



# FIRST NEWS

*A monthly publication for the members and friends of First Evangelical Lutheran Church*

**JULY 2019**

**July 2019**

**Time with Tom**

Love letters from God. God sends us love letters via people. God has been sending us love letters since the Genesis in creation. God loves us so much he created a garden for us to live in and wants us to love him back. Even when we turned from him he continued to love us and send us love notes. He sent us love notes by telling the prophets how we need to live and how we should love each other. He sent love notes when he gave us the poems of David we call Psalms. He gave us love notes we call the Ten Commandments. These are ten words of love we were told by Luther to study everyday.

I would like you to find a way to remind yourselves of these love notes from God by putting them in front of you everyday. Find a place you go everyday; the fridge, the mirror, your car or truck. Some location you can hang them so you cannot miss them and then read them everyday until you know them and their meanings according to Luther's' small catechism. Luther said (I paraphrase) anyone who knows the Ten Commandments knows the entire Bible. And if we know the Ten Commandments as words of love from God why wouldn't we want to know them by heart? The three tables we use to divide the ten words help us to know what God is saying about loving him and our neighbor.

The first table says he is our God and the only God we need because he frees us to be the people he created. He tells us when we love manmade gods we become slaves to them and are not free to live in Christ or have life eternal but we struggle our whole life serving the idols of man. When we remember to keep a day of rest we have time to love our God and show his love to our children our neighbors and our livestock by giving them rest as well.

The other two tables teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves and so our neighbor can love us also. When God tells us not to kill or steal or commit adultery he is telling us to defend and protect our neighbor and all that is our neighbors including his wife and our marriage bed. Do not covet anything sums up most of the remainders. God wants us to not long for the things we don't have but long for a relationship with God so he can give us all the things we truly need for a good life and for our neighbor to have a good life.

Matthew 22<sup>nd</sup> says we should love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like the first; we should love our neighbor as ourselves. All the laws and prophet hang on these two commandments. The Ten (Words) Commandments are love notes from God so we can live in a loving relationship with God and all he created and continues to create. Love God, and love your neighbor. What commandments will you remember? *Amen,*

*Live in Peace and the God of Love and Peace will be with you! 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor.13:11b*  
*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 - Thursday  
8:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Friday  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

WEBSITE:  
[www.firstlitchfield.org](http://www.firstlitchfield.org)

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# Council Highlights

**"GOD'S WORK.  
OUR HANDS."**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Notes  
June 25 7pm

## **First Evangelical Lutheran Church Council 2019**

### **PRESIDENT:**

Bob Blomberg

### **VICE PRESIDENT:**

Corey Cervin

### **SECRETARY:**

Dawn Doty

### **TREASURER:**

Karla Hyberger

### **TEAM**

### **REPRESENTATIVES:**

#### **Christian Education/**

##### **Youth & Family:**

Tanna Stucky

Beth Fruetel

#### **Stewardship & Finance:**

Betty Allen

Bob Gilberts

Karla Hyberger

#### **Social Ministry/Evangelism:**

Dawn Doty

Meredith Elj

Betty Allen

Vonnie Escen

#### **Endowment/Memorial:**

Dennis Gartner

Corey Cervin

Tanna Stucky

#### **Property:**

Andy Hoffman

Dennis Gartner

Bob Gilberts

#### **Worship & Music:**

Vonnie Escen

Meredith Elj

#### **Personnel:**

Bob Blomberg

Will Dolan

Karla Rick

#### **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:**

2020: Betty Allen, Vonnie Escen, Robert Gilberts, Bob Blomberg

2021: Dawn Doty, Meredith Elj, Dennis Gartner, Tanna Stucky

2022: Andrew Hoffman, Beth Fruetel, Karla Hyberger, Corey Cervin

#### **Devotions: Dennis Gartner**

Secretary Report: motion to accept both reports by Dennis Gartner and seconded by Betty Allen  
Treasure Report: motion to accept by Betty Allen seconded by Bob Gilberts

#### **Agenda: No Additions**

Pastors Report: Confirmation camp went well with 10 of our 14 Students attending.

Pastor Tom continues to make hospital visits and Pastor Gary is back to his regular schedule. We received enough funds to bring AGAPE to Watercade. Sound system has been ordered and the process begins.

#### **Team Reports:**

Evangelism/Social Ministry: No Report

Christian Education: VBS was fun and relaxing and a decision was made to again partner with other area churches for next year. Discussions have begun for the upcoming Sunday school year.

Church Property: Adding extra handicapped parking spaces. The flat roof is leaking and being looked in to. Church lawn being mowed every 5 days or so.

Personnel: Thoughts and direction on kingdom company director and choir.

Endowment: No Report

Stewardship and Finance : No Report

Worship and Music: team duties reviewed and handed out. Personnel committee working on kingdom company.

#### **Old Business:**

Church safety seminar: work in progress

Sound system process will begin.

Eagle Scout project, we will reach out to Riley and see where he is at with the project.

#### **New Business:**

Conversation was had regarding organist substitute pay.

National Night Out being planned.

## Council continued

Motion made by Betty Allen and seconded by Dennis Gartner to not have council meet or team meetings in July. Pastor Tom will be on vacation August 12-20.  
MST has asked permission to utilize funds from the fair stand upkeep. After further discussion, we will need more information on costs and profits.

Dates to Remember

Team Meetings: not meeting in July  
Executive Meeting: not meeting in July  
Council Meeting not meeting in July  
AGAPE at Watercade July 10 at 7pm  
National night out August 6 2019  
GWOH's September 8 2019

Prayer Requests  
Closing Prayer  
Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Doty, Secretary



## Stewardship and Finance

### General Fund:

Total **Income** for the month of May 2019: \$13,029  
Less total **Expenses** for the month of May 2019: \$29,527

### Year to Date:

Income as of May, 2019: \$118,759  
Expenses as of May, 2019: \$160,007

## GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING

The Social Ministry Team invites you to drop off or pick up fresh garden veggies and fruit during the summer and fall growing season. Let us once again share our produce with one another!

*A table is located in the southeast  
(Sunday School) entrance.*

Thanks to all who participated last season.  
Enjoy the harvest!



# MST - 2020 - Events



MST 2020 will be in need of pies for:

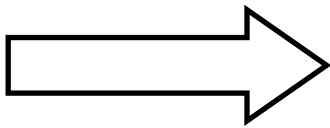
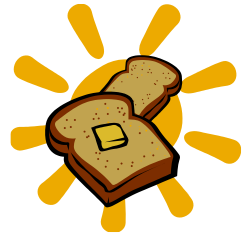
## Watercade Pie in the Park

on Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Pies will need to be fruit pies only and delivered to the church by Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up in the church office.

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MST 2020 will be holding a French Toast Breakfast in Chilstrom Hall, on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 am-11:30 am.



**SAVE THE DATES:**

**2019 MEEKER COUNTY FAIR**

**AUGUST 1-4**



The Meeker County Fair is right around the corner! 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. There are sign up charts in Chilstrom Hall.

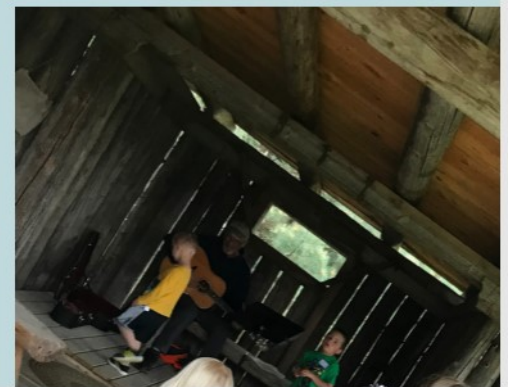






2019 VBS

What a blessing it was to partner with Ostmark, Zion, All Saints, & St. Matthews for ecumenical VBS. Connected with our Brothers and Sisters in Christ, paired with being in nature, and our local history was truly a delight.



## Self-fulfilling prophecies

“Children have this amazing way of becoming exactly who we tell them they are,” writes Amy Weatherly. “If we tell them they are strong, they become strong. If we tell them they are kind, they become kind.”

Perhaps Jesus knows this when he tells his disciples, “You are the salt of the earth [and] the light of the world” (Matthew 5:13-14). Clearly they haven’t already mastered sharing Jesus’ goodness with everyone! They are works in progress, as are we. But Jesus, teacher that he is, seems to set the bar high so his followers will strive to meet his expectations.

“You are Peter,” Jesus tells Simon, “and on this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). We can hear Weatherly: “If we tell them they’re faithful, they become faithful.” And when Jesus declares, “You are of more value than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:31), we believe in our worth and live it out. We become what Jesus tells us we are.

—Heidi Mann

# Memorials, Gifts & Thanks

**GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN** to the sound system and general fund and MST International in memory of Maggie Fenton by Bob and Sharon Johnson, Jean Wieland, John and Jo Carlson, Vern and Lil Madson, Mark and Judy Hultstrum, Gary and Pat Smith, Cecil and Jan Fawcett, Barbara Nelson, Mike and Gaylene Thomas, Gary and Lexi Cumings, Stanley and Sylvia Kittelson, Valda Thomas, and Gary and Loureen Larson.

**GIFTS HAVE BEEN GIVEN** to the sound system and general fund in memory of Luella Anderson by family and friends, Geraldine Moen, Mark and Judy Hultstrum, Faye Kjolsing, Larry and Frances Nelson, and Gary and Carolyn Vollmer, and Rand and Dianne Thorp.

**A GIFT HAS BEEN GIVEN** to the general fund in memory of Dick Johanneck by Karla Kadelbach.

**A GIFT** has been given to the general fund in memory of Hilmer Soder by Valda Thomas.

**A GIFT** has been given by Lois Rusch to the Office Supplies Fund as a thank you for receiving the CD recordings of the church service each week. It is in memory of brother, Haven Heil who passed away June 19, 1965, and son, Roger Rusch, on March 17, 2018.

## Special Thanks

**\*THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU\*** The kindness of this congregation was very apparent when I was honored as retiring Kingdom Company director. Your inspirational words, ovation, cards and gifts were thoughtful and touching. Being a part of this church family has been very important to me in my 25 years as a member. It is the way this congregation cares and uplifts one another that makes it a place that I want to be. A sincere thank you to all! Katie Hultstrum

**PASTOR TOM AND 1<sup>ST</sup> LUTHERAN:** Thank you for cards and flowers, visits and phone calls, food and gifts, and well wishes sent to me by all my adopted family at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran. I am slowly, but surely recovering and hope to be back soon. A special thank you to Katie Hultstrum for “filling in” for me at the Piano. You are so much appreciated, Katie. As Ever, Bea Devereaux.

**THANK YOU** so much for the opportunity to attend the Southwest Synod Assembly as Lay members June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. It was a very interesting, intense and moving 2 days. We came away from it with a new understanding and appreciation of the dedication and concern the leaders of our synod have for all of God’s people. We heard many young, dynamic men and women who will be ready to carry on our mission. The world has changed so much lately and is still changing. There is much fear, mistrust and anxiety. We are not to be afraid of the future for God is already there! We were made for this time. “Be strong and courageous—do not be terrified, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9) Trust in God and love one another. The world has changed but we as Christians are not of this world. Our synod and church is in good hands. Thanks be to God! Bob and Norma Hall, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar

**THANK YOU** for the prayers and get well wishes while I was a patient at St. Mary’s Hospital in Rochester. It is great to be home again. *God Bless! DeWayne Albright*

**THANK YOU** for all of your expressions of sympathy, hugs, cards, and monetary donations in memory of Hilmer Soder. So very appreciated! *Many Thanks, Jackie and Steve Kraushaar and the Family of Hilmer Soder*

**THANK YOU** to the June serving group, especially Lisa Gaulrapp, Charlene Garrison and Dororthy Euerle, for helping serve morning coffee for my Mom and Dad’s (Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom) 65th Wedding Anniversary! Thank you to all who came for fellowship. We are truly blessed to have family and friends come together to share in the celebration of such a milestone in life. Julie Bredeson and family.

**THANK YOU** to all our First Lutheran friends that helped us celebrate our 65th Anniversary, June 23. Your presence and well wishes made the day special. Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom



Hello First Family,

"Grace to you and peace" (1Cor. 1:3), it has been a pleasure to spend two weeks in the month of June in St. Paul at Luther Seminary with course studies. This past month has been busy and flown by. I had the opportunity to sign up and study two courses, Gospel of Mark and Epistles (Galatians & 1 Corinthians). The coursework has been challenging, yet, intellectually and spiritually stimulating. It will be exciting to let the dust settle and see what new formation comes from these courses. I want to thank you for your continued prayerful and financial support throughout this journey. Your support is truly a blessing.

Peace, Seminary Sarah



## PHONE NUMBERS!

Since many are no longer using a land-line phone, please let the church office know your cell phone number or a number where you can be reached. Thanks!

Church Office:  
320-693-2487 or  
email:  
firstoffice@hutchtel.net



## +Christian Symbol+



### Wheat

Many of Jesus' parables liken the kingdom of heaven to wheat growing abundantly in a field, as opposed to weeds planted by the evil one. When God "sows" the gospel broadly, some soil produces great crops of wheat (believers, people who become part of God's family); elsewhere, wheat (belief) flourishes briefly or not at all. Wheat also symbolizes the bread of Holy Communion and Christ, the bread of life.



Beckville, First Lutheran, Trinity Episcopal, Zion Lutheran Churches  
along with the Land Stewardship Project proudly presents

ONE NIGHT ONLY!

IN CENTRAL PARK!

AGAPE

with

Joe Davis

HIP HOP  
OUTREACH

7 PM | WEDNESDAY | JULY 10

Everyone of  
all ages is Welcome!

ALL YOUTH ARE INVITED TO THE TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH FOLLOWING THE CONCERT FOR  
VISITING & REFLECTION WITH THE PERFORMERS.



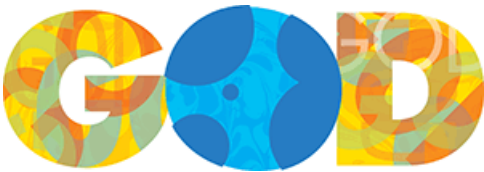
2019 GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP  
STAFF

## Carli Christensen

Please pray as she continues her ministry  
work at Green Lake.



## God is everywhere



We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time. This is not just a fable or a nice story. It is true. If we abandon ourselves to God and forget ourselves, we see it sometimes, and we see it maybe frequently. God shows himself everywhere, in everything — in people and in things and in nature and in events. It becomes very obvious that God is everywhere and in everything and we cannot be without him. It's impossible. The only thing is that we don't see it.

—Thomas Merton



GO GRAY



GRAY MATTERS

*Brain Tumor Awareness*

*For*

KAREN (ARDOLF) KRANZ

BENEFIT



**WHEN:** Saturday, July 27, 2019

**TIME:** 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**WHERE:** First Evangelical Lutheran Church Litchfield  
(703 South Sibley Avenue, Litchfield, MN 55355)

Karen's Journey started in March 2019 when she was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor called, TRIGEMINAL SCHWANNOMA. She has endured three major surgeries and has a long road ahead of her. Karen and Jeff's families are hosting this Benefit to help with the ongoing medical expenses. All proceeds will go to Karen and Jeff Kranz.

A delicious Lunch of Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Cowboy Baked Beans and more will be served along with a Bake Sale & Silent Auction!

**\*\*Please Join Karen & Jeff and our Families for this Important Event\*\***



**Donations may be mailed to:**

**MidCountry Bank  
501 N. Sibley Avenue  
Litchfield, MN 55355**



If you have any questions or want to donate to the Silent Auction and/or Bake Sale, please send email to [amboyer@embarqmail.com](mailto:amboyer@embarqmail.com) or call Ann at (320) 221-4493





## FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Margaret L. Fenton**  
June 6, 2019

*Please keep their families in your thoughts  
and prayers.*

## PLEASE KEEP OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

**Meeker Manor:** Betty Jorgensen,  
Stan Mortenson, Mary Klosner  
**Emmaus Place:** Arlene Poirier  
**Gloria Dei:** Mae Wertz, Willard Maahs,  
Lois Rusch, Janet Lundin  
**Litchfield, in own home:** Ardella Voigt  
Viola Lenhard, Jutta Goodrich  
**Hutchinson:** Lynette Peterson  
**Folkestone, Wayzata:** Jean Schnell

## 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!



## Serve Your Community



### **Volunteer through Lutheran Social Service And AmeriCorps\***

**We are seeking volunteers 17 years of age and  
older to serve as respite volunteers**

#### **Benefits to others:**

Volunteers provide safety and companionship for older adults who  
have chronic health conditions. This important service also gives  
family caregivers a chance for a much-needed break.

#### **Benefits for volunteers:**

Volunteers are eligible for:

- A \$200 monthly living allowance
- A \$1,600 education grant (after 450 hours of service)  
If the volunteer is 55+, the grant can be transferred to a  
child or grandchild

**Interested? Call today!** Contact: Regional Manager Barbara  
Alsleben at 320-221-3747 or [Barbara.Alsleben@lssmn.org](mailto:Barbara.Alsleben@lssmn.org)

You can also contact Statewide Program Director Tara Giese at 1-800-  
488-4146 or 218-233-7521; [tara.giese@lssmn.org](mailto:tara.giese@lssmn.org)

\*The Legacy Corps for Veterans and Military Families is funded through the Corporation for National and Community  
Service (CNCS) as an AmeriCorps project and is administered through Arizona State University College of Public Service  
and Community Solutions—Center for Urban Innovation.



## THE MAYOR'S PRAYER LUNCHEON

Join us for a luncheon to Celebrate the 150th  
Anniversary of Litchfield on  
Wednesday, July 10, 12 pm to 1 pm,  
at Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield, MN.  
There will be Music Entertainment, Pastoral Prayers,  
**Pastor Dan Buendorf will be the Featured Speaker.**  
Tickets are \$10 and are available in the church office  
until July 5th.



# Mission

Dear friends,

I have just returned from a visit to Mozambique where I met with Bishop Sinalo and colleagues at the head office of the Evangelical Lutheran in Mozambique (IELM) in the capital city of Maputo.

I was also in Chimoio in west-central Mozambique and travelled with the Dean of the Central District and local pastors to visit the Martin Luther Clinic at Munene.

The clinic and ambulance (with ELCA Global Mission support) continue to provide vital health care services for rural communities in the area.

The mud-brick church at Munene was destroyed by Cyclone Desmond in late 2018. Members of the congregation have been molding bricks and are busy re-building the church.

In Chimoio I also met up with the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) emergency response team. The LWF team is part of the ACT Alliance appeal (SAF191) assisting communities in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe affected by Cyclone Idai which caused hundreds of deaths and displaced thousands of households in mid-April. For the next 6 – 24 months the LWF team, in collaboration with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique and other ecumenical and government agencies, will be focusing on providing emergency food, shelter and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) assistance.

Bishop Sinalo expressed appreciation for the continuing companionship, prayers and support from the ELCA, LWF and partners of the IELM.

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

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative - Southern Africa, Johannesburg, May 25, 2019



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

## July Worship Schedule

### Wednesday, July 3, 2019

6:30 p.m. No Worship

### Sunday, July 7, 2019

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 10, 2019

6:30 p.m. No Worship

### Sunday, July 14, 2019

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 17, 2019

6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

### Sunday, July 21, 2019

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 24, 2019

6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel

### Sunday, July 28, 2019

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 31, 2019

6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion, Chapel



## WEDDINGS AT FIRST



June 22, 2019

Esmerelda Elizondo and Jason Giang  
Congratulations!

### Best Kept Secret in Litchfield

## Emmaas Gift Shop

Organized and served by volunteers since 1953

## **WATERCADE SALE**

**Saturday, July 13 9 am - 3 pm**

**20% off (No exclusions)**

**Cards, Gifts, Books, Jewelry, Home Decor**

*Proceeds benefit Ecumen residents*

200 Holcombe Ave. N., Litchfield \* 320-373-6625

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For the NEXT ISSUE: August 2019



# Churchwide

## GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

On the **First** Sunday of the month,  
July, 2019  
a second offering will be taken,  
where a globe will be passed.  
This month, the second  
offering will go to:

**American Red Cross**



## 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. US Army, Zachary Olimb**, Fort Hood, TX, grandson of  
Edna and Martin Oldenburg and Vern and Lil Madson;

**Staff Sergeant Austin Kleinschmidt**, Great Falls, MT, son of  
Kipp and Lynette Kleinschmidt;

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Wiechmann**, stationed at Fort Drum, NY; son of  
Virgil and Jamie Wiechmann,

**Major Troy Thomas**, Severance, CO, nephew of Valda Thomas  
and Mike and Gaylene Thomas

**Eric Kammermeier**, active duty United States Navy, son-in-law of  
Mike and Beth Boyle;

**Senior Airman, Jonathan Negron**, Vacaville, CA, son of  
Margaret Schlisner;

**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  
addresses have changed for any of the above.**

## MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, July 20, 2019**

**5:00 P.M.**

Holy Word Theater

Featuring:

To be determined....

⇒ **Save your Greeting Cards** - they can be recycled! You can drop these off in the church office. Thank you!!

⇒ **Family Fare Receipts** - Please bring in your receipts to the church office. These receipts are added together and helps our education program earn \$1000 per \$150,000 worth of receipts. Please note we need the entire receipt. Thank you for all the receipts that have been turned in!!

\*receipts for prescriptions purchased are **not** eligible for the program.

⇒ **Food Shelf Donations** can be placed in the shopping cart in the Narthex.  
Please bring non-perishable donations (can not bring expired items)



The needs are great within our community and our contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

⇒ **SAVE THE DATE—Gods Work, Our Hand's**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th.** Let the church office know if you are interested in planning, have project ideas or would like to purchase a T-Shirt for \$12.00. Any questions, call Dawn Doty 320-444-2222.



## WELCA MINUTES, June 20, 2019

WELCA met on June 20, 2019, at 1:30 pm in Chilstrom Hall.

Betty Allen called the meeting to order and we recited the Purpose Statement. Devotions were given by Pastor Tom.

The Secretary's report and the Treasurer's report were given. Karen Eberhard also stated that nine kids went to camp—8 boys and 1 girl—and WELCA donated \$50 to each camper. Motion was made by Florence Roeszler to accept the treasurer's report and it was seconded by Joan Sommerfeld.

The winners of the Chili Cook-off, Dennis and Renee Gartner, gave WELCA their winning \$100 gift card prize from Family Fare. Betty Allen and Dianne Thorpe went shopping and purchased a variety of items for the kitchen including tongs, spatulas, containers, sharp knives, ice cube trays, bag clips, cutting boards and scouring pads. There is still money left and they plan to go on another shopping spree after taking inventory in the kitchen.

Dianne Thorpe offered a choice of two trips for our August Funday. One was a trip to Milner Winery with a trolley ride through the winery and a tour of the production area. The second trip was a pontoon ride around Green Lake followed by lunch at the Westwood Café in Spicer. The vote was in favor of the pontoon ride. There will be a signup sheet in the office and \$5 signup fee. We will be carpooling and leaving the church at 9:30 am on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

An announcement was made that Lutheran World Relief needs School Kits. Keep your eyes out for a sale of school supplies.

We sang *In the Garden*, prayed the Lord's Prayer and sang the Table Prayer accompanied by Marge Hellzen.

Special thank you to Brenda Johnson, Joan Sommerfeld and Elaine Lenhard for gathering donations and shopping for items needed for us to assemble Personal Care Kits and Baby Layettes for LWR.

Thank you to Iris Holmgren, Marilyn Swanson and Sue Lemmer for serving.

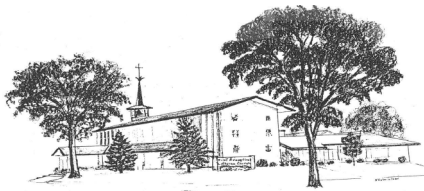
Next meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in Chilstrom Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Lemmer  
Secretary



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