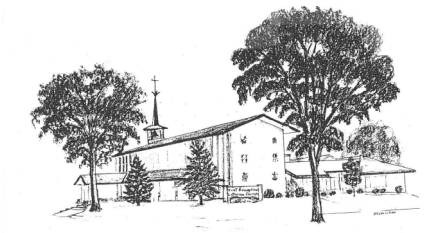

First News

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

JANUARY 2021

January 2021 Time with Tom

As we look forward to 2021 leaving a year that has challenged us in many ways; let us hear the words God gave as hope. We can look to God's instructions for the place given to them in their Exodus as we move forward. Deuteronomy 11; *the land that you are crossing over to occupy is a land of hills and valleys, watered by rain from the sky, [12] a land that the Lord your God looks after. The eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year. [13] If you will only heed his every commandment that I am commanding you today-loving the Lord your God, and serving him with all your heart and with all your soul- [14] then he will give the rain for your land in its season, the early rain and the later rain, and you will gather in your grain, your wine, and your oil; [15] and he will give grass in your fields for your livestock, and you will eat your fill. [16]Take care, or you will be seduced into turning away, serving other gods and worshiping them, [17] for then the anger of the Lord will be kindled against you and he will shut up the heavens, so that there will be no rain and the land will yield no fruit.*

We have been struggling with relationships due to the health scare in our communities. Keeping and building relationships with family and friends, seem near impossible. God said we should love the Lord our God and serve him with all our heart and soul. Serve the Lord by doing the work of the Lord in service to others. We can serve our Lord and love our neighbors even when we cannot be with them. We can serve our Lord when we pray for our neighbors suffering with illness. God tells us straight up that God will send rain and we will bring in the harvest of the land we receive from the Lord IF we only heed his every commandment given to us by the Lord our God. Love the Lord and serve with all your heart and soul. Jesus reminded the disciples that this is the greatest commandment and the second is like the first, that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. When this year begins, all is new for us to begin anew. This year as we make our plans, set time into your schedule to serve by volunteering in ways to that love your neighbor. In our community, we can find many ways to serve and love our neighbors. Our local food shelf, the local mentoring program, many organizations like Lions and Kiwanis, your church, hospital and nursing homes all need help either physically and monetarily.

Loving our neighbor by doing God's work with our hands. We should not love our neighbor so God will love us; we love our neighbor because God loves us. Jesus gave up his life for us so we could have life. In this life, we give up our time and money so others may have life, and life abundant. Live a life in 2021 that will show others you are a disciple of Jesus Christ.

God please make it rain prosperity and good health over all our land. 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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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon. - Thur. 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Fri. 8 AM - 12 PM
***Wearing a mask is required**
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320-693-2487

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Council Highlights

"GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

First Evangelical Lutheran Church Council 2021

PRESIDENT:
Corey Cervin

VICE PRESIDENT:
Karla Kadelbach

SECRETARY:
Dawn Doty

TREASURER:
Karla Hyberger

TEAM REPRESENTATIVES:

Christian Education/ Youth & Family:
Tanna Stucky
Abby Hemmingway

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

First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
Tuesday December 15, 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."

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: Dennis Gartner
Secretary Report: Motion made by Dennis Gartner and seconded by Betty Allen to accept report
Treasure Report: Motion made to accept by Andy Hoffman seconded by Abby Hemingway
Agenda: no additions
Pastors Report: Making contacts with those that are home and alone. Sunday worship services are continuing well. Updating some equipment fir Pastor Tom.

Team Reports:
Evangelism/Social Ministry: did not meet Christian Ed: teacher schedule will be sent out fir teachers to select dates. Time capsules will be put on hold. Christmas cards and gifts will be sent out.
Church Property:
Personnel: did not meet
Endowment: Christmas memorials being made Stewardship and Finance : Did not meet Worship and Music: did not meet

Old Business:
150th anniversary team has a list of ideas to help put plans in place and the team will meet in February.
Worship services: in person services will continue and will be evaluated on a week by week basis. Coop online church services will continue.
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. Most groups are not meeting right now. Meetings will be very minimal through possibly January Sunday school seems to be going well. Sunday School program will need a director.
Christmas memorials: flagging memorials for general fund and green lake ministry or leaving them open.
Nominating committee has been contacted and calls are being made.

New Business:
Worship and music team is looking to take add a media director.
Pastor Tom has had to replace some devices such as his iPad and phone. Both of these devices have been used for services. Council will research and discuss how to budget for potential reimbursements.
Annual meeting is January 31st. We can hold a meeting with a quorum and social distance. Council will have discussions of a possible alternate date due to possible restrictions due to COVID.

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Finance

General Fund:		Year to Date:	
Total Income for the month of November 2020:	$27,222	Income as of Nov. 2020:	$322,366
Expenses for the month of Nov. 2020:	$33,623	Expenses as of Nov. 2020:	$332,908

Council Continued...
Dates to Remember

Indoor services to continue Sundays at 10 am
Collaborative services to continue virtually Sunday's and Wednesday evenings
Team meetings January 5, 2021 7 pm
Executive meeting January 5 at 6:30 pm
Council meeting January 19 at 7 pm

Prayer Requests
Closing Prayer
Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted
Dawn Doty, Secretary

Update!! Thank you to all that participated and donated to the annual Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. We are able to send 54 boxes and $774 dollars were raised.
Bless you all for your support.

Sunday January 31, 2021
Annual Meeting 11:00 a.m.
Immediately following
10 a.m. Worship
in the sanctuary

MST-USA

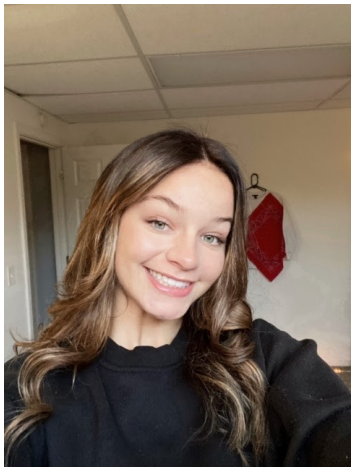
MST USA youth will be selling Greeting Card boxes. More info to come soon!

Laila (grade 9)
"I would like to go on the MST New York trip because I want to make a difference in the world."

Lauren (grade 12)
"I have gone on the last two mission trips and have literally loved every minute of both of them. I decided to go on the next MST trip because I love the relationships you are able to make with the community, other volunteers, and even strengthening relationships within our own group. I'm very excited for my last MST trip and getting the chance to work in the community with the Lord by my side."

Carrie (chaperone)
"I am very excited to chaperone the MST trip to the Adirondack Mountains. I am going on this trip to help protect and keep these kids safe as they experience mission work throughout this community. My second responsibility is to help make this trip a life changing adventure for all of them. I have been blessed to chaperone the last two trips and the experiences were truly incredible and memories I will never forget."

TJ (grade 9)
"I want to go on the MST USA trip because both of my sisters have gone on past trips and I think it sounds like a fun way to spread God's word."



Kamri (grade 12)
"I'm going on the MST USA trip because it is a great time to serve others and have a deep connection with God."

Ben (grade 8)
"I'm going on the MST USA trip because I think it will bring me closer to God and strengthen my belief."

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

- Stay home if you are sick
- 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

- <u>Music</u>
- Must wear a mask during the entire service
- <u>even when singing</u> or chanting
- Stay 6 feet apart
- Household groups and family members together
- Soloist/Performers stay at least 12 feet apart

- <u>Food and Drink</u>
- 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

Memorials, Gifts and Thanks

A gift was given to the undesignated memorial fund in memory of Brad Fluck, Karla Rick's Step-Father, by Paul and Sue Lemmer.

Gifts were given to Mission Support in memory of Audrey Erickson, Karen Eberhard's Mom, by Dan and Brenda Johnson, Marlene Herzog, and Bob and Norma Hall.

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Wayne Baumgartner by friends and family and by Mattie Baumgartner.

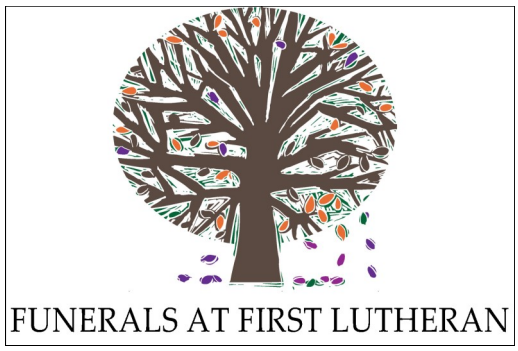
A gift was given to the undesignated memorial fund in memory of Wayne Baumgartner by Jean Wieland.

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Adeline Neumann, Gary Smith's Mom, by Valda Thomas.

Gifts were given to the general fund in memory of Ronald Rosenau, Judy Berglund's Dad, by Richard and Carol Heath, Bob and Sharon Johnson, Paul and Sue Lemmer, Rand and Dianne Thorp, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Gary and Kathy Cervin, DeWayne and Iona Albright, Jerry and Lana Johnson, John and Jo Carlson, Mark and Julie Bredeson, Jim and Elaine Lenhard, Carol Dragt, Bob and Norma Hall, Nate and Meredith Elj, Gladys Johnson, Chuck and Sue Fenton, Valda Thomas, and Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to all of our FLC family for your many prayers, cards, and memorials in remembrance of my Dad, Ronald Rosenau. We really appreciate your love and kindness. Judy Berglund and family.



Wayne Baumgartner
November 5, 2020

Roger Olson
December 12, 2020
(service at funeral home)

Please keep their families in your prayers

JANUARY 2021

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN	320-693-2487				**1** NEW YEAR'S DAY Church Office Closed	**2**
3 **8:30 a.m** worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, & Youtube **10:00 a.m**. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary **11:00 a.m**. on cable access TV	**4** **10:30 a.m**. Repeat of Sunday Worship on cable access TV	**5** **7:00 a.m**. BREW - Chilstrom **8:00 a.m**. BREW – FB Live **6:30 p.m**. NA - Chapel **6:30 p.m**. Executive Meeting **7:00 p.m**. Team Meetings	**6** **9:00 a.m**. Staff Mtg. **6:00 p.m**. WOW **6:30 p.m** Worship on KLFD Radio/FB live/Youtube **7:00 p.m**. Confirmation **8:00 p.m**. Worship on cable TV	**7** **7:55 a.m**. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio **9:30 a.m**. Women's Bible Study FACEBOOK LIVE	**8**	**9**
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24 **8:30 a.m** worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, & Youtube **10:00 a.m**. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary **11:00 a.m**. on cable access TV	**25** **10:30 a.m**. Repeat of Sunday Worship on cable access TV	**26** **7:00 a.m**. BREW – Chilstrom **8:00 a.m**. BREW – FB Live **6:30 p.m**. NA - Chapel	**27** **9:00 a.m**. Staff Mtg. **6:00 p.m**. WOW **6:30 p.m** Worship on KLFD Radio/FB live/Youtube **7:00 p.m**. Confirmation **8:00 p.m**. Worship on cable TV	**28** **7:55 a.m**. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio **9:30 a.m**. Women's Bible Study FACEBOOK LIVE	**29**	**30**
31 **8:30 a.m** worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, & Youtube **10:00 a.m**. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary *Annual Meeting immediately following service (approx. 11 am) **11:00 a.m**. on cable access TV	Services are Live on: KLFD radio, Facebook Live, You Tube (First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Litchfield MN) and rebroadcast on local cable access TV				Sarah Jones on vacation until January 12	

JANUARY 2021 Calendar

JANUARY 2021 SERVING INFO

Mattie Baumgartner		320-693-8626
	M	320-266-2883
Jim & Barb Alsleben	B	612-875-9624
	J	612-751-9090
Chad & Deb Zeppelin		320-593-5981
Shane Zeppelin		320-593-9549
Kristi Ziegler		612-619-3331
Abbigail Adams		320-221-5162
	A	320-296-6781
DeWayne & Iona Albright		320-693-3962
Vincent & Phyllis Ableidinger		320-593-8080
Brett & Teri Alsleben		612-965-9968
Bev Anderson		320-693-6423
Carl & Brenda Anderson		320-295-8228
Scott & Joan Anderson	S	320-221-0401
	J	320-221-0402
Allen & Janet Andreen		320-693-2101
	A	320-894-7137
	J	320-221-1879
Shannon & Carrie Asmus		320-593-1560
Joshua & Crystal Bailey		320-593-1904
	C	320-535-0093

George & Helen Baldwin		320-593-3638
Jeff & Lori Ballard		320-234-7019
Sylvia Baumgartner		320-693-2321
	S	320-221-0354
Chad & Tonia Beavers	T	320-221-2966
	C	320-221-2967
Nick Benson		320-293-3650
Judy Berglund		320-764-2059
	J	320-292-4840

JANUARY
USHERS

Josh Baumgartner- Captain
Jacob Bredeson
Gary Cervin
John Hulterstrum

Corey Cervin - Captain
Tom Fruetel
Chad Mahlow

JAN 2021 ALTER GUILD
Renee Gartner 693-9117

JANUARY 1
Robert Baird
LaVerne Decker
Shelby Dengerud
Shelley Buck
Joel Hoyer
Ricky Maurer
Lois Rusch
Alec Sparboe

JANUARY 2
Amanda Magnuson

JANUARY 3
Tama Fisher
Cameron Herzog
Kristi Husmann
Dorothy Lundin

JANUARY 4
Bennett DeWolf
Taylor Fruetel
Jerrod Quade
Isaac Rick

JANUARY 5
Everett Hantge
Ethan Stafford

JANUARY 6
Elois Johnson
Aric Nelson
Megan Thoma

JANUARY 7
Maeve Hanson
Andrew Hoffmann
Justin Isaacson

JANUARY 8
Carl Anderson
Henrik Boll
Kelsey Farmer
Kimberly Farmer

JANUARY 9
Cheyenne Zeppelin

JANUARY 11
Jonathan Lease
Becky Lundin
Brandon Mead
Taylor Stafford

JANUARY 12
Lennon Herzog
Greta Hulterstrum
Sara Miller
Kim Prahl

JANUARY 13
Delores Kalkbrenner
Dennis Nelson

JANUARY 14
Jess Housman

JANUARY 15
Alex Sherwood

JANUARY 16
David Lee

JANUARY 17
Polly Hemingway
Ila Rueckert
Mason St. Pierre
Donald Weimer

JANUARY 18
Kendra Christians
Annika Ellingson
Anyiah-Mae Haidt

JANUARY 20
Sarah Jones
Jayne Herzog
Courtney Teas
Jean Wieland

JANUARY 21
Shelly Christians
Sara Nelson

JANUARY 22
Barbara Alsleben
Janet Andreen
Loren Boll
Algene Gilberts

JANUARY 23
Anna Cottington
Christopher Fruetel
Landry Ludowese

JANUARY 24
Bev Anderson
Donna Beckstrand
Justin Elj
Cooper Evenson
Cynthia Graff
Daniel Nelson
Renee Trettin
Dominick Wendler

JANUARY 25
Joseph Berube
Norman DeGeest
Ila Opjorden

JANUARY 26
Judith Jones

JANUARY 27
Jason Block
Clinton Christians
Abby Hemingway
Alena Pierce
Joanne Rust

JANUARY 28

JANUARY 29
Hunter Hoff
Constance Nelson
Tracey Nistler
Curtis White Jr.

JANUARY 30
Dan Christopherson
Gina Gabrielson
Jennifer Lamecker
Mitchell Lease
Amy Pierce

JANUARY 31
David Berry
Robert Frank
Claire Gabrielson
Wendy Norine
Larry Sutter

Lutheran Social Service **January 2021** **Senior Nutrition Services**

Name _____ Phone number _____

Please circle the days you want meals and return this menu to the Senior Dining site at the arena. **OR** Please call **320-693-6318** before 11:30 a.m. at least one dining day in advance to order meals. No one will answer the phone, so please leave a message, Include your name and phone number, and the dates you want to order meals. THANK YOU!

Monday, Jan 4 th	**Tuesday, Jan 5 th**	**Wednesday, Jan 6th**	**Thursday, Jan 7th**	**Friday,Jan 8th**
BBQ Chicken Breast	Sallisbury Steak w/ Gravy	Chicken Wild Rice Casserole	Beef Tips	Beef Chili w/ Beans
Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream	Mashed Potato	Oriental Blend	Mashed Potatoe/ Gravy	Creamy Coleslaw
California Normandy	Green bean	Peaches	Countyr Blend Veg	Corn Muffin w/ Margarine
Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll w/ Margarine	Bar	Apricots	Orange Fresh
Jello w/ whip topping	Cake w/ frosting	Low Fat Milk	Frosted Cake	Cookie
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, Jan 11th	**Tuesday, Jan 12th**	**Wednesday, Jan 13th**	**Thursday, Jan 14th**	**Friday, Jan 15th**
Ham& Scalloped Potato	Spaghetti	Pork loin	Baked Fish	Meatloaf
Peas	Green & Wax Beans	Candi Yam	Augratin Potatoes	Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream
Bread/ Margarine	Fruit Cocktail	Broccoli	Green Bean Blend	Broccoli
Fruit Cobbler / Crisp	Garlic Bread	Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Bread/ Margarine
Low Fat Milk	Cookie	Bar	Jello	Bar
	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, Jan 18th	**Tuesday, Jan 19th**	**Wednesday, Jan 20th**	**Thursday, Jan 21st**	**Friday, Jan 22nd**
Chicken & Noodle Casserole	Baked Ham	Roasted Turkey w/ gravy	Tater Tot Casserole	Smothered Pork Chop
Mixed Vegetables	Boiled Cabbage	Mashed Potato	Green Beans	Diced Potatoes
Peaches	Sliced Carrots	Squash	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Peas
Cookie	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Dressing	$2 Peaches	Bread/ Margarine
Low Fat Milk	Brownie	Pumpkin bar	Low Fat Milk	Lemon Bar
	Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk
Monday, Jan 25th	**Tuesday, Jan 26th**	**Wednesday, Jan 27th**	**Thursday, Jan 28th**	**Friday, Jan 29th**
Sausage Gravy	Goulash	Vegetable Beef Soup	Swedish Meatballs	Chicken Enchilada
Biscuit	Green Beans	1/2 Ham sandwich	Mashed Potatoes/Gravy	Brown Rice
Peas & Carrots	Tropical Fruit	Pears	Carrots	Lettuce& Tomato
Applesauce	Bread/ Margarine	Cake w/ frosting	Bread/ Margarine	Sour cream
Cookie	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Jello w/ whip topping	Pineapple
Low Fat Milk			Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk

This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act throught the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, loca communities, and other adult contributitions **Aproved by Donna Dunlap RD,LD**

Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories.

***If you are interested in learning about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, please call 1-800-488-4146** **SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted**

320-693-6318

Senior Dining Menu

Mission

Dear friends,

Warm greetings from Johannesburg, South Africa.

How do we worship, conduct the liturgy and use music as Lutheran churches in Southern Africa coming from diverse traditions, cultures and languages? What are some of the challenges churches face? What is our tradition and what are our gifts? How do we worship in the time of a pandemic and how can we learn from and teach each other, deepen our fellowship and strengthen the proclamation of the Good News?

LUCSA member churches are currently engaged in a three-year project focusing on worship, liturgy and music. (The Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) is the sub-regional expression of the Lutheran World Federation with 15 member churches in ten different countries.)

A number of planned gatherings had to be postponed because of COVID-19 travel restrictions but recently workshops with in-person and virtual on-line presentations and participation took place in Botswana and Zambia.

One of the organizers of the workshop in Zambia wrote the following:

"...This was an historical workshop because it was the first of its kind ... for worship and music leaders. We pray that it will not be the last one, as all participants requested that we should have similar workshops at least once a year.

We give thanks to [all the presenters] who took time to facilitate at the workshop. For our international facilitators, we were connected via Zoom with few difficulties and the audience was able to hear them loud and clear. This clearly indicated that we can host more e-workshops in future. Thank you so much and we wish you God's endless blessings."

An important joint study on worship and liturgy published in 1996 by the Lutheran World Federation observed that Lutheran worship is cultural, counter-cultural, inter-cultural and trans-cultural. Through LUCSA workshops musicians and worship and choir leaders are sharing knowledge and being encouraged to develop and write new music, songs and liturgies that are Gospel-centered, contextual, inclusive and relevant, remembering that prayer and praise without justice and mission is incomplete.

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: 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.**

MISSIONS

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: JANUARY 2021 : American Red Cross

Save your greeting cards!

They can be recycled! They will take the whole card or you can cut off the signed names, if you wish. I will drop them off at the Senior Center in Hutchinson. No Christmas Cards please.
Thank you! Elaine Lenhard

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!!

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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
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