

First Lutheran CHURCH (ELCA)

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February 2020

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:30am Worship
10:15am Sunday school (Feb 2 & 16)
10:30am Fellowship/Coffee Hour



LEAP Participation

Leap into participation this leap year

Equipping Congregations Day

Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 8:30am to 3:30pm
at Vinje Lutheran and Bethel Lutheran Churches, Willmar MN

Registration fees paid by First Lutheran. Contact the church office for more information.



**Mark Your
Calendar**

**First Lutheran's
Annual Meeting
Sunday, February 9th**

following the 9:30am worship service

Annual Reports available in the
Narthex (one per family, please)



Ash Wednesday

February 26th Worship at 6:30pm

(no soup supper on Ash Wed)



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PASTOR'S PAGE

Life is About Relationships

Relationships. We human beings are relationship-oriented. Our youngest son visited me recently. He's a third year college student, sorting through the *ins and outs and ups and downs* of college life, work, friendships, studies, majors, and girlfriends. It was fun to see him. At first, it seemed we had some trouble warming up to each other. It had been a while. Sure, we had Facetimed and talked on the phone fairly regularly, but at Christmas, there were many others around. So, we didn't have time to connect so much. We were kind of rusty at communicating in person. Meanwhile, the second day he was here, we had the whole day together, and in the afternoon, we shot some baskets at the RFC together. After supper, we ended up having one of the best conversations we'd ever had, over three hours. The movie we'd planned to watch had been paused at 26 minutes. Then turned off. I was eager to hear about his life, his thoughts, and his struggles and joys. It turns out that he also was really interested in my thoughts and life story. Maybe he's at that age...? I had prayed that I might be open to really getting to know him better. As a young adult. It was special.

If relationships are important to us, they are *even more* so to God. Many stories of the Bible speak to God's desire to be in relationship with us in tangible, authentic, life-giving ways. After all, *God created us*; perhaps, in part, to have creatures to be *in relationship with!* (Genesis 1:26-27). Jesus made deep and abiding *friendships* with his disciples, both men and women. He said: "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15: 5) And a bit later in John 15: 13, we read, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I commanded you."

This coming Lenten season, which begins this month on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, we will be exploring the wonderful world of prayer. We will explore "The Meaning of Prayer" in our Lenten midweek series, a round-robin with the pastors of *four other local congregations*. I'm excited to be a part of this. I hope that we might all be encouraged to grow in our own prayer lives.

All of life is about relationships. What a privilege it is to even have *the possibility* of a relationship with the Creator who not only molded us from the clay, but has entered our human story. The greatest wonder, and mystery of this, I think, is that this God seeks us, that we might find true joy and peace in communion with Christ, our true identity and the meaning of our existence in relationship. And, that we might invite others into this relationship...

Blessings!

Pastor Dan

FIRST THINGS & ETC.

Zipporah Bible will meet on Thursday, February 20th at 2:00pm in the Martha Room at FLC. All are welcome! Please note change in location.

Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, February 25th at 6:00pm in the Fireside Room at First Lutheran Church.

Free Tax Prep by IRS Certified volunteers for hardworking families earning up to \$54,000 at Faith Lutheran Church in Morris on Thursdays. Please call ahead to schedule an appointment at 800-492-4805 or sign up on-line at wcmca.org.

Energy Assistance Program helps serve income eligible households with heat and electricity through the cold winter months. Please call Andrea Goeden and WC MN Communities Action at 218-685-7025 for additional information.

RUSC Kinship Mentoring is seeking adult volunteers to spend at least four hours a month with a young person. All mentors are required to complete a screening process which includes an application form, personal interview, background check and training session. Mentor applications can be found at www.rusckinship.org or by contacting their office at 215 Atlantic Ave in Morris, by phone at 320-585-7872, email at rusckinship@gmail.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.

Stevens County Food Shelf supplies a five-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 is located at 701 Iowa Ave in Morris, and is open the following days/hours: Mondays 2:30-3:30pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays 10:30-11:30am, Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm.

*Thanks to the Charity Service Group for their help during the month of March as coffee hour servers.
Your help is much appreciated!*

* Doyle & Jone Anderson	Steve & Michelle Just
Karen Bolling	* Don & Karen Ritter
Lauren Carlson	Tammy Roth
Bob & Vicki Dalager	Dick & Suzanne Smith
Barry & Nancy Erdahl	Nathan Smith
Brian & Ann Erdahl	Joan Smith
Cheryl Higgins	Myron & Marilyn Syverson
Brent & Jackie Huebner	Kevin & Jeanne Williamson

BURGERS, BEVERAGES & BLESSINGS

Wednesday nights at 7pm

(meets in the side room of the Met Lounge)

Please join us, along with Faith Lutheran, for *Burgers, Beverages and Blessings* every Wednesday night in the side room of the Met Lounge. We will sing hymns and songs of peoples' choice, have informal sharing and end in prayer. You can have a meal, drink beverage (yes, you can have a beer if you want), and be blessed by the fellowship.



2020 KMRS Radio Broadcast dates are: Feb 2, March 8, April 5, May 17, July 19, Aug 23, Oct 25, Nov 22, Dec 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.

The February 2nd broadcast is given in memory of Lenore Anderson from Pat, Gary, Shannon, Chad, Ryan, Hunter, Angie & Alexis Smith.

Newsletter Deadline for the March newsletter is noon on Thursday, February 20.

Winter Cancellations in the event of inclement weather this winter, please listen to KKOK/KMRS radio station for any event cancellations. Confirmation class or any other youth event will be cancelled if the Morris Area School dismisses early or cancels class for the day.

YOUTH NEWS AND EVENTS

Confirmation Schedule (7th and 8th grade)

Wed., February 5: 3:30–5:00pm Serving snack: Amy & Steve Werk
Wed., February 12: 3:30–5:00pm Serving snack: Kent & Erica Swenson
Wed., February 19: 3:30–5:00pm Serving snack: Kent & Erica Swenson

**There will be no class during Lent, but students are expected to participate in the mid-week Lenten service

Sunday School Schedule (Pre-school through 6th grade)

Sunday, Feb 5 & 16 10:15–11:00am Class
Sunday, March 1 & 15 10:15–11:00am Class

Fusion Youth Ministry Jr. High Youth (6-8 grade) Sr. High Youth (9-12 grade)

Sunday, Feb 2:
5:30pm to ?? Super Bowl Party!! at FAITH Lutheran (see ad below for more details)

Wednesday, Feb 5:
5:30–6:30pm: Fusion Adult Leadership Meeting at FEDERATED Church

Sunday, Feb 9:
5:00–6:30pm: Sr. High Youth Leadership Meeting at FIRST Lutheran
6:30–8:00pm: Sr. High Youth Group at FIRST Lutheran

Sunday, Feb 16:
5:00–6:30pm: Jr. High Youth Leadership Meeting at FAITH Lutheran
6:30–8:00pm: Jr. High Youth Group at FAITH Lutheran

Wednesday, Feb 18:
5:30pm: Mission Trip Meeting at FEDERATED Church

Sunday, Feb 23:
6:30–8:00pm: Sr. High Youth Group at FIRST Lutheran

Saturday, Feb 29: Ski Trip to Andes Tower Hills (see ad for more details)

SUPERBOWL PARTY

Sunday, February 2nd
At Faith Lutheran Church
@5:30pm (stay as long as you want or until
the game is done)

Open to 6th-12th grades

Bring a sweet treat or an appetizer to share!

Questions? contact Heather
Black @Fusion56267 or
heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com

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Fusion Youth Ministry Ski Trip To Andie's Tower Hills

Saturday, February 29th

5pm-12am Cost: \$20

Open to 6th-12th Grades

Sign up by
February 9th
with \$20 (checks
written to Trinity
Lutheran Church)
and the signed
waiver to secure
your spot!

CONTACT Heather Black on social media
@fusion56267 or heatherblack.fusion@gmail.com

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MISSIONARY FOR THE DAY

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

Jan 1	In memory of Sylvia Yarger from Bernice Erdahl
Jan 12	In memory of Howard K. Olson
Jan 17	In loving memory of Lenore Anderson from Pat & Gary Smith and family
Jan 19	In memory of Caroline Stoker from Jo Solvie
Jan 20	In memory of Mary Ellen Montony from Jo Solvie
Jan 21	In memory of Sylvia Yarger from Jo Solvie
Jan 28	In memory of Betty Waage from Bernice Erdahl

LOOKING AHEAD....

COUNCIL MINUTES

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday Evening
Worship at 6:30pm

Soup Supper served prior to worship
from 5:45-6:15pm

This year's Midweek Lenten Services will focus on "The Meaning of Prayer" (by Harry E. Fosdick). These services will be round-robin with various local pastors leading worship.

Wed., March 4:
"Hindrances & Difficulties in Prayer"
Pastor Dan Belgum

Wed., March 11:
"Care for the Individual in Prayer"
Pastor Matt Orendoff

Wed., March 18:
"Prayer as Communion with God"
Pastor Mike Nelson

Wed., March 25:
"Unanswered Prayer"
Pastor Heather Klason

Wed., April 1:
"Reign of Law in Prayer"
Pastor Chris Richards



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First Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 12, 2020

The January meeting of First Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Kevin Williamson at 7:37am on Sunday, January 12, 2020.

Present: Kevin Williamson, Bob Dalager, Tom Schneider, Naomi Fynboh, Eugene Anderson, Skip Mannum, John Dosedall, Allyn Plattner and Gary Wagner. **Absent:** Sandy Grove, Terry Dybdahl. **Staff Present:** Pastor Dan Belgum

Pastor Dan and gave the opening prayer and devotion.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Dan gave a written report.

Secretary's Report: Not discussed

Treasurer's Report: Bob Dalager shared the proposed 2020 budget and the yearend financial report. Discussed. No action taken.

Committee Reports:

- **Youth ministry:** Naomi shared an update on the Fusion Youth Ministry.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Salary and benefits were discussed for Office Manager and Pastor. Motion by Kevin for increase to office manager. Second by Tom. Motion carried. Pastor's compensation was discussed and approved.
- Signees for the two Endowment funds shall be the President, Treasurer and Secretary of the Council. Motion by Bob. Motion carried.

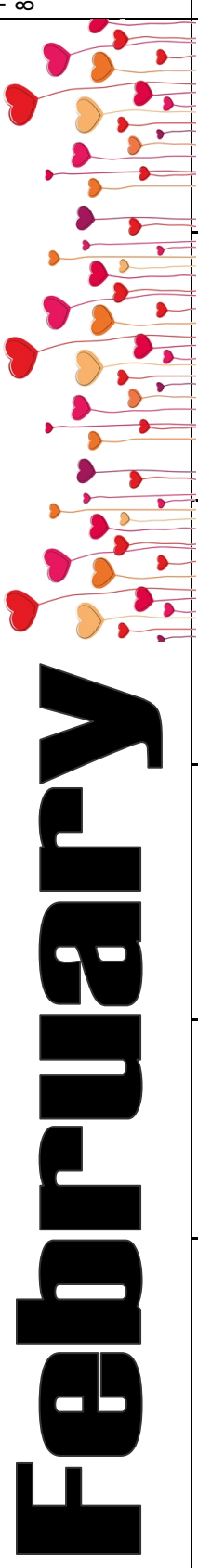
Closing: Pastor Dan left the meeting to prepare for church service.

Council meeting ended for church service.

Gary Wagner,
Secretary

FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERVANTS

<u>Sunday, February 2</u> 9:30am Worship 10:15am Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour	<u>Sunday, February 9</u> 9:30am Worship No Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour 10:30am Annual Meeting	<u>Sunday, February 16</u> 9:30am Worship 10:15am Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour	<u>Sunday, February 23</u> 9:30am Worship No Sunday school 10:30am Coffee Hour	<u>Ash Wednesday, February 26</u> 6:30pm Worship
LECTOR: Karen Bolling	LECTOR: Amy Dougherty	LECTOR: Jim Krosch	LECTOR: Shana Ulrich	LECTOR: —
USHERS: (H) Al Harris Mortenson Family	USHERS: (H) Skip Maanum Tom & Heather Schneider Family	USHERS: (H) Bob Heck Paul & Sandy Grove Family	USHERS: (H) Steve & Michelle Just Family	USHERS: (H) Steve Just Isaac Just
GREETERS: Mortenson Family	GREETERS: Fynboh Family	GREETERS: Siegel Family	GREETERS: Just Family	GREETERS: Owen Anderson Heather Schneider
ACOLYTES: Greta Hentges Owen Hentges	ACOLYTES: Lydia Fynboh Isabel Fynboh	ACOLYTES: Madelyn Grove Emma Bowman	ACOLYTES: Sam Just Christopher Just	ACOLYTES: Ruby Swenson Ellen Reed
COMMUNION PREP: (silver tray) Linda Holland	COMMUNION PREP: (silver tray) Judy Buro	COMMUNION PREP: (pouring chalice) Robi Bowman	COMMUNION PREP: (pouring chalice) Laurie Feuchtenberger	COMMUNION PREP: (silver tray) Elizabeth Harris
COMM SERVERS: Elizabeth Harris Emilie Brustuen Barry Erdahl	COMM SERVERS: Bob Dalager Tim Grove Millie Tschetter	COMM SERVERS: Ray Bowman Steve VanKempen Ward Voorhees	COMM SERVERS: Jane Johnson Linda Holland Jim Krosch	COMM SERVERS: Doug Ehlers Sharon Ehlers Judy Buro
NURSERY: Pam Wiese	NURSERY: Vicki Dalager	NURSERY: Bobbi Siegel	NURSERY: Ann Erdahl	NURSERY: Michelle Just
VIDEOGRAPHER: —	VIDEOGRAPHER: —	VIDEOGRAPHER: —	VIDEOGRAPHER: —	VIDEOGRAPHER: —

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
2 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday school 10:30am Fellowship/Coffee 5:30pm Fusion Super Bowl Party (gr. 6-12) at Faith	3	4 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 5:00pm Girl Scouts	5 10:00am Staff Meeting 3:30-5:00pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm Adult Leader Meeting (Fusion) at Federated Church 7:00pm BBB	6 11:00am Birthday Lunch at Common Cup 3:00pm Pastor at West Wind Village (worship)	7	8 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
9 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion No Sunday school 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship 10:30am Annual Meeting 5:00pm Youth Leader Mtg at First 6:30-8:00pm Fusion (9-12) at First	10	11 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	12 10:00am Staff Meeting 3:30-5:00pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm BBB	13 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 3:00pm Pastor at West Wind Village (worship) 7:00pm Mission & Evangelism Meeting	14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	15 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
16 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15am Sunday school 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship 5:00pm Adult Leader Mtg at Faith 6:30-8:00pm Fusion (6-8) at Faith	17 Presidents' Day Church Office Closed	18 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 5:00pm Girl Scouts	19 10:00am Staff Meeting 3:30-5:00pm Confirmation Class 5:30pm Youth Mission Trip Meeting at Federated Church 7:00pm BBB	20 9:00am Pastor's Glacial Ridge Conf Meeting 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study (Martha Room)	21	22 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
23 8:30am Choir Rehearsal 9:30am Worship with Holy Communion No Sunday school 10:30am Coffee/Fellowship 6:30-8:00pm Fusion (9-12) at First	24	25 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Women's Bible Study (Fireside Room)	26 ASH WEDNESDAY 10:00am Staff Meeting 2:00 Pastor at Skyview (worship) 6:30pm Ash Wed Worship (no Soup Supper)	27 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	28	29 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran 8:30-3:30pm Quipping Willmar 5:30pm Youth Ski Trip to Andes

THIS N' THAT



- Feb 1: Michael Bjorklund, Christie Olhoft, Justin Hanson, Sawyer Fynboh
- Feb 2: Cathy Solvie
- Feb 3: Kevin Haugen, Molly Krosch
- Feb 4: Sheila Fahje
- Feb 5: Dean Danter, Caleb Schultz
- Feb 6: Hugh Reimers
- Feb 7: Steve Van Kempen, Kristin Grove
- Feb 8: Bruce McCormack, Herb Nelson
- Feb 12: Genevieve Morrissey, 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 19: Kevin Stallman
- Feb 20: Marvel Anderson, 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

Save the Date: March 8

Bold Outreach Sunday: Hands On Mission Opportunity

Located on the table in the Narthex is a complete listing of the items that we will be collecting for the following Care Kits to be sent overseas through Lutheran World Relief. A collection box will be located in the church Narthex. Please consider donating prior to Sunday, March 8.

Personal Care Kits: • 1 light-weight bath-size towel (between 20x40" and 52x27") dark color recommended • 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand (in original wrapping) • 1 adult-size toothbrush (in original packaging) • 1 sturdy comb • 1 metal nail clippers

Baby Care Kits: • 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies®) • 2 long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet) • 2 receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36x36" and 52x52" • 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred • jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap • 2 pairs of socks • 1 hand towel, dark color recommended • 2 or 3 bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8-9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping (no mini or hotel size bars) • 2 diaper pins or large safety pins.

Newborn Baby Kit: • 1 regular-size bath towel (48x52") • 1 wash cloth • 1 bath-size bar white Ivory soap In original packaging • 1 newborn cotton t-shirt size 0-3 (or newborn) • 1 newborn stocking hat small size, a newborn's head is about 14" circumference • 1 receiving blanket (approx. 30x30") Cotton, acrylic, or light flannel (not wool) • 2 cloth diapers • 2 diaper pins

Rolled Bandages: Pre-washed white cotton or cotton blend bed sheets. We ask for white only because they are most suitable for wound care. These bandages are used as over dressings.

Birthday Lunch!

The ladies of First Lutheran get together once a month to celebrate birthdays on the first Thursday of each month. We rotate restaurants and you don't have to have a birthday that month to join us. There are no cards, no gifts, no dancing, no singing, no RSVPs and it's Dutch treat. Guests are welcome. The next birthday lunch will be on Thursday, February 6 at 11:00am at Common Cup.

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