



# FIRST NEWS

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

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**November 2020**

**Time with Tom**

Where do we look when we long for God's direction? How do we know what God wants us to do? Can we be sure what we do is right with God? When we are discouraged and we feel defeated, we can turn to scripture. What is it that we read in the scriptures beginning as early as Leviticus to clear up the mystery of God's call to each of us? God calls us to love him and to love our neighbor. Who is our neighbor? Lev. 19:34a we read; *"The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself."* Those we think of as outsiders or foreigners are also our neighbors. If we look at Deut. 6:5 we see the start of God's command to love him and our neighbor; *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Deut. 7:9 know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations. Deut. 10:12 so now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Deut. 11:1 you shall love the Lord your God, therefore, and keep his charge, his decrees, his ordinances, and his commandments always. Deut. 13: for the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you indeed love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. Deut. 30: 6 Moreover, the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, in order that you may live.*

This laundry list of text spells out what God expects of us if we call ourselves his children, his followers. It continues in *Joshua 22nd & 23rd, Daniel 9, Micah 6.* What about the New Testament where Christians take their cues for following the Good News of Jesus Christ? What does Jesus say in *Matthew 22:37 Jesus said to the lawyer, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."* And in Mark chapter 12 Jesus quotes from the Old Testament scripture; which commandment is the first of all?" *29 Jesus answered, "The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; 30 you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."* Similar to Matthew, Luke 10 ends a little different, *26 Jesus said to the lawyer, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" 27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." 28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."*

If we want to live in Christ, we need to hear these texts and follow their intention. Claiming to follow the Gospel of Jesus Christ means, love our neighbor. How many times do we hear someone say they have a problem with another person because of what they had done or have left undone to one another? If we hold a grudge against another person, we do not "love our neighbor". If we speak ill of someone or discredit another person. If we spread rumors or start rumors about another person, how does that "love our neighbor"? As a family of believers we need to lift each other up not bring anyone down with false accusations. The Law of Moses says, "Do not bear false witness against your neighbor." How do we know what God wants us to do? I think we know what to do. Now how can we forgive those who have trespass against us, because the God, who gives life, too forgives us for our trespasses? Start loving your God with all your heart, mind, strength and soul. And love your neighbor as yourself, because all the laws and prophets hang on these two commandments. Jesus says, "do this and you will live"! Amen  
Live in Peace and the God of Love and Peace will be with you! 2<sup>nd</sup> 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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# Council Highlights

**“GOD’S WORK.  
OUR HANDS.”**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Minutes  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020 7 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:**

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**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:** Karla Hyberger

Secretary Report: Motion made by Andy Hoffman and seconded by Betty Allen to accept  
Treasure Report: Motion made to accept by Dennis Gartner seconded by Karla Kadelbach  
Agenda: no additions

Pastors Report: We will continue to share the pulpit with other churches through October at 8:30 a.m. And continue with Wednesday night radio service and drive up service of our parking lot at 10:00 a.m. Confirmation up to 8 students on October 25th at 11am.

**Team Reports:**

Evangelism/Social Ministry: did not meet

Christian Ed: Family night on October 7 was a great turnout with 20 families. Classes will be held via zoom.

Church Property: Did work around the building. We have someone to possibly be able to plow the lot.

Personnel: did not meet

Endowment: did not meet

Stewardship and Finance: Continuing to do things for the newsletter

Worship and Music: did not meet

**Old Business:**

150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming and a group is working on details. Worship services there are some still listening from the parking lot and our services are working well. Ministry in the midst of COVID is challenging but we will continue to deal with things the best we know how in house, in person. Meetings are going well with the groups that are meeting and everyone is following the guidelines. Disaster relief for Iowa needs more discussion, follow up to come

**New Business:**

Christmas Memorials will be endowment, recommended or pass along ideas to Corey Cervin. Community dinner will need to be put off until next year. Discussion in regards to our musical department are status quo

**Dates to Remember**

Indoor services to continue at 10am

Collaborative services to continue virtually Sunday’s at 8:30 a.m.

Confirmation services October 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 11:00 a.m.

Team meetings November 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 7 p.m. Executive meeting November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Council meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Prayer Requests

Closing Prayer

Adjourn,

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Doty, Secretary

## General Fund:

## Year to Date:

Total Income for the month of Aug. 2020:	\$25,428	Income as of Aug. 2020:	\$242,482
Expenses for the month of Aug. 2020:	\$33,623	Expenses as of Aug 2020:	\$261,988
Total Income for the month of Sept 2020:	\$18,101	Income as of Sept 2020:	\$260,583
Expenses for the month of Sept 2020:	\$33,623	Expenses as of Sept 2020:	\$295,611

Greetings.

We had low giving in September, and as of this print date, I haven't seen the October numbers. We are behind on meeting our 2020 budget. I wanted to keep you updated. I am asking you to include our tithing in your daily prayers. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21). He is saying that what we do with our money and our possessions reveals our real priorities. It's that simple.

Thank you,

Karla Hyberger

Council Treasurer

## Our Obligations to God

By MRS. H. L. HULTERSTRUM

**G**OD demands that we give to His cause, but He does not force us. He has left us to exercise our own free will. We can choose to be faithful as His stewards, or we can choose to keep ourselves even what God has a right to claim as His portion of our income or possessions.

Very often we find people who are exceedingly close when it comes to the question of giving to God. For many it seems a good deal easier to be pious than generous to the Church. We rejoice in all true piety, but "faith without works" is dead.

There are many in the Church with good possessions who give so little to the Lord in proportion to their income.

Why is this? Because they do not believe in God as they should. If we really believe in God's word and promises we would give much better support to the Church of Christ than we do.

Many do not consider the fact that all they possess has come from God and that when they give to the Church they only give back to God a portion of what He first gave to them.

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Some complain and always insist that it takes so much money for the church. Yes, there are always those who murmur at the outlay of money in the Kingdom of God. Some say the church or the equipment of the church is too elaborate. Others accuse the trustees of too great liberality in handling the church funds. These very same persons can, however, entertain their card clubs, go to the theater where they find the most extravagant equipment and furnishings and say nothing about that. They perhaps give more to the theater and card parties each year than they give to the church, but

register no complaint on any luxury there.

Many feel that the pastor is too liberally paid, while one single movie star might have an income of a half million or more.

Yes, God is often given the leftover. Does it pay to be so stingy toward God? No, we will receive in proportion to the measure that we give.

Could more money be given to the Kingdom of God? Surely there would be more set aside for the Church of Christ if God could only more fully win the hearts of His people. Most church members could give more for the cause of God's Kingdom and would do so if they only loved God more fervently, and if they only could more fully realize what it costs Jesus to redeem unto God the fallen human race.

To God not only belongs what we should give towards the support of our church and the various activities of our congregation but also what we give for benevolences, for the poor, sick and needy. Anyone who selfishly wants to enjoy his earthly possessions is no Christian. St. John says: "Who so hath the world's goods and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion for him, how doth the love of God dwell in him?"

We can not earn salvation by giving God His part. We are saved by grace through faith. Nevertheless we have the promise of reward from Jesus himself. "Give and it shall be given unto you. Do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again and your reward shall be great and ye shall be called the children of the Most High." Luke 6. 35.

Money is not the only thing we have to give. God surely can not ask us to give what we do not have. He seeks to

create in us the spirit of giving, and in doing so He makes no unreasonable demand. "Give what you have," says He. You have kindness and ability to help people. Give these things. They are perhaps of more value than money. Give a kind word, an encouraging word to some disheartened soul, hospitality and friendship.

Many who are money poor, are rich in these things. It is more important that we have spiritual values to dispense than material values. Let us remember the liberality of the Macedonians as explained by Paul. "They first gave their own selves to the Lord." Having done that, sharing their possessions with their needy brethren in Jerusalem followed as a matter of course. The same rule applies to us all. It is required of stewards that a man be found faithful.

God is counting upon all we have for His work, for we are His stewards. Every man must give an account for all which has been entrusted to him.

He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 2 Cor. 9. 6.

Litchfield, Minn.

This article was written by  
Olga Hultstrum  
in The Lutheran Companion, 1935



Music plays an important part in all our lives. Can you imagine life without music? Each of us have special music we listen to for our own personal joy. We prefer certain instruments, vocal ranges and rhythms that are pleasing to our ears. We respond to music based on our life experiences and environment. We choose music based on personal beliefs and personal choices. We hear music in places outside our control, like background music, on hold, in the movies, waiting for the red light with your window down and television. Music communicates emotions and thoughts. It crosses race, religion and cultures. Music is spiritual. It moves our bodies. Music touches our inner soul. Different kinds of music work upon different emotions. Music is a dear friend, a constant companion in our life. It is present in our celebrations. It brings back memories, marking aging. We get encouragement and strength from music. When music and words are connected, it moves from left to the right side of our brains, mapping as it goes.

Here at FLC, we have a strong passion for music. What a lucky congregation we are! We have many opportunities to rejoice in song! Our senior choir fills our loft with harmonies. Our Praise Band lifts us up. Our bell choir rings for the Kingdom of God. Our worship music is essential and is a powerful way to increase our faith. Music helps us express our love for God. Music creates an atmosphere of worship.

The use of liturgical music and religious songs are to encourage participation by members and build a community. The value of this music comes from how it encourages harmony amongst its listeners, it allows us to form a greater connection with God as well as one another.

**A QUIB:**

Christian rapper MC Jin has rapped: "Even if you look at just the idea of the walk and the journey in the Christian faith, the thing I love the most is that it isn't a thing where you can "finally arrive. You're constantly on the journey...it's a continuous thing."

Do you know what the following are? Idiophones, membranophones, chordophones and aerophones

The following are hymns that come from scripture:

Amazing Grace	John 9:25
Arise, My Soul, Arise	Isaiah 60:1
Blessed be the Name	Job 1:21
Great is the Lord	Psalms 48:1-2
Great is the Faithfulness	Genesis 8:22
Handel's Messiah	Isaiah 9:6
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth	Job 19:25
It is Well with My Soul	Isaiah 66:12
Open my Eyes That I May See	2Kings 6:17
Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God	Matt 6:33
Work for the Night is Coming	John 9:4

If it interests you, read about different music in other religions:

Judaism, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Taoism and Indigenous American Religion

**A look back at the Kingdom Company. . . . .**

**by Katie Hulterstrum**

It was in 1993 that Shauna Hannan took interest in starting a children's choir at First Lutheran. There had been many years since Margaret Wilson Brown had led such a group and Shauna's musical talent as well as her strong faith led her in this direction. Shauna had plans to enter the seminary in one year however, and she made it known that this group should continue. By the end of her year as children's choir director, I was recruited to take over as director. In 1994, I was a new member of First Lutheran and participated in the senior choir. I had a love for singing and working with children, so directing the children's choir seemed like a good fit! I thank Bea Devereaux for seeing something in me that I didn't know existed. I didn't have a music degree and I had never before led a choir. But with Bea's confidence in me and guidance throughout the years, I grew into the role. I also thank Lisa Barto and Lisa Durkee for their organization of the group in my early years as director. Many, many other people played a supporting role to me throughout my 25 years as director and it would be difficult to name them all. Whether they were regular game

# Stewardship

leaders or occasional snack helpers, Pastor or lay person, they were all very significant in the smooth operation of the group.

"If you lead them, they will come" is a phrase to describe what happened next! The number of students participating in choir was fantastic! In the first five years, there were 26--37 kids regularly attending! We included kids from outside our church membership when the opportunity arose. In addition to our singing time, our weekly sessions included snacks and time for fellowship, devotions and games. Along with making a joyful noise, we focused on being a "church family", people who looked out for one another and encouraged one another. In addition to singing regularly at worship services, we sang at Emmanuel Home, and special events including WELCA meetings, confirmation banquet, "Fun Day Sunday", and one year we caroled on the Clip-Clop Trolley through Litchfield's downtown streets! We greatly enjoyed opportunities to sing with the Carpenter's Tools during their annual visits to First Lutheran.

In 1999, we received a generous donation that funded the purchase of instruments. The xylophones added a new element to our music and the children were eager for a chance to play them. I never had trouble getting kids to do something special; if I began a statement with "I need someone to. . ." I would have at least 10 hands go up before they even knew what the task would be! I quickly discovered that I needed to create more ways for each child to feel special. So we made use of other rhythm instruments, hand chimes, an autoharp, added occasional solos, and invited children to be lesson leaders. It was a joy to watch them shine and become leaders.

An ongoing highlight for our choir was the Christmas music worship services. The opportunity for the Kingdom Company to combine their voices with the voices of the Senior Choir was a blessing for all of us. There was a mix of new music with our traditional favorites. In 1996, we sang "Innkeeper" for the first time and it quickly became everyone's favorite. After singing it 7 years in a row, I thought perhaps our audience would grow tired of it, so in 2003, it was not included in the program. I received so much negative feedback from the kids that year because of its omission that Innkeeper returned to the program the following year and every year thereafter!

In 2008, the Kingdom Company performed our first musical, "The Tale of the Three Trees". We went on to perform a musical every other year in the Spring and these were a highlight for the kids and me. I knew I was on to something, when at the start of our choir years in September, several kids would come rushing to me excited to learn what the title of the next musical would be, (even though rehearsals for the musical would not begin for another 4 months)! These productions were definitely extra work, but I believe we all got more out of them in return. There are so many people to thank for the assistance offered for the musicals, most importantly, Carrie Block, as choreographer. It's safe to say that I couldn't have done it without her! Many other parents contributed in numerous ways by making props, costumes & banners, assisting with hair & make-up, taking pictures, and of course the sound and recording crew doing what they do best!

It was a joy to see children learn about God and Praise Him through their singing. I believe Psalm 100 sums it up well: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song."

"GPS: God's Plan of Salvation", April 2010



"The Star Factor", April 2014



"The Agape League", April 2016



"The Kingdom Connection", April 2018



# Stewardship

The beginning of my Piano Lesson career began as a six year old student. My Mother sat on the piano bench with me to help read the correct notes. I continued through high school and college. Pipe Organ lessons began as a sophomore in high school when I was given permission to use the Organ at Vinje Lutheran Church when it was on the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Becker Avenue in Willmar.

I was an accompanist when I was in fourth grade, for Church groups. This continued through high school for Choirs, solos and ensembles. I received several accolades from judges at Music Contests.

I attended, and was a graduate of St. Olaf College, My senior year recitals were in Pipe Organ, Piano accompanist and Vocal Ensemble. It was also a privilege to be a member of the St. Olaf Choir under the direction of Dr. Olaf C. Christiansen. Upon Graduation, I began teaching in the Litchfield High School in the Vocal Music Department.

After helping out Evelyn Kittelson at Zion, I was asked by a school Board Member, who was on the Church Council, to come to First Lutheran Church to serve as Organist. That was 55 years ago. I gave an Organ Recital at First Lutheran in 1974 following a substantial addition of ranks to the Pipe Organ.

It is an honor to be Organist, Piano Accompanist, Choir Director and Hand Bell Director at First Lutheran Church for all these years.

*As Ever,  
Deaf  
Leveaux*



Sing psalms and  
hymns and  
spiritual songs ...  
singing and  
making melody to the  
Lord in your hearts.

I started taking accordion lessons when I was probably 6 years old. A short time after I started, my music teacher suggested I might like to have some piano lessons. She gave me about six months of piano lessons and that was the beginning of my love for music.

My Dad was the person who took us to our lessons - he volunteered so he could have more time in the bars, waiting for us to get done. My dad was an alcoholic and abusive to my Mom and I think the driving force in my love of music was to transport me to a world beyond what my reality was. I actually only had lessons for a few years but I'm pretty sure playing and practicing calmed me through those trying times at home.

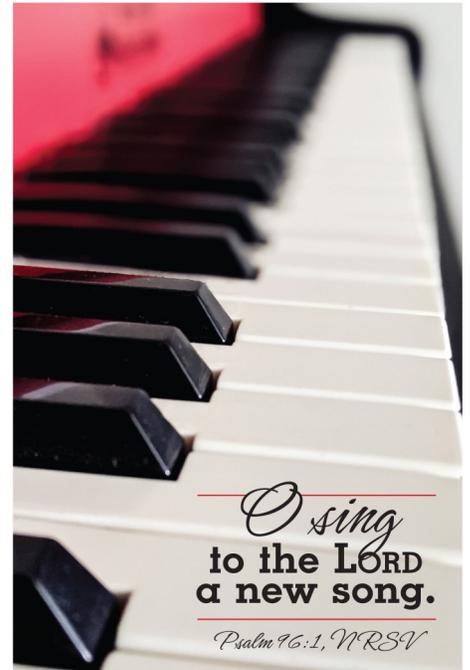
I went on to teach myself to play the organ and ended up being organist at several different churches throughout my life, Winsted, Grove City and eventually Litchfield.

I was at Trinity for I believe 25+ years and also revived and directed the adult choir.

I really do believe that music can provide many different emotions - happiness, sadness, it can be calming and soothing, brings you a closeness to God, etc. It is basically whatever each individual needs from it. I always feel better when I am playing music.

Let's all strive to be kind to each other during these strange times we are experiencing. Stay positive. We will get through this and God is always with us.

Carol Dragt



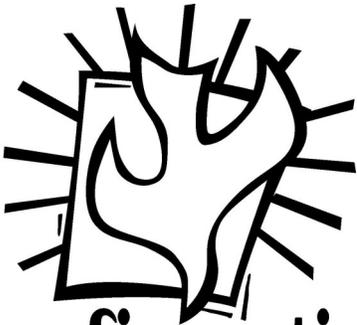
## Faith of Our Fathers

*Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Heb. 11:1-2  
Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 1:3*

1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still, In spite of dun - geon, fire, and sword;  
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and con - science free;  
3. Faith of our fa - thers, we will strive To win all na - tions un - to thee;  
4. Faith of our fa - thers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife;

Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy When-e'er we hear that glo - rious Word!  
How sweet would be their chil - dren's fate, If they, like them, could die for thee!  
And through the truth that comes from God, We all shall then be tru - ly free.  
And preach thee, too, as love knows how By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life.

*Refrain*  
Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.



# Confirmation

Sunday October 25, 2020  
11:00 a.m.

Members of the 2020 Confirmation class are:

**Aidan Daniel Berube**

**Alexander Matthew Draeger**

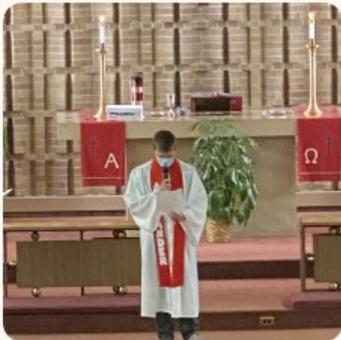
**Miles Gene Deitchman**

**Kylie Marie Guggemos**

**Evan Kenneth Matheson**

**Kylie May Michels**

**Javin Robert Stucky**



November 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, &amp; Youtube</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m. All Saints</b> Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> on cable access TV</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10:30 a.m. Repeat of Sunday Worship on cable access TV</p>	<p><b>3</b> Election Day</p> <p>7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilistrom</p> <p>8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live</p> <p>6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Team Meetings</p>	<p><b>4</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg.</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Hope Food Distrib.</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 p.m. WOW</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Worship in sanctuary on KLFD Radio/FB live/YouTube</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>8:00 p.m. Worship on cable TV</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>FACEBOOK LIVE</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery - Chapel</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
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<p><b>29 First Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>8:30 a.m. worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, &amp; Youtube</p> <p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary</p> <p><b>11:00 a.m.</b> on cable access TV</p>	<p><b>30</b> 10:30 a.m. Repeat of Sunday Worship on cable access TV</p>	<p><b>First Evangelical Lutheran Church</b>                      703 South Sibley Ave.                      Litchfield, MN                      320-693-2487</p>				

# NOVEMBER 2020 SERVING INFO

<b>November 2020</b>		
<b>Chairs:</b>		
<b>Karla Rick</b>		320-693-7048
<b>Sara Rick</b>		320-693-3219
Sheri Nelson		701-307-0131
Winton & Kris Nelson		320-693-2192
	W	320-221-2266
	K	320-221-2248
Richard & Tracey Nistler		320-693-8074
Wendy Norine		320-693-2990
	W	320-699-0265
Andrew Nothnagel		320-693-3724
Lillie Oeltjenbruns		320-593-7556
Martin & Edna Oldenburg		320-693-3424
Jeffrey & Amy Olson		320-693-3658
Chris & Naomi Opjorden		320-693-9398
Jason & Heidi Oslund		320-593-5851
Bud & Kate Peterson		320-593-3185
Darla Peterson		320-693-7162
Jesse Peterson		320-220-2648

Daniel & Susan Piepenburg	320-593-2932
Ron & Barb Piepenburg	320-693-2327
David Pierce	320-693-6331
Gary & Laurie Pierce	320-693-2681
Michael Pierce	320-535-0262
Timothy Pierce	320-292-1769
Brenda Pollock	320-693-3653
Amanda Polzin	320-237-6022
Daniel & Kimberly Prahll	320-535-4093
Arlo & Brenda Prechel	320-693-9116
Lisa Provencher	320-593-1345

Lavaune Putzier	320-693-7405
Judy Quale	320-535-4096
Tracy Quale	320-262-1601
Larry & Pam Radunz	320-587-6728
Joel & Jill Ramthun	320-593-7479
Cody & Dana Ratike	320-275-1230
Florence Roeszler	320-593-2907
Julie Ross	320-593-2235



<b>NOVEMBER USHERS</b>
James Lenhard - Captain
Keith Evenson
Andrew Miller
Hal Huso
Mark Bredeson- Captain
Richard Farmer
Dr. Dan Johnson

# NOVEMBER Birthdays

**NOV 2020 ALTER GUILD**  
Meredith Elj 593-8640

## **NOVEMBER 1**

Julie Dengerud

## **NOVEMBER 2**

Chantell Andersen-Otto

Tracey Kaping

Heather Kelly

Owen Rick

## **NOVEMBER 3**

Kenneth Bohn

Mary Burdick

Randy Stille

## **NOVEMBER 4**

Tucker Liestman

## **NOVEMBER 5**

Evan Baldwin

Thomas Larson

## **NOVEMBER 6**

Doris Birkemeyer

Joshua Blomberg

Renee Gartner

## **NOVEMBER 7**

Ann Bush

Christi Triche

## **NOVEMBER 8**

Kathy Cervin

Joseph Elam

Diane Housman

## **NOVEMBER 9**

Krista DeWolf

Cecil Fawcett

Pam Groskreutz

Stacey Helstrom

Gary Husmann

Karla Hyberger

Ethan Lease

## **NOVEMBER 10**

Wesley Herzog

John Lekander

Kari Mahlow

Savannah Nelson

Jack Ramthun

## **NOVEMBER 11**

Danielle Elam

Logan Hanson

## **NOVEMBER 12**

Marlena McGraw

Heidi Oslund

Carol Shoutz

Jacob Steichen

Marilyn Swanson

## **NOVEMBER 13**

Amy Berube

Timothy Elam

Barbara Hannes

Adrienne Henschke

Judy Judes

Kathryn Kronbeck

## **NOVEMBER 14**

Barbara Holmberg

David Larson

## **NOVEMBER 15**

Melanie Muske

Kate Peterson

## **NOVEMBER 16**

Richard Allen

Chris Bostrom

Alice Branstner

Teresa

Christoferson

Karianna Husmann

Gary Vollmer

## **NOVEMBER 17**

Charley Estrada

Duane Farmer

Lynette Kleinschmidt

James Sommerfeld

Dominick Steichen

## **NOVEMBER 18**

Ernest Defries

Madelyn Fluck

Sharon Galloway

## **NOVEMBER 19**

Janice Madden

Tom McCormick

## **NOVEMBER 20**

Ellen Hulterstrum

Craig McKechney

Becky Estrada

## **NOVEMBER 21**

James Koenig

Matthew Triche

Connor Worden

## **NOVEMBER 22**

Brenda Flann

Sally Gilberts

Mary Hokanson

Christian Horwath

Grace Rogers

## **NOVEMBER 23**

Gavin Hurd

## **NOVEMBER 24**

## **NOVEMBER 25**

Brody Quast

Katie Ziegler

## **NOVEMBER 26**

Patti Burdick

Von Grotto

## **NOVEMBER 27**

Harper Judes

## **NOVEMBER 28**

Adam Frank

## **NOVEMBER 29**

## **NOVEMBER 30**

In order for us to stay open as a place of Worship, the following requirements must be met:



Masks are not required for those with disabilities or special health needs.

**MASK UP, MINNESOTA**

STAY SAFE MN    m MINNESOTA    staysafe.mn.gov

- \* Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer
- \* Keep your mask on while indoors
- \* Stay 6 feet apart
- \* Only sit with members of your household or family
- \* Avoid touching items in high traffic areas
- \* Music
- \* Must wear a mask during the entire service
- \* even when singing or chanting
- \* Stay 6 feet apart
- \* Household groups and family members together
- \* Soloist/Performers stay at least 12 feet apart
- \* Food and Drink
- \* Limit to small groups
- \* Limit tables to 3 - 4 persons, or 6 if same family
- \* Social distance of at least 6 feet apart
- \* Wear mask when not eating or drinking
- \* Best practice would be to serve pre-packaged food

## CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES - COLLECTION BEGINS!!



Please stop at church and pick up a box (or 2, or 3) and a pamphlet of instructions.

Drop your filled boxes back at church, along with \$9 to mail it, and Julie Bredeson will deliver the boxes to the Litchfield drop site.

**Due date is November 15** to return boxes to church!  
Last year we raised \$1,355.00 and delivered 93 boxes!!

LET'S BREAK THIS RECORD!!

Thank you for participating in this beautiful opportunity to bring Christmas in a gift box and the love of Jesus Christ to a child!



### Help Needed!

The Blessing Box is in need of some donations.

Here is a list of items that do well in there.

- ⇒ Paper products
- ⇒ Mac and cheese
- ⇒ Peanut butter
- ⇒ Jelly
- ⇒ Canned fruit
- ⇒ Pasta
- ⇒ Cereal

We are also getting to the time of year things could freeze so please be mindful of that.

Thanks  
MST 2020.

# Memorials, Gifts and Thanks

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

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Jean Hoyer by Lisa Hoyer.

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Shirley Erickson by Phyllis Piepenburg.

A gift has been given to the music program in memory of Shirley Erickson by John and Laurie McGroarty.

A gift has been given to the general fund in loving memory of Shirley Erickson by her classmate Iris Holmgren.

A gift has been given to the general fund in memory of Fred LaLonde by Marlys Elam.

A gift has been given to the general fund in memory of Vivan Graff and loved ones who have gone before us by Harvey Graff.

A gift has been given to the general fund in memory of Jean Schnell by James and Janet Marr.

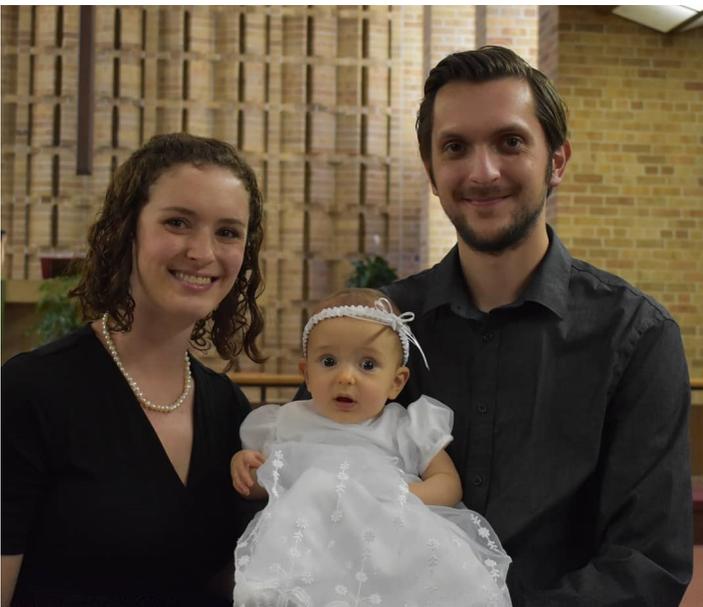
## SPECIAL THANKS

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Thank you for thinking of me and my family through this difficult time.  
The Marthalers

**St Stephen's LOAF Ministry** - St Stephens Church in Cedar Rapids Iowa has a ministry to help their community after having a weather related disaster this past summer. We will come together as a church and community to help support this effort. Our endowment team will be matching funds up to \$2,000.00 of donations made by individuals. These funds will directly impact the homelessness, hunger and care for many in the Cedar Rapids area. Donations can be made directly to:

St Stephen's LOAF Ministry  
St Stephen's Lutheran Church  
610 31st Street SE  
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52403

Or for more information please call the church office. Thank you for your support!



The Sacrament of Baptism  
was celebrated October 1, 2020

for

**Lennon Ivy Herzog**

Daughter of

Jerod and Kelly Herzog

Sponsors:

Mike Weseman

Wil Herzog

# Senior Dining Menu

## Lutheran Social Service

November 2020

## Senior Nutrition Services

Monday, Nov. 2nd	Tuesday, Nov. 3rd	Wednesday, Nov. 4th	Thursday, Nov. 5th	Friday, Nov. 6th
3 oz Crispy Baked Chicken	Beef Taco Salad w/1 oz cheese	3 oz Liver or Pepper Steak	Chicken Chow Mein	8 oz Beef Chili w/Beans
1/2c Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	Tomatoes/Lettuce	1/2c Boiled New Potatoes	1/2 c Oriental Veg	1/2c.Corn
1/2c Peach Halves	1 oz Corn Chips/Sour Cream	Glazed Baby Carrots	1/2c Rice 1/2Pineapple Chicks	1/2c Mandarin Oranges
Breadstick/Margarine	Spanish Rice	WW Bread/Margarine	Dinner Roll/Margarine	Breadstick
Cookie	2x2 Emerald Pear Gelatin	1/2c Fruit Cocktail	Cookie	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, Nov. 9th	Tuesday, Nov. 10th	Wednesday, Nov. 11th	Thursday, Nov. 12th	Friday, Nov. 13th
8 oz Scalloped Potato & Ham	3 oz Pork Loyn/Gravy	6 oz Tomato Basil Soup	3 oz Baked Herb Fish	1c. Sweet & Sour Meatballs
1/2c Peas and Pearl Onions	1/2c Mashed Potato	3 oz Egg Salad on Bun	1/2c Butter ed Boiled Potatoes	1/2c Brown Rice
1/2c. Cinnamon Baked Apples	1/2c Broccoli	1/2c Pear Halves	1/2c Green Beans	1/2c Carrot Coins
WW Bread/Margarine	Roll/Margarine	Crackers/Margarine	Dinner Roll/Margarine	1/2c Tropical Fruit Salad
Cookie	2x3 Brownie	1/2c Apple Crisp w/whip top	1/2c Sherbet	2X3 Lemon 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, Nov. 16th	Tuesday, Nov. 17th	Wednesday, Nov. 18th	Thursday, Nov. 19th	Friday, Nov. 20th
3 oz Meatloaf	3 oz Turkey Burger	6 oz Chicken & Noodles	3 oz Pot Roast/Gravy	3 oz Honey Mustard Chicken
Baked Potato/Sr Cream	1/2 c. Potato Wedges	1/2c Peas & Carrots	1/2c Mashed Potatoes	1/2c Broccoli/ Caulif.
1/2 c Country Blend Veg	1/2c. Green Peas	1/2c Fresh Fruit	1/2c Green & Wax Beans	1/2c Mandarin Oranges
Bread/Margarine	WW Bun	Dinner Roll/Margarine	Breadstick	WW Bread w/Margarine
1/2c Cinnamon Apples	2x3 Raspberry Dream Cake	1/2c Ice Cream	1/2c Pudding	2x3 Choc Pnut Butter 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, Nov. 23rd	Tuesday Dinner	Wednesday, Nov. 25th	Thanksgiving	Friday, Nov. 27th
3 oz Sloppy Joe Filling	3 oz Glazed Turkey	6 oz Lasagna		4 oz Baked Pork Chop
1/2c Potato Salad	1/2c Mashed Potato/Gravy	1/2 Creamy Cukes		1/2c Mashed Potato/Gravy
1/2c Baked Beans	1/2c Green Beans	1/2 c Mandarin Oranges		1/2c Mixed Vegetables
WW Bun	1/2c Bread Dressing	Bread/Margarine		1/2c Apricots
1/2c Pineapple Chunks	<b>Pumpkin Pie</b>	8 oz. Low Fat Milk		WW Bread w/Margarine
8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk		8 oz Low Fat Milk
Monday, Nov. 30th				
3 oz Baked Chicken				
1/2c Mashed Potatoes/Gravy				
1/2c Peach Halves				
Breadstick/Margarine				
Cookie				
8 oz. Low Fat Milk				
<p>Please call (320) 693-6318 before 11:30 a.m. at least one day in advance to order meals. No one will answer the phone, so please leave a message.</p> <p><del>Include your name and the dates you want to order meals. THANK YOU!</del></p> <p>*If you are interested in learning about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, please call 1-800-488-4146. SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted</p>				
<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 RD LD CDE</p> <p>Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 1700-800 calories.</p>				

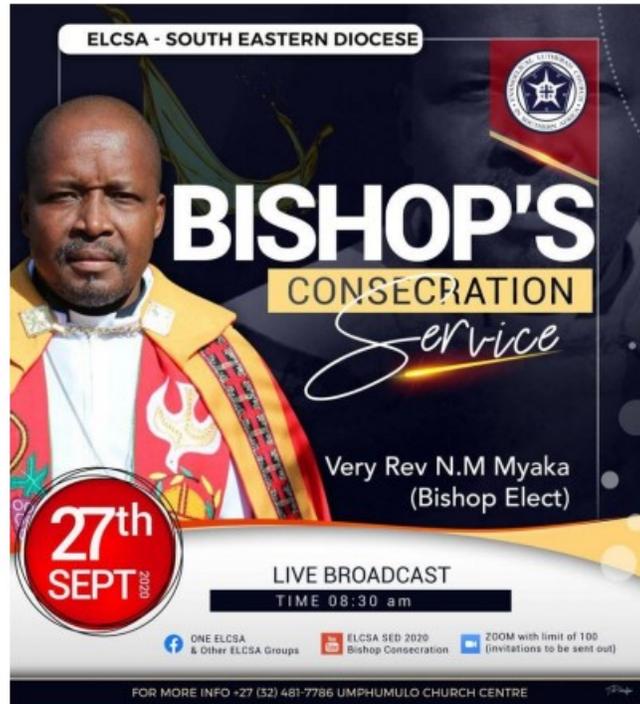
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# Mission

Dear friends,

"... During this time of COVID-19, other pandemics have surfaced such as Gender Based Violence, corruption and poverty... But we have a good story to tell... Forget the negative... Glorify the name of Jesus Christ... rejoice that all of our names are included in the Book of Life... and proclaim peace, unity, reconciliation and reconstruction...a new beginning..." These were some of the words from the sermon, based on Luke 10:17-20, preached by Nkosinathi Myaka, the newly consecrated bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa – South Eastern Diocese.

Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions I was not able to be there in person but participated along with 100 others via a ZOOM link. The service was held in the hall at the diocesan center at Umphumulo, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa on September 27, 2020.



A limited number of people who did attend were required to wear face masks and observe social distance protocols. The liturgy and hymns were pre-recorded and broadcast over loudspeakers as singing by the congregation was not allowed.

The Premier of the province, local government officials, active and retired bishops from ELCSA as well as bishops from several other denominations including Cardinal Napier of the Roman Catholic Church were also in attendance.

The South Eastern Diocese is one of seven dioceses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa. Messages of congratulations and support were sent by the ELCA Global Mission unit and the Southwestern Minnesota Synod (ELCA) which is a companion synod to the diocese.



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, June 25, 2020

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)

## 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**, Fort Hood, TX, 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;

*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.

**GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: November 2020: World Hunger**

**Coming in the December Issue....**

**We will be announcing the Christmas Eve Worship Schedule**

**Due to the Covid Pandemic we will be limiting the attendance for services**

**Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers:**

Meeker Manor: Mary Klosner, Bethesda, Willmar: Richard Bohn

Emmaus Place: Arlene Poirier

Bethany Home: Stan Mortenson, Gloria Dei: Mae Wertz, Willard Maahs, Lois Rusch, Janet Lundin

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



**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!!

## Church/WELCA Handbook for 2021

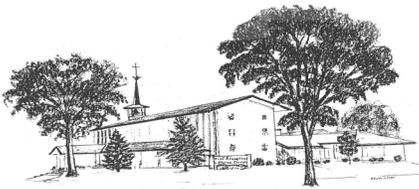
We are in the process of updating the Church/WELCA Handbook for 2021. If you would like your name added to the Prayer Chain (phone or email), Volunteers Who Will Bake for Any Event, or Volunteers on Call for Serving Funerals lists, please contact the church office at 693-2487.

Also, if your **phone number has changed**, please notify the office at 320-693-2487. Thanks!

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Please send submissions to: The Church Office by **November 15th**  
For the NEXT ISSUE: **December 2020**

**There will be more details and instructions for you in the December Newsletter.**



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- Bea Devereaux, Organist, Senior Choir, and Bell Choir Director
- Carol Dragt, Director of Music Non-Traditional Service
- Greta Hulterstrum, Pianist, Wednesday Evening Service
- Scott Nelson, Custodian
- Joel Ramthun, Custodian

**First Lutheran Church Office: 320-693-2487**

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## Worship with Us!!

SERVICES ARE BROADCAST ON LIVE RADIO, FACEBOOK LIVE, YOUTUBE & CABLE ACCESS TV

Meeker area ELCA churches live on:

### Sunday morning:

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

**10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion at First Lutheran Church**

**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, Youtube  
**8:00 p.m.** on cable access TV

Please check our Facebook page or our website for updates: [www.firstlitchfield.org](http://www.firstlitchfield.org)