

FIRST NEWS

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

MAY 2022

MAY 2022 Time with Tom

The month of May, a time when the fields should already be showing signs of growth. Early spring gets us motivated to move quickly and gives us a hopeful outlook to harvest. We are a church that lives in hope and the earthly things around us can motivate us. Being motivated is okay if the motivation is for the wellbeing of others and not at the expense of the poor or the homeless.

Paul had to write to the churches often to remind them of their call as a church. The church is not self-serving, the church is not a place to boast or brag. The church has requirements that are set not by humans but by God. *Micah 6:8 says: "he has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your Lord"*. The church often loses focus and turns in on itself. Paul also tells the church to be less concerned with personal gifts and more concerned with love. Gifts of the Spirit are good but the better is to have love. Love as a gift from God comes from a cross and an empty tomb. Love for our neighbor can often times feel like we are persecuted or alone and usually a little of both. God loves us so much he sent his son to show us what true love is and we killed him.

We should take the opportunity in our motivation of hope and share it with others. When we see green fields we are reminded of what God does for us, out of love. We have all we need everyday because God loves us. We can share all we have because that is what God tells us to do. Let our motivation be for the love of our neighbor.

As individuals we make up the church but together our gifts can make the world a better place. Share your gift of love with all people and remember what is required of you as you watch the fields turn green with God's love for all his creation. May can be a beautiful time of year, an example of God's love blooming all around us.

Amen. Live in Peace and the God of Love and Peace will be with you!

2nd Cor. 13:11.

Pastor Tom Evenson

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

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Council Highlights

**“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”**

**First Evangelical Lutheran
Church Council
2022**

PRESIDENT:
Corey Cervin

VICE PRESIDENT:
Karla Kadelbach

SECRETARY:
Dennis Gartner

TREASURER:
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

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes
Tuesday, April 19th, 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: Joe Berube, Chuck Fenton and Andy Miller

*Devotions: Andy Miller (Andy missed the meeting but sent the devotions chosen to Pastor Tom)

*Rochelle Brummond representing the temporary housing portion of Meeker Area Ministries (MAM) program gave the council a brief overview of how the program operates. She discussed some of the history as well as some of the circumstances that may cause people to be in need of this temporary housing. She also discussed the current housing they have in place and plans to grow the availability to meet greater needs. The program is designed to offer a “hand up”, not just a “hand out”. We intend to have Rochelle address the congregation at a later date. You can find a way to support this local mission in the narthex of the church or contact the church office for more information.

*Secretary report was approved

*Treasurer report was approved

*Pastors report:

Pastor Tom reported:

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

~MST 2022 group held the Easter breakfast fund raiser. This was the last scheduled fundraiser for this group.

~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.

~Easter services all went well and were well attended. Pastor Tom expressed his appreciation for all those who participated and helped with the services.

~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.

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

***Team Reports:

*Church Property:

~After some clarification, the phone system is scheduled to be installed beginning in late April. Training will follow for those who are involved.

~An updated written estimate from D&F Electric was reviewed for the lighting relating to the new ceilings being installed.

~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.

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

*Worship and Music:

*Old Business (Worship and Music):

~A previous Lay leaders Co-op meeting was discussed in detail.

~Easter schedule was reviewed and plans for services solidified.

~Soup supper for the music groups was discussed.

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Total Income for the month of February 2022:	\$25,676	Income as of February 2022:	\$68,440
Expenses for the month of February 2022:	\$30,239	Expenses as of February 2022:	\$63,779
Total Income for the month of March 2022:	\$33,977	Income as of March 2022:	\$102,417
Expenses for the month of March 2022:	\$33,413	Expenses as of March 2022:	\$97,192

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

- ~New Member Sunday will be held on May 22nd. One service at 8:30 will be held. There will be a potluck brunch after the service. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share.
- ~High School Senior class of 2022 recognition will be held on May 15th. Students can attend either service. Cake will be served at coffee between services.
- ~A Co-op Memorial weekend service was discussed. First Lutheran will be in charge of the location and the planning of this event.
- ~Discussions continued regarding bringing back the Wednesday evening services as well as the Sunday summer worship schedule. TBD

***Christian Education:**

- ~There are two confirmation classes left, April 20th and April 27th.
- ~There are two Sunday school classes left, April 24th and May 1st.
- ~Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be June 5th – 7th. Heidi is sending a letter to the Co-op churches to ask students to join VBS.

***Old Business:**

- ~150th Anniversary committee is meeting April 20th. The 150th celebration is scheduled for August of 2023.
- ~Co-op Lay leaders continue to meet.

***New Business:**

- ~New Member Sunday date change was discussed
- ~Second Pastor discussion took place. A motion was made and passed to contact the Synod for direction in this matter. This process will begin with first, the determination of “a need for a second pastor” and if so, “what role we wish to fill” with this position. This could also correlate with the Lay leader Co-op efforts with the other churches involved.

***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**

***Confirmation classes are Wednesday’s at 6:00 PM**

***First Communion Sunday April 24th**

***Executive Team meeting Tuesday May 3rd at 6:30 PM**

***Team meetings Tuesday May 3rd at 7:00 PM**

***High School Senior recognition Sunday May 15th at 8:30 & 10:45 services**

(Cake served between services)

***Council meeting Tuesday May 17th at 7:00 PM**

***Communion Luncheon May 18th at 11:00 AM**

***New Member Sunday May 22nd at 8:30 service (one service only)**

(Potluck brunch after service)

***Memorial Day weekend service Sunday May 29th at the Meeker County Fairgrounds at 10:45**

(No services at First Lutheran Church facilities)

***Virtual Synod Assembly June 11th**

***Confirmation Camp June 12th > 16th at Camphouse near Brimson MN**

Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner

2022 High School Seniors

Congratulations to the Class of 2022



Justin Thoma, son of
Jon and Heidi Thoma



Taylor Draeger, daughter of
Stefany Butler, and
Matthew Draeger



Braxton Kerstein, son of
Eric and Heidi Kerstein



Benjamin Blomberg, son of
Robert and Jennifer Blomberg



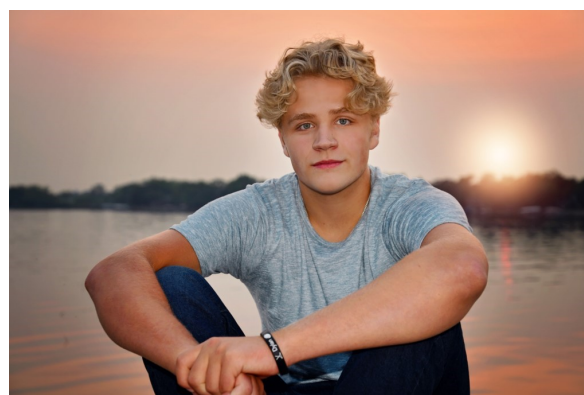
Gavin Nelson, son of
Robert and Amy Nelson



Ryan Schutz, son of
Ricky Schutz and Janelle Haiwick



Greta Hulterstrum, daughter of
John and Katie Hulterstrum

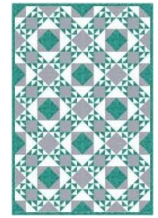


Jack Kuechle, son of
Todd and Sarah Kuechle

Not pictured, *Daniel Estrada, son of
Becky Estrada and Daniel Estrada
*Casey Hoff, son of
Scott and Theresa Hoff



New Member Orientation:
Wednesday, May 18th at 7:00 PM
New Member Sunday:
May 22nd at 8:30 AM
Potluck Brunch following service
in Chilstrom Hall



High School Senior Recognition
& Quilt Service
Sunday, May 15, 2022
at both services
8:30 a.m. or
10:45 a.m.



Meeker County Food Shelf -
Pack the Pews for March 2022.
First Lutheran Family donated
825 pounds of food
and \$1,356 in monetary donations.
Thank you everyone!



Vacation Bible School (VBS)
will be June 5th – 7th

More details will be available soon
Watch for information in the church worship bulletins
and on our Facebook page

God's hands

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."

Mission

Dear friends,

After two years of restricted movement due to the Corona virus pandemic the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia is on the move again. (Recently I was able to visit Zambia together with Rev. Dr. Elitha Moyo, ELCA Regional Representative for Gender Justice and Programs.)

The long planned for construction of a church head office, sanctuary and parsonage started with a groundbreaking ceremony and clearing of the building site at Matero Parish in Lusaka. The church building committee has been hard at work getting all the necessary permits, approving architect's plans and hiring a building contractor. They are hoping for completion of the project before the end of the year.



At Kamwala Parish the LUCSA Infohut Project is ready to begin. The Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) Infohut Project aims for an HIV&AIDS free generation and is designed to teach young people computer skills and life skills in a six-month long intensive course. In the afternoons students and members of the community can make use of the computers and internet.



The ELCZa recently welcomed ELCA missionary Pastor Kristin Engstrom to serve as Facilitator of Leadership Development and Capacity Building. Preaching on Palm Sunday Pastor Engstrom encouraged the women to wave their chitenge cloths in the air, just like those who shouted "Hosanna!" waved palm branches when Jesus entered Jerusalem riding on a donkey.



Photo Credit: Mr. D. Mangenda

The Senior Pastor Rev. Njapau expressed appreciation on behalf of the ELCZa to the ELCA for continuing to accompany and to support the church and the people of Zambia.

The Upstate New York Synod is a companion synod to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zambia and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe.

The ELCA is committed to accompanying companion churches in Southern Africa 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, April 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.

Part 2 of a 4 part series.

Taken from: CELC



Ukrainian Lutheran Church

The second renaissance Ukrainian Lutheranism experienced was in the period between the First and Second World Wars. There was a chance to openly preach Christ in the western regions of Ukraine, which were under Polish occupation. After the defeat of the Ukrainian revolution and the collapse of the Ukrainian independent state, many people were analyzing reasons of numerous misfortunes of Ukrainian people and their faith; they were pondering the necessity to preach pure Gospel and have the Ukrainian Evangelical Church. A group of orthodox and Greek-Catholic priests turned to ancient evangelical principles. They managed to unite a considerable number of faithful into the Ukrainian Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession, the direct ancestor of the present Lutheran church. This church managed to preserve and develop the eastern Ukrainian custom/worship, which is based on the liturgy developed by John the Chrisosdom. While preaching the pure evangelical theology, the church remains a national church of Ukrainian identity.

During a short period of time, its congregations sprang up all over the territories, which are now referred to as Galicia and Volyn. The main center was located in Stanislav (now Ivano-Frankivsk). Pastor Teodor Yarchuk was a Ukrainian spiritual guide. In 1931 in a periodical "See the Light!" ("Prozry!"), he in particular wrote, "We are Ukrainian evangelists. We love our Ukrainian people and customs of our forefathers. Despite all kinds of slander against us, we strive for spiritual renewal of Ukrainian people on the basis of truth of the divine Gospel. We look at Ukrainian men of genius Hryhoriy Skovoroda and Petro Kulish."

In a short run, the church included thousands of faithful who were at the same time patriots of Ukraine. There were congregations in Stanislav, Mykytyntsi, Krekhivtsi, Lutsk, Stari Bohorodchany, Kaminna, Zarvanytsya, Antonivka, Poberezhzhi, and in many other towns and villages. Churches were built, Sunday schools worked. The church also had a publishing house. One of the ULC leaders in the 1930s, Yuhym Folushnyak, wrote about the church, "Being native and inseparable part of Ukrainian soul... the church feels pains and troubles of the people and their needs... It can bring the Ukrainian nation great spiritual benefits, since people would then get rid of spiritual slavery and would reach considerable development and progress the way the other nations have reached" ("Styah" Banner, 1932, issue #1, pp. 3,4).

See the next part in the June 2022 Newsletter.....



Churchwide



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Dorothy J. Skappel
April 20, 2022
at Johnson Haggland Funeral Home
Please keep her family and friends
in your prayers.

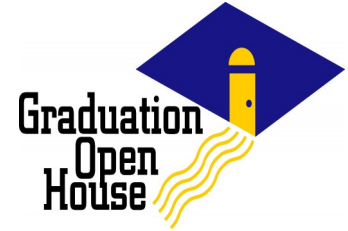


Our students have received instruction and their
First Communion on Sunday April 24th, 2022
Drew Dengerud - Parents, Steve and Julie Dengerud
Danielle Krohse - Parents, Peter and Sheila Krohse
Katie Ziegler - Parent, Kristi Ziegler



Please join us for the
Spring Communion Luncheon
at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
703 South Sibley, Litchfield, MN
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch and Fellowship to follow the service.

Saturday, May 21, 2022
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Graduation Open House
for Ryan Schutz,
in Chilstrom Hall



You are invited to a
Graduation Open House
honoring Greta Hultstrum
Sunday, May 22
2 - 5 p.m.
at her home
22366 640th Ave. Litchfield



May 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 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 2-4 p.m. Bob Kadelbach's 90 th birthday celebration in Chilistrom 6-8 p.m. 4-H meeting	3 7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilistrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 8:30 a.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. Worship at M.M. 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	4 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution	5 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	6	7 7:00 a.m. Men's Group
8	8 <i>Mother's Day</i> 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm	10 7:00 a.m. BREW/Chilistrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel	11 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle	12 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	13 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's mtg	14 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon MST-2024 RUMAGE SALE
15	15 <i>H.S. Senior Recognition & Quilt Services</i> 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 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	17 7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilistrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 9:00 a.m. Martha Circle 9:00 a.m. All Peace Officers, Day of Prayer, Meeker County Sheriff's Office 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council	18 11:00 a.m. Communion Luncheon 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 p.m. Bell Rehearsal 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation	19 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 1:30 p.m. WELCA meeting 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel	20	21 7:00 a.m. Men's Group 5:00 p.m. Movie Night, Holy Word Theater 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Graduation Open House for Ryan Schutz, Chilistrom Hall
22	22 <i>New Member Sunday</i> 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship w/Comm ** One Service only ** 9:30 a.m. Pottluck Brunch in Chilistrom Hall	24 7:00 a.m. BREW - Chilistrom 8:00 a.m. BREW - FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA - Chapel	25 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution	26 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Dist. Mtg. Chilistrom Hall	27	28
29	29 8:30 a.m. ELCA Coop/Radio only One Service Only at: 10:45 a.m. ELCA Coop Community Worship w/Comm at Meeker County Fairgrounds	31 <i>Memorial Day</i> Church Office Closed	First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487			

May Serving Group & Birthdays

MAY 2022 SERVING GROUP	Richard & Carol Heath
Chairs:	Pamela Heffern
Jerry & Lana Johnson	Marge Hellzen
Mark & Judy Hulterstrum	Abby Hemingway
	Mike & Polly Hemingway
Sandra Gruenke	Duane & Darlene Henkelman
Shelly Guggemos	Marlene Herzog
Christina Guza	Millard "Buck" & Jane Hickman
Joel & Christjna Haas	Warren & Sandra Hickman
Bill & Mary Kay Hannan	Cindy Hill
Dennis & LeeAnn Hanson	Scott and Theresa Hoff
Everett & Katherine Hantge	Heidi Hoekstra & Casey Miller

May Ushers
8:30 a.m.
 John Lekander
 Brian Findley
 Brandon Findley
 Jim Asmus

10:45 a.m.
 Dan Johnson - C
 Nick Benson
 Derek Isaacson
 Wayne Larson
 Listman family

May



Meredith Elj
 593-8640



MAY 1
 Andrew Desens
 Samuel Gruenke
 Emma Hoff
 Noah Hoff
 Robert Kadelbach
 Nicole Schmitz
 Nicole Hable/White

MAY 2
 Ashley Holmgren
 David Jacob Kalkbrenner
 Lori Larson
 Jesse Lundin
 Laila Mickelson

MAY 3
 Richard Elam
 Christina Guza
 Levi Hanson
 Linda Holtz
 Bruce Lee
 Gaylene Thomas
 Michael Thomas

MAY 4
 Mark Bredeson
 Arlo Prechel

MAY 5
 Benjamin Miller

MAY 6
 Geraldine Follett
 Eric Hein
 Judy Hulterstrum
 Kiera Olson
 Gary Pierce
 Leo Roush
 Jill White

MAY 7
 Lisa Barto
 Richard Farmer
 Donna Gilsrud
 Aurora Haas
 Myra Johnson

MAY 8
 Hazel Wittenberg

MAY 9
 Heather Burdick
 Emily Driver
 Matthew Sook

MAY 10
 Susan Elam
 Jude Ludowese

MAY 11
 Betty Allen
 Nicholas Graff
 Megan Lundin

MAY 12
 Alex Carlson
 Cade Cervin

MAY 13
 Sandra Bostrom

MAY 14
 Ryan Block

MAY 15
 Megan Boyle
 Jerry Freitag
 Coralynn Gabrielson
 Millard Hickman
 Lavaune Putzier

MAY 16
 Marlys Elam
 Darlene Meidal
 Amy Nelson
 Amanda Polzin

MAY 17
 Kristen Nelson
 Jeffrey Olson

MAY 18
 Will Dolan
 Larry Griffin
 Chad Mahlow
 Daryn Worden

MAY 19
 Tamara Borowicz
 Darla Johnson
 Tamra Thompson
 Carter Zeppelin
 Trevor Zeppelin

MAY 20

MAY 21
 Carol Heath
 Jean Larson

MAY 22
 Esmae Boll
 Angela Larson-Weimer
 Leah Wilson

MAY 23
 Matthew Carlson
 Paul Martin
 Florence Roeszler
 Emily Sommerfeld

MAY 24

MAY 25
 Isaiah Matheson

MAY 26
 Brian Findley

MAY 27
 Dustin Nelson

MAY 28
 Jacob Bredeson
 Kris Cervin
 Debra Cziok
 Jane Hickman
 Michael Husmann
 Gladys Johnson
 Lisa Steichen

MAY 29
 Colby Christensen
 Hudson Gabrielson
 Bridget Judes
 Emily Michels
 Zachary Piepenburg

MAY 30
 Travis Hanson
 Timothy Pierce
 Katie Silverberg


MAY 31
 Joshua Bailey
 Jeffrey Ballard
 Charlene Garrison
 Dalen Jones
 Paxton Peterson
 Kaitlyn Moore

Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

May 2022

Senior Nutrition Services

Monday, May 2nd	Tuesday, May 3rd	Wednesday, May 4th	Thursday, May 5th	Friday, May 6th
Orange Chicken	Goulash	Ham & Turkey Chef Salad	Pepper Steak/Liver	Fish Patty w/ Tartar 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, May 9th	Tuesday, May 10th	Wednesday, May 11th	Thursday, May 12th	Friday, May 13th
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	Lowfat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, May 16th	Tuesday, May 17th	Wednesday, May 18th	Thursday, May 19th	Friday, May 20th
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy	Baked Chicken	Lasagna	Chicken Salad on	Meatless 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, May 23rd	Tuesday, May 24th	Wednesday, May 25th	Thursday, May 26th	Friday, May 27th
Chicken Chow Mein	Swedish Meatballs	Creamy Chicken	Pork loin	Cheese Ravioli
Brown Rice	Scalloped Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Candied Yam	Romaine Salad w/Dressing
Oriental Vegetables	Carrots	Peas and Carrots	Broccoli	Fresh Apple
Mandarin Oranges	Bread/Margarine	Bread/Margarine	Bread/Margarine	Bread/Margarine
Dessert	Dessert	Warm Fruit Crisp	Dessert	Dessert
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Lowfat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, May 30th	Tuesday, May 31st	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>Call LSS Meals to order/change 320-693-6203 (Litchfield Site-Leave Message)</p> </div>		
Closed	Chicken Fajita			
Happy Memorial Day	Spanish Rice			
	Black Bean/Corn Salsa			
	Pineapple			
	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. SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted

320-693-6203

Memorials & Thanks

Gifts were given to the General fund and Life Line fund in memory of Shirley Gorman, Chuck Eberhard's sister, and Paul Evenson, Karen Eberhard's brother by Jean Wieland, Gary Smith, Paul and Sue Lemmer, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Bob and Norma Hall, Mark and Julie Bredeson, Karl and Darlene Lundin, Marge Hellzen, DeWayne and Iona Albright, Dianne Thorp, and Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

A gift was given to the General fund in appreciation of Lois Volinkaty's years of service to FLC by Jeanette Erickson.

Thank you to all who called, visited, sent cards, and kept Jim in your thoughts and prayers. Your love and support was felt and really appreciated. He is home from the hospital and doing well. Jim and Janet Lange

Thank you for your generous donation to Meeker Area Ministries. We continue to support families (we have a family of 7 currently) and individuals with housing as well as guidance and mentorship. The need is very real and we thank you for your support. Blessings, M.A.M. Board

Thank you to all who came to coffee hour on March 27th for my birthday. It was a good time. Lois Volinkaty



WELCA MINUTES April 21, 2022

WELCA met on April 21, 2022, in Chilstrom Hall with Dianne Thorpe calling the meeting to order. The purpose statement was recited.

Pastor Tom gave the devotions and he told of the legend of the dogwood tree. According to the legend, the dogwood felt great sorrow for the role it played in Jesus Christ’s death. While on the cross, Jesus sensed the tree’s anguish, and he decided to transform it so that it could never again be used in crucifixion. From that point on, the dogwood was no longer a tall, stately forest tree. Rather, it became a small and shrub-like tree with thin and twisted limbs. While the dogwood tree never again took part in an execution, it’s still said to carry the marks of Jesus’ crucifixion. Its four large petals represent the cross he died upon, and each petal displays four red-tinged notches that are said to represent four nail holes. And in the center of each flower is a green cluster that is symbolic of Jesus’ crown of thorns. The legend persists, and many Christians revere the beloved dogwood as it continues to remind them of Jesus’ love and sacrifice.

The secretary’s report was printed in the newsletter. Karen Eberhard handed out copies of the treasurer’s report.



The Lord’s Prayer was recited and we adjourned the meeting to work on inserting the roping in the school bags. The bags were all sewed by Iona Albright. Iona deserves a HUGH THANK YOU for all the bags she has sewed over many years.

Dessert was served by Lana Johnson and Kris Nelson. Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



WELCA THANKOFFERING (All women of FELC are members of WELCA)

For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. In gratitude for all God has given to us, together, we do more than we could ever do apart.

The Thankoffering supports the WELCA Gathering Magazine, Bible studies for women, and cross cultural activities. These offerings are used to assist victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and to support Katie’s Fund (assisting women in leadership) and Voices for Justice (Ex: promoting the 1000 Days Movement which supports child and maternal health for the first 1000 days of a child’s life).

Please return your THANKOFFERING envelope (or use a regular envelope and label it THANKOFFERING) to the church office (or offering plate) so that we can continue our outreach. Your generosity makes a real difference in women’s lives.

Churchwide



Worship Schedule

Sunday, May 1, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Comm.
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 9:45 a.m. Last Day for Sunday School
- 10:45 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship w/Comm.

Sunday, May 8, 2022

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

Sunday, May 15, 2022 H.S. Sr. Recognition & Quilt Service

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

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

- 11:00 a.m. Communion Service and Luncheon

Sunday, May 22, 2022 New Member Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship with Comm.
One Service Only
- 9:30 a.m. Potluck Brunch in Chilstrom Hall

Sunday, May 29, 2022 Memorial Day Service

- *One Service at Meeker County Fair Grounds*
- 10:45 a.m. ELCA Coop Worship with Communion

Preparation for worship

Jesus, I'd love to have breakfast and visit with you, as the disciples did by the lakeshore. During worship, I will imagine we're doing that. Please pass the bread!

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God, like a mother you are both tender with your children and fierce on our behalf. Thank you for modeling motherly love for us all.

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Hallelujah! I worship you, God! Thank you for showing goodness to me and for working through me to bless others.

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Quiet my heart and mind, dear Jesus. Help me sense the peaceful rhythm of your heartbeat against me.

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My spirit is thirsty. Refresh me, O Water of Life.

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

Thankoffering



“... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings.”

- Women of the ELCA Constitution

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: Lutheran World Relief

90th Birthday Celebration for Bob Kadelbach: Sunday May 1, 2022 from 2 - 4 p.m.
in Chilstrom Hall, coffee and cake will be served. All are welcome.

Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers,

Meeker Manor: Mary Klosner

Emmaus Place: Mae Brehmer

Gloria Dei: Lois Rusch, Janet Lundin

Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich, Darlene Miller



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!!



We remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom.

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