and enhance the dignity of African Americans. He was not only a great actor, but his family said, lived with grace. He served God, in his vocation as an actor, and a father and spouse.

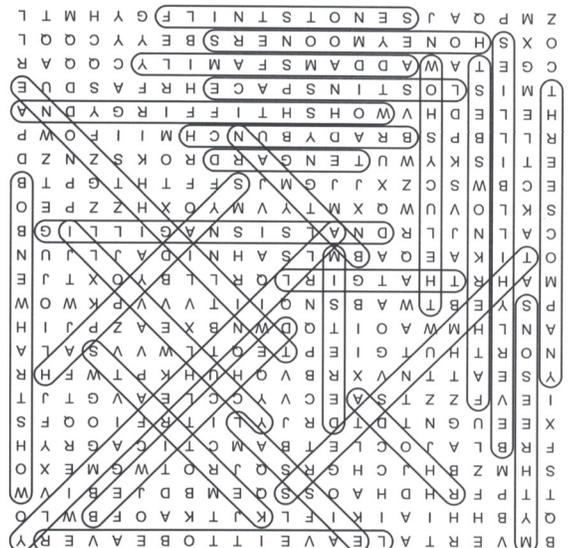
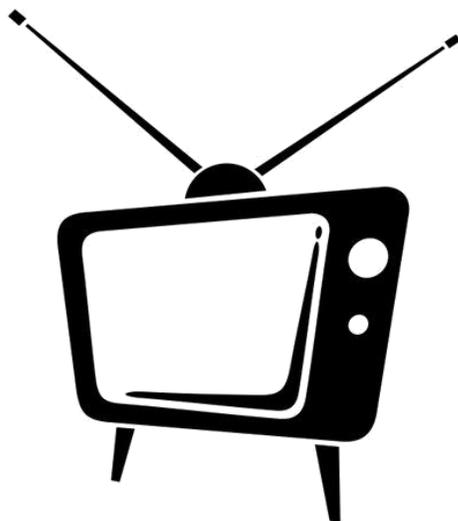
In this way, we are co-creators with God. Every vocation-job is of equal value in serving the neighbor, when we realize that we need all the vocations for life. Farmer, merchant, sailor, pastor, nurse, doctor, office manager, student, clerk, banker, computer specialist, wait staff, parent, baker, cook, sales person, rancher, tailor, custodian, teacher, fitness trainer, coach, professor, the list goes on. We need each other, and each vocation is important and contributes to the common good. Let us see each of these as a “Christian” vocation! And revere our neighbor who is created in God’s image. Give thanks for their work and vocation. Thanks be to God for each of you, and for the ways you contribute to the common good!

Pastor Dan

Old Time TV Shows

Word Search

- Addams Family
- All in the Family
- Andy Griffith Show
- Batman
- Beverly Hillbillies
- Bewitched
- Bob Newhart Show
- Brady Bunch
- Dragnet
- Father Knows Best
- Flintstones
- Gilligan's Island
- Happy Days
- Honeymooners
- I Love Lucy
- Lassie
- Leave it to Beaver
- Lost in Space
- Mister Ed
- My Three Sons
- Rhoda
- Star Trek
- That Girl
- The Lucy Show
- The Munsters
- Three's Company
- Twilight Zone



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

- Jan 1 In memory of Pat Hoerneman from Marilyn Smith
Jan 2 Happy Birthday Stephanie Kilmer from Bernice Erdahl
Jan 3 In memory of Pat Hoerneman from Bernice Erdahl
Jan 17 In memory of Lenore Anderson on her birthday from Pat & Gary Smith and family
- Jan 2 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Lenore Anderson
Feb 20 ELCA Lutheran Worship Hour radio broadcast (KMRS) given in memory of Marvel Anderson

For many years, your financial gifts/offerings to "**Missionary for a Day**" have supported Pastor Alex LaChappelle, who served as coordinator of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission (YGAM) in South Africa and, later, as pastor at the International Lutheran Church of Nairobi, Kenya. Pr. LaChappelle has since returned to the United States having completed his work in Africa.

In January of this year, the Evangelism and Mission Committee chose a new couple to support in their mission and ministry in Southern Africa. 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, The Rev. Jim and Arlene Knutson.. Lou is a native of South Africa. You can sponsor the Knutsons for a day *or many days*, by giving \$15 per day. Simply note "Missionary for a Day" in the memo line if writing a check. This is one way we can support "the Great Commission" - *to make Christ known throughout the world*, and to join hands with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Southern Africa. Contact Rita in the church office if you need more information. You may give this in memory, or in honor, of someone. Thank you for your support of our new missionaries!

First Lutheran's Annual Meeting & Catered Lunch



Sunday, February 20th following the worship service
catered lunch following the meeting

Annual reports will be available for you to pick up on Sunday, February 6th, or you can contact Rita at office@flcmorris.org and request a copy emailed to you.

Church Council Members Needed! We are beginning to organize church leadership for 2022. We have a wonderful staff in place who have many years of experience to minister with us, and to our needs as a congregation. Our financials are stable because of a generous congregation. We continue to support our youth and contribute to worthy needs in our community and church. We need continued input from our congregation to guide church council decisions and provide fresh perspectives. To provide continuity and also guide change, church council has a pattern of turn-over each year: two years of two members and then one year of three members. We will need to replace four church council members at the 2022 annual meeting. A term on council is three years. We ask you to prayerfully consider serving on the council. In closing, we thank you for your support.

Church Council Members,

Eugene Anderson, Tony Feuchtenberger, Jason Reed, Allyn Plattner,
Peggy Jergenson, John Dodsall and Jackie Heubner



Choir Director Needed
We would like to reignite the Choir at First Lutheran. If you feel called to serve as Choir Director of First Lutheran, please contact the church office or Pastor Dan.

Senior Care Coordinator
If you like working with seniors and are open to visiting people in their homes and care centers, please contact Pastor Dan. This is a paid position for one who has the gifts and interest.

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

Eugene & Cathy Anderson	Greg & Naomi Fynboh	Glen & Kahla Gillespie	Paul & Sandy Grove
Tim & Kristin Grove	* Mark & Mary Huebner	* Dave Junst & Lindy Ekola	Diane Nelson
Mike & Denise Odello	John & Jean Schultz	Sarah & Colby Schultz	Cathy Solvie
Scott & Janelle Staples	Pam & Neil Wiese		

Lunch Bunch meets on Wednesday, February 2nd at 11:30am at Pizza Ranch. Join us...all are welcome!

Newsletter Deadline for the March newsletter is noon on Thursday, February 17.

Gatherings for Widows and Widowers will meet for lunch at noon (12:00pm) on Sunday, February 6th 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. For questions call Pedersen Funeral Home 320-589-3220. Listen to KKOK/KMRS for any changes.

2022 KMRS Radio Broadcast available dates are: April 24, June 12, August 14, October 2, November 27 and December 24. Help support the ELCA Worship Hour by sponsoring a broadcast (\$65) in memory or in honor of a loved one. Contact the church office for more information.

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.venmo.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.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	2 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Pizza Ranch 6:00-7:30pm Element at FIRST (with Bible Study for parents/caregivers)	3 3:00pm Pastor at West Wind Village Worship	4 3:00pm Mission & Evangelism Committee Meeting	5 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
6 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:00-11:00am Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour 12:00pm Gatherings for Widows & Widowers at Common Cup 3:00-4:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30-8:00pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	7 6:00pm Girl Scouts	8 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	9 6:00-7:30pm Element at FIRST (with Bible Study for parents/caregivers) 7:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	10 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 10:00am Pastor at Skyview Plaza Worship	11 Element Retreat to Luther Crest	12 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran Element Retreat to Luther Crest
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All of our worship services are in-person, and also streamed live via Facebook.



February

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS

Sunday, Feb 6: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

10:00am Sunday school

Ushers: Bob Heck, Tom & Heather Schneider family
Lector: Ray Bowman
Acolyte: Brenna Jergenson & Taylor Anderson
Communion: Vicki Dalager
Nursery: Robi Bowman
Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Dane Dybdahl

Sunday, Feb 27: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Doug Ehlers, Tim Grove
Lector: Sharon Ehlers
Acolyte: Micah Ulrich & Connor Siegel
Nursery: Kristin Grove
Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Ian Grove

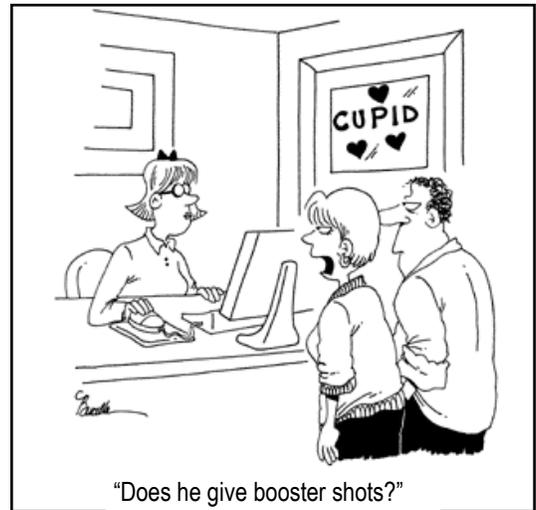
Sunday, Feb 13: 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Steve & Michelle Just family, Lindy Ekola
Lector: Allyn Plattner
Acolyte: Isaac Just & Cowan Mortenson
Nursery: Michelle Just
Video: Dave Jungst **TV slides:** Kye Suess

Sunday, Feb 20: 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion

10am Sunday school. Annual Meeting after worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Greg & Naomi Fynboh family
Lector: Dorwin Tschetter
Acolyte: Sawyer Fynboh & Chance Buro
Communion: Liz Harris
Nursery: Ann Erdahl
Video: Mike Odello **TV slides:** Jennie Odello



HAPPY
Birthday

Feb 1: Michael Bjorklund, Justin Hanson, Sawyer Fynboh
Feb 2: Cathy Solvie
Feb 3: Molly Krosch
Feb 4: Sheila Fahje
Feb 5: Dean Danter, Caleb Schultz
Feb 6: Holli Christians, Hugh Reimers
Feb 7: Steve Van Kempen, Kristin Grove
Feb 8: Bruce McCormack, Herb Nelson
Feb 12: Deb Mattheis
Feb 14: Jim Krosch, Cara Krosch
Feb 15: John Barry

Feb 16: Joanne Thompson, Neil Weise
Feb 17: Zachary Lies
Feb 18: Erica Swenson, Rochelle Van Kempen
Feb 20: Nancy Erdahl, Solomon Johnson, Wayde Peterson, Kyle Schultz
Feb 21: Matt Hilbrands, Sam Just
Feb 22: Angie Buchanan
Feb 23: Matthew Carlson
Feb 25: Garner Swenson, Gage Wevley, Jeanne Williamson
Feb 26: Matthew Burnett
Feb 27: Kris Hutchings
Feb 28: Allen Monroe

HAPPY
Anniversary!

Feb 13: Jay & Joleen Hanson



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

- Sunday, Feb 6: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm at FIRST Lutheran
- Sunday, Feb 13: No Sr. High Fusion (Super Bowl Sunday)
- Sunday, Feb 20: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm at FIRST Lutheran
- Saturday, Feb 26: 5:00pm-Midnight Ski and Tubing Trip to Andes
- Sunday, Feb 27: Sr. High Fusion 6:30-8pm at FIRST Lutheran

Element Schedule: Youth in 6th-8th Grade

- Wed. Feb 2: 6-7:30pm: Element at FIRST Lutheran Church
- Wed. Feb 9: 6-7:30pm: Element at FIRST Lutheran Church
- Fri & Sat., Feb 11-12: Element Winter Retreat at Luther Crest
- Wed. Feb 16: 6-7:30pm: Element at FIRST Lutheran Church
- Wed. Feb 23: 6-7:30pm: Element at FIRST Lutheran Church
- Sat., Feb 26: 5:00pm-Midnight: Ski & Tubing Trip to Andes



Parents/Caregivers of youth 6-12th Bible Study! Barb Barsness has volunteered to lead a Bible study for any parent/caregiver that is interested in participating. It will be held on Wednesday evenings during Element's time from 6:00-7:30pm at First Lutheran Church. Look on Fusion's website at www.fusion-ministry.com for any updates.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who financially supported us in our two major fundraisers this past year. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus! The money that has been raised will go directly to the ministries, retreats, programs and trips that are offered to the youth, adult leadership and parents/caregivers in our community! It is a testament to what God is and can do in the lives of our youth!

- Envelope Fundraiser brought in: \$16,880
- 2:1 Match Fundraiser brought in: \$23,850 (*that's including the match of \$10,000*)

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2021-22 Sunday School Schedule

Classes meet from 10:00am to 11:00am

- February 6 & 20
- March 6 & 20
- April 3 & 10
- May 1 & 15 (Last Day of Sunday School)

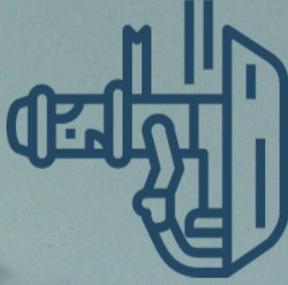
Element Winter Retreat

FEB 11TH-12TH, 2022



Activities

- Snow tubing & Sledding
- Cross Country Skiing
- Broomball
- Connecting with Friends
- Learning about Jesus



**SIGN UP ON THE FUSION WEBSITE
WWW.FUSION-MINISTRY.COM**

Sign up online TODAY!

Deadline to sign up for tubing is Sunday, January 30th
Deadline to sign up for ski/snowboarding is Sunday, Feb 6



SKI - \$20

SNOWBOARD - \$35

NEON NIGHTS

**TUBING - \$25 (ONLY
8-10PM)**

**CHECK OUT OUR
WEBSITE FOR MORE
DETAILS AND TO SIGN
UP!**

**SKI TO MIDNIGHT
AT ANDIES TOWER HILLS
FEBRUARY 26TH, 5-MIDNIGHT**

WWW.FUSION-MINISTRY.COM/EVENTS/SKI-TRIP

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**First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 18, 2022**

The January meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 and was called to order by President Eugene Anderson at 7:12pm. Present: Eugene Anderson, John Dossdall, Jackie Huebner, Tony Feuchtenberger & Allyn Plattner (by Zoom). Absent: Jason Reed & Peggy Jergenson. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye (by Zoom). A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the December council meeting were reviewed by each council member. No corrections or additions. Minutes accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were emailed to each member. No discussion was held.

Pastor's Report: A written report was given to each council member. Pastor spoke on a few highlights including: masking during worship, pledge cards, on-line services continuing and Element.

Visitor: Sydney Bauer from Stevens County Organics Recycling Program spoke to the council about a new recycling program starting in Stevens County. This recycling program has asked to use space in the church's west parking lot for placement of a public recycling container. Some discussion was held. Item tabled.

Committee Reports:

- Mission & Evangelism Committee: Our current missionary Alex LaChappelle has moved back to the United States. The committee chose new missionaries to support. Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson and Lou Knutson in Southern Africa. More information in the upcoming newsletter. Pam Wiese has joined the M&E Committee.
- Property Committee: Tony will contact Steve Wagner about switching the church's insurance.

Old Business

- Tony made a motion on Rita's remuneration and John seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Pew cushion update: Tony is working on finalizing order.
- Theatre Room update: Tony has ordered the TV and sound bar and will oversee its installation once it arrives. Tony has also been in contact with Ken Olson who has graciously committed to pay for the upgrading of the equipment and installation costs.
- Fellowship Hall TV: discussion was held about installing a television in the fellowship hall that could accommodate viewing the worship service if overflow from the sanctuary is needed during worship services or funerals. It could also be used by larger groups and Element classes. John made a motion to purchase a TV and the necessary equipment/installation for a cost of approximately \$2500. Jackie seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 2022 Budget: The budget committee met on December 22 and submitted the proposed budget to the council for approval. Allyn made a motion to accept the proposed budget, seconded by Jackie. Motion carried.

New Business

- Nominating Committee: the council discussed various names for the ballot. More phone calls will be made asking members to consider being on the church council, or to serve on other various boards, or as delegates.
- Annual Meeting: The annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20 following the worship service. A catered meal will be served after the meeting.
- Next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 15th at 7:00pm.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58pm, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

Approved/edited by Jackie Huebner, Council member

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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am
broadcasted via Facebook Live;
also available on our website
and YouTube channel

Televised Services:

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

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Rita Bye, Office Manager office@flcmorris.org
Wyatt Vavra, Custodian
Deb Mahoney, Organist/Pianist
Pastor Alex LaChapelle, Missionary

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