

FIRST NEWS

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

MARCH 2022

March 2022 Time with Tom

Seeking God in all we do in order to give God the glory in all things. We have entered Lent and are on the way to Easter morning where we will see the risen Christ. He was raised on the third day to show us the way out of darkness. Jesus died so we can live; one way we can seek this truth is by studying the 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 the creator God, who became human to conquer death and show us by grace how much he loves us, has saved us from our sinful lives. This Lenten season I want to challenge you to take up your Bible dust it off and set aside some time everyday to read the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Try to read each day so you will be able to have them completely read in 40 days. It has been a few years since we tried this. The scriptures are for us to use, 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. The Old Testament gives us a chance to read about how God created us to be in relationship with him, how humans, given many chances to try to live up to the requirements of the laws but failed. In addition, read how the law leads us to the Gospel, "the Good News" that is Jesus Christ, who by God's grace has given us life in relationship with God. We often hear people say they do not hear God or they cannot understand having a relationship with God. 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 a relationship or can be a chance of renewal of your relationship with God and God's creation. We have been given the gift of life not because of what we have done. We have been given this great gift because of what God has done for us. God took on humanity in the form of a human baby in order to be with us and to understand being human. In doing so God took our sin as Jesus on the cross, happily dying for us so we can live. This happy exchange is what we call the good news. 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 of our brothers and sisters in this world along with all the creatures of God's creation. Being the good in someone's life, every day of our life and they will know we are Christians by our love. *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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Council Highlights

**“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes
Tuesday, February 15th, 2022

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:

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

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

2025: Meredith Elj, Andy Miller, Mike Langmo, Corey Cervin

Devotions: Corey Cervin

*New council members were welcomed by President Corey Cervin

*Secretary report was approved

*Treasurer report was approved

*Pastors report:

Pastor Tom reported:

~With the new council members in attendance, Pastor Tom asked that all of the members introduce themselves and the teams they participate in and any office they hold.

~There are five people who have stepped up to be part of the Lay Leaders Coop team. A meeting was recently held with Zion Lay Leaders.

~MST International Sweetheart Dinner will include Carol Dragt with music and entertainment. The MST group appreciates the support from the congregation.

~Council Retreat will be held in March at Pastor Tom and Kim’s home.

~Pastor Tom expressed his appreciation for the time off during the closing of Kim’s business. The time off was very helpful during this time.

~Visitation Pastor Mark has provided updates as needed. All is going well for him and the members he is visiting. Pastor Tom is still visiting members as needed as well.

*Team Reports:

*Evangelism / Social Ministries:

~Soup suppers were discussed. Future luncheons and the Blessing Box were also discussed.

*Church Property:

~A request was made for new floor mats in the Kitchen. The team asked Betty Allen to follow up with getting the mats ordered.

~The new phone system has been requested to be installed.

~The snowblower and lawn mower bids were recently opened and the winning bidder has been notified.

~Jim Alsleben will continue to add items to our tracking sheet as needed.

*Personnel Committee:

~The Personnel team will be meeting with Pastor Tom to perform a yearly review.

*Worship and Music:

*Old Business:

~The attendance report requested regarding the two services was reviewed.

~Lay Leaders for the Coop efforts were discussed.

*New Business:

~Lenten services: Six pastors will be doing a Round Robin system during Lent. The Pastors will be at a different church every Wednesday. The Pastors will be at their own churches on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

~Soup suppers will be served Wednesday’s during Lent. Soup suppers will begin at 6:00 and services will begin at 7:00.

~Palm Sunday will have one service only at 8:30.

~Holden Evening Prayer and Unfailing Light formats will be alternated during the Lenten services.

**First Evangelical Lutheran
Church Council
2022**

PRESIDENT:

Corey Cervin

VICE PRESIDENT:

Karla Kadelbach

SECRETARY:

Dennis Gartner

TREASURER:

TEAM

REPRESENTATIVES:

**Christian Education/
Youth & Family:**

Joe Berube

Abby Hemmingway

Amy Nelson

Stewardship & Finance:

Betty Allen

Karla Kadelbach

**Social Ministry/
Evangelism:**

Betty Allen

Joe Berube

Amy Nelson

Abby Hemmingway

Endowment/Memorial:

Corey Cervin

Chuck Fenton

Property:

Dennis Gartner

Chuck Fenton

Gordon Burdick

Worship & Music:

Gordon Burdick

Personnel:

Corey Cervin

General Fund:

Year to Date:

Total Income for the month of January 2022:	\$42,664	Income as of January 2022:	\$42,664
Expenses for the month of January 2022:	\$33,540	Expenses as of January 2022:	\$33,540

***Old Business:**

- ~150th Anniversary committee is meeting in April. The 150th celebration is scheduled for August of 2023. The quilt has been designed.
- ~As of this council meeting, there are now five Lay Leaders who will participate in the Coop planning efforts.
- ~Council Retreat date was discussed and scheduled for March 13th, 3:00 to 7:00 at Pastor Tom and Kim's home.
- ~Council confirmed soup supper serving date of March 16th.
- ~Debriefing of outgoing council members was discussed and will be scheduled.

***New Business:**

- ~The Crow River Conference Assembly was discussed. This will be a Zoom meeting format held on February 27th at 2:00PM in Chilstrom Hall. Four Delegates are needed.
- ~Confirmation Camp will take place June 12th > 16th. Thirteen students are currently enrolled.
- ~The Synod Assembly will be held in a Zoom format. This will be a one day event on June 11th.
- ~A discussion took place regarding having members act as representatives for the Green Lake Bible Camp. This item was tabled and will be re-visited at a future meeting.
- ~A discussion took place regarding the library computer. There is a loaner computer being used at this time that is valued at \$250.00. A motion was made and passed to allow for a replacement computer to be purchased using funds up to \$300.00.
- ~Preferred Easter Memorial designations: General Fund, Meeker Area Ministries (MAM) and the Audio-Video Booth.

***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
- *Crow River Conference Assembly Sunday February 27th at 2:00PM
- *Pack the Pews Food Shelf Drive all throughout the month of March
- *Executive Team meeting Tuesday March 1st at 6:30 PM
- *Team meetings Tuesday March 1st at 7:00 PM
- *Ash Wednesday-March 2nd
- *Council Retreat March 13th 3:00 to 7:00
- *Council meeting Tuesday March 15th at 7:00 PM

Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner

Beginning March 6th **MST-USA 2023** will be taking orders for Butter Braids. Orders may be placed with any MST-USA youth (online or in person), or through the church office. With the new "on-line" ordering options, customers are able to visit the on-line "store", place an order and pay all in one spot! Your Butter Braids will then be available for pick up at church, or delivered by one of our youth. If you'd like to place an order on-line, you can either visit the First Lutheran Facebook page for the link - or call the church office and we can assist by emailing you the link.



Butter Braids will be delivered on March 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Christensen [320-981-0354](tel:320-981-0354). **Thank you for your support of MST-USA!**

Mission

Dear friends,

Warm greetings from Johannesburg. Schools, businesses and church activities are starting up again after a month-long summer break over Christmas and New Year.

The fourth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the Omicron variant seems to have peaked in the region as the number of cases declines and vaccination rates increase. However, the loss of life due to COVID complications, the effects on the economy, and people's jobs and income is still very dire. We are also seeing famine due to climate-change in parts of Angola and Madagascar as well as heavy rains and floods, in the central parts of Southern Africa, damaging homes and crops. Companion churches are assessing the needs and applying to the ELCA for Lutheran Disaster Response funds to assist affected communities.

We give thanks to God for the life and bold witness of Anglican Archbishop-emeritus Desmond Tutu who passed away on the 26th of December 2021 at the age of 90. His memoir, "No Future Without Forgiveness" (Random House:1999), which focuses on his work as chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the struggle against apartheid and for human rights everywhere, continues to inspire and challenge me and many others.

I remember many meetings, starting in the early 1980's, when Tutu was serving then as the general secretary of the South African Council of Churches. In July of 2016 Rev. Malpica Padilla (Global Mission Executive Director), Ms. Padilla, Ms. Norman and I visited St. George's Cathedral in Cape Town when the Archbishop was presiding at the Eucharist.



The ELCA is committed to accompanying companion churches 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, January 25, 2022

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.

Lent – Easter Schedule

This year's Lenten theme will reflect on "Psalm 23".

All evening mid-week services will begin at **7:00 p.m.** at First Lutheran, Litchfield.

We will have the opportunity to hear from other Pastors from our area churches during this Lenten season.

We will be alternating with Holden Evening Prayer and Unfailing Light services.

Soup Supper will be served at **6:00 p.m.** in Chilstrom Hall starting March 9, 2022.

March 2	Ash Wednesday Service, no soup supper	
March 9	Lent Service	
March 16	Lent Service	
March 23	Lent Service	
March 30	Lent Service	
April 6	Lent Service	
April 10	Palm / Passion Sunday	8:30 a.m. (One Service Only)
April 14	Maundy Thursday, Holy Communion	7:00 p.m.
April 15	Good Friday	7:00 p.m.
April 17	Easter Worship	6:30, 8:30, & 10:45 a.m.
	Holy Communion, Special music	
April 17	Easter Breakfast served by MST 2022	7:00-11:00 a.m.



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DAY	PASSAGE
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DAY	PASSAGE
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Memorials & Thanks

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Lowell Neumann, Gary Smith's Step-Dad, from Ron and Barb Piepenburg, Karl and Darlene Lundin, Gary and Carolyn Vollmer, Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom, and Dianne Thorp.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Delbert Blackwell, Darlene Meidal's Brother, from Ron and Barb Piepenburg, and Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Judy Radunz, Larry Radunz's Mother, from the Larry Radunz family, Ron and Barb Piepenburg, and Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Christine Robinson, Mattie Baumgartner's Mother, from Sylvia Baumgartner, Douglas and Jonanne Miller, and friends and family.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Allen Madsen, by Dianne Thorp, Sylvia Baumgartner, and Faye Kjolsing.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to everyone for your words of kindness, prayers and memorials given in memory of my Mom, Judy Radunz. They were very much appreciated. Larry, Pamela, Alison and Ruby Radunz.

Thank you to all who prayed for healing for my niece and her husband. Both have passed away from Covid 8 days apart. Lola Schlenner

Thank you to MST Groups, The Sweetheart Dinner on February 16 was a very special evening - - the meal was so good, the servers were prompt and polite, and the entertainment was very enjoyable. We want to thank all who had a part in this very enjoyable night.
Charlie & Jo Ann Lindstrom

Thank you to the January Serving Group! All of your tremendous help with the funeral and Sunday morning coffee hour is greatly appreciated. Jo Carlson, and Laurie Boll

Thank you - I want to thank everyone for your words of kindness, prayers and memorials given in honor of my brother Del Blackwell, they were very much appreciated.
Darlene (Blackwell) and David Meidal

Thank you to Julie Bredeson and Heidi Thoma for leading worship Sunday, February 13, 2022.

**Congratulations to Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom, on being named
MST- 2022 Sweethearts at the dinner on February 16, 2022**



“Pack the Pews”



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.

This list includes:

- ⇒ Sugar (White or Brown), Flour, Cooking Oil, Cake/Muffin Mix, Frosting, Vanilla, Boxed pudding, Spices, Vinegar, Dried Fruits, Pancake Mix, Lemon Juice, Baking Soda.

Here is a list of items that are always needed:

- ⇒ Soups, crackers, oatmeal, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat, granola bars, cereals, spaghetti sauce, rice, noodles, spices, condiments.
- *Healthy options are highly recommended.

*Monetary donations allow us to purchase food at a discounted rate through our food bank.

Thank you for your Support



Easter Memorials are designated to the three funds listed below.

The General Fund, Meeker Area Ministries, and the Audio/Video Booth for the church.

*Meeker Area Ministries provides housing and support, all donations stay in Meeker county helping those in need.

*The Audio/Video Booth project involves moving the Audio/Video Equipment from the balcony to the back of the Sanctuary to improve the overall quality.



Easter Memorials 2022

Given by: _____

In memory and/or in honor of:

General Fund \$ _____

Meeker Area Ministries \$ _____

Audio/Video Booth \$ _____

**Please return your memorial and this form to the church office no later than:
Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Thank you!**

Churchwide

Lenten Soup Supper Schedule:

The following groups are scheduled to serve the soup suppers during the Lenten season this year.

- March 9 Chris. Ed.
- March 16 Church Council
- March 23 WELCA
- March 30 Men's Group
- April 6 Music Groups

Baby Shower Open House

There will be a "Come and Go" Baby Shower for Erika (Gartner) Schilla on Saturday April 9th from 10:00AM to Noon at First Lutheran Church. Everyone is Welcome! Erika is registered at DeAnn's Country Village and Babylist.com/baby-erika-schilla



Holy Baptism

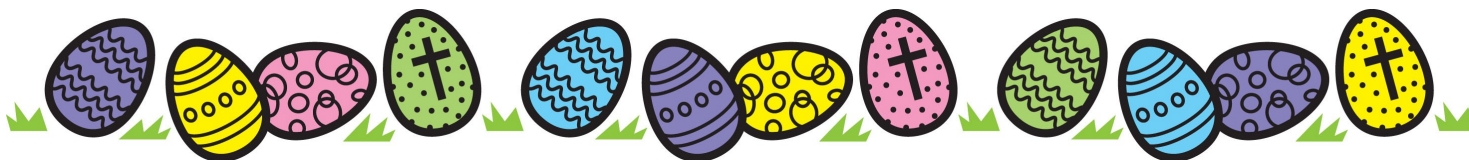
This baptism is the start to a wonderful and long lasting faith. Congratulations on this milestone!!



Allen R. Madsen
February 19, 2022
at Johnson Hagglund Funeral Home
Please keep his family and friends
in your prayers.



Baptized: Sunday, February 20, 2022
Seth James Judes
Parents: Brent and Marissa Judes
Sponsors: Brenda Flann & Chad Vossen



March 2022 Calendar

March 2022

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487</p>		<p>1 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>2 Ash Wednesday 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>3 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP At FLC, and on KLFDRadio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p>		<p>8 7:00 a.m. BREW/Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel</p>	<p>9 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lenton Worship 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle, hosted by Kris Nelson, at FLC Conference Room</p>	<p>10 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p>11 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Mtg</p>	<p>12 7:00 a.m. Men's Group 8:00 a.m. Cub Scouts, Pinewood Derby</p>
<p>13 Daylight Savings Begins 8:30 a.m. ELCA coop - KLFDRadio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. First Communion Class 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm ** Youth Gathering 3:00 p.m. Council Retreat, Pastor Tom and Kim's Home</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 9:00 a.m. Maritza Circle 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council *Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>16 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lenton Worship</p>	<p>17 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 1:30 p.m. WELCA Meeting 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 First Day of Spring 8:30 a.m. ELCA coop - KLFDRadio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee No Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p>	<p>21 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle</p>	<p>22 7:00 a.m. BREW/Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 8:30 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel</p>	<p>23 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Soup Supper 7:00 p.m. Lenton Worship</p>	<p>24 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Ecumen Worship Service 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:00 a.m. Men's Group</p>
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March Serving Group & Birthdays


MARCH 2022 SERVING GROUP

Chairs:	Keith & Sabrara Evenson
Dorothy Euerle	Pastor Tom & Kim Evenson
Susan Lemmer	Richard & Peggy Farmer
Trina Driver	Robert & Judy Farmer
Steve Durkee	Chuck & Sue Fenton
Mark & Jodi Elam	Brian & Jodi Findley
Marlys Elam	Tama Fisher
Troy & Julie Elam	Josh & Anna Fluck
Nate & Meredith Elj	
Ralph & Gloria Elj	
Martin & Laure Engelke	
Jeanette Erickson	
Vonnie Escen	
Becky Estrada	

March Ushers
8:30 a.m.
 Dennis Gartner - C
 Paul Garrison
 Winton Nelson
 Jason Oslund
 Chad Zeppelin

10:45 a.m.
 Larry Radunz - Captain
 Gary Pierce
 Tim Pierce
 John Streed

March



Laurie Pierce
 693-2681

Laurie Koehn
 693-3604



MARCH 1
MARCH 2
 Joel Haas
 Richard Nistler
MARCH 3
 Christopher Breault
 Noah Elam
 Ava Provencher
 Alixzander Rodriquez
MARCH 4
 Jan Fawcett
 Michael Johnson
 Mae Wertz
MARCH 5
 Bonnie Bohn
 Joni Book
 Fay Braseth
 Brady Stille
 Valda Thomas
MARCH 6
 Dusti Berglund
 Pastor Tom Evenson
 Ashlin Hasson
 Dan Johnson
 Joel Ramthun
MARCH 7
 Erika (Gartner) Schilla
 McKenna Mahlow

MARCH 8
 Jacob Gabrielson
 Jorja Gabrielson
 Jerry Johnson
 Jim Lenhard
 Brielle Moore
MARCH 9
 Heidi Johnson
 Jeanette Nelson
 Oden Nelson
 Javin Stucky
MARCH 10
 Brenda Anderson
 Lexi Cumings
 Ezekiel Forester
 Howard Koehn
 Edna Oldenburg
 Martin Oldenburg
MARCH 11
 Ben Kranz
 Sabrina Schreiber
 Mathew Steichen
MARCH 12
 Hal Huso
 Sara Strolberg
MARCH 13
 Miranda Michaletz
 Elsa Opjorden
 Tanna Stucky

MARCH 14
 Justin Boop
 Jason Michels
 Olivia Rick
 Karlie Snodgrass
 Stella Thorp
MARCH 15
 Nathan Nelson
 Charlene Tancabel
 Colleen Worden
MARCH 16
 Judy Berglund
 LillieAnna Giang
 Jeremy Westphall
 Jody Westphall
MARCH 17
 MaryKay Hannan
 Crystal Wilson
MARCH 18
 Teri Alsleben
 Megan Birch
 Dakota Birch
 Troy Hurd
MARCH 19
 Lisa Bohn
 Brandon DeWolf
 Katherine Hantge
 Ruth Massingham
 Tracy Quale
 Jon Silverberg

MARCH 20
 Chuck Fenton
 Taylor Manning
 Deb Zeppelin
MARCH 21
 Bradley DeWolf
 Chris Madsen
 Aubrey Ross
MARCH 22
 Robert Farmer
 Kirk Lundin
 Viveka Opjorden
 Maverick Miller
MARCH 23
 Keith Evenson
 Shirley Lekander
MARCH 24
 Scott Hoff
MARCH 25
 Beth Boyle
 Erin Kleinschmidt
MARCH 26
 Lillian Barrick
 Nathean Andersen-Otto
 Riley Defries
 Avery Liestman
 Luke Herzog
 Beverly Nelson

MARCH 27
 Jill Ramthun
 James Rorah
MARCH 28
 Audree Hanson
 Kayla Hulterstrum
MARCH 29
 Deborah Maurer
MARCH 30
 Jacqueline Defries
 Jesse Kleinschmidt
 Daniel Piepenburg
 Cindy Strolberg
MARCH 31
 Allan Andreen
 Dorothy Euerle
 Nicholas Gabrielson
 Gina Lokken
 Sadie Ludowese
 Laynee Pater

Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

March 2022

Senior Nutrition Services

	Tuesday, 1st	Wednesday, 2nd	Thursday, 3rd	Friday, 4th
	Ham w/ Raisin Sauce	Roast Beef	Sausage Egg Bake	Beef Stroganoff
	Au Gratin Potatoes	Mashed Potato w/ Gravy	Broccoli	W/ egg noodle
	Peas	California Normandy	Cinnamon Apple Sauce	Mixed Vegetables
	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Bread/ Margarine	Homemade muffin/ coffee cake	Mandarin Oranges
	Dessert	Dessert	Lowfat Milk	Dessert
	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk
	Tuesday, 8th	Wednesday, 9th	Thursday, 10th	Friday, 11th
Monday, 7th	Baked Chicken	Lasagna	Turkey Stuffing Casserole	Beef Chili w/ Beans
Pepper Steak/ Liver	Baked Potato w/Sour Cream	California Normandy	Mixed Vegetables	Romaine Salad w/ Dressing
Mashed Potato w/ gravy	Italian Blend	Peaches	Sliced Apples	Corn Bread w/ Margarine
Carrots	Bread w/Margarine	Breadstick	Bread / Margarine	Blushing Pears
Dinner Roll / Margarine	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Cookie
Jello w/ whip topping	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk	Tuesday, 15th	Wednesday, 16th	Happy St Patricks Day	Friday, 18th
Chicken Chow Mein	Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce	Creamy Chicken	Pork loin	Meatloaf
(Brown Rice)	Romaine Salad w/ Dressing	Mashed Potatoes	Candied Yam	Butternut Squash
Oriental Vegetables	Pineapple	Peas and Carrots	Broccoli	Stewed Tomatoes
Mandarin Oranges	Texas Toast	Bread w/ Margarine	Bread/ Margarine	Bread/ Margarine
Pudding w/ Whip Topping	Cookie	Warm Fruit Crisp	Dessert	Dessert
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Lowfat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, 21st	Tuesday, 22nd	Wednesday, 23rd	Thursday, 24th	Friday, 25th
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		Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	8 oz. Low Fat Milk	
Monday, 28th	Tuesday, 29th	Wednesday, 30th	Thursday, 31st	
Orange Chicken	Goulash	Beef & Bean Burrito Bake	Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy	
Brown Rice	Peas	Lettuce/Tomato/SC	Mashed Potato w/ Gravy	
Oriental Vegetables	Tropical Fruit	Pears	Green Beans	
Mandarin Oranges	Garlic Bread Stick	Dessert	Bread/ Margarine	
Cookie	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	
Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	

Call LSS Meals to order/change
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(itchfield Site-Leave Message)

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

WELCA MINUTES February 17, 2022

Betty Allen called our February 17th WELCA meeting to order. This was our first meeting since December 2019. Everyone was happy to get back together again after the COVID hiatus.

Pastor Tom gave the devotions. The WELCA purpose statement was recited. There was no secretary's report given as we haven't met for over two years. The treasurer's report was given and we have three years of HARVEST offerings to disperse. After much discussion, it was decided to donate to the following organizations:

Meeker Area Ministries (MAM)	\$1200
Lifeline	600
Food Shelf	300
LAMP	100
Hospice	300
Lutheran Social Service	300
Flowers of Mercy	100
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	\$2,900

A balance of \$45 remains and will be donated later.

There was no old business.

New business: Betty contacted Joel about the cost to replace two mats in the kitchen. A long-er one by the sink and a second one by the dishwasher. Joel is checking on the cost from suppliers.

WELCA will be serving the soup supper on March 23rd. Jackie Kraushaar volunteered to make two soups. A sign-up sheet was passed around for workers, 2 dozen sandwiches and bars. Discussion ensued on what constitutes a sandwich. One slice of bread or two. Consensus is that two slices of bread equal one sandwich, or 1 big bun equals one sandwich.

Our March 17th meeting will be Spring cleaning of the kitchen. Dianne Thorp and Dee Bollin will bring desserts.

Meeting adjourned and our project was rolling bandages, led by Marilyn Swanson.

Respectively submitted,
Sue Lemmer, Secretary

LENTEN “GIVING CROSS” PROJECT

The 2022 Lenten “Giving Cross” Project will begin on Ash Wednesday (March 2nd) 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

Churchwide



Worship Schedule

Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022

7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion and Distribution of Ashes

Sunday, March 6, 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

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 13, 2022

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. First Communion Class
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 20, 2022

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
No Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Service w/Communion

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

6:00 p.m. Soup Supper
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

Sunday, March 27, 2022

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Communion
9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. First Communion Class
10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship w/Comm

Special dates

- Ash Wednesday, *March 2, 2022*
- World Day of Prayer, *March 4, 2022*
- Daylight saving time begins, *March 13, 2022*
- First day of spring, *March 20, 2022*

A prayer for Lent



This year, Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on March 2. During worship services that day, pastors in many Christian churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning branches from the previous Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

Why ashes? Traditionally, they're a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. Ashes also represent the frailty and temporary nature of human life ("You are dust, and to dust you shall return," Genesis 3:19). Christians are pained because our sins led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing that it leads to Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

For Ash Wednesday — and throughout the 40 days of Lent — ponder this prayer from an Italian sacramentary, or liturgical book: "O God, you know how fragile is our human nature, wounded as it is by sin. Help your people to enter upon the Lenten journey strengthened by the power of your word, so that we may be victorious over the seduction of the Evil One and reach the paschal feast in the joy of the Holy Spirit."



Local Cable Public Access TV Schedule:

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Tue. 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. FLC
Wed. 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. COOP
Thur. 11 a.m. Encore Pres. Sun. Trinity G.C.
Thur. 3 p.m. Encore Presentation Sun. FLC
Friday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. Zion

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, 934th 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 1st 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: Giving Cross/Lutheran World Relief Kits

New Green Weekly Sign-up Sheets are in the Narthex for Meeker Area Ministry Support. All donations stay in Meeker county helping those in need.

NO MOVIE NIGHT for March 2022 ... See you again in April

Sunday, March 27, 2022 Join us for treats at Fellowship and Coffee Hour at 9:30 a.m. celebrating Lois Volinkaty's 80th Birthday



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

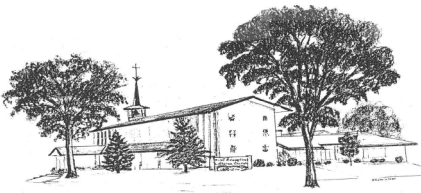
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Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich



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