

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

200 East 5th Street, Morris MN 56267

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Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve

May 2021

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays at 9:30am

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

What's new in our ministry?

Easter is new life. Jesus entered a “new reality” through the power at work in his resurrection. He not only defeated death, and sin, he also reigns in power and glory. He raises us up, through his life, death and resurrection. And so, we also live in a new reality. A reality made possible by God. We are baptized “into Christ,” and Easter (and our Baptism) is like an explosion the shock waves of which, in a positive, life-giving manner, continue to reverberate our whole life, and into our time, all creation, and into the future. We are drawn to Christ through the church, the body of Christ., because of the resurrection of Jesus, new relationships spring up and grow.

And, signs of new life also are seen, not only within us, but around us. There is something about spring that hints at new possibilities. Trees are budding, birds a singing and building nests, animals and the earth are coming out of winter’s darkness and hibernation. Soon gardening season and planting season will be here.

Gardening offers us many insights into the faith life. And also into nature’s richness and astounding life! Getting our hands dirty and to sinking our knees into the soft, fertile soil is good for the soul and body. I have always enjoyed watching things grow, and tending to the growing vegetables and fruits in gardens I have tended. I’m sure many of you know this same experience. And, now a new gardening opportunity is before us. One of our members has offered her garden and orchard to be stewarded by us as a “community garden.” We also have a few people stepping up to provide guidance and leadership to tend the garden. It is an exciting opportunity. We see potential for a multi-generational gardening experience, yes, a ministry, for “young,” “old” and those in-between.

We see links with the farmers market and the food shelf. A new, growing food ministry. God has brought us together as the church. God has made us a part of creation. We also get to tend to little corners of creation. How cool is that!? We invite you to let us know if you are interested in helping out in tending the garden. Whether for an hour, or more, or contributing seed or, whatever. You can contact Rita, myself, Nick Milbrandt, Doug or Sharon Ehlers, or Emilie Bruesten to get involved. Maybe your whole family would like to come out and pick apples this fall? Or, do some planting this spring. Gardening, like resurrection, is about new life. Keep an ear open for more news about this.

Peace,

Pastor Dan

Class of 2021

Senior Recognition Sunday

Please join us for a special service honoring our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 16 at 9:30am.

**Emma
Bowman**



Parents: Ray and Robi Bowman

Future Plans: Concordia College to study Business and play Softball

High School Activities/Accomplishments: National Honor Society, Student Council, Business Professionals of America, Volleyball, Swimming, Basketball, Softball.

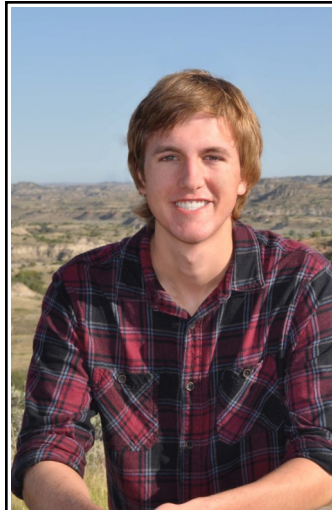


**Greta
Hentges**

Parents: Scott Hentges and Kellie Hentges

Future Plans: University of North Dakota to pursue a degree in Business Marketing & Management

High School Activities/Accomplishments: Student Council Vice President, National Honor Society, Senior Class President, Business Professionals of America, Varsity Tennis, Baseball Management, Band, Prom Committee. In tennis, received the awards of All-Conference, Athlete of the Week, Team Motivator Award, and West Central Conference Honorable Mention, along with being tennis team captain. School awards: Extra Mile Award and the A Honor Roll.



**Mason
Dougherty**

Parents:
Kyle and Amy Dougherty

Future Plans:
North Dakota State University for Mechanical Engineering

High School Activities/Accomplishments: Cross Country, Swimming, Track, Business Professionals of America, Yearbook, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band. AAA Award for Athletics, Academics, and Arts.

**Claire
Reed**



Parents:
Jason and Selena Reed

Future Plans: Enlist in the Air National Guard. Plan to attend college in the Fall of 2022 and double major in Psychology and Criminology

High School Activities/Accomplishments: Swimming, Track, National Honor Society, Band, Choir and Mock Trial.



FIRST THINGS

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

- April 6 In memory of Howard K. and Helen Olson on the anniversary of their wedding
- April 9 In memory of David Minners from Doug & Sharon Ehlers
- April 10 In memory of Enid Grindland from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
- April 11 In memory of Rocky Allen from Barry & Nancy Erdahl
- April 14 In memory of David Minners from Emilie Brustuen
- April 15 In memory of Irene Erickson from Jim & Marian Thraen
- April 16 In memory of Gwen Smith from Jim & Marian Thraen
- April 17 In loving memory of Lenore Anderson on her birthday from her daughter Shannon
- April 18 In memory of Irene Erickson from Mary Krattenmaker
- April 19 In memory of Irene Erickson from Carol Day
- April 20 In memory of Irene Erickson from Dick & Deb Mahoney
- April 21 In memory of Irene Erickson from Marlene Seip
- April 22 Happy Birthday Kellen Erdahl from Bernice Erdahl

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.

2021 KMRS Radio Broadcast dates are: May 23, July 18, August 22, October 24, November 21, 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.

Newsletter Deadline for the June newsletter is noon on Thursday, May 20th.

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.

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.

Spring Cleaning of the church sanctuary (and possibly some other areas if time allowed) will take place on Saturday, May 8 starting at 8:30am and go until finished. Bring your own rags and a bucket and we will provide Murphy's Oil Soap and Mr. Clean!



Sr. High Fusion: We are currently studying the Book of Mark in the Bible

- Sunday, May 2: 6:00-7:30pm at FIRST Lutheran (read Mark 6:30-8:30)
- Sunday, May 9: No Fusion—it's Mother's Day! Give your mom a hug.
- Sunday, May 16: 6:00-7:30pm at FIRST Lutheran (read Mark 8:31-10:52)
- Sunday, May 23: 6:00-7:30pm at FIRST Lutheran (read Mark 11:1-13-37)

fill the envelopes 

FUNDRAISER

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!



Element

Wed., May 5th
6:00-7:30pm
Faith Lutheran & Zoom

Wed., May 12th
Party in the Park
watch your emails
for details!

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, May 11th Noon to 1:00pm at Common Cup
Tuesday, May 25th Noon to 1:00pm at Common Cup

Check out Fusion's new website for more information: www.fusion-ministry.com

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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, May 2 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Dave Jungst, Lindy Ekola
Communion: Elizabeth Harris
Acolyte: Sarah & Shannon Dougherty
Lector: Amy Dougherty
Video: Kyle Dougherty TV slides: Judy Buro

Sunday, May 9 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Bob Heck, Doug & Sharon Ehlers
Acolyte: Isaac & Sam Just
Lector: Sharon Ehlers
Video: Mike Odello TV slides: Steve Wagner

Sunday, May 16 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Skip Maanum, Fynboh Family
Communion: Vicki Maanum
Acolyte: Lydia & Isabel Fynboh
Lector: Laurie Feuchtenberger
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger
TV slides: Ward Voorhees

Sunday, May 23 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Barry & Nancy Erdahl, Schneider Family
Acolyte: Tyler Schneider & Mady Grove
Lector: Bob Dalager
Video: Dave Jungst TV slides: Steve Just

Sunday, May 30 9:30am Worship

Ushers: Dick Smith, Mortenson family
Acolyte: Mortensons
Lector: Natasha Mortenson
Video: Steve Wagner TV slides: Ward Voorhees

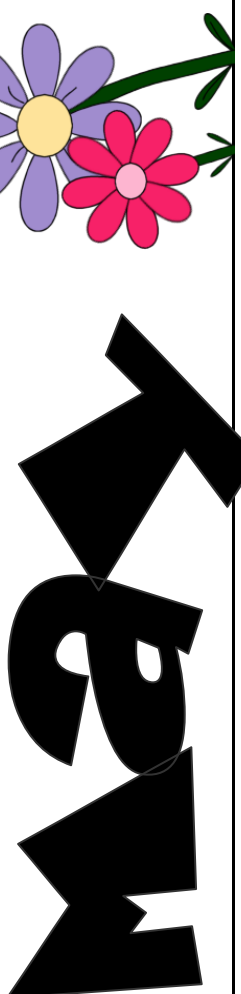
Lunch Bunch is restarting this Spring on the first Wednesday of each month! Please join us on Wednesday, May 5th for Cinco de Mayo at Mi Mexico Restaurant at 11:30am. Elevator available, full menu, social distancing. All are welcome!



- May 5: Zachary Huebner
- May 6: Abigail Anderson, Diane Dossdall, Estelle Feuchtenberger, Craig Knochenmus
- May 7: Joshua Johnson, Vicki Maanum, Jacob Staples
- May 8: Ty Flower
- May 9: Andrew Ulrich, Wesley Odello
- May 10: Earl Beyer, Richard Hawkinson
- May 11: Gunner Stallman
- May 12: Grady Stallman
- May 13: Justin Anderson, Kevin Williamson
- May 15: Kenneth Grunig, Janet Staples
- May 16: Madelyn Grove
- May 17: Brady Krusemark, Gerald Thorstad
- May 18: Edna Bratton, Isaac Just
- May 20: Eric Smith, Charles Yerigan
- May 21: Greta Hentges
- May 22: Elizabeth Harris, Jacqui Hills
- May 23: Carol Day, Lori Lundquist, Tammy Roth
- May 24: Ryan Erp, Mary Huebner
- May 26: Andi VanKempen
- May 27: Charli Erdahl
- May 29: Corey Ask
- May 31: Ken Keller

Happy Anniversary

- May 9: Mark & Deb Mattheis
- May 18: Judy & Dick Bluth
- May 19: Matt & Natasha Mortenson
- May 20: Barry & Nancy Erdahl
- May 26: Wayde & Laura Peterson
- May 27: Ken & Noreen Grunig
- May 31: Myron & Marilyn Syverson

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
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2 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 6:00-7:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	3 6:00pm Girl Scouts	4 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	5 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Mi Mexico 6:00-7:30pm Element at FAITH (Confirmation)	6 6:30pm Fusion Board Mtg in Gathering Rm	7	8 8:30am Spring Cleaning of church sanctuary. All are welcome to lend a hand!	
9 MOTHER'S DAY 9:30 am Worship	10	11 12pm-1pm Lunch with Heather (Fusion)	12 Element (Confirmation) Party at the Park- watch for details	13 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 7:00pm Stewardship Mtg	14	15	
16 GRADUATE SUNDAY 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 6:00-7:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	17 6:00pm Girl Scouts	18	19	20 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	21	22	
23 9:30am Worship 6:00-7:30pm Sr. Fusion at FIRST	24	25 7:00pm Church Council Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm Women's Bible Study	26	27 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	28	29	
30 9:30am Worship	31 MEMORIAL DAY (church office closed)						

COUNCIL MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Council Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 30, 2021

The March meeting of First Lutheran's Church Council met by teleconference through Zoom on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 and was called to order by Eugene Anderson at 7:02pm. Present: Eugene Anderson, Jason Reed, Tony Feuchtenberger, Peggy Jergenson, John Dosedall and Jackie Huebner. Absent: Allyn Plattner. Staff present: Pastor Dan Belgum and Rita Bye. A devotion and opening prayer was given by Pastor Dan.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from February 23, 2021 were read to each council member. No corrections or additions. Tony moved to accept the report, seconded by Peggy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were emailed to each member. Tony mentioned that the church's Venmo account should be advertised as a way for people to make donations/offering.

Pastor's Report: A written report was emailed to each council member. Pastor spoke on the highlights of his report including the possibility of a Multi-generational Community Garden, restarting of a Boy Scout Troop in Morris, On-line Worship continuance, Fusion Ministry and the upcoming Bishop Election.

Communications: No reports.

Committee Reports: John spoke on behalf the Property Committee, and said that chalking of the control joints, and other areas needs to be redone to the church building. Estimated cost would be around \$2,000.00. Tony made a motion to go ahead with the repairs, seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Old Business

Open Council Seat: Jackie Huebner has agreed to join the Church Council. A motion was made by John to accept Jackie to the council, seconded by Peggy. Motion carried.

Memorial gifts: discussion was tabled until after the Task Force can meet.

Council Treasurer position: It was decided to appoint Allyn Plattner as Treasurer.

New Business

No new business to discuss

Next council meeting: Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00pm

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bye, Recording Secretary

Approved and edited by Jason Reed, Council Secretary

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Worship Schedule

Sundays: 9:30am
broadcasted via Facebook Live;
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Televised Services:

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

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