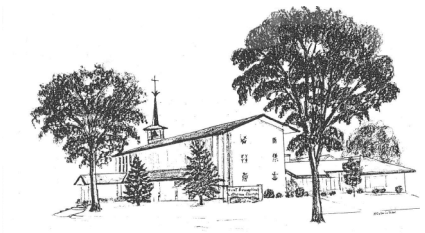

First News

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

FEBRUARY 2021

FEBRUARY 2021 Time with Tom

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? [22] It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, [25] To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. [26] Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. [28] Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. [29] He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. [30] Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; [31] but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40 tells us about the God we worship, about the only God of all creation. Isaiah reminds us what we need in the year 2021. Our country divided and hope being sought after like a cool drink of water in the hot desert. We long for hope and peace and yet the news reports bring fear and anger. Isaiah stops us and says; *Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning?* God has always been in control yet we think we are or we want to be in control of our own destiny. We think we can control God or manipulate God into giving us what we want. We will bargain with God in hope of getting our way.

If I may speculate; God does not want us to beg or bargain. God wants us to love God. God wants us to live lives that glorify God in all we do. Who can compare to the God of creation? Who is God's equal? *Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?* Our hope is in the Lord. When people were turning away from Jesus, he asked the disciples "*do you also wish to go away?* Peter responded in John's gospel; *to whom shall we go? Jesus has the words of eternal life.* Like the disciples from the beginning, Jesus teachings are difficult and we may wonder also, who can accept it? Faith, believing in things unseen, not in things we can manipulate or control.

In 2021 we will be challenged like never before and we must stand on our faith in the God who sits about the circle the earth, because, who is God's equal? God will lead us and not grow weary. Who will give us the energy to continue to walk in faith and not faint? The creator God sends the Holy Spirit to be the wings like eagles for us. God made a covenant with creation and will never leave us or break covenant. Make this year a year of spirituality for you and your family. Connect with God in new up-lifting ways. Show your faith in the God of all, by loving God and loving your neighbor.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary. Lift up your eyes on high and see God and know God loves you. 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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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 January 19, 2021 7:00 p.m.

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: Corey Cervin
Secretary Report: Motion made by Karla Kadelbach and seconded by Dennis Gartner to accept report Treasure Report: Motion made to accept by Betty Allen seconded by Karla Kadelbach *Approval to accept 2021 budget with corrections to present to congregation motion made by Dennis Gartner seconded by Betty Allen *Approval of candidate list to congregation motion made by Betty Allen seconded by Karla Hyberger
Agenda: no additions
Pastors Report: Reflection of our year with a pandemic and prayers for health and wellness for the coming year.

Team Reports:
Evangelism/Social Ministry: Did not meet Christian Ed: discussions on introducing WOW to other churches to get more attendance with kids, reaching out to see what we can do for our high schoolers.
Church Property: did not meet
Personnel: did not meet
Endowment: finalization of year end items 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 March.
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.
Nominating committee has been contacted and calls are being made.

New Business:
Pastor Kelly France-Gifts of Grace will be our guest speaker at our February meeting
Budget and annual meeting

Dates to Remember
Indoor services to continue Sundays at 10am Collaborative services to continue virtually Sunday's and Wednesday evenings
Team meetings February 2, 2021 7pm Executive meeting February 2, 2021 630p
Council meeting February 16 at 7pm
Ash Wednesday February 17, 2021

Prayer Requests
Closing Prayer
Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

Dawn Doty, Secretary

Finance

General Fund:		Year to Date:	
Total Income for the month of December 2020:	$76,978	Income as of Dec. 2020:	$378,390
Expenses for the month of Dec. 2020:	$33,622	Expenses as of Dec. 2020:	$339,510

Stewardship

Practicing Our Faith

Becoming a Kinder Person

Kindness shouldn't happen on YOUR time or YOUR schedule. It happens on their schedule. That's why they need kindness. Kindness can be inconvenient. We can make excuses, who has time energy and money… I think God intentionally puts people in my path, just to see my reaction. Will I blow them off? Will I be afraid? Will I take the time? Do I want to be interrupted? How come I must give kindness and never get it?

The following is from The Good News:

Treating others how you want to be treated is one of the easiest ways to display your God-like heart. Luke 6:31: "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Being kind to others — even when it is not immediately reciprocated — can provide many blessings in the long run. God always rewards our efforts. Galatians 6:9: "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

It is always God's desire for us to be kind to one another. We have been chosen to do well for and be well to our sisters and brothers. Colossians 3:12: "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

Kind words can heal the heart and mind. Proverbs 16:23-24: "From a wise mind comes wise speech; the words of the wise are persuasive. Kind words are like honey — sweet to the soul and healthy for the body."

We get what we put out there in the world. Send out love and kindness and receive it back. Proverbs 21:21:"Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor."

We have been forgiven of our own sins, the least we could do is be kind and forgiving to others. It's literally what Jesus would do. Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

When we struggle to be nice, we just need to remember that kindness is something that God loves to bestow. And how wonderful that we have the opportunity to partake in something that delights the Lord. Jeremiah 9:24: "I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD."

We should not only be nice to others; we should go above and beyond. Kindness should be a competition of which we all strive for first place, but everybody wins. Romans 12:10: "Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."

Buddhism, The Policy of Kindness by the Dalai Lama:

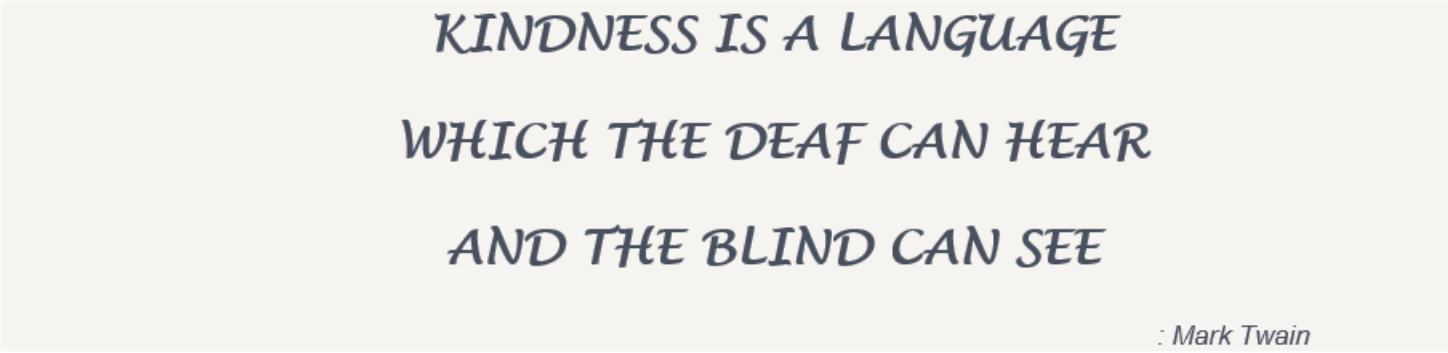
“Responsibility does not only lie with the leaders of our countries or with those who have been appointed or elected to do a particular job. It lies with each of us individually. Peace, for example, starts within each one of us. When we have inner peace, we can be at peace with those around us. When our community is in a state of peace, it can share that peace with neighboring communities, and so on. When we feel love and kindness towards others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace. And there are ways in which we can consciously work to develop feelings of love and kindness. For some of us, the most effective way to do so is through religious practices. For others, it may be non-religious practices. What is important is that we each make a sincere effort to take seriously our responsibility for each other and for the natural environment.

Judaism:

“What is quite clearly the most consistent and all-embracing act of faith is called *chesed*, which means kindness and implies the giving of oneself to helping another without regard to compensation. In a sense, the goal of the whole enterprise of Judaism is to develop human beings whose principal trait is *chesed*. The rabbis of the Talmud considered kindness to be one of the three distinguishing marks of the Jew.”

Hinduism:

“Because many Hindus see all life as one (monism), and because Brahman can be seen in the living atman of all creatures, Hindus believe that practicing kindness is very important. Charity in Hinduism is known as dana, which means 'giving', or sewa, which means 'selfless service’, so the sum is dana sewa: do not do to others what would cause pain if done to you.



W.O.W.

Our Youth online worship on Wednesday evenings will not be live during Lent starting with Ash Wednesday.
A pre-recorded message will be emailed to the families participating.
If you have any questions please call the church office.
Thank you!

MST-USA

Talking to our MST-USA group about their upcoming trip and mission work.

Javin (grade 10)
"I am going on the MST USA trip again this year because I like to help people and I really liked going on my first trip to New York."

Cami (grade 12)
"I am going on the 2021 mission trip because it is my last one! This will be my third and final trip and I'm excited and sad. I have always loved mission trips, seeing new faces, connecting with God and the community I am serving! I cannot wait to meet new people and serve God at the same time! The way that God is with me on these trips is something that I can't even explain, but in my heart I know it's something that I was always meant to do! So excited for this years 2021 trip! Can't believe it's my last!"

Shelby (grade 9)
"I am going on this trip to serve God and his creation. I love helping others and learning about God."

Sarah (Chaperone)
"Hi all, my name is Minister Sarah and I am pumped to be walking with our young people as they go out in service, being the hands and feet of Jesus out in the world. I look forward not to what we bring to wher-ever we go but how we can learn and build relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ!"

Memorials, Gifts and Thanks

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Audrey Erickson, Karen Eberhard's Mom, by Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

Gifts were given to the general fund in memory of Ronald Rosenau, Judy Berglund's Dad, by Karl and Darlene Lundin, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Dan and Brenda Johnson, and Corey and Kris Cervin.

A gift was given to the general fund and undesignated memorial fund in memory of Mavis Holt by her sister, Sylvia Baumgartner, and Kirk and Dorothy Lundin.

A gift was given to the worship/music fund in memory of Lowell Wilson and Margaret Wilson Brown by Stanley and Sylvia Kittelson.

Gifts were given to the general fund in memory of Gary Berglund, Judy Berglund's Father-in-Law, by Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Dan and Brenda Johnson, and Corey and Kris Cervin.

Gifts were given to the general fund, building fund and undesignated memorial fund in memory of Martha Gartner, Dennis Gartner's Mom, by Mark and Judy Hulterstrum, John and Shirley Lekander, Bob and Sharon Johnson, and Corey and Kris Cervin.

A gift was given to the Undesignated memorial fund in remembrance of my cousins Donald and Douglas Kerr who were baptized from the church and Dean Johnson from Carol Rowell.

A gift was given to MST-USA in memory of June Wittenberg, DeWayne Albright's sister, by Iris Holmgren.

A gift was given to the Quilting fund in memory of Sandra Turbes by David and Myra Johnson.

SPECIAL THANKS

Pastor Tom,
We received the checks last week, and I was completely bowled over by the generosity of your community. We are deeply, deeply grateful and delighted that we will be able to help so many more people in these difficult times.

Blessings to you and your community!

Pastor Ritva

Rev. Dr. Ritva H. Williams
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
610 31st Street SE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

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

FEBRUARY 2021

February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487	**1** **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**2** **7:00 a.m.** BREW - Chilstrom **8:00 a.m.** BREW – FB Live **11 am** *Encore presentation of FLC on Cable Access **6:30 p.m.** NA - Chapel **6:30 p.m.** Executive Meeting **7:00 p.m.** Team Meetings	**3** **9:00 a.m.** Staff Mtg. **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access **6:00 p.m.** WOW **6:30 p.m** Worship on KLFD Radio/FB live/Youtube **7:00 p.m.** Confirmation **8 pm** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**4** **7:55 a.m.** "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio **9:30 a.m.** Women's Bible Study FACEBOOK LIVE	**5**	**6**
7 **8:30 a.m** worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, & Youtube **10:00 a.m.** Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary *Fellowship in Chilstrom Hall immediately following service **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**8** **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**9** **7:00 a.m.** BREW – Chilstrom **8:00 a.m.** BREW – FB Live **11 am** *Encore presentation of FLC on Cable Access **6:30 p.m.** NA - Chapel	**10** **9:00 a.m.** Staff Mtg. **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access **5:30 p.m.** Bells Rehearsal **6:00 p.m.** WOW **6:30 p.m** Worship on KLFD Radio/FB live/Youtube **7:00 p.m.** Confirmation **8 pm** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**11** **7:55 a.m.** "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio **9:30 a.m.** Women's Bible Study FACEBOOK LIVE	**12**	**13**
14 **8:30 a.m** worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, & Youtube **10:00 a.m.** Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary *Fellowship in Chilstrom Hall immediately following service **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**15** **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**16** **7:00 a.m.** BREW - Chilstrom **8:00 a.m.** BREW – FB Live **11 am** *Encore presentation of FLC on Cable Access **6:30 p.m.** NA - Chapel **7:00 p.m.** Church Council	**17** Ash Wednesday **9:00 a.m.** Staff Mtg. **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access **5:30 p.m.** Bells Rehearsal **7:00 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Worship in the sanctuary, Facebook and Youtube. **8 pm** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**18** **7:55 a.m.** "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio **9:30 a.m.** Women's Bible Study FACEBOOK LIVE	**19**	**20**
21 **8:30 a.m** worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, & Youtube **10:00 a.m.** Worship with Comm, *Fellowship in Chilstrom Hall immediately following service **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access **3:00 pm** Church Council Retreat	**22** **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**23** **7:00 a.m.** BREW – Chilstrom **8:00 a.m.** BREW – FB Live **11 am** *Encore presentation of FLC on Cable Access **6:30 p.m.** NA - Chapel	**24** **9:00 a.m.** Staff Mtg. **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access **5:30 p.m.** Bells Rehearsal **7:00 p.m** Lenton Worship FB live/Youtube **8 pm** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access	**25** **7:55 a.m.** "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio **9:30 a.m.** Women's Bible Study FACEBOOK LIVE	**26**	**27**
28 **8:30 a.m** worship on KLFD Radio Facebook Live, & Youtube **10:00 a.m.** Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary *Fellowship in Chilstrom Hall immediately following service **11 am** *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access **2:00 p.m.** Crow River Conference Assembly – Zoom meeting	Services are Live on: KLFD radio, Facebook Live, You Tube (First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Litchfield MN) Listen in the church parking lot – live on 92.3 FM *Schedules have changed for rebroadcasting our services on local cable access TV					

FEBRUARY 2021 Calendar

FEBRUARY 2021 SERVING & BIRTHDAYS

Alan & Laurie Boll		320-221-0733
John & Jo Carlson	J	320-282-2398
	Jo	320-237-6914
Joe & Amy Berube		320-593-0312
	A	320-221-5372
	J	320-221-5370
Desiree Birch		320-693-6424
Doris Birkemeyer		320-693-2194
Jason & Carrie Block	C	320-333-7954
Bob & Jennifer Blomberg	B	320-535-0266
	J	651-600-4102
Richard & Bonnie Bohn		320-593-6312
Dee Bollin		320-593-3183
Joni Book		320-693-3721
Chris & Sandra Bostrom		320-275-2182
	C	763-242-0095
	S	763-242-0096
Mike & Beth Boyle		320-693-7624

Leonard & Betty Boysen		320-593-7446
Kenneth & Fay Braseth		320-693-3059
	F	320-894-2695
	K	320-333-4067

Joan Bratz		320-593-9159
Mark & Julie Bredeson	M	320-699-0295
	J	320-699-0190
Mae Brehmer		320-693-6291
Richard & Ardith Buan		320-593-3088
Richard & Suzanne Buck		320-241-5458
Brian and Patti Burdick		320-693-2708
Gordon & Mary Burdick		320-593-7179
	G	320-221-5111

Stuart & Del Busse		320-693-8241
Stefany Butler		320-593-0309
Jennifer Carlson		612-860-7680
Tony & Angela Carlson		320-295-3379
Steven & Teresa Carlson		320-593-9523
Wayne & Linda Carlson		612-965-7488
Corey & Kris Cervin		320-693-2353
	C	612-760-2546
	K	612-597-7004
Gary & Kathy Cervin		320-693-2716
	G	320-221-0786
	K	320-221-3154

Martha Christensen/	M	320-981-0354
Jon Nelson	J	763-377-5338
Tait Christensen		320-221-0304
Carolyn Christensen	C	320-894-9178
Clinton & Shelly Christians		320-764-2512

FEBRUAERY USHERS

Josh Baumgartner-Captain
Jacob Bredeson
Gary Cervin
John Hulterstrum

Corey Cervin - Captain
Tom Fruetel
Chad Mahlow

FEB 2021 ALTER GUILD
Jenny Madsen 275-7700
Gayle Madsen 693-7863

FEBRUARY Birthdays

FEBRUARY 1
Anthony Nelson
Darla Peterson
Kira Sparboe
Orville Winter

FEBRUARY 2
Kelsey Ballard
Kathy Herzog
Cody Klabunde

FEBRUARY 3
Matthew Herzog
Holly Seifert
Bryanna Wagner
Abby Williams

FEBRUARY 4
Jodi Elam
Chad Johnson
Mark Lease
Jesse Sanden

FEBRUARY 5
Robert Johnson

FEBRUARY 6
Aidan Berube
Travis Kramer
Jason Oslund

FEBRUARY 7
Viola Lenhard
Andrew Ross

FEBRUARY 8
Suzann Buck
Bryan Larson

FEBRUARY 9
Adrian Baldwin
Roger Larson
Brenda Pollock

FEBRUARY 10
Beth Fruetel
Ryan Johnson
Kylie Michels
Dale Rueckert
Teri Starkey

FEBRUARY 11
Logan Hanson
Blake Hoecke
John Hulterstrum

FEBRUARY 12
Ethan Brott
Darcy Lease

FEBRUARY 13
Mary Steenrod

FEBRUARY 14
Gloria Elj
Danica Rueckert
David Schwartz

FEBRUARY 15
Joseph Gaulrapp
Darren Schreiber

FEBRUARY 16
Barbara Keller
Allen Liestman
Andrea Michels
Susan Nelson
Michael Pierce
Braxton Kerstein

FEBRUARY 17
Mildred Neitzel
David Nelson
Emma Stalberger

FEBRUARY 18

FEBRUARY 19
Erin Groskreutz
Eric Hulterstrum
Mark Hulterstrum

FEBRUARY 20
Ralph Elj
Darlene Groskreutz

FEBRUARY 21
Jenny DeFries

FEBRUARY 22
Kaitlyn Borg
Richard Buck
Nathan Elj
Amanda Hickman
Jesse Peterson

FEBRUARY 23
Jo Ann Lindstrom
Craig Lokken
Macie Manning
Stacy Roush

FEBRUARY 24
Richard Bohn
Randy Worden

FEBRUARY 25
Jayne Holmgren

FEBRUARY 26
Richard Buan
Joshua Fenton
Andrew Hoffmann Jr.
Austin Lease
Penny Lease
Gavin Marotte
Cassandra Olson
Matthew Wagner

FEBRUARY 27
Mae Brehmer
Jesse Johnson

FEBRUARY 28
Katelyn Guggemos
Debra Henkelman
Angela Kinsella

FEBRUARY 29
Luke Beckstrand

Lutheran Social Service **February 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, Feb 1st	**Tuesday, Feb 2nd**	**Wednesday, Feb 3rd**	**Thursday, Feb 4th**	**Friday, Feb 5th**
Chick Fried Steak w/Gravy	Baked Chicken	Beef Roast w/ gravy	Sloppy Joe on Bun	Chicken Tetrazzini
Mashed Potato	Au Gratin Potatoes	Mashed Potato w/ gravy	Cheesy Hashbrowns	Mixed Vegetables
Green Beans	Peas	California Blend Veg	Baked Beans	Manadarin Oranges
Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll w/ Margarine	Bread/ Margarine	Cookie	Rice Krispie Bar
Cookie	Tropical Blend Fruit	Bar	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk		
Monday, Feb 8th	**Tuesday, Feb 9th**	**Wednesday, Feb 10th**	**Thursday, Feb 11th**	**Friday, Feb 12th**
BBQ Chicken Breast	Sallisbury Steak w/ Gravy	Chicken Wild Rice Casserole	Saus & Cheese Egg Bake	Beef Chili w/ Beans
Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream	Mashed Potato	Oriental Blend	Hashbrown Patty	Creamy Coleslaw
California Normandy	Green bean	Peaches	Applesauce	Corn Muffin w/ Margarine
Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll w/ Margarine	Bar	Bread/ Margarine	Orange Fresh
Jello w/ whip topping	Cake w/ frosting	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Cookie
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk			Low Fat Milk
Monday, Feb 15th	**Tuesday, Feb 16th**	**Wednesday, Feb 17th**	**Thursday, Feb 18th**	**Friday, Feb 19th**
Ham& Scalloped Potato	Spaghetti	Pork loin	Baked Fish	Meatloaf
Peas	Green Beans	Candi Yam	Scalloped Potatoes	Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream
Bread/ Margarine	Fruit Cocktail	Broccoli	Green Bean Blend	Creamed Corn
Fruit Cobbler / Crisp	Garlic Bread	Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Apricots
Low Fat Milk	Cookie	Bar	Jello	Bar
	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, Feb 22nd	**Tuesday, Feb 23rd**	**Wednesday, Feb 24th**	**Thursday, Feb 25th**	**Friday, Feb 26**
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	Butternut Squash	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Peas
Cookie	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Sage Dressing	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

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 theSupplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, please call 1-800-488-4146.** **SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted**

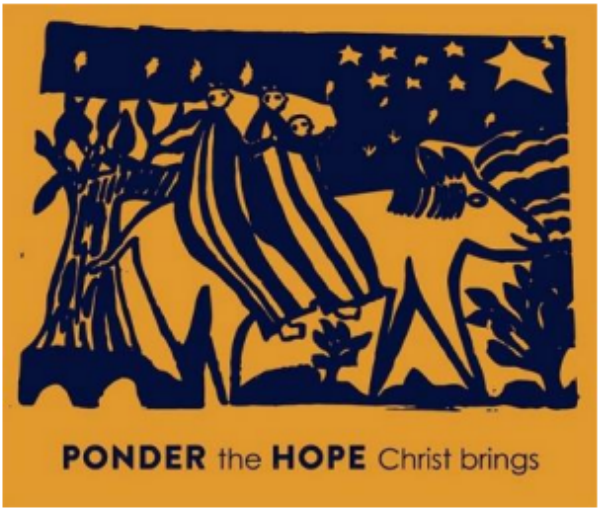
320-693-6318

Senior Dining Menu

Mission

Dear friends,

Every other year the ELCA churchwide office invites an artist from a global companion church to design a Christmas card. This year several art students at the Evangelical Lutheran Church Art & Craft Centre at Rorke's Drift in South Africa submitted ideas. A silk screen print of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus riding on a donkey by Mr. T. Mpanza was the one selected.



The ELC Art & Craft Centre was established in 1962 by the Church of Sweden Mission. In the 1970's the American Lutheran Church (ALC) provided several art teachers. The centre now operates under the umbrella of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (ELCSA) - South Eastern Diocese, which is a companion to the ELCA's Southwestern Minnesota Synod.

At a time when the oppressive Apartheid system denied learning opportunities to black South Africans Rorke's Drift was one of the few institutions that provided space for creative expression and study in fine art, textile tapestry weaving, pottery and silk screen print-making. Rorke's Drift had a significant impact on the development of South African arts and crafts in the 1960s and 1970s and boasts several world famous artists as alumni.
The ELC Art and Craft Centre continues on a smaller scale to produce tapestries, silk screen prints and pottery and is offering a one-year accredited certificate course in art for about 15 students.

2020 has been a difficult and challenging year. The President of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), and Archbishop of the Lutheran Church of Christ in Nigeria (LCCN), Dr Panti Filibus Musa put it well: "My hope and prayer is that state actors and governments will not retreat into themselves in this time of crisis. My call, if I can borrow the theme of the UN Sustainable Development Goals which we are also using, is that no one is left behind, as we begin to hope and see a post COVID-19 period."

ELCA Global Mission continued to accompany companion churches and provide support for mission personnel, mission outreach and Diakonia/World Hunger development and disaster response programs. Leaders and members of Lutheran churches in the region have expressed their appreciation for the ongoing companionship of the ELCA Global Mission and ELCA Companion Synods and offer their prayers in return.

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

May you have a blessed Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson
ELCA Global Mission Regional Representative - Southern Africa
Johannesburg, December 17, 2020

My blog page address is: https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/
Please visit my fundraising page. (Note: This fundraising page is set up for individuals' gifts only.) If you are donating on behalf of a congregation or organization, please visit ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving for online giving.

Churchwide

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.**

2021 Handbooks are available in the Church Narthex.
We are not mailing them with the newsletter this year.
Thank you!

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: FEBRUARY 2021: Feeding Children International

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: 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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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

Wednesday night:

6:30 p.m. Worship on Radio and Facebook live, Youtube
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday - Lent

Please check our Facebook page,
Youtube (First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Litchfield MN)
or our website for
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Schedules for encore presentations on local cable access TV - will be Sunday - Wednesday at 11 AM & Wednesday evening at 8 PM