

May 2024

First Things

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Chosen by Christ ~ Empowered to Serve



Don't miss Sunday, May 19

*11:00am worship
with a special recognition
of our graduating high school students!*

Join us before worship!

10:00am in the church fellowship hall

Family
BINGO!

*Celebrate the end of the Sunday school
year with fun for all ages....*

FAMILY BINGO!

*Prizes for all ages
preschool through adult*

class of
2024

*Come and congratulate our
graduating seniors and wish them
the best for the future!*

*This year's high school graduates are:
Owen Anderson, Jason Christians,
Owen Hentges, Tyler Schneider
and Ruby Swenson*

Cake, ice cream & coffee served!

*Any donations from coffee hour will go to the Sunday School
program. Sponsored by First Lutheran Church WELCA (Women of
the ELCA) with funding from Thrivent.*



- ☐ **Coffee Hour** is served in the fellowship hall before the worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:00am. The *FAITH Service Group* is on the schedule to serve coffee hour during the month of May. Please sign up on the bulletin board across from the church office. Those in this month's Service Group are:

* Cathy & Eugene Anderson	Greg & Naomi Fynboh	Glen & Kalha Gillespie
Mark & Mary Huebner	*Lindy Ekola & Dave Jungst	Diane Nelson
Mike & Denise Odello	John & Jean Schultz	Sarah & Colby Schultz
Cathy Solvie	Scott Staples	Pam & Neil Wiese
- ☐ **Lunch Bunch** meets on Wednesday, May 1st at 11:30am at Mi Mexico. All are welcome to join us!
- ☐ **2024 KMRS Radio Broadcast** available dates are: May 19, June 30, Aug 25, Oct 6, and Nov 17. 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.
- ☐ **Newsletter Deadline** for the June newsletter is noon on Tuesday, May 21.
- ☐ **Zipporah Bible Study** meets on Thursday, May 16 at 2:00pm in the church fellowship hall.
- ☐ **Pastoral Visit** If you or a family member are hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the church office and a local pastor will be contacted to visit you. Even though you may be asked your religious affiliation during check-in, the hospital staff can not share that information without you specifically requesting they contact your church.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.venco.com.
- ☐ **RUSC Kinship Mentoring** is seeking adult volunteer mentors 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 in person at 215 Atlantic Ave in Morris, by phone at 320-585-7872 or by email at rusckinship@gmail.com.

Fusion Youth Ministry Annual Commitment



Fusion and Element youth ministries need your support. This ministry is shared with several of our local churches including Faith Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran-Cyrus, Federated, and St. John's and Kongsvinger, Donnelly. It is solely supported by our churches and impacts the lives of junior and senior high youth and their families. All youth are welcome...whether they have a church affiliation or not.

Even though First Lutheran's annual support of \$10,000 to Fusion/Element is a part of the budget, your direct financial support of this youth ministry is needed and deeply appreciated. If you are able to make a gift/offering toward this ministry it will help support and strengthen our ministry to youth and families. If you do so, you may write a check to First Lutheran, with "Fusion Youth Ministry" in the memo line. Thank you!

May Worship Servants

Sunday, May 5: 11:00am Worship

Ushers: Al Harris, Greg & Naomi Fynboh
Nursery: Pam Wiese
Video: Mike Odello

10:00am Sunday school

Lector: Cathy Anderson
Acolyte: Jaxon Hilbrands & Ruby Swenson
TV slides: Sawyer Fynboh

Sunday, May 12: 11:00am Worship HC

Ushers: Steve Just family, Michael Bjorklund, Dave Jungst
Lector: Steve Just
Communion Prep: Liz Harris (bread)
Nursery: Lindy Ekola
Video: Steve Wagner

Comm Servers: Vicki Dalager, Linda Holland, Judy Buro
Acolyte: Grant Anderson & Abigail Anderson
TV slides: Maddy Schneider

Sunday, May 19: 11:00am Worship

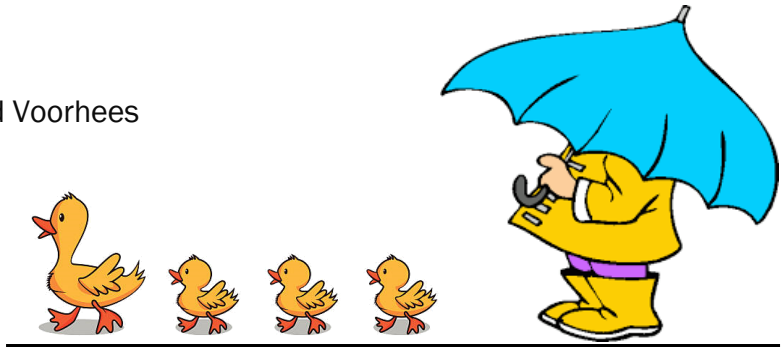
Ushers: Dick Smith, Al & Julie Monroe
Nursery: Amy Dougherty
Video: Kyle Dougherty

Graduate Sunday 10:00am Family Bingo

Lector: LeAnn Dean
Acolyte: Brayden Carlson & Wyatt Schultz
TV slides: Aaden Schultz

Sunday, May 26: 11:00am Worship HC Blue Hymnal

Ushers: Bob Heck, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Judy Buro
Lector: Bob Dalager
Nursery: Jone Anderson
Acolyte: Brenna Jergenson & Lilly Nesvig
Communion Prep: Laurie Feuchtenberger (wafer)
Comm Servers: Mille Tschetter, Emilie Brustuen, Ward Voorhees
Video: Tony Feuchtenberger
TV slides: Owen Nesvig



HAPPY
birthday

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: Richard Hawkinson
May 13: Justin Anderson, Kevin Williamson
May 15: Kenneth Grunig
May 16: Madelyn Grove
May 17: Brady Krusemark, Gerald Thorstad
May 18: Isaac Just
May 20: Eric Smith, Charles Yerigan
May 21: Greta Hentges
May 22: Elizabeth Harris, Jacqui Hills
May 23: Carol Day, Tammy Roth

May 24: Ryan Erp, Mary Huebner
May 26: Jared Flower, Andi VanKempen
May 27: Charli Erdahl
May 31: Ken Keller

HAPPY
Anniversary!

May 9: Mark & Deb Mattheis
May 20: Barry & Nancy Erdahl
May 26: Wayde & Laura Peterson
May 27: Ken & Noreen Grunig

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 11:30am Lunch Bunch at Mi Mexico 6:00-7:30pm Element 7:00-8:30pm Sr. Fusion	2	3	4 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran 9:30-11:00am Makers Space for Kids at First
5 10am Sunday school 10am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am Worship (Sunday school sings at worship) 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scouts	6	7 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 6:00pm Property Meeting	8 6:00-7:30pm Element 6:30-8:30pm Sr. Fusion Progressive Dinner	9 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group)	10	11 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
12 10am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am Worship with Holy Communion	13	14 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12pm Gatherings for Widows/ Widowers at Old #1 7:00pm Council Meeting	15	16 2:00pm Zipporah Bible Study in fellowship hall	17	18 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran Babysitting Clinic at First (all day event)
19 10am Family Bingo and Graduate Sunday 11am Worship 2:30-4:00pm Girl Scouts	20 8am-12pm Frontline Healthcare 12:30-4:30pm Frontline Healthcare	21 11:00am Pastor's Text Study 12:00pm Newsletter Articles Due	22	23 8:30am Share & Care (quilting group) 1:00-3:00pm Respite Group	24 9:30am Glacial Ridge WELCA Conf.	25 8:00am Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
26 10am Coffee/ Fellowship 11am Worship with Holy Communion	27 <i>Church office closed for Memorial Day</i>	28 11:00am Pastor's Text Study	29	30	31	

*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*



MAKER'S SPACE FOR KIDS

held at First Lutheran Church in the Fellowship Hall (lower level)

*Hosted by the FLC Mission & Evangelism Committee,
these Maker's Space for Kids sessions
are an intergenerational activity to learn new skills.*

Registration is FREE *and open to all students in Grades 3 through 8*

Bring your friends because they are also invited!

A light snack will be served.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for drop-off and pick-up of students.

Register for all 3 sessions, or just one or two of them....you pick which ones!

Saturdays: May 4 and June 1
9:30am to 11:00am each time

Schedule:

9:30am: Worship/Devotional time

9:45 to 10:45am: Workshop sessions

10:45am: Snack

11:00am: Dismissal

Sessions:

May 4: Woobles Kits (crochet) | Jams, Jellies and Pies | Lefse

June 1: Work working | Woobles Kits (crochet) | Jams, Jellies and Pies | Lefse | Painting

**Sessions are subject to change upon availability of volunteers*

Registration is easy!

1. On-line at <https://forms.gle/XtD5mvwnqCsVe7mS7> This link can be found on our website at www.flcmorris.org under the Education tab.
2. fill out a paper form that can be picked in the church Narthex
3. Walk-in registrations are welcome prior to each session. Please arrive by 9:15am on the day of the event to allow extra time for registering.

Maker's Space for Kids 2024

Youth Event Permission Form and Waiver

First Lutheran Church, 200 East 5th St., Morris MN 56267
(320) 589-3242 email: office@flcmorris.org

Youth Name: _____ Circle Dates Attending: May 4 | June 1

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ M F

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Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____ M F

Parent/Guardian: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home or Work Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

Additional Emergency Contact if unable to reach parent/guardian:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone #: _____

Food Allergies or other Special Requirements (things we should know about your child)

LIABILITY WAIVER: I, Parent/Guardian, give permission for my child(ren) to participate in the youth events organized by First Lutheran Church, Morris MN. I understand that my child(ren) will be under the supervision of adult leaders and volunteers during the event. I hereby release and hold harmless First Lutheran Church and its leaders, volunteers, and staff from any and all liability claims arising out of, or related to, my child(ren)'s participation in these events.

PHOTO RELEASE: I give permission for my child(ren)'s picture, but not name, to be used on the church's website, Facebook page and newsletter.

MEDICAL RELEASE: I understand that it may be necessary for emergency medical treatment to be administered if an injury or illness occurs during these youth events/activities. I grant permission to an adult leader, my appointed agent if needed, to provide consent for any medical diagnosis or treatment/hospital care as advised by a licensed physician, surgeon or dentist in the State of Minnesota. This may include visits at a doctor's office as well as hospitals.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Frontline Healthcare Warriors

Better Together Dementia and Caregiving

What we physically DO too people isn't hard... How we have to BE with people is hard!

The purpose of this experience is to give you the tools needed to produce better results and human experiences that will equip you with the insight and skills needed to build stronger connections, and navigate challenging situations.

In this session you will:

- Explore how our personalities influence our interactions and relationships.
- Transform your perspective and approach to challenges Alzheimer's, Lewey Body, Frontal Temporal Lobe, and Vascular Dementia bring to the journey and support with better understanding to generate better outcomes.
- Using Teepa Snows Positive Approach to Care we will dive into the world of Dementia and experince how people living with Dementia take in the world around them so we can work with the skills they have left instead of fighting against all the skills they have lost.

Choose From

May 15, 2024

8 am - 12 pm or 12:30 pm - 4:30pm

Holly Ridge Manor

500 Holly Ridge Dr. Starbuck, MN

May 20, 2024

8 am - 12pm or 12:30pm - 4:30pm

First Lutheran Church

200 E. 5th St. Morris, MN 56267

May 22th, 2024

8 am - 12 pm or 12:30 pm - 4:30pm

Maplewood Manor

1010 1st St. NE Elbow Lake, MN

Free

Free

For more Information and to Register go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/WPHSFrontline>

More Questions?

Contact Krisie Barron at 320.360.4724 or krisie@embracingjourneys.com



Krisie Barron LSW

Pies ... Pies... Pies...

Thank you to all who helped bake pies and those who purchased pies this spring! We are hoping to continue our spring pie baking event in 2025. All fruit that we had frozen in the freezer at church is used up. That means we will need your help. Our rhubarb pies are especially popular when we do a spring sale. If you are willing donate and cut up your own fruit, please put the fruit in containers or freezer bags with the number of cups labeled and dated. We have a freezer available at church to store the fruit in. If you have rhubarb or apples this year and would like to donate for our pies but are not able to cut them up yourselves, please contact Sharon Ehlers 320 808- 4500 or Emilie Brustuen 719 440-8575 or leave your name with Rita at the church office at 320 589-3242.

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and Global Health Ministries Kits

We are delivering our LWR kits and quilts from this past year's efforts to an ingathering to be sent to LWR headquarters in Minneapolis in May. Global Health Ministries kits were delivered last fall. We are looking ahead to next year.

We have once again received a First Lutheran Church endowment fund donation which makes it possible to host a packing event scheduled for the first day of Sunday school, September 8, 2024. This is a nice way to kick off the Sunday School year as the students enjoy the opportunity to help pack kits. This fall we will be packing Personal Care Kits and School kits for LWR. We will also be packing Newborn kits and rolling bandages for GHM. Information for these kits can be found on their websites, <https://lwr.org> and <https://www.ghm.org>. You can also search our church website under the member tab and click on Women of First. Please consider donating items for these kits. Some easy items to donate include school supplies, as these are often on sale starting in July and bath size bars of soap. If you like to crochet, knit, or sew, we need newborn stocking hats and receiving blankets for the newborn kits. These kits are packed for shipping in pillowcases of any color. We need white sheets donated for the rolled bandages. Fabric donations for quilts are needed and of course, monetary donations are always appreciated as well. Please check the websites for additional specific requirements.

All Women are invited to the SW MN Synodical Women's convention on Saturday, May 4, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls. Although the registration deadline was in April, walk-ins are welcome. Consider joining many other Lutheran women for a day of renewal, reflection, and celebration as we consider how to "Be the Light!" Please contact Sharon Ehlers & Emilie Brustuen for all the details.

ELCA
GOOD
GIFTS



ELCA World Hunger | God's Global Barnyard

A special collection is being taken from the congregation and the Sunday school from April 21 to May 5 that will benefit World Hunger/God's Global Barnyard. Collections will be turned in during the worship service on Sunday, May 5, or can be dropped off at the church office prior to May 5.

Your gift will help respond to the root cause of hunger and poverty in nearly 60 countries worldwide, including the United States. Livestock can make a world of difference for a family in need. Some animals provide food to eat, but can also provide fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell at the market. With these gifts, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty. Once the donations have been collected and counted, the Sunday school students will be choosing the animals of support.

For more information, please go to www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

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

- April 1 In memory of Myron Syverson from Emilie Brustuen
- April 2 In memory of Myron Syverson from Mary Krattenmaker
- April 3 In memory of Myron Syverson from Cheryl Higgins
- April 4 In memory of Myron Syverson from Judy Bluth
- April 5 In honor of all who made our Easter memorable
- April 6 In memory of Howard K. and Helen Olson on the anniversary of their wedding day
- April 7 In honor of Floyd Eliason's 90th birthday from Emilie Brustuen
- April 10 In memory of Jere Anderson from Luella Anderson
- April 13 In memory of Myron Syverson from Carol Day
- April 14 In memory of Mitch Munsterman from Jo Solvie
- April 15 In memory of Joan Eidsvold from Jo Solvie
- April 16 In memory of Merrill "Punk" Carlson from Jo Solvie
- April 17 In loving memory of Lenore Anderson on her granddaughter's birthday from Shannon
- April 18 In memory of Douglas Krueger from Emilie Brusuten

You can sponsor the missionaries of the ELCA 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.



First Lutheran Church Council Highlights: April 16, 2024

Committee Reports:

- Worship & Music: Easter Breakfast profits were \$490 which will go towards the Music Scholarship Fund.
- VBS will be with Faith Lutheran this year. Adult volunteers are needed.

Old Business:

- Ministry Site Profile: the MSP team has met with Pastor Heather from the Synod office.
- Call Committee: 3 people have confirmed their willingness to serve on the Call Committee so far.

New Business:

- The council interviewed an interim candidate and discussed offering him the position. Our Savior's Lutheran in Chokio would like to discuss the possibility of a 2-point ministry in sharing the interim pastor.
- Next council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm. Devotions to be given by J. Mark.

MARCH'S GIVING and EXPENSE

\$19,877.90	March Income	\$16,169.77	March Expense
\$60,029.77	Year-to-Date Giving	\$52,896.84	Year-to-Date Expenses

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Morris-First Lutheran Church

Worship Schedule

Sundays: 11:00am

Broadcasted live via Facebook
and YouTube; recorded services
available on our website.

Televised Services:

Tuesdays at 1:30pm

MediaCom: Channel 8

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