



# FIRST NEWS

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

**JULY 2022**

## July 2022 Time with Tom

Love letters from God. God sends us love letters via people. God has been sending us love letters since first God created. God loves us so much God created a garden for us to live in and just wants us to love God back. Even when we turned from God, God continued to love us and send us love notes. God sent us love notes through prophets who tell us how to live and how we should love each other. God sent love notes when God gave us the poems of David we call Psalms. God gave us love notes we call the Ten Commandments. These are ten words of love we were told by Luther to study everyday. I would like you to find a way to remind yourselves of these love notes from God by putting them in front of you everyday. Using Luther's' small catechism, make notes and find a place you look every day, at the refrigerator door, a mirror or your vehicle, some location you can hang them so you do not miss them. Then read them every day until you know them and their meanings. Luther said (I paraphrase) anyone who knows the Ten Commandments knows the entire Bible. And if we know the Ten Commandments as words of love from God why wouldn't we want to know them by heart? The three tables we use to divide the ten words of love, help us to know what God is saying about loving him and our neighbor. The first table says he is our God and the only God we need because God frees us to be the people God created. God tells us when we love man-made gods we become slaves to them and are not free to live in Christ or have life eternal but we struggle our whole life serving the idols of man. When we remember to keep a day of rest we have time to love our God and show his love to our children our neighbors and our livestock by giving them rest as well. The other two tables teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves and so our neighbor can love us also. When God tells us not to kill, steal, or commit adultery he is telling us to defend and protect our neighbor and all that is our neighbors including his wife and the marriage bed. Do not covet anything sums up most of the remainders. God wants us to not long for the things we don't have but long for a relationship with God so God can give us all the things we truly need for a good life and for our neighbor to have a good life. Matthew 22<sup>nd</sup> says we should love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like the first; we should love our neighbor as ourselves. All the laws and prophet hang on these two commandments. The Ten (Words) Commandments are love notes from God so we can live in a loving relationship with God and all God **created and continues to create. Love God, and love your neighbor. What commandments will you remember? Amen,**

*Live in Peace and the God of Love and Peace will be with you! 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, June 21st, 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

\*All members present with the exception of Abby Hemmingway & Amy Nelson

\*Devotions: Karla Kadelbach

\*Secretary report was approved

\*Treasurer report was approved

### \*Pastors report:

Pastor Tom reported:

~The Co-op lay leaders continue to meet to discuss long term plans. There will be one more meeting with Trinity of Grove City. Recent meetings with Beckville, First Rural of Cosmos and Trinity of Hector all went well.

~There will be one more meeting with the MST 2022 group to finalize plans before departure to Peru in July.

~MST 2024 is still struggling to find enough participants to justify the trip. Updates will be provided if any changes arise.

~An anonymous donor secured financing to purchase the four-plex for the MAM housing. This will be better for all those involved in the future.

~FLC summer schedule is full with worship, travel, pre-marriage classes etc. Pastor Tom will be taking occasional vacation days throughout the summer. Council will be informed of the dates as needed.

### \*\*\*Team Reports:

#### \*Church Property:

~Two igniters were replaced on the cook stove in the kitchen. To avoid this issue, please put large soup pots on the back burners and not the front burners. This will help to reduce extensive heat that affect the igniters.

~Construction of the Audio-Visual lower level work area will begin the end of July or the beginning of August.

~The resurfacing of the south driveway and patching of the main parking lot area is scheduled to begin the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>.

~David Meidal will spray the weeds on the church grounds as needed.

~Rick Sandry will speak with Heidi Thoma to ask if the Confirmation participants would be willing to help with small repair and upkeep projects on the Church grounds.

~The team looked at misc. items stored in the small garage. Many of these items are no longer used. Rick Sandry will check with the appropriate people to decide what to do with these items.

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

#### \*Worship and Music:

##### \*Old Business (Worship and Music):

~Wednesday night services are held at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. This will be offered to all co-op churches but it will not be streamed on line. Greta Hulterstrum and Carol Dragt will provide accompaniment. Julie Bredeson, Amy Nelson and Heidi Thoma will fill in when Pastor Tom is not available.

~Summer Co-op Services were discussed / confirmed:

> Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:45-Beckville Picnic grounds. Pastor Megan from Trinity will lead the service. The Cedar Creek Band will provide music.

### **First Evangelical Lutheran Church Council 2022**

**PRESIDENT:**  
Corey Cervin

**VICE PRESIDENT:**  
Karla Kadelbach

**SECRETARY:**  
Dennis Gartner

**TREASURER:**  
Andy Miller

### **TEAM**

#### **REPRESENTATIVES:**

**Christian Education/  
Youth & Family:**

Joe Berube  
Abby Hemmingway  
Amy Nelson

#### **Stewardship & Finance:**

Betty Allen  
Karla Kadelbach  
Andy Miller  
Mike Langmo

**Social Ministry/  
Evangelism:**

Betty Allen  
Joe Berube  
Meredith Elj  
Abby Hemmingway  
Amy Nelson

#### **Endowment/Memorial:**

Corey Cervin  
Chuck Fenton

#### **Property:**

Dennis Gartner  
Chuck Fenton  
Gordon Burdick

#### **Worship & Music:**

Gordon Burdick  
Meredith Elj  
Mike Langmo

#### **Personnel:**

Corey Cervin

**General Fund:**

Total Income for the month of May 2022: \$22,614  
 Expenses for the month of May 2022: \$30,372

**Year to Date:**

Income as of May 2022: \$141,736  
 Expenses as of May 2022: \$161,184

*Council continued...*

- >Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> during the Meeker County Fair. 10:45 at the Band Shell. Carol will play at this service. There will not be a service at FLC on this Sunday. It is free admission day at the fair.
- >Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:45-Windmill Park in Grove City. Pastor Mark will lead the service.
- >Offerings will go to the Food Shelf and Meeker Area Ministries.

**\*New Business (Worship and Music):**

- ~A group is trying to resurrect the Tour of Churches. This would be held Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 5:00. The deadline to commit to this event is the end of July.
- ~The recent streaming issues were discussed. The team discussed obtaining a service agreement to help alleviate costs if assistance is needed. A surge protector was also discussed to protect the equipment in the future.

**\*Endowment:**

- ~The team had email correspondence to discuss a couple of items.
  - >A decision was made to cover the cost for campers attending GLLM. The fee is \$150.00 per camper.
  - >The CD that was due the end of June has been renewed. The rate will adjust monthly.

**\*Old Business:**

~150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee will meet on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Plans are moving forward as expected. The 150<sup>th</sup> celebration is scheduled for August of 2023.

~Co-op Lay leaders continue to meet and move forward with those congregations who wish to be involved.

*(#Previous Notes)*

*#Follow up to the Second Pastor discussion took place. The Executive Team met with Pastor Steve Cook from the synod to get some questions answered. This was a very informative meeting.*

*>Update: since this meeting, Pastor Cook contacted Pastor Tom to discuss an opportunity for our congregation to work with the synod in planning a "shared position" to serve as a half time Pastor for FLC and a half time "Co-op Development" position. This would be designated as a "Specialized Pastor". There may be an opportunity to receive grant money to help with funding of this position. More to come in the near future on what the next steps would be to gain more information regarding this opportunity.*

*>New Update: The Council asked Pastor Tom to contact Pastor Steve Cook to set up a meeting for him to speak to the Council and possibly to the Lay leaders of all the Churches involved in the co-op efforts.*

~Discussion continued regarding the MST advisement team. This team would help manage all of the MST group activities. This team would not be tasked with doing the hands on work of fundraising etc. It would be there to help coordinate, organize and create continuity for future groups. Potential steering committee members were discussed. A definition of the team purpose will be produced by those involved with the MST program.

~National Night Out event was planned The date will be August 2<sup>nd</sup> and FLC will again set up in Central Park. Serving hot dogs, chips and water as we have previously done. We will ask Dalen Jones to cook the hotdogs like he did at a previous event. Council members will pick up the food, water, condiments etc. Council Members have also volunteered to work at this event.

**\*New Business:**

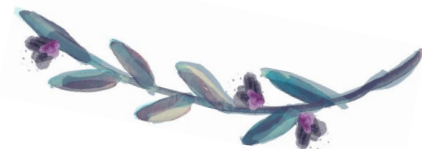
~Due to the small MST group, additional help will be needed to operate the MST Fair Stand. Please contact the Church office for more information.

~There will not be a Council meeting in July.

~Teams will meet in July on an as needed basis.

**\*Prayer requests were taken**

**\*Closing prayer was heard and the meeting was adjourned**



**\*\*\*Dates to remember:**

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

**\*In person services Sunday's at 8:30**

# Churchwide

*Council continued...*

\*Executive Team meeting TBD

\*Team meetings (As needed in July)

\*Council Meeting (No meeting in July) August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

\*Service July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:45 at Beckville Picnic Grounds

(No service at First Lutheran Church facilities)

\*MST 2022 Trip to Peru / July 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

\*National Night Out Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> / FLC set up at Central Park

\*Service at the Fair Sunday August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:45

(No services at First Lutheran Church facilities)

\*Service September 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 Windmill Park in Grove City

(No services at First Lutheran Church facilities)

Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner



## New Benches for the MST Food Stand At the Fairgrounds



Thank you to the Men's Group and Rick Sandry for their contributions and work to repair and complete the benches for the food stand. They look great!!



- Registration: 2:30 pm
- Shotgun Start: 3:00 pm
- Price: \$70.00 per golfer  
Includes GOLF CART, green fees, meal, prizes and a donation to LMM

**Friday, July 22nd, 2022**  
Redwood Falls Golf Club,  
Redwood Falls, MN

**Registration Deadline: Monday, July 18th**



### *Help Grow Leaders in Rural Ministry*

#### **Fund for Leaders Endowment**

The SW MN Synod Lutheran Men in Mission (LMM) provides seminary tuition scholarships. Recipients will have an openness and commitment to future service in rural settings.

The profit from the LMM golf tournament goes into the LMM's Fund for Leaders Endowment to help grow leaders.

Donations to the LMM Scholarship Endowment Fund are appreciated even if you are not able to participate in the Golf Tournament.



MST-USA 2023 is selling pre-sale tickets to the

**Meeker County Master Gardeners Garden Tour!!**

This year's Garden Tour will be on Tuesday, July 12 and will include 6 different gardens!!

**Tickets are \$10 and will be available for purchase in the church office.**

Contact Martha Christensen if you have any questions (320) 981-0354 and thank you for your support of MST-USA!!



Property Team  
Cleaning and Yardwork Evening

**Please join us on**

Tuesday  
July 12<sup>th</sup>

Meet at the church  
at

7 p.m.

To help clean up and do yard work for the church grounds.

Confirmation Students  
can received service hours  
for this event.

**GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING**

The Social Ministry Team invites you to drop off or pick up fresh garden veggies and fruit during the summer and fall growing season. Let us once again share our produce with one another!

*A table is located in the southeast (Sunday School) entrance.*

Thanks to all who participated last season.  
Enjoy the harvest!



# Mission

Dear friends,

Warm greetings.

As the ELCA commemorates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year I am reflecting on the adoption by the Global Mission unit at that time of the “accompaniment model” for mission defined as:

*“Walking together in solidarity, that practices interdependence and mutuality. In this walk, gifts, resources and experiences are shared with mutual advice and admonition to deepen and expand our work within God’s mission.”* The five values of *Mutuality, Inclusivity, Vulnerability, Sustainability and Empowerment* are integral to this “spirituality of the road,” to borrow a phrase from the late missiologist David Bosch.

Like the women in Mark 16:6-7, we are on the road and God is going ahead of us. God promises to meet us in a place of God’s choosing, not ours. Not knowing where we are going can be uncomfortable. Fortunately, God has given us companions for these open-ended journeys.

This past month, as ELCA regional representative in Southern Africa, I was privileged to make a visit to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Southern Africa’s Cape Orange Diocese led by Bishop MZ Manong.

I was invited to be a presenter at a Christian Educators’ training workshop held in Kimberley by the Northern Cape Circuit. It was the first time in two years that the Sunday School teachers were able to gather in person. The active participation and lively singing by the group reflected joy and commitment.



I also visited the ELCSA Central Diocesan centre in Jabavu, Soweto and met with Bishop A. Seane (second from left) and diocesan executive officers. The bishop shared some of their challenges and learnings regarding sustaining ministry in the midst of the



pandemic and the desire to strengthen our companion relationship. The ELCA has been supporting the Diakonia AIDS Ministry (DAM) program at the Diocesan centre for a number of years. The program continues to provide after-school activities, mentoring and tutoring for over 300 orphans and vulnerable children from the community, as well as psycho-social support for people living with HIV& AIDS. A large vegetable garden provides healthy food for the daily feeding program.

(The ELCA Montana Synod is a companion to the ELCSA COD and the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod is a companion to the ELCSA CD.)

Thank you for your prayers, support and your accompaniment in God’s mission locally and globally.

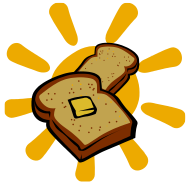
Yours faithfully,

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa / Johannesburg, June 15, 2022

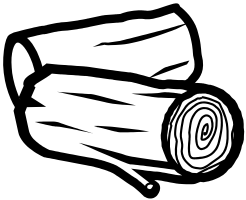
My blog page address is: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>  
Please visit my [fundraising page](#). (Note: This fundraising page is set up for individuals’ gifts only.)  
If you are donating on behalf of a congregation or organization, please visit [ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving](https://ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving)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

MST 2024 Please help support them at the following events:



**FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST**  
Sunday July 10, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Chilstrom Hall

We are looking for donations of milk, syrup, and orange Juice. If you would like to donate to this event, please sign up in the church office. Donations can be dropped off in the church kitchen by Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>.



**FIREWOOD**

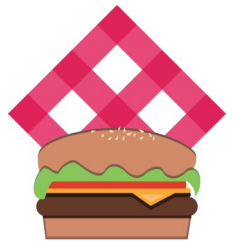
Did you know that the MST group has a supply of firewood at the Lake Ripley Campground? You can support our group by purchasing a bundle or two when you are camping or if you just need some wood for a campfire on your own property! Wood costs \$5 per bundle and can be found in a shed located in the middle of the campground.



**MEEKER COUNTY FAIR**

August 3-7

Please start thinking ahead on how you can help us at the fair. We are looking for food donations and workers.



Volunteer sign-up sheets will be in Chilstrom Hall.

**Thank you for all of your support!**

**We greatly appreciate all that you do for us! We could not get there without your support!**

~MST 2024

The Power of Kindness



No kind action ever stops with itself. One kind action leads to another. Good example is followed. A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees. The greatest work that kindness does to others is that it makes them kind themselves.

—Amelia Earhart

# Churchwide



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Karl D. Lundin**

June 23, 2022

Please keep his family and friends  
in your prayers.



Therefore let us be grateful  
for receiving a kingdom  
that cannot be shaken,  
and thus let us offer  
to God  
acceptable  
worship,  
with  
reverence  
and awe.

HEBREWS 12:28, ESV



**Holy Baptism**

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



Baptized: Sunday, June 26, 2022

**Fredrick Steven Wall**

Parents: Justin and Carmen Wall

Sponsors: Erik and Laura Peterson

## **Volunteer Opportunity**

We need readers for the 8:30 weekly  
service. We have lost 50% of our readers  
due to covid, age and disability.

Call David Meidal 612 360 8302 or  
see Judy in the office.

Thank you



# JULY 2022

July 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>First Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN	320-693-2487				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Group
<b>3</b> <u>One Service Only at:</u> 10-45 a.m. ELCA Coop Community Worship w/Comm at Lake Minnie Belle, Beckville Picnic Area	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b> of July Holiday  Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel	<b>6</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg.  7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel	<b>7</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 8:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. MST 2024 French Toast Breakfast, Chilstrom Hall 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship w/Comm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel  *7:00 p.m. Property Team Yardwork & Cleaning night	<b>13</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel	<b>14</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio  9 a.m. – 9 p.m. – 4-H Event Presentation Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Group  5:00 p.m. Movie Night, Holy Word Theater
<b>17</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship/coffee	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel	<b>20</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 7:00 p.m. Worship in Chapel	<b>21</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 1:30 p.m. WELCA 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	<b>22</b> 2:30 p.m. LMM Golf Tournament – Redwood Falls, MM 3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Quilt Review and other activities at Green Lake Bible Camp	<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Quilt Auction and other activities at Green Lake Bible Camp
<b>24</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP at FLC - On KLFD Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship/coffee	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel	<b>27</b> 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 7:00 p.m. Worship in Chapel	<b>28</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Group
<b>31</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP at FLC - On KLFD Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship/coffee  MST 2020 group returns from trip	Local Cable Access TV Schedule: Sunday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation COOP Monday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation COOP Tuesday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. First Lutheran Church Wednesday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. COOP Thursday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. Trinity Grove City Thursday 3 p.m. Encore Presentation Sun. FLC Non - Trad. Service Friday 11 a.m. Encore Presentation Sun. Zion					

# Serving Group & Birthdays

## JULY 2022 SERVING GROUP

Chairs:

**James & Elaine Lenhard**

Karen M Johnson

Michael Johnson

Robert & Sharon Johnson

Sandra Johnson

Dan & Stacy Justison

Karla Kadelbach

Aldeen & Idell Kadelbach

Robert Kadelbach

Barbara L. Keller

Heather Kepper



Heidi Kerstein

Angela Kinsella

Faye Kjolsing

Mike & Darlene Klabunde

Kipp & Lynette Kleinschmidt

Judy Kramer

Peter & Sheila Krohse

## July Ushers

8:30 a.m.

Ken Braseth – C

Tim Matheson

Mike Langmo

Dalen Jones

Karen Johnson

Meredith Elj

## July



Renee Gartner  
693-9117



### JULY 1

Lukas Christians  
David Meidal  
Marie Solem

### JULY 2

Everett Snodgrass  
Jacob Jones  
Jody Stradtman

### JULY 3

Jeffrey Daly  
Janet Lundin

### JULY 4

Wendy Danzeisen  
Mary Klosner  
Elijah Michaletz  
Grace Spanos  
Bryan Thiele

### JULY 5

Elijah Banks

### JULY 6

Michael Cziok  
Clinton Hannes  
Jane Hultstrum  
Daniel Lease  
Matthew Thomas

### JULY 7

Emma DeWolf  
Scarlette Schave

### JULY 8

Sheila Krohse  
Wayne Elam  
Katie Hultstrum  
Wesley Nelson  
Ross Seifert  
Kristine Zeppelin

### JULY 9

Whitney Dolan  
David Langmo  
Renae Olson

### JULY 10

John Anderson  
Jo Carlson  
Dean Helstrom  
Alyssa Riebe  
Devin Zeppelin

### JULY 11

Troy Anderson  
Kierra Lease  
Matthew Worden

### JULY 12

Carli Christensen  
Peter Hyberger  
Parker Laidlaw  
Nellya Nelson

### JULY 13

Declan Berube  
Brady Birch  
Paul Garrison  
Paul Harvego  
Dana Liestman  
Tiffany Husmann Mohr  
Jackie Kraushaar  
Remington Zeppelin

### JULY 14

Lauren Block  
Tait Christensen  
Brecklyn Geisler  
Alyssa Riebe  
Avasynn Rodriguez  
Corey Rueckert

### JULY 15

Stephanie Nelson  
Morgan Polzin

### JULY 16

Michael Pierce

### JULY 17

Carter Block  
Kristen Farmer  
Andrew Fruetel  
Carolyn Vollmer  
Theodore Whitcomb

### JULY 18

Nick Benson  
Alicia Findley  
Robert Hall  
Marlaina Mahlow

### JULY 19

Natalie Berglund  
James Cottington  
Levi Cottington  
Kurt Gartner  
Shasta Rueckert  
LeeAnn Hanson  
Andrew Zilch

### JULY 20

Ellainey Kinzer  
Aric Kleinschmidt

### JULY 21

Breanna Berry  
Steve Dengerud  
Logan Nelson  
Alexxis Trettin

### JULY 22

Heather Lease  
Jeffery Lundin  
Mason Peterson

### JULY 23

Mike Forster  
Marlene Herzog  
Jennifer Lundin

### JULY 24

Emma Doty  
Erick Garrison

### JULY 25

Hayley Polzin

### JULY 26

Meredith Elj  
Leann Hanson

### JULY 27

Dennis Gartner  
Delphine Kelly

### JULY 28

Mark Erickson  
Sandra Gruenke  
Caleb Herzog

### JULY 29

Beau Hanson  
Courtney Hanson  
Cassandra Justiso  
Mathew Lease  
Ashley Muchow

### JULY 30

Ryan Hickman  
Diane Konietzko  
Wayne Larson  
Gavin Nelson

### JULY 31

Helen Baldwin  
Caroline Desens  
Terry Driver

# Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

July 2022

Senior Nutrition Services



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



<b>Monday, July 4th</b> KITCHEN CLOSED	<b>Tuesday, July 5th</b> Ham & Turkey Sandwich Fresh Orange Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Wednesday, July 6th</b> Goulash Corn Tropical Fruit Bread / Margarine Low Fat Milk	<b>Thursday, July 7th</b> Brat Mashed Potatoes w/ Margarine Sauerkraut Bread w/ margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Friday, July 8th</b> Sloppy Joe Bun Cheesey Hashbrown Baked Beans Dessert Low Fat Milk
<b>Monday, July 11th</b> Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy Italian Blend Dinner Roll w/Margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Tuesday, July 12th</b> Ham Cooked Cabbage Carrots Dinner Roll / Margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Wednesday, July 13th</b> Tuna Pasta Salad Tomato Wedges Pears Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Thursday, July 14th</b> Meatloaf Au gratin Potatoes Italian Blend Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Friday, July 15th</b> Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Lettuce Salad w/ dressing Peaches Dessert Low Fat Milk
<b>Monday, July 18th</b> Salisbury Steak w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Green bean Dinner Roll w/Margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Tuesday, July 19th</b> Baked Chicken Baked Potato w/Sour Cream Peas Bread w/Margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Wednesday, July 20th</b> Taco Salad Salsa / Sour Cream Corn Chips Apple Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Thursday, July 21st</b> Chicken Salad on Crossiant Coleslaw Tropical Fruit Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Friday, July 22nd</b> Smothered Pork loin Scalloped Potatoes Corn Bread w/ Margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk
<b>Monday, July 25th</b> Turkey & Gravy over Mashed Potatoes Peas and Carrots Dinner Roll w/ Margarine Warm Fruit Crisp Lowfat Milk	<b>Tuesday, July 26th</b> Tater Tot Casserole Green Beans Warm Peaches Dinner Roll w/ Margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Wednesday July 27th</b> Ham Pasta Salad Creamy Cucumbers Cantaloupe Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Thursday July 28th</b> Swedish Meatballs Scalloped Potatoes Carrots Bread/ Margarine Dessert Low Fat Milk	<b>Friday, July 29th</b> Baked Fish Rice Pilaf Oriental Blend Warm Apple Slices Lowfat 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. Approved by Donna Dunlap RD, LD  
Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions. Menu is Subject to Change  
Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories. SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted  
If you are interested in learning about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, please call 1-800-488-4146.

320-693-6203

# Memorials & Thanks

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of Jean Hoyer (her birthday was June 13th) by Lisa Hoyer.

A gift was given to the Audio/Visual Equipment/Booth in memory of Dorothy Skappel by Bryan and Vicki Johnson.

Gifts have been given to the General fund and the Library fund in memory of Karl Lundin by Mike and Kris Nelson, Marlys Elam, Ralph and Gloria Elj, Paul and Sue Lemmer, and Gary Smith.

## Special Thanks

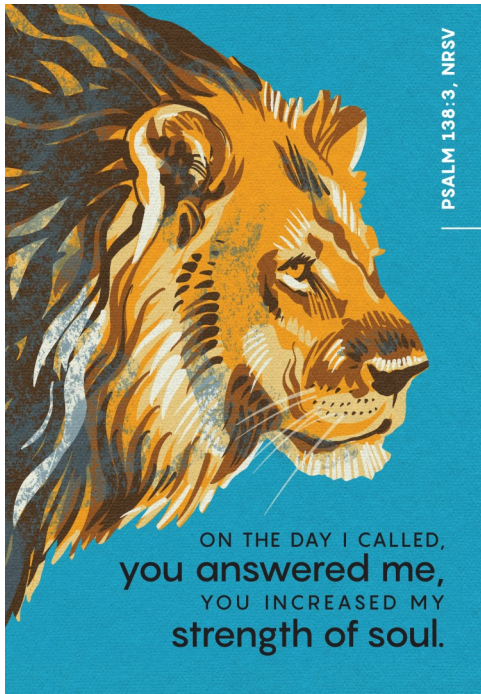
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Thank you to the quilters for the beautiful quilt. I look forward to bringing it with me to college. It will be a good reminder of the support I have received from my church family. Thank you, Greta Hulterstrum

A special thank you to everyone who came to celebrate my 98th birthday on May 23rd. You made my day very special, Florence Roeszler.

Dear Judy and First Lutheran, Thank you for making Florence's 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday one of her most memorable! She so enjoyed her celebration at First Lutheran and spending time with everyone! Thank you for making this happen, and we will see you next year! Greta Smolnisky

A Special Thanks to the May Serving Group. You are appreciated. Judy and Mark Hulterstrum, and Jerry and Lana Johnson



## A Prayer for Strength

God of inexhaustible strength and limitless energy, our refuge, strength and very present help in trouble: When even youth faint in weariness and the young fall exhausted, help us wait patiently for you to come to renew our strength, so that we will mount up with wings to soar like eagles, riding on the undercurrents of the wind of your Spirit.

You who need no slumber nor sleep, by your Holy Spirit's power keep us from all evil, safe in Jesus' nail-scarred hands. Help us never weary as we run after you and never faint as we walk in Christ's footsteps, now and forevermore. Amen.

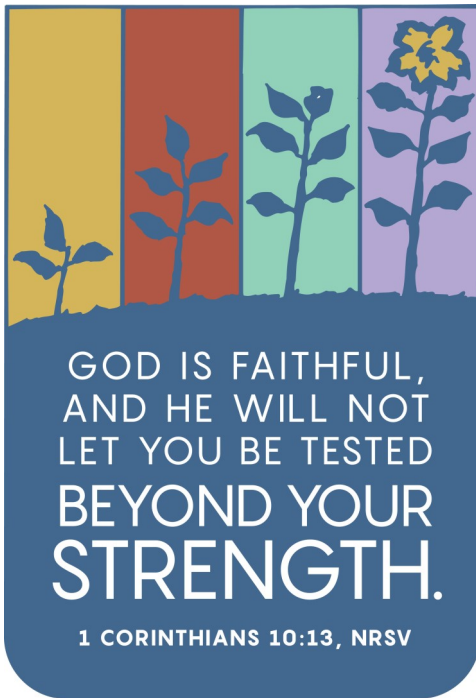
Vacation Bible School at FLC was June 5th - 7th  
Our theme was "HayDay" Growing in Friendship with Jesus.



# Youth Pages

2022 FLC Confirmation Camp., GLLM Camp House, Brimson, MN





## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. YOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME.
2. YOU SHALL NOT MAKE IDOLS.
3. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN.
4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY.
5. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.
6. YOU SHALL NOT MURDER.
7. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
8. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.
9. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.
10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET.

## The Soul as Soil

Gardeners who've dealt with inhospitable conditions can relate especially well to Jesus' parable of the sower. Drought, invasive critters and thorny weeds often seem to conspire against growers' efforts. Yet when seeds fall on "good soil," the crop yield is abundant — up to a hundred times what was sown (Matthew 13:8).

That parable emphasizes the need for hearts to be receptive to God's Word. But it's also a reminder to plant Scripture persistently. Just as soil and weather conditions change, so may someone's attitude toward following Jesus. Pastor J. Ellsworth Kalas writes, "Whenever we serve as witnesses to the faith, we must do so with all earnestness, because one doesn't know the season in which the soul currently abides. That uninterested, distracted or unresponsive person may be nearer the Kingdom than we — or they — realize." Kalas adds, "We dare not give up on anyone at any time — including ourselves."



## Churchwide

THE 38TH ANNUAL  
**QUILT  
AUCTION**



**GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN**  
ministries

### **The 38th Annual Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Quilt Auction events:**

#### **Friday July 22:**

Quilt Review - 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Silent Auction opens at 3:00 p.m.

Hotdish Supper - 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Beachfront Concert - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### **Saturday July 23:**

Quilt Review 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Bounce House 10:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Pulled Pork Lunch - 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Live Auction  
begins - 12:00 p.m.

Silent Auction Closes - 4:00 p.m.

On-Line Quilt Auction closes - 5:00 p.m. Fresh Doughnuts  
and Concessions available throughout the weekend!

Meals \$9.00 per person

Quilt Review \$3.00 per person

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### **Invitation to All Women of First Evangelical Lutheran Church**

Patti Hauer, of All Saints Lutheran Church of Darwin will tell of her

“Angel Dress Program”

Thursday, July 21, 2022

1:30 p.m. in Chilstrom Hall

She will be telling and showing her Angel Dresses that are sewn from satin wedding dresses. She has a group of ladies who sew these dresses, which is thousands, and sent to hospitals throughout Minnesota and are used on preemie or still born babies as they enter the final resting place.

This project is truly an Act of Love. Be sure to come and hear her tell of the project she's very passionate about.



## WELCA MINUTES

### Thursday, June 16, 2022

WELCA met on Thursday, June 16, at 1:30 p.m. in Chilstrom Hall. Betty Allen called the meeting to order and the Purpose Statement was read by all.

Betty Allen gave devotions. The Secretary's report was read. Motion by Lana Johnson, second by Dee Bollin, to approve. Motion carried. The Treasurer's report was read. Motion by Kris Nelson, second by Dianne Thorp to approve. Motion carried.

Barb Loch, our speaker for the meeting regarding voting procedures, was unable to attend due to a conflict. We will try to get her to come for our September meeting.

#### Old Business:

The three kitchen floor mats have arrived! There is one in front of the double sinks, the handwashing sink, and in front of the dishwasher.

Betty requested that we look into having a fan installed by the dishwasher in the kitchen. We need to check if that would meet code.

#### New Business:

Due to excessive heat, the food placed in the Blessing Box by the South entryway, has been moved inside to the entryway.

August Fun Meeting: Ideas were talked about regarding what to do for the Fun Meeting. An idea included going out to eat as a group to Cokato or Hutchinson. If anyone has an idea of what to do or where to go, please contact Betty Allen.

There was discussion regarding using the disposable cups for coffee hour and other events. These have become very expensive and can be difficult to find. Do we continue to purchase these or do we go back to using regular cups and the dishwasher? Also, do we continue to purchase treats for coffee hour on Sunday mornings or make treats. This is a personal choice. Treats will continue to be purchased by the church unless someone prefers to bake. If individuals would like to bake items, please notify Betty as she orders the purchased items one week ahead.

The Lord's Prayer was recited and the Table Prayer was said.

Gladys Johnson and Marilyn Swanson will serve for the July Meeting.

Dessert was served by JoAnn Lindstrom and Millie Neitzel. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Kraushaar, Acting Secretary.



Marilyn Swanson from FLC made this beautiful quilt for the GLLM Auction this year.

# Churchwide



## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, July 3, 2022

10:45 a.m. Beckville Lutheran Church Picnic Grounds, along Lake Minnie Belle.

### Wednesday, July 6, 2022

7:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion in Chapel

### Sunday, July 10, 2022

8:00 a.m. MST 2024 French Toast Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, July 13, 2022

7:00 p.m. Worship w/Communion in Chapel

### Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, July 20, 2022

7:00 p.m. Worship in Chapel

### Sunday, July 24, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, July 27, 2022

7:00 p.m. Worship in Chapel

### Sunday, July 31, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour



### Local Cable Public 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
Thu.	11 a.m. Encore Pres.	Sun. Trinity G.C.
Thu.	3 p.m. Encore Presentation	Sun. FLC
Fri.	11 a.m. Encore Presentation	Sun. Zion

## Preparation for Worship

God of freedom, I pray for the time when all "earth and heaven [will] ring ... with the harmonies of liberty" (James W. Johnson).

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It's the middle of summer, Creator God. Nourish growth in my heart as you do crops in fields and produce in gardens this time of year. Amen.

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Dear Jesus, sometimes I'm like Mary and sometimes Martha. Whether I'm quietly listening or busily serving, remind me that you are the "one thing" I need (Luke 10:42). Amen.

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Author of Life, write your words on the hearts of all who gather here, that our lives may tell the story of your love for all the world.

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God, may each worshiper here know your love. Show me how to bless someone with your care this week.



## MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, July 16, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie: The Accidental Missionary

Please join us for a good movie and popcorn.

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: MST Costa Rica

### Oxygen for Ministry



Flight attendants instruct airplane passengers that if oxygen masks are needed, we should secure our own before assisting someone else. Why? If we aren't getting enough oxygen ourselves, we can't help another person for long.

The Holy Spirit empowers Christians for ministry — the work of loving and caring for our neighbors and God's creation. But if we aren't Spirit-fueled on an ongoing basis, we will soon lack capacity to serve. This may manifest as burnout, cynicism, exhaustion or even lack of faith. So how to ensure we're breathing in the Spirit's energy and guidance instead of poor-quality "air"?

By taking part in corporate worship regularly, immersing ourselves in the Scriptures (devotional reading and Bible study), praying "continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NIV) and spending time with Christian friends and mentors. Opening ourselves to the Spirit in these ways allows the Breath of God to flow into us, which in turn empowers us to reach out to others in love.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

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

Meeker Manor: Mary Klosner, Lois Rusch

Emmaus Place: Mae Brehmer

Bethany Home: Janet Lundin

Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich, Darlene Miller

Lakeside, Dassel: Martin and Edna Oldenburg



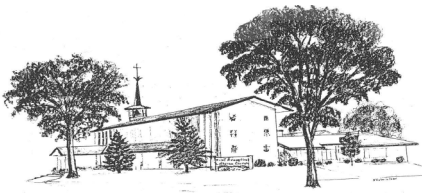
Be still, Receive God's Love, Embrace God's Word, Welcome the Day.

**B.R.E.W.**

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

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10:45 AM

ELCA CO-OP  
Worship Service at  
Lake Minnie Belle

Beckville Church Picnic Grounds  
61356 194th St, Litchfield, MN 55355

Bring your lawn chairs

