

FIRST NEWS

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

JUNE 2022

June 2022 Time with Tom

Paul's letters called epistles go out to the churches some of which he personally had visited, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. With so many different people and different understandings of what Paul was teaching, it is not surprising they misinterpreted the truth he was trying to convey (Jesus Resurrection). To this day we have many faith and worship practices that proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and the love of God. We continue to argue over the details of worship; what is proper or not. In most churches we pray to the God who created the heavens and the earth. We profess a faith in the Son of God and the Spirit of God. We together believe in loving our neighbor and caring for the poor, the sick and the homeless and the imprisoned.

How we worship does not change the love we have for our God or for our neighbor. Who we love should not change how we worship. Matthew's gospel tells us; ³⁶Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? ³⁷He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." ³⁸This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." If all the laws and all the prophets hang on these two commandments it should tell us this is for all people who believe. Luke adds his understanding of Jesus' response; *Jesus said; you have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.*" We know what we are supposed to do for our neighbor and what we should do as God's people, if we seek council in the scriptures and are looking for details about what is the right thing to do? The letters of Paul are sent to specific communities about specific issues or blessings. We may have some of the same problems as the people Paul was writing. But for truth and help we seek God, study the gospels and pray to the God of all. The God who created all and gives to all will come to us when we ask in Jesus name. Don't fall into the argument about how to worship or you may fall into the hands of the evil one who is waiting like a lion ready to devour his prey. God longs for a good relationship with each of us. God also longs for us to be in good relationships with each other. Look to the things we have in common and share the Good News of Jesus Christ so we too can be in Christ in all we do. The letters are for education and guidance, the gospel is for our proclaiming, spread the Good News to all people. How can we love our neighbor today? Be a witness of Jesus Christ to all. Amen, *Live in Peace and the God of Love and Peace will be with you!*
2nd Cor.13:11b

Pastor Tom Evenson

Our mission: First Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to **welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ; **equip** persons with a faith that works in real life; and **send** us in service into the world in Jesus' name.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Mon. - Thur. 8 AM - 4:30 PM
Fri. 8 AM - 12 PM
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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:
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 Hemingway
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

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 17th, 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.

*Devotions: Mike Langmo

*Secretary report was approved

*Treasurer report was approved

*Pastors report:

Pastor Tom reported:

~The Co-op lay leaders continue to meet and discuss future organization possibilities and goals. Updates will be provided as other congregation lay leaders meet.

~MST 2024 efforts have only found 2 families willing to serve at this point. Pastor Tom would like to offer this to a wider age group to grow this group to 10 families willing to serve.

>Update: Trinity of Grove City has asked to get more information about the MST program.

~Visitation Pastor Mark continues to visit the less mobile members of the congregation and reports to Pastor Tom that his visits are going as expected.

~A virtual meeting of the Synod Assembly will be held at 9:00AM to 6:00PM Saturday June 11th. Four voting members are needed to attend.

~Pastor Tom led prayers for the local law enforcement gathering on Tuesday 05-17-22.

~There will be a slight change in the KLFD radio broadcast schedule. FLC will broadcast live on only the 4th Sunday of the month beginning in May.

>Update: This is still a work in progress. We will get updates as schedules get confirmed.

***Team Reports:

*Church Property:

~New phone system is installed and operating. Still a few items being worked out regarding the internet service.

~The planning of the construction of the Audio-Video work area was discussed.

Coordination with the technology company to move the equipment is being planned.

Beginning to get the plan detailed and working with a contractor to spearhead the project.

~Ceilings in the hallways, Old Chilstrom Hall, and entry are in progress.

~We reviewed an estimate on parking lot work and agreed to proceed with the project. The project will be divided into two portions. The south driveway will be overlaid with blacktop and the main parking lot will be patched as needed in 2022. The parking lot will be seal coated and re-stripped in early summer of 2023 so it looks good for the 150th celebration.

~We picked up some free chairs for the Sunday School area from the Litchfield Schools.

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

*Worship and Music:

*Old Business (Worship and Music):

~Wednesday night services will be held at FLC beginning June 1st at 7:00 PM. This will be offered to all co-op churches but it will not be streamed on line.

~Summer worship schedule was discussed. Co-op Memorial Day service will be held Sunday May 29th at 10:45 at the fairgrounds in the Band Shell. FLC will be in charge of this service.

~There will be a service planned during the fair on August 7th.

*New Business (Worship and Music):

~Other summer Co-op Services were discussed / confirmed:

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Total Income for the month of April 2022: \$39,319
 Expenses for the month of April 2022: \$33,620

Income as of April 2022: \$141,736
 Expenses as of April 2022: \$130,812

> Sunday July 3rd, 10:45-Beckville Picnic grounds. Pastor Megan from Trinity will preach. The Cedar Creek Band will provide music.

>Sunday September 4th, 10:45-Windmill Park in Grove City. Pastor Mark will preach.

>Offerings will go to the Food Shelf and Meeker Area Ministries.

~MST International 2024 was discussed. Lack of participation was the main topic. How to engage students and families and how to proceed in the future were discussed.

*Christian Education:

~Sunday School classes have been completed for the school year.

~Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 5th – 7th 5:30 to 7:30 at FLC. The curriculum has been decided upon and plans are in place.

*Endowment:

~The team met with Marc Terris from Merrill Lynch to review investment performance. Minor adjustments were discussed and were put in place.

*Old Business:

~150th Anniversary committee met in April and plans are moving forward as expected. The 150th celebration is scheduled for August of 2023.

~Co-op Lay leaders continue to meet and will be meeting with Beckville and Trinity representatives.

~Some new members will be joining on New Member Sunday May 22nd. Potluck was briefly discussed to confirm plans and availability of workers to set up and clean up.

~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 Business:

~National Night Out event was discussed. The date will be August 2nd and FLC will again try to set up in Central Park. Serving hot dogs, chips and water as we did last year.

~A discussion was held regarding the possibility of creating an additional team (or board) to oversee the MST program. This team would not be structured to do the work of MST, but rather to be a guiding sector to assist with planning and organization of the MST program. They could be hands on with planning as needed. As it stands now, a lot of the planning and organizing is done by Pastor Tom and a small group of volunteers. The discussion will continue at future meetings.

*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 8:30 and 10:45 (Unless noted otherwise)

*Memorial Day service Sunday May 29th at 10:45 at the Fairgrounds Bandshell
 (No services at First Lutheran Church facilities)

*Vacation Bible School June 5th > 7th / 5:30 > 7:30 at FLC

*Executive Team meeting Tuesday June 7th at 6:30 PM

*Team meetings Tuesday June 7th at 7:00 PM

*Synod Assembly Saturday June 11th via Zoom

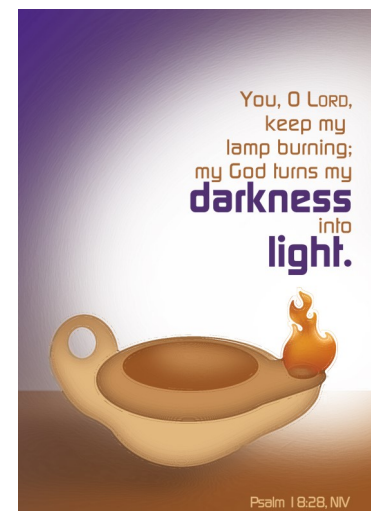
*Confirmation Camp June 12th > 16th Camphouse, Brimson MN

*Council Meeting Tuesday June 21st at 7:00 PM

*Service July 3rd at 10:45 at Beckville Picnic Grounds

*Service September 4th at 10:45 Windmill Park in Grove City
 (No services at First Lutheran Church facilities)

Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner





**Vacation Bible School
For ages 3 yrs to 6th grade
@ First Lutheran Church Litchfield**

June 5, 6, and 7

5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Meal served at 5:30 p.m.

All Are Welcome

**A link to the registration form will be on our
Facebook page or
register in person the first night of VBS**



If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please call the church office at 320-693-2487. Thank you!!

WELCOME

New Members



Andrew (AJ), Nicole, Ridley and Melissa Geffre.



Matthew Jensen, with his fiancé, Samantha Larson, and Scarlette and Jasmine



Cindy Hill

Mission

Dear friends,

Over the past two years, communities in Southern Africa have been hard hit by disasters including cyclones, floods, drought and the COVID-19 pandemic. Lives have been lost and livelihoods affected especially among the poor and most vulnerable.

With financial assistance from ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR) the Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) hosted a training workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa for bishops and church leaders from member churches in the region. The workshop focused on developing knowledge and competency regarding disaster response and psychosocial support. (The Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa is the sub-regional expression of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) with fifteen member churches across ten countries.)

The theme for the conference was taken from Acts 20:28, "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God." The bishops talked about the emotional and financial difficulties faced by their pastors and congregations



during the pandemic lockdowns and of the challenges, as bishops, of being a pastor to pastors when movement and in-person meetings, including funerals, were restricted and communication and income severely limited. The bishops also shared how they are learning new ways of communicating, meeting, worshipping, serving and being church.

I was honored to be invited to be one of the presenters at the bishops' workshop. We learned about hazards, risk assessment, vulnerability, exposure, disaster preparedness, response and resilience. We explored our own experiences of loss and grief and general guidelines for psychosocial and pastoral support. We looked at some theological resources to help "wounded healers" listen, manage stress and nurture healing and hope for those who have been traumatized.



Bishop Joseph Bvumbwe of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Malawi and president of LUCSA expressed appreciation to the ELCA for supporting and accompanying LUCSA and the bishops and church leaders of the member churches during this time.

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, May 21, 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 for online giving.

Taken from: CELC

Ukrainian Lutheran Church

The year 1939 turned out to be a tragedy for the church. Leaders of the ULC were arrested and killed by the KGB, literature was confiscated, and a lot of faithful died in prisons and concentration camps. Pastor Mykhailo Tymchuk managed to emigrate to the USA, taking along a couple of confessional books. He had a dream to someday return to Ukraine and revive the Church. Unfortunately, he died in emigration. However, shortly before his death, he gave his blessing to representatives of the Thoughts of Faith mission society.

Since 1979, this mission society has started activity to revive the Ukrainian Lutheran Church, which was destroyed by the communist regime. At the same time, Thoughts of Faith, just as its predecessors did, promoted the course of the revival of Ukrainian independence.

Since Ukraine declared its independence in 1991, ULC congregations have been organized in Kyiv, Lviv, Ternopil, Kremenets, Zaporizhzhya, Sevastopol, Simferopol, Kharkiv, Mykolayiv, Kherson, Mariupol, and other towns in Ukraine. They are preaching the evangelical truth, following the example of Pastor Teodor Yarchuk and other church fathers. In 1996, the ULC Episcopate was officially registered. The church continues ancient evangelical traditions of preaching and the revival of Ukrainian spirituality. Young pastors, future preachers of the church, receive their education at the Ukrainian Lutheran Theological Seminary of St. Sophia, which is located in Ternopil, Western Ukraine.

The church is not involved in the political life of the country. However, through its educational, humanitarian activities and through the revival of spiritual values, the ULC contributes to the strengthening of the democratic Ukrainian state.

Church Body Statistics

Members: 2,500

Established Congregations: 24

Mission Congregations: 12

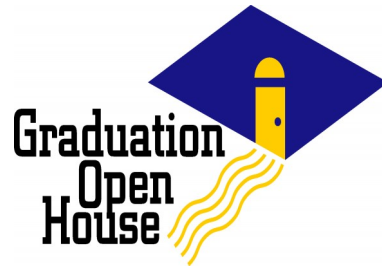
National Pastors: 18

SEED—The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God’s Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with “faith the size of a mustard seed” (Luke 17:6, NRSV).

Many of Jesus’ teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God’s Word, can grow only when people hear it, “hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance” (Luke 8:15, NRSV).



Churchwide



Graduation Open House Gavin Nelson

Please join us at our home on
Friday, June 3rd from
5:30-8:30 to celebrate!
710 Pleasant View Lane;
Litchfield

Graduation Party Celebrating Ben Blomberg

Saturday, June 4
9am - noon
at the Blombergs
24835 608th Avenue



Holy Baptism

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



Baptized: Sunday, May22, 2022

Ella Ruth Eberling

Parents: Tanner and Samantha Eberling
Sponsors: Stephenie Jimenez & Stefano Miranda

*"The LORD make his
face shine upon you ...
and give you peace."*

Numbers 6:25-26, NIV

JUNE 2022


June 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487			1 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	2 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 2:00 p.m. Ecumen Worship with Communion 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	3	4 7:00 a.m. Men's Group
5 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship/coffee 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. VBS	6 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. VBS	7 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 2:00 p.m. Worship at Meeker Manor 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. VBS 5:30 a.m. Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel 6:30 p.m. Exec. Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Team Meetings	8 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	9 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	10 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's mtg	11 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. SW Synod Assembly, Meeting for FLC in Chilstrom Hall
12 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship/coffee *Students and Pastor Tom leave for confirmation camp	13	14 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel	15 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 7:00 p.m. Worship/Chapel	16 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 1:30 p.m. WELCA 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel Confirmation campers return	17	18 7:00 a.m. Men's Group 5:00 p.m. Movie Night, Holy Word Theater
19 Father's Day 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship/coffee	20	21 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council	22 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	23 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	24	25
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June Serving Group & Birthdays

JUNE 2022 SERVING GROUP	Diane Housman
Chairs:	Cecile Hoyer
Howard & Laurie Koehn	Eric & Kayla Hulterstrum
Steve & Jackie Kraushaar	John & Katie Hulterstrum
Andy Hoffmann	Harold (Hal) & LaVonne Huso
Donald & Mary Hokanson	Rocky & Karla Hyberger
Barb Holmberg	Derek Isaacson
Iris Holmgren	Dan & Brenda Johnson
Mark & Jayne Holmgren	Daniel & Robin Johnson
	Dan E. Johnson
	David & Myra Johnson
	Gladys Johnson
	Gordon & Darla Johnson

June Ushers
8:30 a.m.
 Jerry Johnson - C
 John Carlson
 Jason Michels
 Steve Durkee
 Desiree Birch

June



Karen Eberhard
 693-7190



JUNE 1
 Ashley Christopherson
 Weston DeWolf
 Douglas Forster
 Christina Haas
 Leo Ludowese
 Carol Muske
 Randall Reinke
JUNE 2
 Madison Hacker
 Richard Heath
 Robert Sackett
JUNE 3
 Kalle Cervin
 Shannon Manning
 Stacy Sandstrom
 Elizabeth Schmidt
 John Schmitz
 Susan Steinhaus
 Breanna Whitcomb
 Merry Schmidt
JUNE 4
 David Johnson
 Kyle Rueckert
 Chris Thompson
JUNE 5
 Jadyne Deitchman
 Clarissa Miller
JUNE 6
 Taylor Draeger
 Esmerelda Giang
 Barb Piepenburg

JUNE 7
 Aaron Fitzloff
 Travis Miller
 Timothy Nelson
JUNE 8
 Whitney Rick
 Carol Rowell
 Lillian Scheuermann
 Ruthann Sutter
 Izabella Wagner
JUNE 9
JUNE 10
 Casey Birch
 Jesse Birch
 Kristine Grotto
 Quinten Whitcomb
 Shane Zeppelin
JUNE 12
 Lydia Asmus
 Keith Fredrickson
JUNE 13
 Karen Frank
 Jordan Hanson
JUNE 14
 Julie Fredrickson
 Sandra Gabrielson
 Robert Powers
 Brad Silverberg

JUNE 15
 Barbara Keller
 Julie Ross
 Douglas Sherwood
JUNE 16
 Michael Watts
JUNE 17
 Logan Bailey
 Tanner Eberling
 Richard Fiting
 Esmerelda Giang
 Gerry Klimstra
 Lucas Miller
 Janet Nelson
JUNE 18
 Devin Alsleben
 Jodi Findley
 Dr. Daniel Johnson
 Kelly Lemmer
 Justin Thoma
JUNE 19
 Brooks Dengerud
 Abigail Adams
 Emily Gaulrapp
JUNE 20
 Sylvia Baumgartner
 Lisa Hoyer
 Ashton Nelson
 Tyler Peterson
 Mason Quast
 Charisse Triche

JUNE 21
 Daniel Carlson
 Gary Cervin
 Brooks Nelson
JUNE 22
 Benjamin Blomberg
 Erick Hanson
 Russell Kronbeck
JUNE 23
 James Anderson II
 Robert Frank
JUNE 24
 Delzelle Busse
 Aubrey Gabrielson
 Ryan Hawes
 Jayden Hoecke
 Lana Johnson
 Judy Quale
JUNE 25
JUNE 26
 John Carlson
 Anna Durkee
 Jennifer Madsen
 Nickolas Peterson
JUNE 27
 Allison Hoffmann
 Mark Holmgren
JUNE 29
 Rebecca Elj
 Lacy Jo Johnson
 Mike Klabunde
 Alexandra Stewart

JUNE 30
 Lori Ballard
 Mitchell Elj
 Kaleb Hanson
 Shirley Kronbeck
 Aliza Laidlaw
 Jeremy Sanden

Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

June 2022

Senior Nutrition Services

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

Monday, June 6th	Tuesday, June 7th	Wednesday, June 8th	Thursday, June 9th	Friday, June 10th
Orange Chicken	Goulash	Ham & Turkey Chef Salad	Pepper Steak/Liver	Fish Patty w/Tarter Sauce
Brown Rice	Peas	Bread Stick	Mashed Potato w/Gravy	Bun
Oriental Vegetables	Tropical Fruit	Fresh Orange	Carrots	Cheesy Hashbrown
Mandarin Oranges	Garlic Bread Stick	Dessert	Dinner Roll/Margarine	Baked Beans
Dessert	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Dessert
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, June 13th	Tuesday, June 14th	Wednesday, June 15th	Thursday, June 16th	Friday, June 17th
Chef Choice entrée	Ham w/Raisin Sauce	Roast Beef	Sausage Egg Bake	Baked Ziti
vegetable	Au Gratin Potatoes	Mashed Potato w/Gravy	Broccoli	Mixed Vegetables
vegetable/fruit	Peas	California Normandy	Cinnamon Apple Sauce	Peaches
Bread	Dinner Roll/Margarine	Bread/Margarine	Homemade muffin/coffee cake	Dessert
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, June 20th	Tuesday, June 21st	Wednesday, June 22nd	Thursday, June 23rd	Friday, June 24th
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy	Baked Chicken	Lasagna	Chicken Salad on	Beef Chili w/Beans
Mashed Potato w/Gravy	Baked Potato w/Sour Cream	California Normandy	Crossiant	Romaine Salad w/Dressing
Green Beans	Italian Blend	Peaches	Coleslaw	Corn Bread w/Margarine
Bread/Margarine	Bread/Margarine	Breadstick	Tropical Fruit	Pears
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, June 27th	Tuesday, June 28th	Wednesday, June 29th	Thursday, June 30th	
Chicken Chow Mein	Swedish Meatballs	Creamy Chicken	Pork loin	
Brown Rice	Scalloped Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Candied Yam	
Oriental Vegetables	Carrots	Peas and Carrots	Broccoli	
Mandarin Oranges	Bread/Margarine	Bread/Margarine	Bread/Margarine	
Dessert	Dessert	Warm Fruit Crisp	Dessert	
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	



This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging.
 Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities, and other adult contributions.
 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 Duniap RD, LD
 SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted

320-693-6203

Memorials & Thanks

A gift was given to the Church Library in remembrance of my mother Elva Shea and her mother Betsy Johnson from Carol Rowell.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Shirley Gorman, Chuck Eberhard's sister, and Paul Evenson, Karen Eberhard's brother, by Carol Dragt, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Mike and Kris Nelson, and John and Jo Carlson.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Pastor Tom's cousin's family by Paul and Sue Lemmer, and Carol Dragt.

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of John Miller by Paul and Sue Lemmer.

Gifts were given to the General fund and Meeker Area Ministries in honor of Bob Kadelbach's 90th birthday by Jim and Elaine Lenhard, Einar Lundin, Mike and Kris Nelson, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, and Jerry and Lana Johnson.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Monte Fibranz, Desiree Birch's brother by John and Jo Carlson, and Gary Smith

Special Thanks

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

Thank you for your thoughtfulness of cards, gifts, phone calls, and visits during my hospital stay and recovery. It's been a long haul but I see better days ahead. Everett Hantge

Thank you to everyone who so willingly helped serve in May. You are so appreciated! The Lord loves a cheerful giver and so do we! Sue Hein, Bob and Norma Hall



Coming soon...MST-USA 2023 will be 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!!

WELCA MINUTES May 19, 2022

WELCA met on May 19, 2022, in Chilstrom Hall with Betty Allen calling the meeting to order. The purpose statement was recited.

Pastor Tom gave the devotions. The secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer Karen Eberhard handed out copies of the treasurer's report. Discussion was on the remaining \$125 in the Harvest Offering Fund. Flowers of Mercy has started delivering flowers again, so it was decided to send them the remaining \$125. Also, all the extra vases that have accumulated in the church will be given to them. A donation to the SW MN Women's Conference of \$200 will be mailed to them. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Marilyn Swanson made a quilt for the Green Lake Bible Camp Auction in July. We asked that she bring the quilt to the next meeting so the WELCA members get a chance to see her work.

Betty thanked our church for setting up the weekly donations to Meeker Area Ministries (MAM). The apartment building that MAM currently rents is being sold. A grant was applied for and there was a delay in processing the application. An extension was given by the seller until the end of May to see if the grant would go through. A donor stepped forward and purchased the building and gave it to Meeker Area Ministries along with extra money to fix some plumbing issues. This is just one example of how God is working in our community!

May is Mental Health Month. Our program was a discussion of all the different types of mental struggles people face. We hope that people will not be ashamed to ask for any type of help they need. We also talked about Caregivers and their need for a break from their 24/7 care. Offer to stay with their loved one—even if it is just for an hour or two to give the Caregiver a well-deserved break. We have to educate people as to how they can help those who struggle with mental health. It is NOT something that we can tell them to “snap out of it.” It doesn't work that way!! LEARN how to help!!

Barb Loch will be the speaker at our June 16th meeting.

The Lord's Prayer was recited and the table prayer was given.

Dessert was served by Jackie Kraushaar and Sue Lemmer

Respectively submitted,
Sue Lemmer, Secretary

<p style="text-align: center;">WELCA June 16, 2022 1:30 P.M. Guest Speaker: Barb Loch - Meeker County Auditor Discussing elections and voting regulations. All are welcome. Bring a guest!</p>

Churchwide



Worship Schedule

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

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

Sunday, June 5, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

5:30 p.m. Youth Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 6, 2022

5:30 p.m. Youth Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

5:30 p.m. Youth Vacation Bible School

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

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

Sunday, June 12, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

7:00 p.m. Worship in Chapel

Sunday, June 19, 2022 * Father's Day

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

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

Sunday, May 26, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

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



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
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

Special dates in June

- Pentecost, June 5, 2022
- Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022
- Flag Day, June 14, 2022
- Father's Day, June 19, 2022
- Juneteenth, June 19, 2022
- First day of summer, June 21, 2022



On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, June 18, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

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, 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

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Sharing God's kingdom

When Jesus, in the Nazareth synagogue, read from Isaiah, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news" (Luke 4:18) and declared the prophecy fulfilled, "all spoke well of him" (v. 22). But when he then said God's favor was not *just* for Israel, they grew angry. How quickly we can change our minds about leaders — sometimes in the span of a short sermon! Yet Jesus simply meant that God's grace is so plentiful we can share it without fearing that if others benefit, we won't.

It's been said you can't share light without some falling on your own path. Ministers can't baptize new followers of Christ without getting wet themselves. And neither will any of us miss out on the kingdom of God if we opt to share it with others — both in and beyond our community, people similar to and different from us.

What is Jesus challenging us to do right now? If it's something that benefits others, we'd do well to peel off from the angry mob (vv. 28-29) and think again. Perhaps not just a human being but the Spirit of the Lord is announcing good news in our hearing today.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers,

Meeker Manor: Mary Klosner, Lois Rusch

Emmaus Place: Mae Brehmer

Gloria Dei: Janet Lundin

Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich, Darlene Miller

Lakeside, Dassel: Martin and Edna Oldenburg



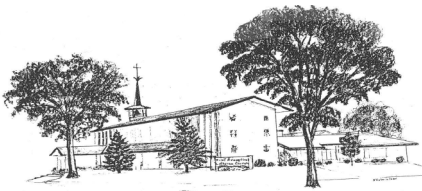
Be still, Receive God's Love, Embrace God's Word, Welcome the Day.

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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Starting June 1, 2022

Sunday Worship Service: 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday Evening Service:
7:00 p.m. in the chapel