



FIRST NEWS

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

JUNE 2020

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Time with Tom

We have most recently heard from the Governor that the stay home order is expired. Many businesses will be opening and people will be able to get out and about to some degree. We can start looking forward to seeing those we have been kept away from during this pandemic. This is all good and yet I think about how we have handled this situation till now.

In the weeks so far many people have deepened the divide, according to their political affiliation. I see people being sucked into misinformation just to perpetuate the hate that causes division in God's people. It is June, summertime is just beginning to show itself. We are witnessing growth in the fields as crops pop out of the ground. The trees are nearly full with foliage and blossoms. Wildlife is abounding with new life, goslings and chicks are showing up along the lakes and roadways. Soon we will see fawns, puppies and kittens and we will feel the joy of this new life. We need to remember that life is rich with growth even when we are stuck in our path of division.

How can we live in peace with each other and share in the beauty of God's creation when all across the globe we see loss and hurting and starving people? Where do we turn when people are being used as pawns in a political game of chess? As Paul ends his second letter to the church in Corinth, he asks them to get things in order. Put your life in order of what is truth and live in peace and he blesses them with the reminder of the trinity; Paul said ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. ¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. Over the last fifteen years I have signed off every newsletter article and most of my other correspondences with this quote from Paul's letter "(live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you)".

I am still holding onto the hope of peace for all of creation. I long for a community and a country that lives in peace. I take serious the thought that by living in peace with all creation, the God of love and peace will be with us. John's gospel reminds us that when Jesus told the disciples in his exiting comments, that by living in Jesus word, (love your neighbor) Jesus and the father will come and make a home with us. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself. That is living in peace. That is helping the helpless. That is feeding the hungry and clothing the naked and giving shelter to homeless. That is living in peace. Go now into the summer that seems frightening, and show love and peace to all you meet. Care for one another and know that the father has prepared you to be, a place of home where the Father, Son and Holy Spirit can abide. 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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SEE 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

Email: firstoffice@hutchtel.net

WEBSITE:
www.firstlitchfield.org

Council Highlights

“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Tuesday April 19, 2020 7:00 p.m.

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

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:

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:

Amy Nelson

Secretary Report: Motion made to table report by Dennis Gartner and seconded by Betty Allen

Treasurer Report: Motion made to accept by Karla Kadelbach seconded by Betty Allen

Agenda: no additions

Pastors Report: The Church Building has been cleaned, continue Wed. night services online, will continue to do visitation by phone calls, continue to use zoom meetings for groups, MST 2020 installed Blessing Box, Sunday School Entrance open for garden vegetable exchange.

Team Reports

Evangelism/Social Ministry: did not meet Christian Ed: did not meet Church Property: did not meet

Personnel: Did not meet

Endowment: did not meet

Stewardship and Finance : Preparing for June 1st newsletter. Will be requesting positive stories that have happened to people during COVID19.

Worship and Music:

Old Business:

Kingdom company no new updates

Roof repair/replacement no new updates

Quarterly temple talk no new updates

National nite out possibly will be at a later date. Pastor Cummings has retired. Personnel committee has not met over his position. Karla and Dawn will help put together his appreciation/recognition.

Continuation of new worship formats will continue on. MST 2020 the big trip will not be happening. The group will have some kind of opportunity but the group is undecided right now. Thoughts of joining the next group are in the talks.

Communion Spring luncheon cancelled. We will hold our fall luncheon.

150th Anniversary a committee has been formed but will not meet until July

New Business:

New Communion option-on line is working well.

Parking lot worship service on May 24th at 10:30 a.m. is being planned.

Thrivent card originally planned for MST breakfast went to use for the blessing box.

Graduation recognition the seniors will be interviewed and a banner will go up.

Confirmation camp has been cancelled for 2020 and the two groups will be combined and go together next year VBS May potentially be online. This is still being worked on.

Dates to Remember

Parking lot worship service with communion May 24th at 10:30 a.m.

Team Meetings: June 2nd 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Executive Meeting: June 2nd 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting: June 16th 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Closing Prayer

Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Doty, Secretary

General Fund:

Total Income for the month of April. 2020: \$40,024
Expenses for the month of April 2020: \$37,360

Year to Date:

Income as of April 2020: \$126,587
Expenses as of Apr. 2020: \$130,569

I read that a church is not a place to go but a place where you find a family. I like that.

FLC can create opportunities for people to encounter Christ. We need to do what the church can do! We have so much to offer. We have longevity. We have comfort and safety here. We have the Bible! We have coffee! We have positive leadership. We have faith. We have hope and we are given Grace.

Everyone knows generosity and stewardship are valuable practices but are we giving God our first and finest? Or just our leftovers. In the days of Moses, God asked for an offering. He did not ask for the sheep that was sickly, the runt of the litter, or the animal that would place 2nd in a livestock competition. He asked for the FIRST and FINEST of what the people had to offer. God does not need our gifts, but we are called to give (offer) for two reasons: 1. He is worthy of our gift and 2. It is a solid and touchable way that we put him first in our lives. A gift that honors God is one that requires sacrifice, because that is the gift that reflects our hearts.

Summer is here! and all our summer activities, I wanted to remind you that our budget and spending continues while we are away from the church building. Please be cognitive of your tithing and giving, so when fall rolls around we are matching our monthly income to our monthly expenses.

Have a great summer. I hope you have wonderful encounters with family and friends. I hope you get sun! Have a bonfire and pray under the stars.

Thank you,

Karla Hyberger

**WANTED:**

We are hoping to share experiences from covid -19 stay at home order. We want to know what you did to keep you busy and happy. We hope you will share something that went well for you. Please submit your comment, story or narrative... you can email it to Judy in the office, mail it to the church office or drop it off in the back-alley door of Threads of Hope Thrift Store.

Please consider sharing your experience! We want to hear from you.

Thank you.

PS: You don't have to sign your name! You can be anonymous.



These times, they are changing.... Due to the cancelation of our Easter Worship Services — MST French Toast Breakfast was also canceled. With the money designated to the group for this event and with the approval of Thrivent — the idea of a blessing box came to be. MST - 2020 has started this blessing box and filled it with items that may be needed by members of the community. You are welcome to take items that you are in need of and/or add items that you think might be helpful for others. This blessing box is located in the East Parking Lot next to the building.

Sponsored by MST 2020 using Thrivent dollars.
Also thank Rick Sandry for making it & Vikings sign for the sign.

Congratulations Graduates!



Tyler Peterson
Parents: Bud and Kate Peterson



Rudy Radunz
Parents: Larry and Pam Radunz



Jack Ramthun
Parents: Joel and Jill Ramthun



Colby Christensen
Parents: Martha Christensen,
Tait Christensen



Carter Block
Parents: Chad and Carrie Block



Miles Kerstein
Parents: Eric and Heidi Kerstein



Logan Bailey
Parents: Joshua and Crystal Bailey



Not pictured: Austin Carlson, Hunter Grotto,
Alex Matheson, Viveka Opjordan



May 4, 2020

Dear Friends of Green Lake Lutheran Ministries,

We recently saw a quote that seemed very relevant to current times: "If plan A doesn't work out, the alphabet still has 25 more letters." Can you relate? As we have previously communicated, GLLM has been preparing several different plans as we get closer to summer. Our "plan A" is and will always be to have a full and vibrant, in person summer camp and retreat season. However, as these times push us into new ways of ministry, **we know that God's call can be much bigger than one single plan.**

Today we are announcing that **all GLLM summer camp programming from June 14th - July 2nd (weeks 1-3) has been cancelled.** This includes all summer camp programming at Green Lake Bible Camp, Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp, Camp House, and all scheduled congregational Day Camps. Guidance from the state of Minnesota, the CDC, and our local health officials has made it clear that at this time, for the safety of our guests and staff, this is the most faithful course of action. Campers and congregations will receive communication today that includes details about rescheduling registrations and a variety of refund options.

At this time, we are planning to resume summer camp programming on July 5. Our dedicated summer staff will begin rigorous staff training in mid June. Please know that our staff, Board of Directors, and industry experts connected with GLLM will continue to monitor the latest guidance as we forge ahead in the midst of these uncertain times. The safety of our campers and guests and the mission of GLLM will remain at the forefront of any future decisions.

Our retreat ministry has been impacted, too. All sites of GLLM are currently closed to guests through mid May. **We are still hopeful about retreats in June, however.** We will be monitoring guidelines and expect to have more information about how we can safely open soon! If we can be open to certain groups, we will be ready. We have been and will continue to be in contact with individual retreat groups as needed. If you have questions about an upcoming retreat, please call Steph at 320-796-2181.

Our program staff is working hard to prepare alternative ways to fulfill our mission during this time of COVID-19. You will begin to see options for ways to engage in your faith at home, virtually, and through innovative new camp connections. While this is no substitute for spending a life-changing week in community at camp, we know that God is with ALL of us as we try new things, see the Holy Spirit working through our neighbors, and persevere with grace until the day we can be together again.

So, we press forward with hope. Hope that we will be back to our beloved "plan A" as soon as possible. Hope that our faith will be strengthened in the midst of this challenge. And most of all, we live with everlasting hope because we know our God loves with a fierceness that is bigger than we can ever understand.

See you soon,

GLLM Staff and Board of Directors

Practicing Your Faith LHS Graduates

I had the pleasure of meeting with a few LHS graduating seniors from FLC. Enjoy the following!



Jack Ramthun

Jack is an LHS graduate. He will be attending M State in Fergus Falls. He is hoping to play baseball there in the fall. Jack and his dad built a pitcher's mound in their backyard so he keeps up his practicing by pitching to his Dad... 83 MPH as of this print date but I am sure that will get higher as he continues his career in baseball. Jack loves the outdoors and spends time with his buddies. Jack is a connoisseur of meat! Steak! He is currently attempting to learn how to use his smoker. His room is clean as he doesn't spend much time in there. He can remember his 1st grade classroom perfectly and the year with Mrs. Jones. At Wagner School he spent every recess playing "wall ball". He has fond memories of science class in Jr High with Mrs. Iverson because it was a perfect blend of friends in the classroom. He took Spanish and can say "No Bueno" and "Uno mas". He hasn't eaten a hot lunch for two years as he brings his own, except when they have Italian dunkers. He has fond memories of a family cruise to warm weather including Jamaica. We wish Jack a wonderful future and many blessings as he ventures out on his own.



Colby Christensen

Colby is an LHS graduate. She is heading to St Cloud State in the fall. She will double major in Social Work & Psychology. She hopes to work in a school district. Colby is athletic and loves volleyball. She got her senior year volleyball completed! She enjoys the outdoors, spending time at her Dad's lake home and being with family. She traveled to Florida four times for family vacations. Colby remembers doing the "gingerbread" hunt at Lake Ripley School when she was in Kindergarten. They got to eat the cookie when they were done hunting. Also, at Lake Ripley, she did a math contest where she had to accomplish math work in order to get things for a banana split. She got the spoon, dish, ice cream, and toppings but not the banana! but she was OK with that as she doesn't like bananas. A funny thing she remembers about Wagner School were the toilets were flushed with her foot! In Junior High, she had her Dad for an advisor, Math teacher and Science teacher, she thought it was exciting but maybe too much. Colby was on the LHS Homecoming Court and really enjoyed the activities during that week. Colby attended two mission trips, Boston and Brooklyn. We want to wish Colby many joys at SCSU. We know you will be amazing.



Ruby Radunz

Ruby is an LHS graduate. She is heading to SW State in Marshall. She will double major in Agriculture Education and Environmental Science. Ruby has been in 4-H for 12 years. She is currently an Ambassador for Meeker County and is involved in 4-H education with children. Ruby has been training dogs with 4-H for seven years and finally won "Grand Champion" this past fall. She showed rabbits and poultry at the local and state level. When she was in kindergarten, she didn't know anyone's name so she called all her classmates "friend". Her favorite memory from Wagner School was the "puke-a-lator", a spinning playground toy... the name is self-explanatory! In Jr high, she was afraid of getting "Butterflied" at her school locker. As she entered high school, she remembers how her cross country and track sports got more intense. Ruby remembers getting stuck in the haybales in the barn and nobody knew where she was. Ruby is currently a Meeker County Dairy Princess. Ruby will be having a drive through graduation party in our church parking lot. We want to wish Ruby many successes at SW State. Go get your wonderful future!

Stewardship



Carter Block

Carter is an LHS graduate. He is going to attend St Cloud Tech Community College to finish his AA degree. He hopes to play baseball. Currently, Carter is employed at the City of Litchfield. He enjoys the outdoors and is an avid hunter and does a lot of ice fishing. His fall is busy with hunting pheasant, ducks and deer. He remembers the playground at Lake Ripley and playing “floor hockey” with Mr. Loge at Wagner School. When heading to Jr high, he felt like he arrived at the “big school”. High School was great as he got to spend time with his buddies, playing football and baseball. He enjoyed math class as it came easy to him. He loved “open lunches”. He spends time on golf outings with his family and time at Sanibel Island on family vacations. His favorite food is “WINGS”, mild! At this print date, Carter is attempting a Covid “beard”. We want to send Carter on his way with blessings of success and joys. Have fun Carter!



Miles Kerstein

Miles is an LHS graduate. Miles enlisted in the USAF last year and will head off on September 22nd. He will be attending basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio TX. Miles will be training as an air traffic controller. Miles has been a member of FLC since birth. He remembers Ms. Hanson at Lake Ripley School and Linda B at Wagner School. His favorite part of Jr High was spending time with his best friend, Zach H. Miles was an active member of FFA. He competed at the FFA National level in speech. He also enjoyed his time in 4-H. Currently, Miles own a horse named “TOM”, supposedly not named after his grandfather. He has been riding for three years. He remembers spending two weeks every summer up at the lake. We are proud of Miles for enlisting and being apart of our nation’s armed forces. We wish you safe travels and a wonderful life.



Logan Bailey

Logan is an LHS graduate. He hopes to work for the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the fall. Currently he is working fulltime as a mechanic and shop maintenance. He drives a very large F350 truck with a flat-bed! Logan remembers the playground at Lake Ripley fondly...something about getting yelled at! He liked playing basketball with his teachers. In Jr High he participated in wrestling and football. As a high schooler, he was active in FFA. He sold FFA fruit. He attended the State Convention twice with his soil testing and soil conservation projects. Logan represented Meeker County, as a participant in the Peanut Butter & Milk Fest. He traveled to Alabama last fall. He said it was fun but hot! He got to see the ocean, but the best memories of the trip were the agricultural experiences. He drove a cotton picker and a peanut digger... cool! The digger flips the peanut plants up and out in order to dry in the sun. Logan enjoys camping with his family. We want to wish Logan the “best” adventures as he heads off into the future.

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans for you,” declared the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

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



WE ARE THE CHURCH: Together and Apart Camp at Home - Matthew 18:20

Just because we can't gather together for summer camp in June doesn't mean we can't still enjoy summer camp! **We are the church, together and apart**, and we can continue to share God's love even from afar!

Our team is currently working on plans to make sure that we can still have fun in June, through **Camp at Home**. Our theme, **We are the Church: Together and Apart**, will be based on Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Join us in new ways this summer through **daily summer camp activities and day camp materials to do at home** with your congregation, or family! We will continue to offer new activities and camp opportunities through June as the local and state guidance adapts to the current situation.

Our team is working hard to make these resources **available by the end of May** and these materials will be posted on our [website](#). Please feel free to start sharing these plans with your campers and their families as well! All are welcome to utilize these materials.

Day Camp Materials offered:

This Day Camp curriculum can be utilized by congregations in place of day camps or vacation bible schools, at no cost to you! Families are welcome to use this too! All Day Camp materials and curriculum will be available on our [website](#). This curriculum package will be composed of four days with a theme for each day, including:

- Opening and closing worships (with words to songs and actions so kids can dance and sing along!)
- An arts and crafts video, nature project video, snack idea video, story time segment, and afternoon activity challenges
- A devotion to do with your congregational day camp group over Zoom, or with your family!
- We will also include an instructional video to walk through how to best use these resources in your setting and share ideas as a church body and community!

Summer Camp Materials offered:

Throughout the month of June, our Program Team will be sharing:

- Daily morning worships on our [Youtube page](#)
- Weekly faith conversations with pastors via Zoom
- Activity ideas and resources, for youth and families, available online

We hope that you will continue to join us for summer camp! Please let us know if you have any questions as you are planning for your summer ahead!

Camp at Home Resources

Blessings,

GLLM Program Team

Mandy Severtson, Associate Director - msevertson@qllm.org
Steve Roenfeldt, Program Director - sroenfeldt@qllm.org
Tina Magner, Retreat & Hospitality Director - tmagner@qllm.org



Subject: Alert - Email scam

Hello all - we are sending this Alert to all members and friends of First Lutheran Church of Litchfield. There is an email going around that looks like it's from Pastor Tom Evenson. Please know that this is a scam and to let the church office know if you receive anything like this. We are following up with the authorities. We hope you won't get this scam email at all. Please take care and keep us informed.

Scam email address and an example of the comments in the email:

FROM: pastorfirstlitchfield@gmail.com

"Hey - I need a personal favor - can you email me I am having trouble with my phone"

"I need a favor - I can't get gift certificates from eBay for my cancer patients because all the stores are closed. Could you do that for me?"

Again, please know that we would not send anything like this—and let us know if you received anything similar.

Thank you

Portals of Prayer & Christ in Our Home devotion books for **July - Aug. - Sept.** are available in the glass entry way (Sunday School Entrance) on the East Side of the Building



Churchwide



QUILT AUCTION
JULY 24-25
online

FRIDAY, JULY 24
Quilt Review, 5:00 - 8:00 PM - \$3.00*
Silent Auction goes live online!

SATURDAY, JULY 25
Quilt Review, 9:00 - 10:30 AM - \$3.00*
Silent Auction closes at noon
Live online auction begins at 11:30 AM! Fladeboe Auctioneers will still be on site with this portion live streamed for you to participate at home!

* The Quilt Review will be available depending on what is deemed safest following the CDC and Minnesota state guidelines. This is subject to change. More information will be shared as the Quilt Auction draws closer!

GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN ministries

QUILT AUCTION

The Quilt Auction has served as our largest fundraiser for over 35 years, provided an incredible amount of support and opportunities for this ministry to grow and thrive, and created countless fun memories. The Quilt Auction is a joyful two-day fundraiser full of food, Silent Auction items, music and beautiful quilts. Proceeds from this event support our Annual Fund which allows us to provide fun, safe, quality, Christ-centered camping and retreating opportunities for people of all ages.

**Go to www.gllm.org
For more information**

ANTIQUÉ QUILTS

The quilting groups from First Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield found three unfinished quilts in their stashes, all hand pieced. They were kind enough to donate them to the 2019 Quilt Auction and the Quilt Committee decided to have them finished. A quilting group in Nebraska has finished hand quilting the quilts and the Quilt Committee has finished completing the binding. Antique Quilt #3 will be included in the 2020 Quilt Auction. It is a full sized quilt.



If you have questions regarding the Quilt Auction, please contact Sonya Erickson, Director of Finance & Administration, at serickson@gllm.org or Kirsten Palan, Marketing & Development Director, at kpalan@gllm.org!





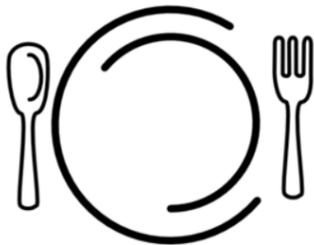
WELCA THANKOFFERING 2020 (All women of FELC are members of WELCA.)

2019 was a tremendous year for the Thankoffering event—Thank You!

For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. In gratitude for all God has given to us, together, we do more than we could ever do apart.

The Thankoffering supports the WELCA Gathering Magazine, Bible studies for women, and cross cultural activities. These offerings are used to assist victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and to support Katie’s Fund (assisting women in leadership) and Voices for Justice (Ex: promoting the 1000 Days Movement which supports child and maternal health for the first 1000 days of a child’s life).

Please mail your THANKOFFERING envelope found in the June newsletter (or use a regular envelope and label it THANKOFFERING) to the church office so that we can continue our outreach. Your generosity makes a real difference in women’s lives.



From Dalton Kalina, Meals Community Development Manager at Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota....

I wanted to pass along some information to you about our meals programs. Our services support older adults to live healthier, more active, and independent lives, making eating fun and easy. We also serve individuals experiencing food insecurities or who need assistance with nutrition or dietary needs. Our meals are designed by a licensed, registered dietitian to ensure that they are healthy and nutritious. Adjusted meals are available for individuals with special dietary needs, such as those who are diabetic or require a controlled sodium, low fat or low cholesterol diet.

We can offer pick curbside from our LSS Bistro location or shipped meals in your area. Due to COVID-19 we are able to offer 14-day emergency meals supply. COVID-19 has made it difficult for older adults to access food on a consistent basis, and we are hoping to reach out to our neighbors to fill this need with the Lutheran Social Services meals programs. These meals are partially funded by the Families First and CARES act funding. Clients will be asked to make a donation for the meals but there is no requirement of a donation if a client isn’t able to pay. I am hoping to spread the word of the meals programs across Central Minnesota to help people impacted the most by the virus.

If someone is interested in SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits they can contact LSS meals at 800-488-4146 to see if they qualify. If you know of anyone who may be interested in the meals program the best person to reach is Chrissy Elton Regional Manager of Kandiyohi, Meeker, and McLeod County. Her contact information is Chrissy.Elton@lssmn.org and 320-905-2528. If you have any questions don’t hesitate to get into contact with Chrissy or me. Thank you, Dalton Kalina



We are updating contact information at First Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Please fill out the insert for contact information and mail or scan and email back to church. We have added a

“Service Provider” request for your cell phone carrier because we are asked to provide that information to be able to send text messages from our church computer software.

We are also checking to see if you are interested in receiving the newsletter and calendar by email only.

First Evangelical Lutheran Church is updating contact information. Please provide the following:

Household Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Name _____ Phone number _____ Type (Home, Cell, Work) _____
 Name _____ Phone number _____ Type (Home, Cell, Work) _____
 Name _____ Phone number _____ Type (Home, Cell, Work) _____
 Text Message information needed:
 Name _____ Cell phone Number _____ Service Provider _____
 Name _____ Cell phone Number _____ Service Provider _____
 Name _____ Cell phone Number _____ Service Provider _____
 Email Message information needed:
 Name _____ Full Email Address _____
 Name _____ Full Email Address _____
 Name _____ Full Email Address _____
 YES ___ I would like to receive my Newsletter and Calendar by email only.
 No ___ Please continue to send by mail.
 Please mail the completed form to: First Lutheran Church, 703 S. 5th Ave., Litchfield, MN 55555, or email to office@firstelc.org. Thank you.

If you have any questions please call the church office at 320-693-2487 or email firstoffice@hutchtel.net. Thank you!

Senior Dining Information

Please call 693-2180 at least one day ahead to reserve your meal.

Lutheran Social Service		June 2020		Senior Nutrition Services	
Monday, June 1	Tuesday, June 2	Wednesday, June 3	Thursday, June 4	Friday, June 5	
4 oz Salisbury Steak	4 oz Pork Loin	8 oz. Tomato Basil Soup	4oz Baked Fish	4 oz. BBQ Chicken/Bun	
1/2c Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	1/2 c. Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	3 oz Egg Salad on Bun	1/2c Potato Wedges	1/2c.Creamy Cucumber Salad	
1/2c Lettuce Salad	1/2c Green Peas	1/2 c. Fruit Salad	1/2c Carrots	1/2 c. Fresh Fruit	
1/2c Sliced Peaches	1/2c Tropical Fruit Salad	Crackers/Margarine	1 each Dinner Roll/Margarine		
Cookie	2"x2" Bar	2"x2" Fruit Crisp	1/2c Sherbet	2"x2" Bar	
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, June 8	Tuesday, June 9	Wednesday, June 10	Thursday, June 11	Friday, June 12	
4x4 Egg Bake w/Sausage	Taco Salad: 3oz Taco Meat	6 oz Chicken and Noodles	6 oz Rigatoni with Beef	4 oz Meatloaf	
1/2c Cheesy Hashbrown	1 oz.Cheese, 2 Tbsp Salsa	1/2c Candied Carrots	1c Lettuce Salad	Baked Potato w/S.cream	
1/2c Mandarin Oranges	1c.Shred lettuce & Tomatoes	Choice Fruit	1/2c Pineapple Chunks	1/2c Squash	
Coffecake	1Tb.Sour Crm, Corn Chips	Dinner Roll	Garlic Breadstick	1/2c Tropical Fruit Salad	
	1/2c. Fruited Jello	1/2 c. Sherbet	1/2c Pudding	2"x2" Bar	
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, June 15	Tuesday, June 16	Wednesday, June 17	Thursday, June 18	Friday, June 19	
6oz Choice Soup	4 oz Swedish Meatballs	4oz Ham	4 oz Beef Tips/Gravy	6 oz Sausage Gravy	
1/2 Meat Sandwich	1/2c Mashed Potato	1/2c Scalloped Potatoes	1/2c Mashed Potatoes	1 Biscuit	
1/2c Choice Vegetable	1/2c California Blend	1/2c Green Beans	1/2c Country Blend Veg	Hashbrown Patty	
1/2c Choice Fruit	Dinner Roll	Corn Muffin	Dinner Roll/Margarine	1/2c Cinnamon Apples	
Cookie	1/2 c Apricots	2x2 Brownie	2x2 Bar		
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
22-1st Monday of SUMMER!	Tuesday, June 23	Wednesday, June 24	Thursday, June 25	Friday, June 26 - 1st Chocolate Fudding Day.	
3 oz Hamburger on Bun	3 oz Ginger Citrus Chicken	3 oz. Country Steak/Country Gravy	3 oz Roast Turkey/Gravy	6 oz Pizza Casserole	
1/2c Baked Beans	1/2c Rice	1/2 c. Whole Potatoes	1/2c Mashed Potatoes	1/2c Green Beans	
1/2c Potato Salad	1/2c Oriental Vegetable	1/2 c. Corn	1/2c Broccoli Florets	1/2c Peach Halves	
Slice of Watermelon	1/2c Pear Halves	Bread/Margarine	Dinner Roll/Margarine	Breadstick	
1/2 c Ice Cream Sundaes	1/2c Fruit Crisp	Cinnamon Apples	Cookie	1/2c Chocolate Fudding	
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, June 29	Tuesday, June 30				
Chef's Choice	6 oz Beef Stew				
1/2c Vegetable	1c Lettuce Salad				
1/2c Fruit or Vegetable	Corn Bread Muffin				
Bread	1/2c Fruited Jello				
1/2c Dessert	8 oz. Low Fat Milk				
8 oz. Low Fat Milk					
					
		<p>GIFT CERTIFICATES</p> <p>for meals are the perfect HOLIDAY GIFT! Purchase on line at our website: www.lssmn.org/nutrition or at a local site.</p>			
				<p>Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP or EBT/Food Stamps) payment is accepted.</p> <p>Call the site for other menu choices that may be available.</p>	

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Approved by: Vanessa Berg, MS LRD CDI. **MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE.** Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories.

GIFTS, THANKS, & MEMORIALS

A gift was given to the general fund in remembrance of my mother, Elva Shea and her mother Betsy Johnson, (both joined the church in 1923) by Carol Rowell.

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of my uncle John Tewes by Marlys Elam.

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Ryan Allen by Richard and Betty Allen.

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A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Jean Hoyer by Barb Piepenburg and fellow card stampers.

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Gifts were given to the general fund in memory of Lynette Peterson by the Priscilla Circle.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Pastor Tom, Sarah, Judy and Church Staff, Thank you so much for all you're doing to "hold down the fort" and keep things going with great faith and support. We are enjoying the services online but can't wait to be back in person with everyone! Please know we really appreciate all you do! God Bless, John and Jo Carlson

Thank You!!!!!!

We want to say a big thank you to our congregation for supporting our giving tree in March. Lamp Kinship, Wings, and Community Basics all received many generous donations towards their programs!!

We also want to thank Mattie Baumgartner and Karla Rick, from Wings, for their presentations in church. Lamp Kinship and Community Basics also had representatives scheduled to present but church was cancelled.

FLC Stewardship Committee

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: community.elca.org/SouthAfrica

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.

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, Iris Topp

Dassel Nursing Home: Ardella Voigt

Litchfield, in own home: Viola Lenhard,
Jutta Goodrich, Mae Brehmer

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

JUNE 2020

Lutheran Social Services

***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 **Sunday School Entrance**—there is a basket on the table. 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 (no expired items please). The needs are great within our community and our contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

Family Fare Receipts Update

Well done FLC!!

We recently turned in our collective receipts and received a check for \$1,000 for our Sunday School Program.

Thank you!!!!



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.*

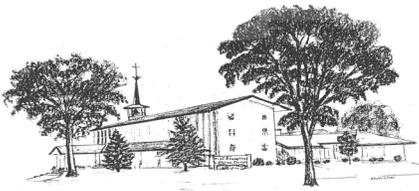
Thanks to all who participated last season.
Enjoy the harvest!



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8:30 a.m. Worship on KLFD Radio 1410 AM and
95.9 FM, and Facebook Live.

11:00 a.m. on cable access TV

Monday morning:

10:30 a.m. Repeat of Sunday Worship on cable access TV

Wednesday night:

6:30 p.m. Worship on Radio and Facebook live

8:00 p.m. on cable access TV

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