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members and friends of First
Evangelical Lutheran Church

JULY 2018

Time with Tom

All are called? How do I know if I am called and what am I called to do? These are good questions to ponder as we sit along the shores of our favorite summer get away. As Christians we are called according to our talents. As called Christians we may not know what our talents are, or we may have multiples. It is not so much what our understanding of the talent, but that we seek to discover, so we can use what God has given us. If we look at ourselves we may have some inkling, if we are not in denial. If we try to hide our talent, God says He will take it from us and throw us into the pit where there will be gnashing of teeth. But if we use the talents God has given us, God will add to us more talents and we will glorify God with our talents.

So let us go back to the question of being called. When the church was young and growing the duties of each in the community became important. Who would serve the people and who would preach and study and care for the widows--you get the picture. As the church grew and non-Jews joined the community of disciples for worship and care, not all understood the roll of the leadership. Others needed to be called forward as leaders to distribute the work. Acts 6 gives us insight to one such occasion, beginning with the 1st verse: *Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food.* ²And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, ⁴while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." ⁵What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. ⁶They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

In doing this it gave the community a much greater respect for each person's role as a Christian. It also gave them the ability to specialize (if you will) in the area of talent of each person. The servers of the food were no less valuable then the studiers of the word. God gives us all a place in the community and we need to not only hear that call but act on the call given to us. God has called us to worship and to bring our children to worship as a community. This is never more important than when we need God and the community during our time of despair. When we are hurting or when we struggle with the world's temptations. God is always with us and comes to us in community as well as in secret. In community we hear the word and sing the praises to the God of all creation and we hear the words of forgiveness. We are reminded of the grace of God who gave his son to redeem us from the sinfulness of this life by dying on a cross and rising from death and the grave to show us death has no power over the followers of Jesus Christ. Jesus died for all people and all people have the ability to live eternally with the God of all creation. Go and share that with others and pray for understanding so you too can use your talents to serve and love God and God's creation. Acts chapter 6 continues ⁷The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. Be part of the movement of faith in Christ's community and we will see you in worship somewhere this summer. Amen

Agree with one another; live in peace and the God of Love and peace will be with you.
2nd Cor. 13:11 Pastor Tom Evenson

Our mission: First Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to **welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ; **equip** persons with a faith that works in real life; and **send** us in service into the world in Jesus' name.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday:
8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
WEBSITE:
www.firstlitchfield.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday
8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion
9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
10:15 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Service with Communion
Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service with Communion

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Happy 4th of July!

The Church Office will be
Closed on Wednesday,
July 4, 2018

Council Highlights

**“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”**

**First Evangelical Lutheran
Church Council
2018**

**PRESIDENT:
Bob Blomberg**

**VICE PRESIDENT:
Dick Farmer**

**SECRETARY:
Carrie Block**

**TREASURER:
Carolyn Christensen**

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:

**Christian Education/
Youth & Family:**
Will Dolan
Dick Farmer
Tanna Stucky

Stewardship & Finance:
Betty Allen
Bob Blomberg
Tanna Stucky

Social Ministry/Evangelism:
Dawn Doty
Meredith Elj

Endowment/Memorial:
Robert Gilberts
Dennis Gartner

Property:
Dick Farmer
Dennis Gartner
Bob Gilberts

Worship & Music:
Vonnie Escen
Meredith Elj

Personnel:
Bob Blomberg
Carolyn Christensen
Will Dolan

First Evangelical Lutheran Church - Council Minutes

Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 7:00 p.m.

Our Mission: *FLC exists to welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ; Equip persons with a faith that works in real life; and Send us in service into the world in Jesus' name.*

Council Membership:

2019: Carolyn Christensen, Dick Farmer, Carrie Block, Will Dolan
2020: Betty Allen, Vonnie Escen, Robert Gilberts, Bob Blomberg
2021: Dawn Doty, Meredith Elj, Dennis Gartner, Tanna Stucky

Council members not present: Betty Allen and Dawn Doty

Devotions: Bob Blomberg

Motion for approval of the agenda made; motion seconded

Motion for approval of secretary notes made; motion seconded

Treasurer’s Report was reviewed with Amber. Motion for approval of treasurer’s report made; motion seconded

Pastor’s Report:

*Constitution is being reviewed by council and will be submitted to synod for final approval

*Mission trip to Thailand is in its final stages, all bills paid and tickets purchased. He has arranged for pulpit supply for Sundays and Sarah will cover the Wednesday services without communion. He will be gone July 12th and return Aug. 3rd.

*Wedding Guidelines and church use guidelines are prepared and ready to be reviewed by the council.

*Moving forward with IT team with video equipment and sound system

*Confirmation Camp was a great success.

*Font should be arriving soon shipping June 22nd.

*MST 2020 has begun.

Team Reports:

Christian Ed/Youth-

*Planning in underway for VBS in August.

*Arranging the Sunday school and Confirmation calendar and curriculum schedule for the upcoming year.

*Organized some summer events for the middle/high school students this summer which include Bonfire/Movie night, Valley Fair and Picnic at the lake.

Personnel- No report

Endowment- No report

Steward and Finance- No report

Social ministry/Evangelism-

*Reviewed and updated notes on the spring communion luncheon, new member Sunday for next year.

*Starting to plan for “God’s Work. Our Hands”

Church property-

*Signs will be put up around the church to help locate the various areas of the church.

*A representative that attended the Church Safety and Security Training event will attend the August Church Council meeting to report their findings.

Churchwide



Baptisms at First

These baptisms are the start to a wonderful and long lasting faith. Congratulations on this milestone!!

Henrik Alan Boll

Born: January 8, 2018

Baptized: June 10, 2018

Parents: Brian and Rebecca Boll

Sponsors: Robert Boll,
Amanda Carlson and
Jamison Youngren

**GLOBAL MISSIONS
OFFERING**

On the **First** Sunday of the month,
July 1, 2018
a second offering will be taken, where a
globe will be passed.
This month, the second
offering will go to:
**Mission Study Trip—
Costa Rica**

PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Meeker Manor: JoAnn Costigan, Doug Hess, Betty Jorgensen
Emmaus Place: Arlene Poirier, Stan Mortenson, Maggie Fenton
Gloria Dei: Mae Wertz, Willard and Diane Maahs
Bethany Assisted Living: Grace Kranz
Litchfield, in own home: Marian Kronbeck, Ardella Voigt,
Luella Anderson
Hutchinson: Lynette Peterson



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: *Our members known to be in the military are:
Cmdr. Joseph Vandelac, Foreign Engagement at the Pentagon, son-in-law of Janice and Cecil Fawcett; **Sgt. 1st Class, Special Forces Ryan Oldenburg,** Fort Bragg, NC, grandson of Edna and Martin Oldenburg; **Staff Sergeant Austin Kleinschmidt,** Great Falls, MT, son of Kipp and Lynette Kleinschmidt; **Cmdr. Debra (Freitag) Baker,** Naval Medical Center, San Diego, CA, daughter of Jerry and Judy Freitag; **Staff Sgt. Matthew Wiechmann,** son of Virgil and Jamie Wiechmann, stationed at Fort Drum, New York; **Major Troy Thomas,** nephew of Mike and Gaylene Thomas, and Valda Thomas, Severance, CO; **Eric Kammermeier,** active duty United States Navy, son-in-law of Mike and Beth Boyle; **Airman 1st Class, Jonathan Negron,** Vacaville, CA, son of Margaret Schlisner; and **Staff Sgt. Seth Erickson,** stationed in Richfield, MN, nephew of Margaret Schlisner.

Welcome Home! to those of you who now have returned to the States. Thank you all for your service.

*Please let the office know if titles, locations, and/or



50th Wedding Anniversary

Chuck and Karen Eberhard
Sunday, July 22, 2018
11:30 to 1:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church, Chilstrom Hall
Join us! Hosted by their family

**FOOD SHELF
DONATIONS**

The shopping cart is located in the Narthex for your non-perishable donations for the Food Shelf. The needs are great within our community and your contributions are greatly appreciated.



Churchwide

JULY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 1, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour
10:15 a.m. - Non-Traditional Worship w/Comm.

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 — Office Closed

6:30 p.m. - NO Worship Service w/Communion

Sunday, July 8, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour
10:15 a.m. - Non-Traditional Worship w/Comm.

Wednesday, July 11, 2018

6:30 p.m. - Worship Service w/Communion (Chapel)

Sunday, July 15, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour
10:15 a.m. - Non-Traditional Worship w/Comm.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

6:30 p.m. - Worship Service (Chapel)

Sunday, July 22, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour
10:15 a.m. - Non-Traditional Worship w/Comm.

Wednesday, July 25, 2018

6:30 p.m. - Worship Service (Chapel)

Sunday, July 29, 2018

8:30 a.m. - Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. - Fellowship and Coffee Hour
10:15 a.m. - Non-Traditional Worship w/Comm.

SUMMER

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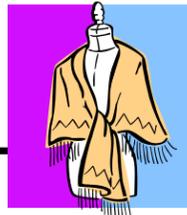
Email: firstoffice@hutchtel.net



MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, JULY 21, 2018
5:00 P.M.
HOLY WORD THEATER
FEATURING:
“Far From Home”

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are available in the church office when needed for yourself or someone in need of comfort and prayers. Please help—if you know of someone who is in need of prayers and a shawl, stop by the office and pick one up!



HOSPITALIZED?

Please remember to call the church Office or Pastor Tom if you or a loved one is hospitalized and you would like a call or a visit. We do not have access to patient lists and without your call we have no way of knowing if you are in the hospital. Due to the law the medical facilities are no longer able to provide that information.

Thank you!

Church Council, Cont.

Worship and music- No Report

Old Business:

- *Starting a new search for quotes on the electronic options, Sound system.
- *The Constitution was reviewed. Motion for approval of constitution with minor changes made; motion seconded
- *Motion for approval of wedding guidelines and church use guidelines made: motion seconded.
- *Tonia Beavers was hired for the Bookkeeper position.
- *Preparation is underway for National Night Out on August 7th, 2018. Motion was made for our National Night Out committee to spend up to \$300 from the General Fund. Motion approved; motion seconded
- *Church Safety and Security Training representative will attend our council meeting in August to talk about the experience.
- *God’s Work Our Hands is set for September 9th, 2018.
- *Church Event Supervisor discussed as unnecessary.
- *The Synod Assembly had great speakers, all council positions filled. Pastor Tom took part in preparing over 130,000 packaged meals to be sent around the world as part of God’s work around the world committee.

New Business:

- *Jackie will be retiring as office manager at the end of July but will train the new office manager through the month of August. The personnel committee will discuss the hiring process. Jackie will be providing a revised job description for the personnel committee. Motion was made to accept her resignation; Motion seconded.
- *MST’s fair booth is in need of a new vent fan. We discussed and need further information before any decisions can be made.
- *Central Community Transit’s bus services for Sunday mornings will be reviewed in September.
- *July Council Meeting. Motion was made for the committee to not conduct a meeting in the month of July, Motion was accepted and seconded.

Dates to Remember

- *Team Meetings (if needed) – July 3, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
- *Team Meetings – August 7, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
- *Executive Team Meeting – August 7, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
- *Council meeting – August 21, 2018 @ 7:00 pm
- *Rev. Dr. Philip J. Knutson, ELCA – Global Mission Regional Representative to Southern Africa will be here to speak – June 20, 2018 @ 6:30 pm during the Wednesday night worship.

Prayer Requests

Closing and Prayer

Adjourn

Respectfully submitted,
Carrie Block, Secretary



Job Opening: Office Manager/Secretary, First Lutheran Church, full time, starting August 6, 2018. Application form available in the office. Please send letter of application and resume to Church Office.

CHURCHWIDE



Southwestern Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Sarah Hausken, Youth Ministry Coordinator

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May 2018

Dear First Lutheran Church,

God's Peace be with you!

You may know that at the SW MN Synod Sr. High Youth Gathering in Alexandria March 9-10, **Colby Christensen was elected to the Southwestern Minnesota Synod Lutheran Youth Organization (LYO) Board.** I want to express my congratulations and thanks to you in raising up a gifted young leader.

It is truly an honor to be chosen to serve on the LYO board and I'm sure the care, nurturing and mentoring in faith your congregation has given this young person has helped prepare them for this ministry.

I would like to take some time to let you know what the LYO is about. We are a Synod board made up of 15 youth and up to 13 adults. Basically, the calling of the LYO is to:

- represent the voice of Lutheran Youth in SW MN
- plan, coordinate and staff the Jr. and Sr. High Youth Gatherings
- represent the youth of the SW MN Synod at churchwide functions; and
- proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ through the above activities.

The service of the LYO is vital to youth ministry in our synod, and I have no doubt that each youth has been called to serve on the board for a reason.

I want to also point out that serving on the board is not only an honor, but a valuable learning experience as well. Youth learn leadership and organizational skills. They learn how to work cooperatively with other youth and adults. They acquire an understanding of the church and how it functions on local, synodical, regional, national and global levels.

Again, thank you for your role in raising and supporting this young leader. May their service on the LYO board be a blessing to Christ's church in all its expressions.

May God's Peace be with you,

Sarah Hausken, Deacon
SW MN Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator and LYO Advisor

CHURCHWIDE

Dear friends,

More than thirty-five children came to Sunday School at St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Davies Street, Doornfontein in the inner city of Johannesburg last Sunday. The two teachers welcomed the children in several local languages and then asked each child to introduce him/herself to the group and wrote down their names explaining, "many of these children come from the neighbourhood and are here for the first time."

Less than two weeks before tragedy struck just down the street when an old wall fell over killing 3 children playing on the sidewalk. An ecumenical funeral service was held at St. Thomas and a group counselling session for the children was led by the Lutheran pastor.

The lesson theme for the Sunday School class was "The Empty Tomb." Several older children read the story from John chapter 20 and then the questions came tumbling out. "Can we see angels? What is heaven like and who will go? Will we recognise each other? Will we stay the same age or grow up in heaven? ..."



St. Thomas Lutheran Church was built in 1910 by the Church of Sweden Mission just 24 years after gold was discovered there in 1886. A city grew up overnight drawing fortune and job seekers. The Natives Land Act of 1913 reserved 93% of the land for the white minority and forced black peasant farmers into cheap migrant labor in the mines and factories.

Migrant workers continue to stream into Johannesburg and surrounds with many ending up in overcrowded and crumbling buildings in inner city areas like Doornfontein. The St. Thomas congregation is keenly aware of the many challenges and opportunities for service and ministry in the area.

The children enjoyed a sandwich and juice after the Sunday School lesson and are eagerly looking forward to coming back next week.

(St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a congregation in the Central Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. The Metropolitan Chicago Synod of the ELCA is their companion synod.)

Thank you for your prayers and support and for your participation in God's mission locally and globally.

Peace and blessings.
Yours faithfully,
Philip Knutson

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson,
ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative, Southern Africa
Johannesburg
April 24, 2018

My blog page address is: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>
Please note the link to my online giving page on www.elca.org: community.elca.org/SouthAfrica

Stewardship & Finance

General Fund:

Total **Income** for the month of May 2018: \$26,165

Less total **Expenses** for the month of May 2018: \$27,855

Year to Date:

Income as of May 31, 2018: \$144,776

Expenses as of May 31, 2018: \$148,755

Women of the ELCA (WELCA)

WELCA Meeting, June 21, 2018

First Lutheran WELCA met on June 21, 2018, at 1:30 pm in Chilstrom Hall.

Betty called the meeting to order and we began with the reading of the Purpose Statement.

Joan Sommerfeld gave the Devotions. Our song was "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Our speaker was Jim Sommerfeld from First District Association. He started at First District in 1991 and in 1995 he joined the Whey Products Sales Division covering Asia, Europe, South America, and the U.S. The Litchfield Creamery was started in 1921 and then 11 creameries formed the cooperative. There are 1100 member-owners. The District produces over 175 million pounds of cheese a year in addition to producing a whey protein concentrate, Lactose, and other products they sell all over the world. FDA is known for the constant quality of the product they deliver. There are further expansions planned which will allow FDA to process over 7 million pounds of milk a day!

Lana Johnson made a motion to approve the secretary's report and Valda Thomas made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.

Marilyn Swanson and Karen Eberhard will be attending the SW MN Synod Convention in St. Cloud at Bethlehem Lutheran on June 29-30.

Karen Eberhard informed the group that 13 kids will be going to camp, so that's a total of \$650 from the budget. Also shipping for the quilts, baby kits, and school kits will be \$615. We only have \$346.50 in the kit/quilt shipping account. Marilyn said that she would check to see if some of the money in the Quilt Fund could be used for the shipping of the quilts.

Dates to Remember:

July 19 WELCA at Zion, 12 noon Potluck

August 16 WELCA Funday trip to Annandale for lunch at 11 am at Jewel's followed by visiting the shop "All Things Good" and "Grandpa Earl's Country Store & Gallery".

Signup in the office by August 9. Meet at the church at 9:45 to carpool.

The Lord's Prayer was recited and we sang the Table Prayer.

Thank you to Gladys Johnson, Dianne Thorp, and Dee Bollin for serving the desserts; Joan Sommerfeld for Devotions, Shirley Erickson, accompanist, Florence Roeszler for being our Greeter, and Jim Sommerfeld for the Program.

Meeting Adjourned.

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



WELCA July Meeting
Thursday, July 19, Noon, at Zion Lutheran, Pot Luck Lunch

MST 2020

MST -2020 NEWS



Watercade Pie in the Park

Saturday, July 14th, 10 am-2 pm

MST 2020 will be in need of pies for Pie in the Park on Saturday, July 14th. Pies will need to be fruit pies only and delivered to the church by Friday, July 13th.

Please sign up in the church or call Tanna Stucky @ 320-493-1213 or Jason Stucky @ 320-493-1508 Thank-you!

Watercade French Toast Breakfast

Sunday, July 15th, 7:30 am-11:30 am

MST 2020 will be holding a French Toast Breakfast in Chilstrom Hall on Sunday, July 15th from 7:30 am-11:30 am.



SAVE THE DATES: 2018 MEEKER COUNTY FAIR- AUGUST 1-5

The Meeker County Fair is soon approaching! Can you taste those delicious burgers? Please be thinking of how you would like to help by donating a food item or your time at the MST Food Stand. We will be contacting you in July!



Memorials & Gifts

GIFTS have been given to the General Fund in memory of Ellen Smith-Beckstrand, by DeWayne and Iona Albright, and Bob and Sharon Johnson.

GIFTS have been given to the General Fund and Missionary Support in memory of Ellen Smith-Beckstrand, by Vernon and Lil Madson, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Charlie and JoAnn Lindstrom, Everett and Kathy Hantge, Robert and Beatta Swanson, John and Shirley Lekander, Faye Kjolsing, and J. David and Elizabeth Nelson, and friends and family.

GIFTS have been given to the General Fund in memory of Ellen Smith-Beckstrand and Viggo Christensen, by Karl and Darlene Lundin.

A GIFT has been given to the General Fund in memory of Ellen Smith-Beckstrand, by Ron and Barb Piepenburg.

GIFTS have been given to the General Fund in memory of Celia (Sally) Defries by Howard and Laurie Koehn, Larry and Cheryl Struck, Randy Reinke, and her family: Ernie and Jackie Defries, Steve and Sophi Miller, and Ed and Tracy Nething.

Special Thanks

THANK YOU — I would like to thank my family, my circle, quilters, and friends for cards and flowers and phone calls and all our prayers. And to Pastor Gary for your visit.
God Bless You All — *Idell Kadelbach*

TO THE JUNE SERVING GROUP: Karen and Chuck Eberhard and all of the ladies who served in the kitchen. Thank you for adding Jell-O to the lunch menu. Our Mom always served Jell-O and our Dad always begged us to eat the Jell-O! It was a standing joke at their table and was only fitting that Jell-O was served at her funeral!
To Pastor Tom Evenson: Thank you for your comforting words as we prepared for the service, guiding us along the way. Your message was perfect; the Gospel was presented well!
To Jackie: Thank you for helping us in so many ways, taking care of the details and the matters at hand.
Thank you to those of you at First Lutheran Church who served in any way Mom's visitation and service.
Thank you to the congregation of FLC for being "church family" to our Dad, Mom, and Don all through the years.
May God Bless you all! *Family of Ellen Smith-Beckstrand*

B.R.E.W.

Be Still, Receive God's Love, Embrace God's Word, Welcome the Day
B.R.E.W. meets every **Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m.** with Pastor Tom for coffee and fellowship.
Join us!

COUNTY TRANSIT BUS: The transit bus will pick up anywhere within city limits and will deliver to First Lutheran Church on Sunday morning. The bus is paid for through the Endowment Fund and it is FREE to riders on Sunday mornings.

Each individual needs to call 693-7794 to schedule their ride by Friday for pickup on Sunday.

CHURCHWIDE



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Ellen Smith-Beckstrand
Friday, June 1, 2018

*Please keep her family in your thoughts
and prayers.*



NEW THIS YEAR !

MST-2020 will be selling homemade chocolate chip cookies at the Litchfield Rotary Bash on **Friday, August 10, 2018.** If you are able to help by donating **3 dozen cookies**, please sign up in the church office or call/text Julie Spanos at 320-310-1716. Cookies can be dropped off at the church on **August 9** or early morning on the 10th. Thank You !



Lord Jesus, thou who art the way, the truth and the life; hear us as we pray for the truth that shall make all free. Teach us that liberty is not only to be loved but also to be lived. Liberty is too precious a thing to be buried in books. It costs too much to be hoarded. Help us see that our liberty is not the right to do as we please, but the opportunity to please to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall, before the U.S. Senate