

# FIRST NEWS

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

**JANUARY 2022**

## January 2022 Time with Tom

As I look back on 2021, the accomplishments of the year, I ponder all the people I met along the way. I know I have built new friendships and relationships have grown stronger. I took the time to reach out to people who have not been able to attend worship or special events of the church. I tried to find folks who have pulled back from this church to offer them a compassionate hand of reconciliation.

With some success in those connections, I look forward to 2022 with hopeful anticipation and a new goal. We hired a part-time visitation pastor 'Pastor Mark Little' to regularly bring communion to the less mobile members of our congregation. I would like to build on the relationships of those members who are faithful to FLC by visiting as many of you as are willing and open to having me meet with you. I would like to connect with each of you personally to get to know you better and to share more about myself with you. I ask each of you to find ways to keep and grow relationships with each other even when getting together is difficult.

We talk about God being in relationship with God's creation, we are all in relationship with God as God's creation. We can honor God's intentions for us by what Jesus said in Matthew; Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and all you mind and all your strength, this is the first and greatest commandment and the second is like the first. You should love your neighbor as yourself; all the laws of Moses and all the prophets hang on these two commandments. Do this and you shall live (my paraphrase of Johns Gospel added).

If we can all reach out to each other this year in ways that build up the church of God, we can become the church God intended for Meeker County and the world. God has big plans for First Lutheran and I hope we all are ready to be a part of that plan. If we step forward and accept the role God has for us we can make good things happen in 2022. I want to invite each of you to call me or talk to me when you see me and set up a time for us to get together, spending time getting to know each other. God wants us to be in relationship with God and with each other so we can live in peace and the God of love and peace will be with us. Watch for God's actions in 2022 and see Gods preferred future come alive in central Minnesota. How will you be present in the love of God for all creation? Live in peace. Amen.

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  
2022**

**PRESIDENT:**  
Corey Cervin

**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
Karla Kadelbach

**SECRETARY:**  
Dennis Gartner

**TREASURER:**  
Karla Hyberger

**TEAM  
REPRESENTATIVES:**

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

**Stewardship & Finance:**  
Betty Allen  
Karla Hyberger  
Karla Kadelbach

**Social Ministry/  
Evangelism:**  
Betty Allen  
Joe Berube  
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, December 21, 2021

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: Dennis Gartner

\*Secretary report was approved

\*Treasurer report was approved

\*Pastors report:

Pastor Tom reported:

~Staff reviews have been taking place with positive reactions from those who have been reviewed. There are a few more to be completed and will take place as soon as possible.

~The Co-op planning is still actively being discussed. It is requested that each church involved in the co-op present two lay persons and an ordained person to join the group for future planning of the co-op. Pastor Tom has contacted the Synod to see if there are other area’s doing something similar so the co-op planning group can have a format to begin with. Pastor Tom asked enough questions regarding this matter to get noticed! He received a call from the Bishop to discuss these efforts. The Synod liked the explanation and have said they support the efforts and will offer assistance as needed.

~MST International will have a French Toast Breakfast the same Sunday as the Annual Meeting, January 30<sup>th</sup>. They will be traveling in July of 2022 and will include a 3 day site-seeing adventure.

~Co-op services will continue to be rotated with the other churches involved in the co-op.

\*Team Reports:

\*Church Property:

~The budget was finalized for this team. Included was an allowance for a new sound and video area.

~Future planning for resurfacing the parking lot was discussed to coincide with the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

~The closet where extra tables are stored was discussed to see if we can come up with a better option. This also relates to the large floor maintenance equipment stored in the utility room off the bathroom hallway in Chilstrom Hall.

~Maintenance items to include old gutters and the edging around the digital sign were discussed. These items will be added to the list for tracking and follow-up in the spring.

\*Personnel Committee:

~The Personnel team has been performing the staff reviews and will complete them in the near future. Reviews that are completed have gone well.

\*Worship and Music:

~December schedule was confirmed: Christmas Eve services are at 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00.

~Sunday December 26<sup>th</sup> will be the Co-op service and will be broadcast on KLFD radio.

~Covid updates: the congregation will be encouraged to use social distancing practices as you are able at the busiest services.

~Any shared musical instruments etc. will be wiped down between services

## General Fund:

## Year to Date:

Total Income for the month of November 2021:	\$37,057	Income as of Nov. 2021:	\$335,142
Expenses for the month of November 2021:	\$30,319	Expenses as of Nov. 2021:	\$327,431

~A follow-up inquiry will be made to confirm the payment of the Sunday broadcasts are being sent to Zion church as per the agreement.

~January schedule: 1-2-22 one service at 8:30 broadcast on KLFD. January 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and the 23<sup>rd</sup> will have two services. January 30<sup>th</sup> will have one service at 8:30 and will be followed by the Annual meeting.

~Worship Teams Budget was discussed and finalized.

~Public access TV beginning January 9<sup>th</sup> second service, will be re-broadcast on Thursday's at 3:00PM.

### \*Endowment Team:

~Donations were made to include:

>\$1,000.00 to tornado relief fund through the ELCA

>\$1,000.00 to Meeker Area Ministries

### \*Old Business:

~(No change from previous month) 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee continues to meet and make plans. They will meet in January. The 150<sup>th</sup> celebration is scheduled for August of 2023.

~(No change from previous month) Discussions toward forming a Coop of ELCA Churches continues. The goal would be to have a team from FLC work with other teams of potential Churches to form a Coop. The coop would then work together for the good of all the individual congregations. When one congregation needs help, the Coop would be there to support them in whatever form of assistance they need.

~(No change from the previous month) The council discussed the progress of the nominating committee for finding candidates for new council members. Please contact the church office if you are interested in being considered for a position on the ballot for council.

~The budget was discussed and the Council is very close to approval as presented. Included in the budget discussion was a continued discussion regarding the possibility of hiring a second Pastor. This role *could be* a shared position with the co-op efforts. *This remains to be determined.* This discussion comes to light due to the changes taking place in the Pastoral leadership with our friends at Zion. The council is trying to be pro-active instead of re-active.

### \*New Business:

~Tornado relief funds were discussed as to the time frame of this mission. As discussed, this may be an ongoing cause that has no definite end date.

~An updated phone system was briefly discussed but this has not completely gone through the Property team yet. It will be discussed at the next Property team meeting and a recommendation will be made to the council after review.

~Council also discussed what portions of the financial reports we really need to review at each council meeting. A determination was made and will be revised for the next meeting.

~(No change from previous meeting) Christmas Memorials were discussed. Donations are requested for:

>Meeker Area Ministries

>General Fund

>Undesignated Memorials

### \*Dates to remember:

\*Coop services continue virtually on Sunday's at 8:30

\*In person services Sunday's 8:30 and 10:45

\*Confirmation classes are Wednesday's at 6:00

\*Christmas Eve Services at 4:00, 6:00 and 10:00 PM

\*December 26<sup>th</sup> one service at 8:30

\*Healing Service January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:30 (One service only/

Changed from December 26th)

\*Executive Team meeting Tuesday January 4th at 6:30 PM

\*Brief Council meeting Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 PM

\*Team meetings Tuesday January 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

\*Council meeting Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

\*Annual Meeting Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> after 8:30 service (One service only)

\*MST French Toast Breakfast Sunday January 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 to 11:00 AM

**Help people impacted by the tornadoes in the south:** FLC is collecting monetary donations and will send to Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA. 100% of the funds collected go directly to those in need. Please make checks or donations to First Lutheran Church, for Tornado Relief. Any questions please call the church office - Thank you!

Submitted by Dennis Gartner

# Stewardship

Lighting the way for others



When Ida Nelson, head tribal clerk of a remote Alaskan village, heard an airplane flying low after dark, she knew something was wrong. Igiugig (Igggy-yaw-gigg), population 70, isn't normally a nighttime destination. Indeed, the medevac flight was coming to pick up a sick child.

Because the local airstrip's lights had been vandalized, the plane was having trouble landing. Nelson began alerting neighbors, and within minutes, villagers lined the runway with their vehicles, headlights blazing. The pilot was able to land and then safely deliver the sick child to an Anchorage hospital. The airlift service praised the residents' determination, but Nelson describes their effort as "normal" and "ordinary."

**What everyday actions can you use to provide light amid darkness? How can you shine Jesus' light in a world that needs him?**



**Sunday January 30, 2022**  
**Annual Meeting 10:00 a.m.**  
**8:30 a.m. Worship**  
**in the sanctuary**



## Local Cable Public Access Channel schedule:

### Local Cable Access TV Schedule:

Sun. 11 a.m. Encore Presentation COOP  
Mon. 11 a.m. Encore Presentation COOP  
Tue. 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. FLC  
Wed. 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. COOP  
Thur. 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. Trinity Grove City  
Thur. 3 p.m. Encore Presentation Sun. FLC  
Friday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. Zion

## Biblical resolutions

Hold firmly to your faith (Hebrews 4:14)  
Assemble with the saints (Hebrews 10:25)  
Pray and thank God earnestly (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18)  
Petition God for great blessings (Malachi 3:10)  
Yield not to temptation (1 Thessalonians 5:22)

Notice opportunities to serve others (Galatians 6:10)  
Examine yourself daily (2 Corinthians 13:5)  
Work diligently for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Yearn for righteousness (Matthew 5:6)  
Exercise godliness (1 Timothy 4:7)  
Aim for sinless perfection (Hebrews 6:1)  
Redeem the time, living wisely (Ephesians 5:15-16)

—Gus Nichols (adapted)



Dear friends,

This past week I attended the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) Council meeting held in Johannesburg at the Lutheran center. Observing COVID-19 protocols, it was the first in-person meeting in more than a year and a half. LUCSA is the sub-regional expression of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Southern Africa, with 15 member churches in ten countries.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of LUCSA, which was established in 1991. The Council meeting opened with a worship service with Holy Communion, the induction of Council members and the installation of Rev. L.A. Kasper as the first female Executive Director of LUCSA. The theme of the conference, which was reflected upon in the Bible Studies, was "Listening Leadership."

The Council received reports from the Executive Director and Finance Department as well as program reports concerning the work carried out by the LUCSA Communion office and member churches in the region over the past year under very challenging conditions.

The reports highlighted HIV&AIDS, the Infohut project, Malaria, Gender Justice, Migrants, Refugees and internally displaced people, training of peace monitors and local resource mobilization, sustainable livelihoods and climate change, responses to COVID-19 including psycho-social support training, networking and resource development by Christian education coordinators, scholarships, the worship, liturgy and music project, and ongoing consultations regarding theological education in the region.



The ELCA is committed to accompanying LUCSA, companion churches and a number of ecumenical organizations as they faithfully engage in proclamation of the Gospel, mission outreach and work to mitigate the impact of poverty, HIV&AIDS, climate change, Gender-based violence, conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic in the communities they serve.

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

Yours faithfully, Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa / Johannesburg, November 26, 2021

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://ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving) for online giving.

# Memorials & Thanks

**Gifts were given** to the General Fund and First Stringers in memory of Reuben Hoyer by Mike and Kris Nelson, Ron and Barb Piepenburg, DeWayne and Iona Albright, Dianne Thorp, Duane and Darlene Henkelman, Ardis Thorp, Jeanette Erickson, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Geraldine Moen, John and Shirley Lekander, Howard and Laurie Koehn, Ralph and Gloria Elj, Sylvia Baumgartner, Aldeen and Idell Kadelbach, Corey and Kris Cervin, Bill and Bonnie Nelson; and in memory of my Dad, on his 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, Dec. 19th, by Lisa Hoyer.

**Gifts were given** to the General Fund and Senior Choir Fund in memory of Rand Thorp, and by Corey and Kris Cervin, John and Shirley Lekander, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Valda Thomas, DeWayne and Iona Albright, Cheryle Vold, Jim and Janet Lange, Winton and Kris Nelson, Bill and Bonnie Nelson, Ron and Barb Piepenburg, Jeanette Erickson, Duane and Darlene Henkleman, Dan and Brenda Johnson, Stanley and Sylvia Kittleson, Larry and Frances Nelson, and Mark and Judy Hulterstrum, and Ralph and Gloria Elj.

**Gifts were given** to the General Fund in memory of Joan Dallmann, Amy Nelson's Mom and Norma Hall's sister, by Mike and Kris Nelson, and Richard and Betty Allen, Corey and Kris Cervin, Dan and Brenda Johnson, and Gary Smith.

**Gifts were given** to the General Fund in memory of David Graff, Harvey Graff's son, by Mike and Kris Nelson, Einar Lundin, Jim and Elaine Lenhard, Jerry and Lana Johnson, and Gary Smith.

**A gift was given** to the General Fund in memory of our son Daniel who recently passed away and other loved ones who have gone before us from Richard and Ardith Buan.

**A gift was given** to the General Fund in memory of Larry Bell, Tonia Beaver's dad, by Corey and Kris Cervin.

**A gift was given** to Meeker Area Ministries in memory of Verna Cervin, Gary Cervin's aunt, and Gary Theisen, Corey Cervin's uncle, by Corey and Kris Cervin.

## SPECIAL THANKS

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**Dear Pastor Tom and friends at First Lutheran,** Thank you so much for the cards, words of comfort and memorials given for Joan Dallmann. We are so blessed to have our church family and we love your kind and thoughtful hearts! Norma and Bob Hall

**Thank you** to the prayer chain for keeping our son Daniel in your prayers, we very much appreciated it, Richard and Ardith Buan.

**First Lutheran Church,** We at House of Grace in Montrose are thankful for your generosity! The hymnals you have gifted us are already in use! A true blessing to our worship on Sundays! Thank you, Pastor Cathy and your friends at House of Grace, Montrose

**Thank you to the December Serving Group,**

Jesus sees your acts of love in everything you do, and as you carry out your work, the love of God shines through, no matter if the task is small, you're there to help us out. We thank you for your willingness in all the ways you've helped. (poem by M. S. Lowndes) from John and Marj Streed, and Marilyn Swanson.

# January 2022

# January 2022 Calendar

January 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487</p>						<p><b>1</b> New Year's Day No Men's Group</p>
<p><b>2</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA coop - KLFD 8:30 a.m. "Healing Service" Non-Trad Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee No Sunday School</p>	<p><b>3</b> Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 2:00 p.m. Worship at M.M. 8:30 a.m. Quilters 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><b>5</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Confirmation</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
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<p><b>16</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA coop - KLFD 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/Comm</p>	<p><b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 9:00 a.m. Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p><b>19</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal *Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
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<p><b>30</b> *Annual Meeting* 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. MST 2022 French Toast Breakfast 8:30 a.m. ELCA CO-OP on KLFD 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting No Sunday School</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p><u>Local Cable Access TV Schedule:</u>                      Sunday 11 am Encore Presentation COOP                      Monday 11 am Encore Presentation COOP                      Tuesday 11 am Encore Presentation Sun. First Lutheran Church                      Wednesday 11 am Encore Presentation Sun. COOP                      Thursday 3 pm Encore Presentation Sun. First Lutheran Church</p>				

# January Serving Group & Birthdays


Alan & Laurie Boll
John & Jo Carlson
Joe & Amy Berube
Desiree Birch
Doris Birkemeyer
Jason & Carrie Block
Bob & Jennifer Blomberg
Richard & Bonnie Bohn
Dee Bollin
Joni Book
Chris & Sandra Bostrom
Mike & Beth Boyle
Leonard & Betty Boysen
Kenneth & Fay Braseth
Joan Bratz
Mark & Julie Bredeson
Richard & Suzanne Buck
Brian and Patti Burdick
Gordon & Mary Burdick

Stuart & Del Busse
Stefany Butler
Jennifer Carlson
Tony & Angela Carlson
Steven & Teresa Carlson
Wayne & Linda Carlson
Corey & Kris Cervin
Gary & Kathy Cervin
Martha Christensen/ Jon Nelson
Tait Christensen
Carolyn Christensen
Clinton & Shelly Christians

**January Ushers**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
 Jim Alsleben - C  
 Barb Alsleben  
 Scot Anderson  
 Tanner Eberling

**10:45 a.m.**  
 Chad Beavers - C  
 Daniel Lease

**January**



Renee Gartner



**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 Prah

**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

**JANUARY 20**

Anyiah-Mae Haidt  
 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 Eij  
 Cooper Evenson

**JANUARY 25**

Cynthia Graff  
 Daniel Nelson  
 Renee Trettin

**JANUARY 26**

Dominick Wendler  
 Joseph Berube  
 Norman DeGeest  
 Ila Opjorden

**JANUARY 27**

Judith Jones  
 Jason Block  
 Clinton Christians  
 Abby Hemingway

**JANUARY 28**

Joanne Rust  
 Harper Hulterstrum

**JANUARY 29**

Hunter Hoff  
 Constance Nelson  
 Tracey Nistler  
 Curtis White Jr.

**JANUARY 30**

Dan Christopherson  
 Gina Gabrielson  
 Jennifer Lamecker  
 Mitchell Lease

**JANUARY 31**

Amy Pierce  
 David Berry  
 Robert Frank  
 Claire Gabrielson  
 Wendy Norine  
 Larry Sutter



# Senior Dining Menu

**Senior Nutrition Services**

**JANUARY 2022**

**Lutheran Social Service**

Monday, 3th	Tuesday, 4th	Wednesday, 5th	Thursday, 6th	Friday, 7th
Chicken Chow Mein (Brown Rice )	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	Creamy Chicken	Pork loin	Meatloaf
Oriental Vegetables	Romaine Salad w/ Dressing	Mashed Potatoes	Candied Yam	Butternut Squash
Mandarin Oranges	Pineapple	Peas and Carrots	Broccoli	Stewed Tomatoes
Pudding w/ Whip Topping	Texas Toast	Bread w/ Margarine	Bread/ Margarine	Bread/ Margarine
Low Fat Milk	Cookie	Warm Fruit Crisp	Bar	Dessert
	Low Fat Milk	Lowfat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, 10th	Tuesday, 11th	Wednesday, 12th	Thursday, 13th	Friday, 14th
Tater Tot Casserole	Chicken Wild Rice Soup	Swedish Meatballs	Roasted Turkey w/ gravy	BBQ Pork on a Bun
French Cut Green Beans	Broccoli	Mashed Potatoes	Mashed Potato	Baked Beans
Warm Peaches	Pineapple	Carrots	Peas	Spiced Pears
Cookie	Cookie	Bread/ Margarine	Sage Dressing	Dessert
Dinner Roll w/ Margarine	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Dessert	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, 17th	Tuesday, 18th	Wednesday, 19th	Thursday, 20th	Friday, 21st
Orange Chicken	Goulash	Beef & Bean Burrito Bake	Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy	Fish Patty w/Tarter Sauce
Brown Rice	Peas	Lettuce/Tomato/SC	Mashed Potato w/ Gravy	Bun
Oriental Vegetables	Tropical Fruit	Peas	Green Beans	Cheesy Hashbrown
Mandarin Oranges	Garlic Bread Stick	Dessert	Bread/ Margarine	Baked Beans
Cookie	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Peaches
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, 24th	Tuesday, 25th	Wednesday, 26th	Thursday, 27th	Friday, 28th
Chef Choice entrée	Ham w/ Raisin Sauce	Roast Beef	Sausage Egg Bake	Beef Stroganoff
vegetable	Au Gratin Potatoes	Mashed Potato w/ Gravy	Broccoli	W/ egg noodle
vegetable/fruit	Peas	California Normandy	Cinnamon Apple Sauce	Mixed Vegetables
Bread	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Bread/ Margarine	Homemade muffin/ coffee cake	Mandarin Oranges
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Lowfat Milk	Dessert
Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk



**Call LSS Meals to order/change: 320-693-6203**  
*(Litchfield Site-Leave Message)*



Menu Subject to change due to unforeseen circumstance

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. 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.

Approved by Donna Dunlap RD, LD

SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted

**320-693-6203**

# Churchwide



## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, January 2, 2022 \*Healing Service

\*\*One Service Only\*\*

8:30 a.m. COOP/FLC Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

No Sunday School

### Sunday, January 9, 2022

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship w/Communion

### Sunday, January 16, 2022

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Service w/Communion

### Sunday, January 23, 2022

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship w/Communion

### January 30, 2022 \*\*One Service Only\*\*

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. MST - 2022

French Toast Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

10:00 a.m. ANNUAL MEETING

No Sunday School

## Special dates

- New Year's Day, *January 1, 2022*
- Epiphany, *January 6, 2022*
- Baptism of the Lord, *January 9, 2022*
- Religious Freedom Day, *January 16, 2022*
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, *January 17, 2022*
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, *January 18-25, 2022*

## A prayer for Epiphany



O Lord Jesus Christ, heavenly King, thank you for bringing both Jews and Gentiles to hear your voice. Enable us to follow your holy Word, as those from the East followed the leading of a star. Give us grace to confess your holy name. Rule us by your Spirit, so that the joys of your birth may increase in us. Hear our prayers and cries. Accept our offerings, which you yourself have given us: the gold of our faith, the incense of our prayers, and the myrrh of our contrite hearts. Deliver us from the destructive ways of sin, and lead us in the ways of peace and in the paths of righteousness. Grant us all, when this life is done, a participation in the joys of the Year of Jubilee in heaven, where we shall praise and serve you and the Father who live and reign in unity with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

## MOVIE NIGHT

Holy Word Theater  
5 p.m.

Saturday January 15, 2022

Featuring: *To Be Determined....*

\*\*Popcorn will be provided -  
please bring your own beverage.

## 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;  
**Master Sgt. Austin Kleinschmidt**, 934<sup>th</sup> Airwing, Minneapolis, 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;  
**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Rogers**, Misawa Air Force Base, Japan. Grandson of Janet and Jim Lange.

*Welcome Home! to those of you who now have returned to the States. Thank you all for your service*

## GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: American Red Cross



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!!

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

Meeker Manor: Mary Klosner

Emmaus Place: Mae Brehmer

Gloria Dei: Lois Rusch, Janet Lundin

Bethesda, Willmar: Richard Bohn

Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich



Please join us in Chilstrom Hall at 9:30 a.m. Sunday January 2, 2022 for Fellowship and Coffee hour, celebrating Charlie Lindstrom's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday



**Beginning Sunday, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> MST-USA 2023** will be taking orders for Papa Murphy's pizzas.

Orders may be placed with any MST-USA youth, or through the church office.

Pizzas will be available for pick-up after the service on Sunday, Feb 20.

If you have any questions, please contact Martha Christensen [320-981-0354](tel:320-981-0354).

**Thank you for your support of MST-USA!**

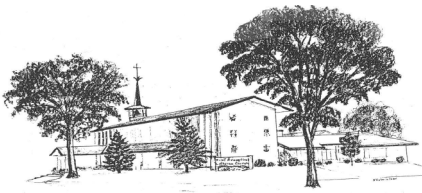
Be of good cheer

Near the end of every January, stories circulate about "Blue Monday," supposedly the year's most depressing day. Factors include broken New Year's resolutions, Christmas debts and cold weather. But this phenomenon actually originated as a PR gimmick. U.K. marketers invented Blue Monday as "the best day to book a summer holiday," and a psychologist they enlisted to help later admitted the saddest-seeming day became a self-fulfilling prophecy.

January may lack the excitement of December, but it doesn't have to be a letdown. Christmas is over, but Jesus isn't! No matter the season of the year or our season of life, Christians always have reason for joy: God's promises of forgiveness and eternal victory. As Jesus says in John 16:33, "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (KJV).

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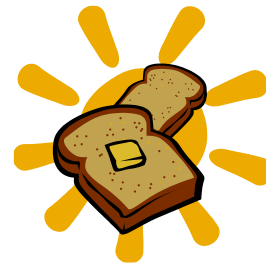
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**January 30, 2022**

**7 a.m. — 11 a.m.**

**MST 2022**

**French Toast Breakfast**

**Chilstrom Hall**