



FIRST NEWS

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

APRIL 2020

April 2020

Time with Tom

April showers bring May flowers. God sends us the needed rains to begin our growing season after the long cold winter. The promises of God come in due time, or should I say in their season? *Ezekiel 34:26b and I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing.* We receive blessings of rain to remind us of the green grasses coming and this motivates us to begin our summer plans.

With the threat of coronavirus literally in the air, our plans have been as fluid and changing as the water that flows in our streams. It should be a foretaste of the planting season or time to plan vacations when spring arrives. I want to think about all the times I will gather with family and friends, at church and at play. Spring always brings hope and my imagination goes wild with anticipation. I long to spend time with my grandchildren or siblings? I hope to go to some car shows and so I can share the beauty and labor with other car enthusiast. The blessings God rains down on us may not come to us in the form of rain and may not resemble a blessing to us at first glance. We don't always know what God is putting in our lives that he sees as a blessing for us. You see God blesses us, to become blessings to others. God shares wonderful things with us, not to keep for ourselves but for us to share with others. What good is God's blessing if we don't shower others with Gods love. What have we gained if we hide the gift of eternal life from our brothers and sisters?

As I walk in the solitude of my home and yard I have noticed something different this spring. I noticed while we are keeping away from each other, as required by the CDC, the animals of nature are joining in celebration. It is God who brings for them the celebration of the spring sunshine. It is God who will bring us to the sunshine we long to share together once the covid-19 has run its course. What a celebration it will be. We are in wait, waiting for the coming good news. The good news of the "all clear" will feel like seeing the sun after a long cold winter. We can hold on to the hope of life in Jesus Christ as we wait and are alone. We will be able to share the good news of Jesus' love for all God's children. It will not only be the birds and deer that run and jump with joy, we too will run to each other and hold on to one another in the joy of Jesus Christ. We will share what God has done for us and showering others with the good news of Jesus Christ, for their lives and ours. Shower your neighbor with the good news of eternal life in Christ Jesus. Be a blessing to all people because you have been blessed. Take the opportunity when it comes to share the good news of Gods great gift, life. Be the light of the world as we wait to bloom with the spring rains given to us in our season through Christ Jesus Amen.

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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WORSHIP SCHEDULE
On calendar only
Subject to change

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Office Manager will be working from home.
You can still call
320-693-2487
We will received phone calls

WEBSITE:
www.firstlitchfield.org

Council Highlights

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 7:00 PM

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.

**“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church Council 2020

PRESIDENT:

Corey Cervin

VICE PRESIDENT:

Karla Kadelbach

SECRETARY:

Dawn Doty

TREASURER:

Karla Hyberger

TEAM

REPRESENTATIVES:

Christian Education/ Youth & Family:

Tanna Stucky

Stewardship & Finance:

Betty Allen

Karla Hyberger

Social Ministry/ Evangelism:

Dawn Doty

Meredith Elj

Betty Allen

Endowment/Memorial:

Dennis Gartner

Corey Cervin

Tanna Stucky

Beth Fruetel

Property:

Andy Hoffman

Dennis Gartner

Worship & Music:

Meredith Elj

Beth Fruetel

Personnel:

Corey Cervin

Council Membership:

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

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

2023: Betty Allen, Karla Kadelbach, Amy Nelson, Abby Hemmingway

Devotions: Andy Hoffman

Pastor’s Report: Tabled until later in the meeting

*Secretary report was discussed and a motion was made and passed to accept as submitted.

*Treasurers report was discussed and a motion was made and passed to accept as submitted.

***Team Reports:**

***Note: Much of the information has changed since the teams reported due to the Coronavirus.

***Christian Ed / Youth and Family:**

The Senior high gathering has been cancelled as well as Sunday school classes for the time being. Announcement’s will be made as changes are made.

~The team discussed Vacation Bible School (VBS) dates for June 7th, 8th and 9th. They will hold VBS at the Forest City Stockade and will offer food, games and Bible lessons. More planning to be done in the near future.

~Family day will be held the last day of Sunday school.

~Sunday school debriefing will be held on April 26th at 10:30 in the conference room.

~Sunday school for 2020-2021 was discussed; start time, music etc.

~Service participation for our young worshipers was also discussed.

***Church Property:**

~The team discussed the existing water softener. We could either replace the control head to the existing unit or replace the entire softener. It appears changing the control head will be the preferred option.

~Discussion also included the preparation for the 150th celebration to take place in a few years. Sarah Jones joined the meeting to discuss an effort to keep a continuity and a plan to prioritize the items that are in need of replacement or repair. The plan would be to make one project compliment another as projects are planned and completed. An example of a project would be the ceiling tile and lights in the upper level hallway and offices or re-freshing the Sunday school room area.

~Complex / Church spring cleaning was discussed and a date was set for Saturday, April 25th. More details to follow in the future.

***Worship & Music:**

(~This team met but much of the planning has changed due to the Coronavirus)

***Stewardship & Finance:**

~April will be Health month. (Planned well before the virus pandemic arose)

***Endowment / Memorial:**

~Team will meet with Marc Terris from Merrill Lynch in April to get an update on investments.

~The team decided to again support the Green Lake campers at \$100.00 per camper

~It was also decided to support the Confirmation camp if funding were requested

~The team also contributed to the Gifts of Grace campaign to help out rural pastors with various needs. The amount donated was \$1,000.00 and will be matched at 100%

Old Business:

~Roof / wall repair contractor has been contacted and will begin work on the wall in the next couple of weeks if the weather cooperates.

~A recap of the chili cookoff was discussed. Approximately \$1,800.00 was raised with this event and will be split between God’s Work Our Hands and the Litchfield Area Mentorship Program (LAMP)

~A recap of the Conference Assembly and Equipping Congregations events was given by those who attended. Bishop Jon Anderson made an appearance at the Conference Assembly. It was discussed that we should be taking more advantage of these events in the future. There is a lot of seminars at the Equipping Congregations event that we are missing that could be beneficial to our congregation.

~The Council Retreat scheduled for Sunday March 22nd is cancelled. Instead of this event, the Council will meet at 1:00 PM on Sunday to discuss the performance of the joint congregational service that was broadcast on Wednesday March 18th from Zion Church. We will also be discussing the services that will be broadcast on Sunday morning (March 22nd). This discussion will center on how to proceed with services and other church functions in the wake of the Coronavirus. We will also be discussing the financial impact of the Coronavirus on our church and the financial impact on the general public as this virus progresses.

*New Business and Pastors Report

~Much of the new business discussion was centered around how worship and other church functions are going to be handled during the Coronavirus outbreak. As outlined above, there will be joint services broadcast from Zion church on Wednesdays and Sundays on the local radio station KLFM and on Facebook live. They will also be broadcast on the local access TV channel. The discussion was based on how this process was determined by the ministers involved. The council praised the staff of all the churches for their efforts to get this in place so quickly. We all hope and pray this is a short lived issue to overcome.

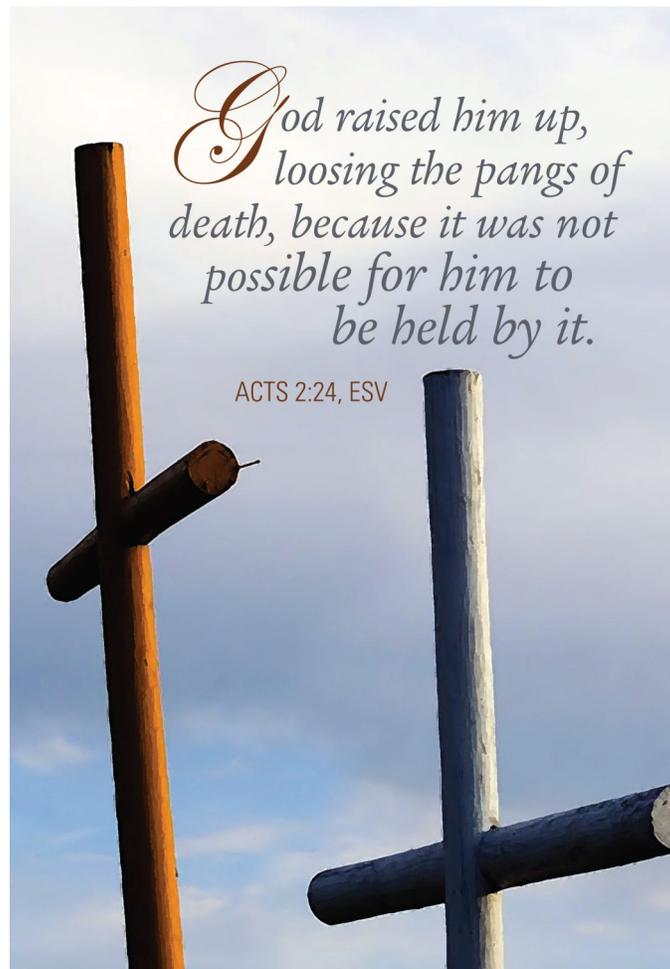
~Pastor Tom also discussed the retirement of Visitation Pastor Gary Cummings and what process the Council wishes to take for the replacement of this service.

~Pastor Tom also suggested assembling a steering committee for the upcoming 150th celebration of First Lutheran Church. More details to come after the current turmoil is in the past.

*Dates to remember: (Verify if still on schedule)

~April 7 th	Team Meetings @ 7:00 PM
~April 7 th	Executive Meeting @ 6:30 PM
~April 21 st	Council Meeting @ 7:00 PM
~April 9 th	Maundy Thursday Service @ 7:00 PM
~April 10 th	Good Friday Services 8:30 AM and 3:30 PM
~April 12 th	Easter Services 6:30, 8:30 and 10:15 AM
~April 12 th	Easter Breakfast 7:30 to 10:30 AM
~April 19 th	First Communion @ Both services
~May 3 rd	Last day of Sunday School
~May 3 rd	Milestone ministries for 3 rd and 7 th graders @ Both services
~May 13 th	Communion Luncheon

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Gartner for Dawn Doty



Finance

General Fund:

Total Income for the month of Feb. 2020: \$29,723
Expenses for the month of February 2020: \$33,623

Year to Date:

Income as of February 2020: \$48,581
Expenses as of Feb. 2020: \$66,315

The Lord is not limited by social distancing, He continues to bring his light to those who seek him.

FLC is alive and well. We are thriving during the pandemic. We have our Church and Lenten services on multiple media sources. We have our website page. We are on Facebook. The mentors for the confirmation students are communicating and sharing via email. The council used "zoom" for their recent meeting. Phone texting has been a life saver. Things are still happening at our church, even though we are physically unable to enter the building!

As treasurer, I wanted to remind you that even though we are not gathering together weekly, expenses continue within our church walls. Currently, we do not have the luxury of physically placing our tithes and

offerings into the church plate. This means something must change. We need to find other ways to give.

Please consider tithing online. Our website will be providing an icon to click on. It is easy and safe. The ability for FLC to receive "automatic donations" ensures consistency and reliability toward our monthly budget.

If one stops tithing in order to save money, do we then stop trusting in the Lord? He can and will provide for you. He does so in ways that may surprise you. Please pray for what you need, trust that God will bless you.

Tithing Keeps You Focused on and Trusting in God

Karla Hyberger, Council Treasurer



STEWARDSHIP Practicing Your Faith **Health Ministry**

We are experiencing a new normal for a while. I am trying to keep focused on the positives. We have so much in our lives... God and prayers at the front line. We have shelter, warmth, food and clean water. We have books to read, movies to watch, houses to clean and meals to prepare. We have crafts and hobbies to entertain us. We have games to play and puzzles to do. We can write. We can text, face time and send emails, communicating to our loved ones. Even with all of this, I am still finding isolation difficult and boring. My mental health needs to be cared for.

Health includes spiritual, mental, emotional, social and physical arenas. Talking about health, one must include talking about our faith. Faith and health are parallel journeys, they share the path to life and relationships. Faith and health are personal but also communal, because giving and receiving care are mutual within our church community. During this global pandemic, we are hearing proper ways to stay healthy and clean, but how do we encourage proper faith practices during this time, too? I am hoping that there is time throughout your day, that you can focus on your faith... do your devotions, read the bible, pray, meditate, breath and listen. Writing/journaling is a positive way to express your concerns and your joys. It also is a great way to strengthen your faith. [AllPast 24 hours](#)[Past week](#)[Past month](#)[Past year](#)

Healthy congregations improve congregational care through healthy forgiveness and encouragement. Healthy congregations turn negativity to positivity. Healthy congregations sleep better...we manage stress and anxiety through Christ. Healthy congregations accept differences in a productive way by focusing on strengths and goals. This would be a great topic for a bible study, but I also think it is appropriate during this virus, turning your focus on others, praying for others.

Giving

I think overall health begins with inner health. Inner healing includes gratitude, simplicity, order, harmony, beauty and joy. Invite the holy spirit into your heart and open your heart to these things in order to remain calm during these troubled times. This time of isolation offers you a chance to slow down and focus on the simple things. Find "happy" in your day.

Your spiritual health can be improved by prayer, prayer and more prayer. Read the word. I hope you have continued your daily devotion routine.

Health can be a struggle because life can be messy. During our struggles we sometimes wonder where God is... we start questioning, doubting, become self-focused, self-involved. Step outside of yourself and see "you" through God's eyes. You are sacred. Life is sacred. The trick is finding the sacred in the mess of life and keep on a healthy path.

Please know, that you are not alone. We will get through this. We are strong. We are willing to do our part for our community. We have Jesus in our hearts.

Mark 12:30 says: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."

Karla Hyberger, Council Treasurer

Churchwide



Jerry Johnson honored for his years of leadership of the Saturday Men' s Group



Mae Brehmer was selected our
2020 Sweet Heart
at the MST valentine dinner.



Our 5th grade students making bread for first communion



Youth Pages

March 25, 2020

Dear GLLM Summer 2020 Campers,

We are committed to keeping you updated as we adapt to the changing world around us. GLLM has been diligently following the latest guidance from our local and state agencies in regards to COVID-19. **As we look ahead at what is coming next for all of us, we trust that God is with us every step of the way.**

The summer season is two and a half months away, and we are preparing for various scenarios. We are choosing to live in the moment, so that, when the current restrictions of daily life are lifted, **GLLM will be ready, joyful, and over-the-top excited to welcome campers and guests to camp.** We will be making responsible, safety-conscious decisions that make sense for the health of us all. But, we're going to wait as long as we can to make any big decisions. We think camp is too important to too many people to make any big decisions today.

As we look ahead to those awesome days, we want you to know that we are still accepting registrations for all of our summer camp programs. **We have updated our cancellation policy to include a FULL refund should local or state guidelines advise canceling any programming.** Camp has the potential to play a huge role in bringing us all out of our homes and back together in community this summer. So, register today! We hope you'll be here with us.

We are committed to upfront and clear communication with you in the months ahead. It is our great hope we can communicate with joy that GLLM is full-steam ahead this summer. Wouldn't that be great?

God's peace to you all as we join together as one community, named and claimed by God to love and serve our neighbors during this time of uncertainty and hardship. **We can't wait to see you again soon.** In the meantime, may you see and share God's love and light wherever you are.

In Christ together,

GLLM

As you consider what you can do to support our ministry during this time, financial gifts of any amount will go a long way. You can give online here: <https://www.gllm.org/give-today.html>. The mail is still a great option as well!

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

Inviting all to experience the life-changing love of Jesus through vibrant settings in community and creation.

Green Lake Bible Camp
9916 Lake Avenue S
Spicer, MN 56288
320-796-2181

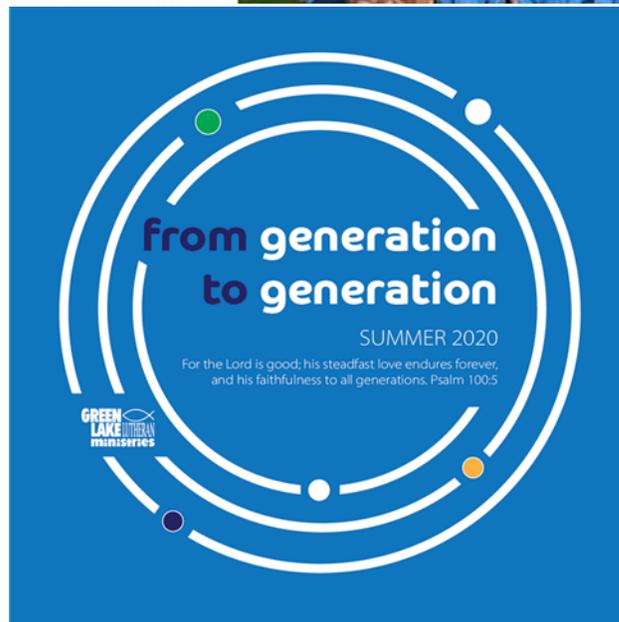
Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp
19080 16th Street NE
New London, MN 56273
320-354-2961

Camp House
1411 Camp House Road
Brimson, MN 55602
218-848-2277

2020 Camp Information is here!



Bible Camp - Retreat Center - Chapel



****Register campers by the grade they were in during the 2019-2020 school year**

There are multiple weeks to register your children for camp, and please choose the week that best suits your family. We invite and encourage you to sign your children up for the following week (we will be camping at the same time as Zion, Ostmark & Beckville);

Week 7: July 26 - 31

Grades 1-4: Half Blast @ Shores of St. Andrew

Grades 2-5: Andy's Gang @ Shores of St. Andrew

Grades 5-7: Trailblazers @ Shores of St. Andrew

This is information for just week 7, check out the many other fun options for various grades! Want a brochure? Contact Sarah Jones or visit www.gllm.org for more information.

What is Half Blast? Half Blast allows you to experience all of the fun of camp in a time frame that works for you! If you are not quite ready to leave home for a full week, this camp is a perfect option. Half Blast runs Sunday afternoon through Tuesday evening. Just like our full week campers, you will experience swimming, singing, worships, Bible studies, and lots of exploring and time to hang out!

Youth Pages

Pricing Information

Camp Program	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Half Blast	\$240	\$340	\$430
Andy's Gang Trailblazers Stargazers M.O.B.	\$480	\$675	\$865

What does the pricing mean?

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries prioritizes making the camp experience affordable for families. Each year, through our camper ship program, we provide approximately \$30,000.00 in scholarship money. However, as the cost of camp has increased over time, our fees have not increased at the same rate. To help bridge the gap between the true value of camp and our actual fees, we are introducing a concept called "tiered" pricing.

How does First Lutheran Help?

To help bridge the gap and cover the true cost of camping, First Lutheran will help offset the cost. More information to follow in upcoming newsletters

Registration

Step 1: www.gllm.org

Sidenote: Not sure which camp is for you? (on main page, select SUMMER CAMP)

Details regarding each camp per each grade range, read on! **Then** register for camp.

Step 2: Click on REGISTER FOR CAMP [fill each page as prompted]

Sidenote: You will be able to request a roommate, fill in appropriate screen.

Step 3: When you get to the PAYMENT SCREEN

Do **NOT** pay the entire balance at the time of registration

First Lutheran will be able to pay our portion as long as full payment has **not** been made

It is very important to select one of the options about the DEPOSIT ONLY final payment.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact Sarah Jones at 320.221.0055, sarahcejones@hotmail.com, or stop in and visit!

To Receive the Newsletter by Email only:

- email your information to the church office at firstoffice@hutchtel.net
- then let us know you no longer want the paper copy mailed to you.

Thank you!!

SUBJECT TO CHANGE:

5th graders - First Communion:

The final meeting will be Wednesday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m. with parents attending and photos for the students and group.



DUE TO REGULATIONS THIS EVENT IS POSTPONED

Litchfield Parent Networking Group, Connecting Families Program



April 20, 2020
6:30-8:30pm
First Lutheran Church
703 S Sibley Ave, Litchfield, MN 55355
RSVP to: Becky Sook at sookbecky@gmail.com

**What is
ACE
and Why is it
Important
to You?**

Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences

Adverse childhood experiences, or ACEs, are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood (0-17 years).

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study findings represent a paradigm shift in human understanding of the origins of physical, social, mental, and societal health and well-being. We now know that leading causes of disease and disability, learning and productivity problems, and early death have their roots in the cumulative neurodevelopmental impacts of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Although a short presentation does not provide all the answers, the key goal of the presentation is to build a common language and understanding about ACEs and the related research as a starting point. After hearing the presentation, attendees are encouraged to think about how this information could be applied within their own “sphere of influence” (family, workplace, school, community, etc.).

Churchwide



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Ron Goodman
03-05-2020

Ellery Erickson
03-18-2020 (visitation at funeral home)

Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers:

Meeker Manor:

Mary Klosner,

Emmaus Place:

Arlene Poirier

Bethany Home:

Stan Mortenson

Gloria Dei:

Mae Wertz, Willard Maahs,

Lois Rusch, Janet Lundin

Litchfield, in own home:

Ardella Voigt,

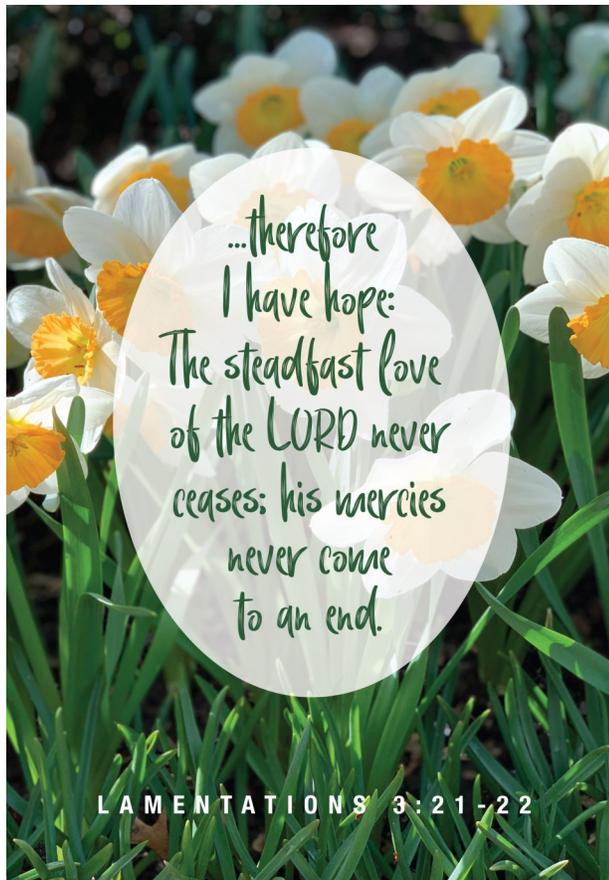
Viola Lenhard,

Jutta Goodrich,

Mae Brehmer

Hutchinson:

Lynette Peterson



GIFTS, THANKS, & MEMORIALS

Gifts have been given to the general fund in honor of Mae Brehmer's 90th birthday by Paul and Sue Lemmer, Gary Smith, and Karl and Darlene Lundin.

Gifts have been given to the Bell Choir and general fund in memory of Mary Root by Jean Wieland, Gary Smith, and Aldeen and Idell Kadelbach.

A gift has been given to the general fund in memory of Douglas Johnson by John and Shirley Lekander.

Gifts have been given to the general fund in memory of Betty Jorgensen by Mike and Kris Nelson, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom, Gary Smith, DeWayne and Iona Albright, Jerry and Betty Urdahl, and Sylvia Baumgartner.

A gift has been given to the general fund in memory of Rick Johnson by John and Jo Carlson.

Gifts have been given to the general fund in memory of Ron Goodman by by his friends and family Gary and Carolyn Goodman, Larry White, Gary and Judy Lee, Sylvia Baumgartner, Jerry and Betty Urdahl, Mike and Kris Nelson, Bob and Sharon Johnson, Paul and Sue Lemmer, David and Myra Johnson, Bob Kadelbach, Harvey Graff, Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom, and Gary Smith.

Gifts have been given to the general fund in memory of Bishop Herbert Chilstrom by DeWayne and Iona Albright, and Dorothy Euerle.

A gift has been given to the Men's Group in Memory of Ron Goodman by Roy and Suzanne Mackedanz which will be used for Green Lake Lutheran Ministries for Bible Campers.

Gifts were given to the general fund and Senior Choir fund in memory of Shirley Erickson by Bob Kadelbach, David and Myra Johnson, Bob and Sharon Johnson, Russ and Shirley Kronbeck, DeWayne and Iona Albright, and Gary Smith.

Gifts were given to the general fund and the library fund in memory of Ellery Erickson, by Vern and Lil Madson, Einar Lundin, Jim and Elaine Lenhard, DeWayne and Iona Albright, and Mike and Kris Nelson.

A gift has been given to general fund in memory of David Lindstrom by Vern and Lil Madson.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all who helped with serving coffee in February. Your work is very much appreciated!
Barb Alsleben and Maddie Baumgartner

A Big Thank You to everyone for the cards, well wishes, visits, phone calls, food, flowers, and most of all your prayers while I was recovering from a fall. God's blessings to everyone.
Iona Albright

Dear Pastor Tom and members of First Lutheran, Thank you for giving us a space for Mom's visitation. Both Mom and Dad appreciated their time as members, including bible study and fellowship opportunities. Thank you, Gary Jorgensen and Betty's family

A Heartfelt Thank You to the MST 2020 group and others for the sweetheart certificate I received on Feb. 9th. It was a complete surprise to me. I've been completely in awe ever since. Also Thanks to all of you people plus many more from the area and elsewhere for coming to my 90th birthday party on March 1st. That was an overwhelming crowd of people who came. Friends, relatives and many others I knew. Cards, gifts and hugs were precious to me. I will never forget the event my family planned for me with the help from Gale and Kathy Larson, Dee Bolin and Karen Eberhard. Thanks so very much, Blessings to all, Mae Brehmer

Thank you: We extend out heartfelt thanks to our church family for phone calls of concern, uplifting cards and visits while Ellery was hospitalized in Rochester, Coon Rapids & St. Cloud and a resident at Dassel Care Center over the past eight months. Special Thanks to Pastor Tom and Pastor Gary for their visits & to First Lutheran for the prayer shawl. Jeanette Erickson & Family

Mission

Dear friends,

Recently I attended the Joint Mission Board meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Mozambique (IELM) along with colleagues from ELCA Global Mission and Lutheran companions from Brazil, Germany, South Africa and Tanzania.

We were hosted by the bishop, church council members and program coordinators who shared reports of the work of the church over the past two years relating to mission outreach, Christian education and diaconal ministries.



The church in the coastal city of Beira has been repaired but many families and communities are still recovering from the

devastation of Cyclone Idai that struck Mozambique in March 2019. The church leadership expressed appreciation for the longstanding and continuing support and prayers from all the partners.

We were invited to the Sunday worship service in Maxaquene, a suburb of Maputo. Two women pastors led the service and presided at the Eucharist. The preacher delivered the sermon in Shangaan, one of the local languages. An elder of the congregation translated into Portuguese.

The ELCA Global Mission provides funding support to the IELM for evangelism, two rural clinics and programs for orphans and vulnerable children.

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

Yours faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson
ELCA Global Mission Regional
Representative - Southern Africa
Johannesburg, February 24, 2020
My blog page address is:



<https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>

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;
- Staff Sgt. US Army, Zachary Olimb**, Afghanistan, grandson of Edna and Martin Oldenburg, Vern and Lil Madson;
- Staff Sgt. 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.**



INNER HEALING

GRATITUDE

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 (NIV)
Rejoice always, pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in
Christ Jesus.

SIMPLICITY

Matthew 18:2-3
And He called a child to Himself
and set him before them, and
said, "Truly I say to you, unless
you are converted and become
like children, you will not enter
the kingdom of heaven.

ORDER

Romans 12:2
And be not conformed to this
world: but be ye transformed by
the renewing of your mind, that
ye may prove what [is] that good,
and acceptable, and perfect, will
of God.

HARMONY

Hebrews 12:14
Strive for peace with everyone,
and for the holiness without
which no one will see the Lord.

BEAUTY

Romans 8:6
The mind governed by the flesh
is death, but the mind governed
by the Spirit is life and peace.

JOY

Psalms 94:19 (NIV)
When anxiety was great within
me, your consolation brought me
joy.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

April 2020

MST International 2020

***When the regulations for "stay in" are lifted
These activities may resume:**

Save your Greeting Cards - they can be recycled! You can drop these off in the church office.
(We are **not** able to accept Christmas Cards.)

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



MOVIE NIGHT CANCELED FOR APRIL 2020

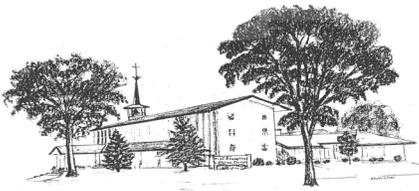
Holy Word Theater

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