

FIRST NEWS

A monthly publication for the members and friends of First Evangelical Lutheran Church
MARCH 2021

MARCH 2021 Time with Tom

Seeking God in all we do in order to give God the glory in all things. The year of covid has taken its toll on the unsuspecting people of this world. Fear and rumors, conspiracies and accusations divide us worldwide, countries, communities and families. Daunting and overwhelmed, this may cast us into a debate uncharacteristic to our normal self. With the uncertainty of our future, we begin to disregard our neighbor's opinion and go on the attack in defense of our own opinion.

We enter Lent and are on the way to Easter morning where we will see the risen Christ. Raised on the third day to show us the way out of darkness, Jesus died so we can live. Let us seek this truth in studying the gospel text given to us by the first Christians. The Gospels are the story of Jesus and God's grace. Gospel means Good News, the good news of grace from God our creator. The good news is creator God became human to conquer death and show us by grace how much God loves us, and saved us from our sinful lives.

This Lenten season, on Ash Wednesday, I challenged you to be kind to someone new every day. I want to add to that, read the Gospels daily. The scriptures are for us to build a relationship with the God who created us. Jesus was always quoting scripture. Jesus fulfilled all the scriptures that God handed down to the prophets. Read how God created us to be in relationship with God and with all creation including our neighbor. We failed on our own to live into the laws of Moses. We can read how the law leads us to the Gospel, "the Good News of Jesus Christ" who by the spirit of God gives us the ability to have faith and believe, and that God's grace has given us life in relationship with God and creation.

Luther said we are justified by grace through faith. John 8:31-32 Jesus tells his disciples "if you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Reading the scripture is a way to begin the renewal of and or, continue your relationship with God and God's creation. Receive the gift of life not because of what we have done, but because of what God has done for us. We now have the privilege to share that good news with all God's creation.

We do that by living a life of love and respect for our brothers and sisters in a world that is short on love and long on fear. Being the good in someone's life every day will give them hope for tomorrow and blessings to us today. They will know we are Christians by our love. They will know the love of God by the story we tell as we show God's love to all people. Let us give all the glory to God in all that we do.
Amen

Live in Peace and the God of Love and Peace will be with you! 2nd Cor.13:11b
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
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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:
Dennis Gartner

TREASURER:
Karla Hyberger

**TEAM
REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Christian Education/
Youth & Family:**
Abby Hemmingway
Amy Nelson

Stewardship & Finance:
Betty Allen
Karla Hyberger
Karla Kadelbach

**Social Ministry/
Evangelism:**
Betty Allen
Amy Nelson
Abby Hemmingway

Endowment/Memorial:
Corey Cervin
Beth Fruetel
Chuck Fenton

Property:
Andy Hoffman
Dennis Gartner
Chuck Fenton
Gordon Burdick

Worship & Music:
Beth Fruetel
Gordon Burdick

Personnel:
Corey Cervin

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 16th, 2021 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:

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

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

2024: Dennis Gartner, Joe Berube, Gordon Burdick, Chuck Fenton

Devotions: Corey Cervin

*New members to Council were welcomed by President Corey Cervin. Installation of new Council Members will take place at the 10:00 AM service Sunday, February 21st.

~Council Retreat will take place Sunday, February 21st, Noon to 3:00 at the Church.

***Guest Speaker:**

There was a guest speaker via Zoom. Pastor Kelly France spoke to the Council regarding the Gifts of Grace program. Gifts of Grace has teamed up with the Lilly Project to help with training of Pastors regarding their possible financial situations. It has been determined that Pastors, especially new Pastors, that have challenges meeting their own financial burdens, may not be as confident to lead a congregation to be a fiscally responsible assembly. Helping to alleviate some of their financial stress, may help them to perform better in their role as a Pastor. There is an application process to go through for Pastors seeking this assistance. They are also required to work with an LSS Financial Coach to be considered. Pastor Kelly also stated that congregations who discuss finances more frequently, have less issues with finances. The Council will process this information and discuss if this is a mission First Lutheran Church should be supporting. The Endowment Funds already supports this cause to some extent.

***Pastors report:**

Pastor Tom reported that the cooperative services are still going well. Broadcasting is challenging at times but they are doing the best they can from each location. Pastor Tom is able to visit residents in Emmaus Place, Gloria Dei, and at their homes on a limited basis. He also continues to make phone calls to those he is unable to visit in person. Lenten services will take place and Pastors will remain in their home churches. Pastor Tom also welcomed the new Council members and thanked the past members for their service.

***Team Reports:**

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

Carrie Block will be taking the lead on the time capsule project for the 1st and 2nd graders. This will take place on Wednesday February 24th. Food will be provided for the kids. WOW during Lent is doing prerecorded lessons sent via email. There will be 7 lessons and teachers are helping with these prerecorded lessons each week. This team also discussed the importance of finding a Director for the Christian Education program. Also discussed was the First Communion Green Lake Camp. This will take place the second week of March. First Communion is scheduled for the Sunday after Easter.

***Personnel Committee:**

Working on getting information together regarding the Christian Education Director to fill this role.

***Old Business:**

~The 150 year celebration committee will be meeting in March.

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General Fund:

Year to Date:

Total Income for the month of January 2021: \$	Income as of January 2021: \$
Expenses for the month of January 2021: \$	Expenses as of January 2021: \$

*Report unavailable at the time of print



2 Corinthians 8:5

“...but they gave themselves first to the Lord.”

How do we respond gratefully to what God has given us? How do we acknowledge all that God has done for us?

How can we be true and genuine to God and ourselves?

We will all have different answers to these questions but for me there are couple of things that help me be grateful. First, it is sharing abundantly! If I can improve the life of our church community, even by a small token, I feel I have honored God. I try to commit intentionally, arranging in advance something I promised, really follow through with that promise. I try staying focused on God’s perspective... he thinks long term! I need to let God do the timing. Our society rushes! Let’s relax and slow down and pray. Pray in thankfulness, all that has been bestowed on us. Lastly, giving. Intentional giving! Contributing regularly means practicing our faith, honoring God and God’s work. With financial gifts, we are putting our faith into action.

FAITH INTO ACTION, I love this. It is a challenge for all of us to get moving! make a statement, grow from the heart and take action.

Karla Hyberger, Council Treasurer

Council continued....

~Council also discussed Ministry in the Midst of Covid. Specifically, what will happen or change regarding the coop group that has been working together during the pandemic if restrictions are lifted. Will the group continue in some form or will it be put on hold with the option to bring it back in the future if needed?

***New Business:**

~Conference Assembly will take place on February 28th at 2:00PM and will be a Zoom format. First Lutheran will need 5 voting delegates. The Delegates and anyone else that wish to attend will meet at the Church.

~Sarah Jones is coming to the end of her formal schooling. She is now doing her required Clinical Pastoral Education and is a Chaplin at the St Cloud hospital. She is required to put in a defined amount of volunteer hours and do some overnight shifts to complete this training. She will have interaction with patients and families through this process.

***Dates to remember:**

~Collaborative services continue Sunday’s at 8:30 AM

~Indoor services to continue Sunday’s at 10:00 AM

~Team meetings Tuesday March 2nd at 7:00 PM

~Executive team meeting Tuesday March 2nd at 6:30 PM

~Council Meeting Tuesday March 16th at 7:00 PM

Submitted by Dennis Gartner

Stewardship

Let's walk together during Lent

Lent has begun and we await the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Are you preparing for this event?

During Lent, I try to listen more. I ask What do I need? I ask What part of my life makes me happy? I ask What part of my life makes God happy? I ask How do I open my heart more? Then I listen. It's difficult to be silent and waiting and hoping for answers.

During Lent, I try to focus on the cross. I really look at the cross. Physically what does the cross mean to me? The Trinity, the points of the cross represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. When I look at the cross and really focus on the Trinity... it becomes more powerful to my faith. I feel the cross could also represent the incarnation, the resurrection, and the ascension of Christ. Again, when I really look at the cross and think about Jesus and his journey for us... it becomes more powerful to my faith. I feel you should look at the cross and have it represent what you need, at that exact moment... maybe it's peace, love, and unity... maybe it's sin, forgiveness and renewal... maybe it's baptism, communion and confirmation. The cross is there for you, empowering you to embrace God's plan for you. As we continue through the Lenten Season, the cross becomes something else. Holy Week starts the journey to the cross, a cross that is offering us grace and forgiveness.

Take time to "Mark Yourself with the Cross". Yes, you can do this for yourself. When you touch your forehead, chest and both shoulders you are offering a sign... a sign for your faith in God, a sign that you remember your baptism, a sign for a blessing on you.

Be good stewards to yourself. YES! Applying stewardship to ourselves sounds strange and odd. Yet, focusing on the cross is a way to take care of yourself. It is a way to provide self-care and self-love. This isn't selfishness, it's being true to the person God created.

Find a cross and really look at it.

Fresh Starts - 1st Day of Spring

As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the Winter Rains, like the Spring Rains that water the earth. Hosea 6:3-8

They will spring up like grass in a meadow, like poplar trees by flowing streams. Isaiah 44:4

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Song of Solomon 2:12-13

Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone.

Zechariah 10:1

Fresh Start or Renewal:

2 Corinthians 5:17

Revelation 21:5

Isaiah 55:6

Hebrews 3:4

Job 8:7

Isaiah 40:28



Spring, spring is coming soon,
Grass is green and flowers bloom,
Birds returning from the south,
Bees are buzzing all about,
Leaves are budding everywhere,
Spring, spring is finally here!



WINTER OPPORTUNITIES

Greetings from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

We hope you are doing well and staying warm! There is so much going on at camp - we don't want you or your congregation to miss anything! Please consider sharing some of the following information in your next newsletter, email blast or church announcements.



Looking for a safe vacation?

The **Medayto Lodge** is the perfect lakeside cabin on Green Lake to host your small family gatherings, weekend getaways, weekend ice fishing trips, off site work trainings or crafting groups! With lots of snowy trails in the woods and Green Lake close by, there's so much to do! We're ready to host your small group - and we have a midwinter special going on! Take advantage of lower prices while they last! For more information about available dates, contact Steph at 320-796-2181 or retreat@gllm.org!



The Early Bird Discount ends soon!

Register for summer camp before March 1 to get the Early Bird Discount - \$40 off each registration! This summer's theme is "*Guided By The Light*," exploring how God's light has guided generations of people through times of joy and times of challenge - and His love will always guide us! Registrations have been coming in steadily - we just added more sessions to July 11-16 too! Learn about our plans for a safe and fun summer on [our website](#). We even have a page dedicated to our COVID plans [here!](#)



Practicing a new crafting hobby?

Join us at the **Creative Souls Retreat** on March 19-21! Whatever your hobby may be, bring your supplies and join us for a great weekend of crafting at Green Lake Bible Camp. You will enjoy fellowship, and a supportive Christian atmosphere in the company of other creative women. You will also have time for devotions, taking a walk, or even a nap. Learn more about this retreat, other adult and youth retreat opportunities, and our COVID policies on [our website](#).

For more information about these events and others
call Green Lake Lutheran Ministries at 320-796-2181
Or log on to www.gllm.org

Churchwide

JOB OPENING: Media Director, First Lutheran Church, part-time, starting immediately. This position will oversee the installation, upkeep and operation of our media and broadcasting. Please send letter of application and resume to the church office. Or stop in the church office for an application. Application deadline is Friday March 12, 2021. Please call the church office for more information. 320-693-2487 Thank you!

JOB OPENING: W.O.W (Worship On Wednesday's) Coordinator, part-time. W.O.W. Coordinator will be energetic in sharing in our vibrant youth ministry with children ages 3 years old through 7th grade. Coordinator will provide oversight and vision for our programming, while providing leadership & resources as needed. Please send letter of application and resume to the church office. Or stop in the church office for an application. Please call the church office for more information. 320-693-2487 Thank you!



Healthy Snacks

Granola Bars
Fruit Cups
Raisins
Dried Fruit
Nuts (any kind)
Crackers

Starting in March:

Minnesota FoodShare Campaign
Our Mission: The Meeker County Emergency Food Shelf is a non-profit venture of community partners working to provide access to healthy food for those facing food insecurity.

Also, monetary donations allow the food shelf to purchase food at a discounted rate through our food bank.

Always Needed Items:

Soups, crackers, oatmeal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat, granola bars, cereals, cooking oil, sugar, spaghetti sauce, rice, noodles, spices, condiments.

**Healthy options are highly recommended.*

Thank you for your support!

Pack the Pews is a great way to come together as a faith organization during the Meeker Area Food Shelf's Annual March Campaign and collect food for those facing food insecurity. This year, we have created a Needs List of our most needed items for your convenience. This also helps to meet the needs of those needing our services.

Come experience the Wonders of Ancient Israel! Follow the footsteps of Jesus of Nazareth and his Apostles as you explore the Christian heritage of Israel. From Jesus' birthplace in Bethlehem to his crucifixion and resurrection in the Holy City of Jerusalem, explore the stories and scenes that set the foundation for an entire faith. June 25, 2022-July 4, 2022. There is also an extension to Jordan available. The trip cost is about \$5000pp with extra excursions. Log on to see all the information, trip highlights, and to secure your spot today.


Now through May 1st there is a free excursion and risk free enrollment.

<https://grouptoursite.com/tours/Israel2022>

Contact Pastor Mindy Czycalla with any questions you may have: mindyczycalla@gmail.com or 320-221-4840



Attention all 1st & 2nd graders! We will be gathering to complete the Time-capsule Milestone along with learning the Lord's Prayer. It will be on Wednesday, March 10th in Discovery Kingdom. Gathering 6:00-6:30 for supper and work on projects, 6:30-7:00 group project and 7:00-7:30 worship together at church with their families. Each student needs to bring 4-6 pictures they can leave at church until their confirmation day when they open their Time Capsule. If they have any questions please have them contact Carrie Block.




Usher /Acolyte Schedule:
Feb. 28, 2021: Kiera Olson,
Mar. 7: Leah Wilson,
Mar. 14: Asha Ehlers,
Mar. 21: Kamryn McWherter,
Mar. 28: Ethan Lease,
Apr. 4: Elliot Fluck,
Apr. 11: Cole & Riley Hoff,
Apr. 18: Tucker Liestman,

Starting in March we will be getting together with the age groups.

March 10th
Prek and K
March 17
1-2 and 3-4
March 24 5-7

Starting April 7th WOW will in person at 6:00pm



WOW!
worship on wednesdays

WELCA - Giving Cross

LENTEN “GIVING CROSS” PROJECT

The 2021 Lenten “Giving Cross” Project will begin on Ash Wednesday (February 17th) and continue through Easter Sunday. The emphasis is on the Lutheran World Relief (LWR) parish projects which include Baby Care Kits & Personal Care Kits.

The cross will be located in the Narthex and filled with cards, each having an item printed on it. Please take a card or two, purchase the items, tape the card to the item and place the items in the basket placed by the cross. If monetary donations are made, please make the checks payable to “Giving Cross” Project. Monetary gifts may be left at the church office also.

After Easter, the kits will be assembled and packed for Lutheran World Relief. Because shipping costs have escalated each kit costs approximately \$2.65 to ship, so monetary contributions are also appreciated. In the past your response to this project has been overwhelming, so please take the time to make this another successful Lenten Project.

If you have questions regarding the project please contact a committee member.

Thank you,
The Giving Cross Committee
Brenda Johnson, Elaine Lenhard or Joan Sommerfeld

BABY CARE KIT

- 2 lightweight cotton t-shirts – (6 – 24 months)
- 2 gowns or sleepers (without feet) – (6 – 24 months)
- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- 1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood, or include a baby cap
- 2 pair of socks
- 1 hand towel, dark color recommended
- 2 bath-size (4-5 oz.) ivory soap
- 2 diaper pins or large safety pins

PERSONAL CARE KITS

- 1 light-weight bath-size towel (approx. 52”x27”), dark color recommended
- 2 bath size (4-5 oz.) soap in original wrapping
- 1 adult size toothbrush in its original packaging
- 1 study comb
- 1 metal nail clippers



Dear friends,

With mixed feelings we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the coming year. There is sadness at the loss of life due to the corona virus pandemic affecting communities and families across the region and around the world. There is also admiration and appreciation especially for health care and frontline workers. There is hope for the roll-out of effective vaccines but concern over uneven access and slow distribution especially in poorer countries. The World Health Organization Director General Dr. Ghebreyesus has stressed that “the only way to end the pandemic anywhere is to end it everywhere” by working together as “one global family.”

ELCA Global Mission - Lutheran Disaster Response is supporting various COVID-19 emergency response programs initiated by companion churches around the world.

In Southern Africa, over the past six months:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola has distributed essential food items and Personal Protective Equipment to vulnerable families in several communities in southern Angola.



The Evangelical Lutheran Development Service (ELDS) in Malawi is working with volunteer community change agents to distribute posters and pamphlets and conduct door-to-door awareness campaigns to prevent and control the spread of Covid-19.

ELDS also facilitated identification and selection of artisans (tailors) in targeted villages to make masks that meet the WHO/Ministry of Health standards. The training included information on how to wear and care for cloth masks effectively.



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe and the Ecumenical Church Leaders Forum have distributed food hampers to vulnerable families and purchased hospital beds to meet the growing need to accommodate COVID-19 patients.

Leaders and members of Lutheran churches in the region appreciate 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.

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](https://www.elca.org/MissionaryGiving) for online giving.

Memorials, Thanks & Churchwide

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of June Wittenberg, DeWayne Albright's sister, by Marge Hellzen.

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Gary Berglund, by Ralph and Gloria Elj.

A gift was given to the general fund in memory of Ronald Rosenau and Gary Berglund, by Rocky and Karla Hyberger.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you: Pastor Evenson, I am writing to you and your congregation in humble gratitude for the generous gift of money you gave our congregation. Like everywhere, the pandemic had already caused hardships to many in our city. The derecho greatly multiplied those hardships. Many are facing food insecurities and homelessness. Your bountiful gift of over \$5,000 will greatly enhance what we can offer for assistance to those in need.

God's Work is being carried out from Minnesota to Cedar Rapids, Iowa through your hands. The people in need who will benefit from our "Love One Another Fund" (LOAF) and members of our congregation are grateful.

Blessings to you all in 2021!

Sincerely, DeeAnn Hebrink, Council President, St. Stephens Lutheran Church

Thank you! The treat bags we received from you all meant so much and was so appreciated. Thank you! Dawn & All of Ecumen Staff



Holy Baptism

Baptized: Sunday, February 21, 2021

Maverick James Miller

Parents: Heidi Hoekstra & Casey Miller

Sponsors:

Billy Reinholt, Holly Hoekstra, Hailey Everson

Hanna Jo Miller

Parents: Heidi Hoekstra & Casey Miller

Sponsors:

**Steven Paulson, Jenna Bohn,
Taylor Hoekstra, Nikki Schmitz**

MARCH 2021

MARCH 2021 Calendar

March 2021						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 11 am *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access</p> <p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487</p>	<p>1 11 am *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access</p>	<p>2 7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 11 am *Encore presentation of FLC on Cable Access 5:30 p.m. Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel 6:30 p.m. Executive Meeting 7:00 p.m. Team Meetings</p>	<p>3 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 11 am *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access 6:00 p.m. 150th An. Committee in Conference Room 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship in Sanctuary & FB / Youtube 8 pm *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access</p>	<p>4 7:55 a.m. *Open Gate* on KLFDRadio 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study FACEBOOK LIVE</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>
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<p>28 Palm Sunday 8:30 a.m worship on KLFDRadio Facebook Live, & Youtube 10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary *Fellowship following 11 am *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access</p>	<p>29 11 am *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access</p>	<p>30 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</p>	<p>31 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 11 am *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access 7:00 p.m. No Worship Service 8 pm *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access</p>	<p><u>Services are Live on:</u> KLFDRadio, Facebook Live, You Tube (First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Litchfield MN) Listen in the church parking lot – live on 92.3 FM *Please note the new schedule for rebroadcasting our services on local cable access TV</p>		

MARCH 2021 SERVING & BIRTHDAYS

Chairs			Brad & Krista DeWolf		320-444-4144
Chuck & Karen Eberbard		320-693-7190	Charles & Alison DeWolf		320-212-8639
Jim & Holly Cottington		320-693-6628		C	320-212-2846
	H	320-221-3395	Will & Kim Dolan		320-693-8865
	J	320-221-0963		K	320-221-0848
Michael & Debra Cziok		320-693-7549		W	320-267-2492
Kris (Breault) Danielson		320-699-0988	Mike & Dawn Doty	D	320-444-2222
Wendy Danzeisen		320-693-8070		M	320-444-1875
	W	320-493-3540	Matt Draeger		320-221-0546
Ali and Steven LaVine		320-309-6865	Carol Dragt	C	320-493-2171
Douglas & Nancy Decker		320-693-3619	Trina Driver		320-221-9722
LaVerne Decker		320-593-2384	Steve Durkee		320-693-9223
	C	320-221-1396	Mark & Jodi Elam		320-593-3159
Ernest & Jackie Defries		320-296-5790	Marlys Elam		320-593-2123
Jenny Defries		320-905-4606		M	320-221-1774
Norman DeGeest		320-693-2058	Troy & Julie Elam		320-693-7305
Steve & Julie Dengerud	J	320-221-0281	Wayne & Susan Elam		320-693-3444
	S	320-221-1293	Nate & Meredith Elj		320-593-8640
Douglas & Mary Desens		320-693-8044		N	320-221-2609
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- MARCH 18**
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Troy Hurd
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- MARCH 22**
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- MARCH 24**
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- MARCH 26**
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Kayla Hultstrum
- MARCH 29**
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- MARCH 30**
Jacqueline Defries
Jesse Kleinschmidt
Daniel Piepenburg
Cindy Strolberg

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Nicholas Gabrielson
Gina Lokken
Sadie Ludowese

Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

March 2021

Senior Nutrition Services

Monday, March 1st	Tuesday, March 2nd	Wednesday, March 3rd	Thursday, March 4th	Friday, March 5th
Sausage Gravy	Goulash	Chicken Noodle Soup w/ Veg	Swedish Meatballs	Chicken Enchilada
Biscuit	Green Beans	1/2 Ham Sandwich	Mashed Potatoes w/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
Monday, March 8th	Tuesday, March 9th	Wednesday, March 10th	Thursday, March 11th	Friday, March 12th
BBQ Chicken Breast	Sallisbury Steak w/ Gravy	Chicken Chow Mein	Pork Loin	Beef Chili w/ Beans
Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream	Mashed Potato	Oriental Blend	Candi Yam	Creamy Coleslaw
California Blend Veg	Green bean	Peaches	Broccoli	Corn Muffin w/ Margarine
Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll w/ Margarine	Bar	Bread/ Margarine	Orange Fresh
Bar	Pudding	Low Fat Milk	Cinnamon Apples	Cookie
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, March 15th	Tuesday, March 16th	Wednesday, March 17th	Thursday, March 18th	Friday, March 19th
Ham& Scalloped Potato	Spaghetti	Corn Beef & Cabbage	Baked Fish	Meatloaf
Peas	Green Bean Blend	Boiled Potatoes	Augratin Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy
Bread/ Margarine	Fruit Cocktail	Fruit Cocktail	Broccoli	Corn
Fruit Cobbler / Crisp	Garlic Bread	Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Bread/ Margarine
Low Fat Milk	Cookie	St Patrick's Day Dessert	Jello w/ Fruit	Bar
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk
Monday, March 22nd	Tuesday, March 23rd	Wednesday, March 24th	Thursday, March 25th	Friday, March 26th
Chicken & Noodle Casserole	Ham	Roasted Turkey w/ gravy	Tater Tot Casserole	Smothered Pork Chop
Mixed Vegetables	Cheesy Oven Hashbrowns	Mashed Potato	Green Beans	Diced Potatoes
Peaches	Sliced Carrots	Squash	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Peas & Carrots
Cookie	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Sage Dressing	Peaches	Bread/ Margarine
Low Fat Milk	Brownie	Pumpkin bar	Low Fat Milk	Lemon Bar
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk
Monday, March 29th	Tuesday, March 30th	Wednesday, March 31st	<p>Name _____</p> <p>Please circle the days you want meals and return this to the Senior Dining site OR call 320-693-6318 before 11:30 a.m. at least one dining day ahead to order meals. No one will answer the phone so please leave a message, including your name and</p>	
Chicken Fried Steak w/ gravy	Baked Chicken	Beef Roast w/ gravy		
Mashed Potato	Au Gratin Potatoes	Mashed Potato w/ gravy		
Green Beans	Peas	California Blend Veg		
Bread/ Margarine	Dinner Roll w/ Margarine	Bread/ Margarine		
Apricots	Cookie	Bar		
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 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 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

Churchwide

March 2021 Worship Schedule

Wednesday March 3, 2021

11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship in Sanctuary & FB / Youtube
8 p.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:30 a.m. COOP Worship on KLFD Radio FB & Youtube
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary
*Fellowship following
11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access

Wednesday March 10, 2021

11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship in Sanctuary & FB / Youtube
8 p.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:30 a.m. COOP Worship on KLFD Radio FB & Youtube
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary
*Fellowship following
11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access

Wednesday March 17, 2021

11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship in Sanctuary & FB / Youtube
8 p.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access

Sunday, March 21, 2021

8:30 a.m. COOP Worship on KLFD Radio FB & Youtube
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary
*Fellowship following
11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access

Wednesday March 24, 2021

11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship in Sanctuary & FB / Youtube
8 p.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access



Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28, 2021 * Palm Sunday *

8:30 a.m. COOP Worship on KLFD Radio FB & Youtube
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary
*Fellowship following
11 a.m. *Encore presentation COOP on Cable Access

Wednesday March 31, 2021 - No worship service

Worship



Local Cable Access Schedule:

Sunday 11 am Encore Presentation COOP
Monday 11 am Encore Presentation Wednesday COOP
Tuesday 11 am Encore Presentation FLC
Wednesday 11 am Encore Presentation Sunday COOP
Wednesday 8 pm Encore Presentation Wednesday COOP

Meals on Wheels - Volunteers needed in Litchfield

Hello,

I'm Dalton Kalina with Lutheran Social Service. I am the Community Development Manager for our LSS Meals program. We have an urgent need for Meals on Wheels volunteer drivers in the City of Litchfield, Monday through Friday.

I am hoping you may be able to help promote our need for volunteers within the community!

Details:

1. We have delivery routes that usually start at 11AM and will take about 40 minutes long in the town of Litchfield. The meals will be picked up at the Civic Arena in Litchfield.
2. We offer contact-less delivery (meaning you knock and leave the meal and then walk away to see if they pick up the meal).
3. We have gloves and masks available for volunteers.

People interested in volunteering can contact our Regional Manger in Litchfield Chrissy Elton at 320-905-2528 or at chrissy.elton@lssmn.org.

Please let me know if you know of anyone wanting to volunteer and feel free to contact Chrissy or I with any questions.

Thank you,
Dalton Kalina

* You can also call the FLC office at 320-693-2487.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY:



*Our members known to be in the military are:

Staff Sgt. US Army, Zachary Olimb, Vicenza, Italy, 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.

**After 24 years of service to our country, Comfr Joseph Vandelac and his family have retired from the military. They thank you for your support during the years of service. They have returned and settled in Minnesota.

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.

Be still, Receive God's Love, Embrace God's Word, Welcome the Day.



B.R.E.W.

meets every **Tuesday morning at 7:00 a.m.** with Pastor Tom for coffee and fellowship. Join us!!

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: Giving Cross/Lutheran World Relief Kits

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

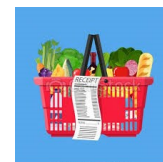


Family Fare Receipts: Please bring in your receipts to the **Sunday School Entrance**—there is a basket on the table. These receipts are added together and helps our education program earn \$1000 per \$150,000 worth of receipts. Please note we need the entire receipt.

Thank you for all the receipts that have been turned in!!

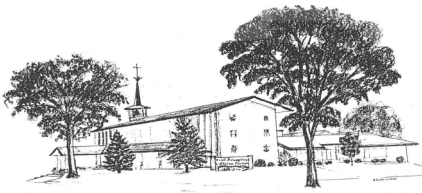
*receipts for prescriptions purchased are **not** eligible for the program.

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 KLFM 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

updates: www.firstlitchfield.org

Schedules for encore presentations
on local cable access TV - will be
Sunday - Wednesday at 11 AM
& Wednesday evening at 8 PM