

# FIRST NEWS

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

**SEPTEMBER 2022**

## September 2022 Time with Tom

This summer seems extremely short and very busy! It makes me think about how Jesus in his business, would go to a wilderness place to be alone and to pray. Where do you go to be alone and to pray? Somewhere without the distractions of the worldly things that get in your way of communicating with God! We all need a place and would it not be great if we all had time just to say, "I am going out into the wilderness to be alone and to pray, I will see you when I get back".

In this hurry up world the hustle and bustle of the everyday life keeps us from getting much if any time alone until we lay our heads down to sleep at night. Hum! Until we lay our heads, down to sleep maybe the best time to reflect on our day but there is also at least one other time we are alone. Those two seconds just after we wake in the morning before anyone realizes we are up. These can be the wilderness times for us. As I look forward to the upcoming weeks I think how our church is changing in a positive way, how we can be a part of a new movement in the history of FLC. I would ask each of you as you lay your heads down at night and reflect on your day to take one of those precious moments to reflect on what you will do to help promote the Gospel of our Lord.

What is something you can do that you would feel comfortable doing that can make a difference in your life or the life of someone else? When you lie down or just before you get up think about Jesus saving sacrifice, and how it has made your life better. Can you do something to make the life of someone better? How can you help in church on Sunday morning during worship or Sunday school? In what ways can you get involved? Maybe you would do something with the elderly by visiting someone, or you could do something with the youth or with the women of the church? Maybe you want to join the men for fellowship, you could contact Heidi Thoma and get information about the new adult study she is putting together for Wednesday evenings and maybe your calling is to pray for all members of the church? Could you get on a team of council and make a difference with our church, our community, our state, our country, and our world?

Let God reveal how great you are, and show you all the things you are capable of, you may not even know your own talents or abilities! Find your wilderness place and pray about it, then get in touch with someone that cares about you to let them know you care about others enough to get plugged into First Evangelical Lutheran Church. Find your wilderness place and be restored by God, ***{Lamentations 5:21} Restore us unto thee O-Lord that we may be restored.***

"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, August, 16<sup>th</sup> 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 Betty Allen, Karla Kadelbach, Abby Hemmingway, Gordon Burdick & Andy Miller.

\*Devotions: Amy Nelson

\*Secretary report was approved

\*Treasurer report was approved / There was no meeting in July so previous month was also approved.

\*Pastors report:

Pastor Tom reported:

~MST 2024 planning is moving forward. Four students are signed up at this point.

Bryan Larson has taken on the role of treasurer. There is a new team being formed to help with the planning and organizing of the MST program.

~Numerous weddings including pre-marital classes are scheduled at FLC. Many baptisms are also scheduled to take place in the near future.

~The co-op efforts continue and we are always seeking ways to work together as a cooperative. The co-op band has asked for more opportunities to perform together. Carol Dragt is looking into performing at other venues like Meeker Manor and Emmaus Place etc.

~FLC Staff is busy planning the Sunday school and confirmation classes.

~Per the Councils request at a previous meeting, Pastor Tom has been in contact with Pastor Steve Cook regarding the discussion of a Second Pastor at First Lutheran Church. The Executive team asked Pastor Tom to create a job description based around an Associate Pastor role. The Executive team along with Pastor Tom discussed in detail the criteria to be included in the job description.

This has been completed and will be presented to the council.

\*\*\*Team Reports:

\*Church Property:

~A work night took place at the church facilities. The landscaping around the sign on the West side was addressed. Some unwanted shrubbery was removed and weeds were pulled around the perimeter of the church. The lower exit door area was also cleared of leaves and debris.

~The tar overlay of the driveway on the south side has been completed.

~The main parking lot sealing or overlay is still under discussion.

~The City of Litchfield has been contacted regarding the depression in the sidewalk near the North entry to the parking lot.

~Construction of the Audio-Video area has begun.

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

\*MST Team Discussion:

~A discussion regarding the planning of a new team to help with organization and planning of the MST program as a whole continued. Potential team members will be contacted soon.

\*Old Business:

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

~There was a re-cap of the National Night Out event. All went as expected. Excess food was donated to the MST group to use at the fair stand.

**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:**

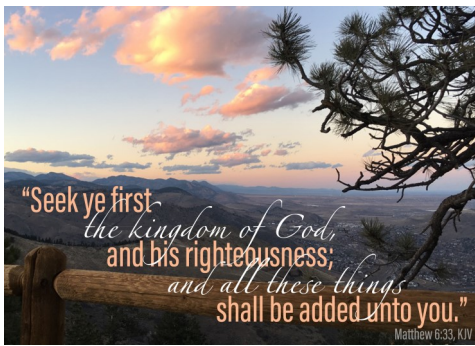
Total Income for the month of July 2022: \$27,623  
 Expenses for the month of July 2022: \$17,581

**Year to Date:**

Income as of July 2022: \$199,784  
 Expenses as of July 2022: \$204,534

**An Ancient Stewardship Message:** Some Christians actively avoid church on Stewardship Sunday because giving is a private matter “between me and God.” New pastors are even sometimes advised never to preach about money, lest certain people get riled up. Yet Jesus talks frequently in the Gospels about giving and sharing our material goods - and he wasn’t the first in Scripture to do so.

A thousand years before Christ’s birth, King David prepared to hand over the kingdom to his son, gathering tons (literally!) of gold, silver and other materials for Solomon to use in building the temple. Revealing his take on stewardship, David prayed: “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand” (1 Chronicles 29:14, NIV).



We give to advance the gospel around the world. We give to others will know Christ. We give so our neighbors might experience grace. We give so we have a safe place to freely worship and be a Christian.

Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce, then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

Jude 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For will the measure you use it, it will be measured back to you.

*Council Continued.....*

~There was a re-cap of the MST fair stand. The stand operated as planned and appeared to be a very good fund-raising event. Thank you to all who volunteered!

~Discussion continued regarding the potential Second Pastor position for FLC. As per the notes in Pastor Tom's report, Pastor Tom presented the job description for a Second Pastor position. The Executive Team also added comments as to how the job description was created. A motion was made and seconded to accept the job description as presented. Motion passed.

~A subsequent motion was made and seconded to submit the job description to the Synod to start the search process. Motion passed.

~A follow up Ministry Site Profile will be filled out and submitted to the Synod office as soon as possible to assist with the search process.

\*New Business:

~Gods Work Our Hands projects were discussed. More details to come in the weekly bulletin.

\*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

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

\*Executive Team meeting Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30

\*Team meetings Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

\*Gods Work Our Hands Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> (After Service)

\*Rally Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (Future Sunday School time will be 9:30)

\*Council Meeting Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00

\*Two services will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup> / 8:30 & 10:45



Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner



Volunteers Needed:  
Teachers, Guides, Subs, &  
Helpers for Confirmation and  
Sunday School.  
Please let the church office  
know if you can help!

## Sunday School Rally Sunday

Sunday Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for an hour of fun! We will be registering students and getting information about the upcoming year.

**\*\*Sunday School Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.\*\***

**Starting New this year:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation Prep Classes  
First meeting is with Students and Parents on Sunday Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.



## Three Year Old, Third Grade, & Seventh Grade Bible Milestones

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM Worship Service  
Parents, 3 yr. olds, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders, and 7<sup>th</sup> graders  
come forward during worship to receive bibles and  
a special blessing.

Confirmation Meeting for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students & parents  
on Wed. Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Confirmation Meeting for 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade students  
& parents Wed. Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.



Confirmation Class will begin  
Wednesday, Sept 21, 2022  
at 6:00 p.m. (meal is served)



ALSO NEW THIS YEAR: Wed. Evening Bible Study  
Open to All!!  
If you are interested please let Pastor Tom or the church office know.





### Holy Baptism

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



Baptized: Sunday, August 14, 2022  
**Miles Delvin Schilla**

Parents: Andrew and Erika Schilla

Sponsors:

Kurt and Hannah Gartner  
Adam and Katie Schilla

Baptized: Sunday, August 21, 2022  
**Henry Vernon Adams**

Parents: Abigail and Eli Adams

Sponsors:

Douglas Fisher  
Arminta Clabo

**“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday**

**Sept. 11  
2022**



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
God’s work. Our hands.

*Together in Jesus Christ  
we are freed by grace to  
live faithfully, witness boldly  
and serve joyfully.*

Sunday, September 11, 2022

We will have projects to work on at church and out in the community such as Care packages, Heartland Community Action Thrift Store and Meeker Area Ministries

Please come to worship 8:30 a.m. and fellowship at 9:30 a.m. for instructions and information for the projects.

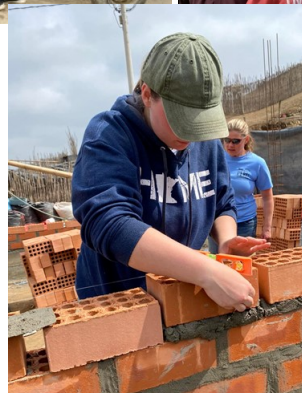


# MST - 2022 Trip to Peru

## Machupicchu, Peru



Construction of homes in La Florida - Cañete





# MEMORIALS, GIFTS & THANKS

**Gifts were given** to the General fund in memory Karl Lundin by Dan and Brenda Johnson, Richard Buan, and in memory of brother Karl's birthday by Einar Lundin.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund in memory of Joyce Boxell, Linda Larson's sister, by Russell and Shirley Kronbeck, Gary and Kathy Cervin, John and Katie Hulterstrum, and by family and friends.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund in memory Algene Gilberts by Gary Smith, and Chuck and Karen Eberhard.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund and Kitchen fund in memory of Del Busse by DeWayne and Iona Albright, Carol Dragt, Chuck and Karen Eberhard, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrum, and Stuart Busse.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund, M.A.M., and Quilters in memory of Lillie Oeltjenbruns by Bob and Sharon Johnson, Dianne Thorp, Marlys Elam, Darlene Lundin, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Gene and Barbara Buhr, Jim and Elaine Lenhard, Paul and Sue Lemmer, Mildred Neitzel, Chuck and Karen Eberhard, Vern and Lil Madson, John and Katie Hulterstrum, and Bob and Norma Hall.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund in memory of DeWayne Albright by Richard and Carol Heath, Karla Kadelbach, David and Myra Johnson, Paul and Sue Lemmer, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Marlys Elam, Carol Dragt, Richard and Betty Allen, Vern and Lil Madson, Gladys Johnson, Mark and Julie Bredeson, Bob and Sharon Johnson, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, and Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund in honor of Idell Kadelbach's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by Paul and Sue Lemmer, Jerry and Lana Johnson, and Mike and Kris Nelson.

## Special Thanks

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**Thanks to the July Serving Group** and others who helped serve when called upon. I appreciated it so much! Elaine Lenhard

**First Lutheran Church,** With Gratitude, we say thank you for your hospitality and the use of your facilities for the county 4-H judging on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. For two years, you generously offered your space due to the heat. Bless you! With Thanks and Appreciation,  
The Massmann Family, 18 yr. Veterans of Meeker Co. 4-H

### Ever Outward

Poet Rainer Maria Rilke said, "I live my life in widening circles that reach out across the world." Indeed, we all do. As newborns, we focus only on ourselves. But as we grow, little by little we learn that the people and things around us are separate from us. Soon we can attend to others' actions, needs and feelings. Like ripples from a stone dropped in water, our circles of care widen from family (biological or otherwise) to friends (playmates, classmates, colleagues), church family, community, country and finally even people across the globe.

The ministries of Jesus and his disciples also were widening circles: first "to the lost sheep of Israel" (Matthew 10:6; 15:24, NIV) but soon to "all nations" (Matthew 28:19). Early church leaders took the gospel message ever outward, as Jesus had directed them: first to Jerusalem, then Judea and Samaria, and finally even "to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8, NIV).

As our faith matures, our impact spreads outward too. Some people move geographically farther from home, while others use prayer, communication and technology to widen their reach of spiritual, emotional and financial support. How exciting that God's love encircles us all and that we can share it far and wide! —Heidi Hyland Mann

# MISSION

Dear friends,

Warm greetings.

What does a missionary look like? What makes you a missionary? It's not your country of origin, or a plane ticket to a far destination ... but your baptism! It is by God's grace, that whoever and wherever we are, we are called, gathered, equipped and sent to participate in God's Mission of transformation, reconciliation and empowerment.



In the ELCA we have adopted the “accompaniment” model for mission, understood 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."

An important insight here is that the church does not have a mission or missions, but God's mission has a church. It is also important to lift up the five accompaniment values of Mutuality, Inclusivity, Vulnerability, Sustainability and Empowerment.

During the months of July and August I have been visiting sponsoring congregations in the US as part of Home Assignment. These biennial visits were cancelled in 2020 due to COVID. It is a privilege being able to travel again and to share together in worship, conversation and fellowship.

We have been talking about the impact of the pandemic, climate change, conflict, food insecurity, racism and poverty in our communities, and around the world. And we are reflecting on mission accompaniment, what we as individuals, congregations, companion churches and communities can learn and do to participate faithfully in God's mission, locally and globally.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa / Minneapolis July 25, 2022

My blog page address is: <https://southernafricanconnections.wordpress.com/>

Please visit my [fundraising page](#). (Note: This fundraising page is set up for individuals' gifts only.)

If you are donating on behalf of a congregation or organization, please visit [ELCA.org/MissionaryGiving](https://www.elca.org/MissionaryGiving) for online giving.



# SEPTEMBER 2022 Calendar

## September 2022

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>First Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487</p>				<p><b>1</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>One Service:</b> 10:45 a.m. ELCA COOP Community Worship. Windmill Park, Grove City</p>	<p><b>5</b> Labor Day Church office closed</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 8:30 a.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. Worship at Meeker Manor 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</p>	<p><b>7</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 6:00 p.m. 10<sup>th</sup> gr. Confirmation meeting w/ Students &amp; Parents 7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Dist. Mtg. Chilstrom Hall</p>	<p><b>9</b> 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Mtg</p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Group</p>
<p><b>11</b> God's Work, Our Hands 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship w/Comm &amp; Baptism, Lukas Wahl 9:30 a.m. Fellowship/coffee 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p><b>14</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 6:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup> grades Confirmation meeting w/ Students &amp; Parents 6:30 p.m. Priscilla Circle – Lana Johnson's home 7:00 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 1:30 p.m. WELCA 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 5:00 p.m. Movie Night Holy Word Theater Destination Wedding: Samantha Larson and Matthew Jensen.</p>
<p><b>18</b> Rally Sunday 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP - Radio 8:30 a.m. Worship w/Comm, Baptism for Charlie Bredeson, &amp; 3yr old, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Bible Milestones 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Rally 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee</p>	<p><b>19</b> 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 9:00 a.m. Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p><b>21</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>22</b> 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. Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 7:00 a.m. Men's Group 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. WELCA GATHERING Stockhorn Church, Cokato</p>
<p><b>25</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm, Installation of S.S./Conf. Leaders 9:30 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Begins 9:30 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> grade and Parents meeting about Conf. Prep Class 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 8:30 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p><b>28</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Rec./Chapel 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Destination Wedding: Navasha Klapolz and Joseph Kieffer</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	

# Serving Group & Birthdays

<b>SEPTEMBER 2022 SERVING GROUP</b>	Darin & Renee Mahlow
<b>Chairs:</b>	Misty Marotte
<b>Karla Rick</b>	Tim & Sacia Matheson
<b>Sara Rick</b>	Ruth Massingham
Darlene Lundin	Ricky & Deborah Maurer
Kirk & Dorothy Lundin	Thomas McCormick
Janice Madden	Venita McCormick
Chris & Jennifer Madsen	David & Darlene Meidal
Gayle Madsen	Joel & Dawn Michaletz
Lil Madson	Jason & Andrea Michels
Chad & Judy Mahlow	James & Autumn Mickelson

## September Ushers 8:30 a.m.

Jon Nelson  
Gary Vollmer  
Miles Kerstein  
Jerry Urdahl

## Sunday Sept. 25th 10:45 a.m.

Steve Dengerud - C  
Tony Laidlaw

## September



Laurie Pierce  
693-2681  
Laurie Koehn  
693-3604



### SEPTEMBER 1

Joan Bratz  
Cole Hanson  
Kristina Hein

### SEPTEMBER 2

Lisa Gaulrapp

### SEPTEMBER 3

Karen Johnson

### SEPTEMBER 4

Raymond Groskreutz  
Hayden Hemingway  
Tia Lundin

Tessa Lundin

### SEPTEMBER 5

Elva Asmus  
Shawn Kadelbach  
Trent Kaping

### SEPTEMBER 6

Karen Eberhard  
Debra Gilberts  
Brenda Johnson  
David Pierce  
Sarah Williams

### SEPTEMBER 7

Carissa DeFries  
Miles Deitchman  
Tom Fruetel  
James Mickelson  
Lacy Rohrbeck  
Jacob Stafford

### SEPTEMBER 8

Martha Christensen  
Daniel Justison  
Chloe Kowalczyk

Jon Nelson

Russell Schmitz

### SEPTEMBER 9

Joe Berube

Elizabeth Bruenger

John Streed

### SEPTEMBER 10

Dawn Michaletz

Darlene Miller

### SEPTEMBER 11

Jutta Goodrich

Kala Ziegler

### SEPTEMBER 12

Duane Henkelman

### SEPTEMBER 13

Braedon Rose

Madyson Sandstrom

Deborah Schmidt

### SEPTEMBER 14

Joshua Baumgartner

David Lease

Dacotah Nelson

Benjamin Nistler

### SEPTEMBER 15

Terri Kowalczyk  
Hunter Magedenz  
Jeremy Rick

### SEPTEMBER 16

Riley DeWolf

Dianne Thorp

### SEPTEMBER 17

Melissa Geffre

Pamela Heffern

Robin Johnson

### SEPTEMBER 18

Carolyn Christensen

Alexander Gruenke

Deanna Harvego

Kira Kuechle

### SEPTEMBER 19

Joel Decker

Norma Hall

Justine Madsen

### SEPTEMBER 20

Raidyn Welte

### SEPTEMBER 21

Kyle Ballard

Julie Elam

Joshua Haas

Elizabeth Haas

Steven Koehn

John Allen Lundin

Emily Schreiber

### SEPTEMBER 22

Robert Durkee

Evan Guza

Brent Judes

Reagan Muchow

### SEPTEMBER 23

Ricky Miller

### SEPTEMBER 24

Chailey Johnson

Kristen Jones

Tony Laidlaw

Devan Nelson

### SEPTEMBER 25

Kamri Driver

Jakob Evenson

Olivia Evenson

Rocky Hyberger

Eric Marotte

### SEPTEMBER 26

Calvin Herzog

Amy Silverberg

Betty Urdahl

### SEPTEMBER 27

Nicholas Hellzen

### SEPTEMBER 28

Kjerstan Andersen

Aldeen Kadelbach

Jack Kuechle

Sabrina Sackett

Chelsea Snodgrass

### SEPTEMBER 29

Steven LaVine

Lil Madson

Teresa Strowbridge

Michelle Walberg

### SEPTEMBER 30

Noah Wagner



# Senior Dining Menu

Lutheran Social Service

**September 2022**

Senior Nutrition Services



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

<b>Monday, September 5th</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 6th</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 7th</b>	<b>Thursday, September 8th</b>	<b>Friday, September 9th</b>
<b>CLOSED</b>	Pork loin	Chicken Pasta Salad	Roasted Turkey w/ gravy	BBQ Pork on Bun
<b>For</b>	Yams	Sliced Cucumbers	Mashed Potato	Cole Slaw
<b>LABOR DAY</b>	Broccoli	Fruit Salad	Green Beans	Pineapple
(See Info on Back)	Bread w/ Margarine	Dessert	Dinna Roll w/Margarine	Dessert
	Dessert	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Low Fat Milk
	Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk	
<b>Monday, September 12th</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 13th</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 14th</b>	<b>Thursday, September 15th</b>	<b>Friday, September 16th</b>
Chef Choice entrée	Ham & Turkey Chef Salad	Goulash	Brat	Sloppy Joe
vegetable	Bread Stick	Corn	Mashed Potatoes w/ Margarine	Bun
vegetable/fruit	Fresh Orange	Tropical Fruit	Sauerkraut	Cheesy Hashbrown
Bread	Dessert	Bread / Margarine	Bread w/ margarine	Baked Beans
Dessert	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Dessert
Milk			Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
<b>Monday, September 19th</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 20th</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 21st</b>	<b>Thursday, September 22nd</b>	<b>Friday, September 23rd</b>
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy	Ham	Tuna Pasta Salad	Meatloaf	Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy	Cooked Cabbage	Tomato Wedges	Augratin Potatoes	Lettuce Salad w/ dressing
Italian Blend	Carrots	Pears	Italian Blend	Peaches
Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Dinner Roll / Margarine	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Dessert	Dessert	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk			
<b>Monday, September 26th</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 27th</b>	<b>Wednesday, September 28th</b>	<b>Thursday, September 29th</b>	<b>Friday, September 30th</b>
Salisbury Steak w/Gravy	Baked Chicken	<b>CLOSED</b>	Chicken Salad on	Smothered Pork loin
Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy	Baked Potato w/Sour Cream	<b>For</b>	Crossiant	Scalloped Potatoes
Green bean	Peas	<b>ALL STAFF TRAINING</b>	Cucumber and Tomato Salad	Corn
Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine	(See Info on Back)	Tropical Fruit	Bread w/ Margarine
Dessert	Dessert		Dessert	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.  
Approved by Donna Dunlap RD, LD  
Posted menu is regular diet. Diabetic, sodium, and fat restricted diets available upon request. Regular menu provides average of 700-800 calories. Menu is Subject to Change  
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

# Churchwide



## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, Sept. 4, 2022 Labor Day Weekend

10:45 a.m. Grove City, Windmill Park

### Wednesday, September 7, 2022

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

### Sunday, September 11, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship w/comm.

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, September 14, 2022

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

### Sunday, September 18, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship w/comm.

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

**\*\* NEW TIMES & SCHEDULES\*\***

### Wednesday, September 21, 2022

6:30 p.m. Worship w/comm. in Chapel

### Sunday, September 25, 2022

8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship w/comm.

@ FLC on KLFD radio, Facebook and YT

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, & 7<sup>th</sup> gr. conf/prep

10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship with Comm.



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

### **Algene Gilberts**

August 1, 2022

At Hantge Funeral Home, Hutchinson

### **Lillie M. Oeltjenbruns**

August 13, 2022

### **Greg A. Konietzko**

August 18, 2022

### **DeWayne Albright**

August 22, 2022

Please keep their families and friends  
in your prayers.



### Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 5, 2022*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2022*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 11, 2022*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *15–Oct. 15, 2022*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2022*



### 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

## MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, September 17, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie:

Please join us for a good movie  
and popcorn.



Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA

*Fall Gathering*

Saturday, September 24, 2022

Stockholm Lutheran Church

16133 County Road 30 SW, Cokato, MN 55321

Registration 8:00AM \* Brunch at 8:30AM

“Created, Sustained, Placed”

Guest Speaker - Katie Koplin

Offering: 50% SW MN Synod Women of the ELCA

50% Local Feeding Children Lunch fund

**In Kind Offering: Lutheran World Relief School Kits**

**You may bring and kits, quilts, and shipping cost contributions**

**Sign up in the church office by September 15**

**\$10 per person**

**Meet at FLC church parking lot at 7:45 a.m. to share rides**

**(save on gas) and time to chat.**



At First Lutheran Church:

WELCA

September 15, 2022

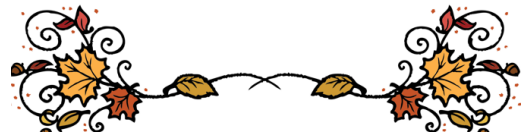
1:30 P.M.

**Guest Speaker:**

Barb Loch - Meeker County Auditor

Discussing elections and voting regulations.

All are welcome. Bring a guest!



Attention: First Lutheran Women



We will start quilting again on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun. You do not need to have quilting or sewing skills to help us make quilts for Litchfield Social Services, Hospice, Wings, First Lutheran graduating high school seniors and Lutheran World Relief. We are in need of ladies who can tie knots and do pinning to keep our assembly line working.

We quilt September through May, the first and fourth Tuesday of the month, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We take a break at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy coffee and treats. We are also in need of colored sheets in good condition, to be used as backings, and cotton fabric for the quilt tops.

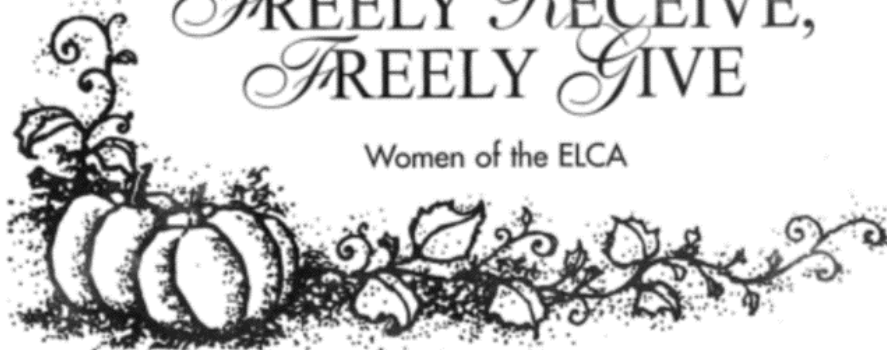
If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Swanson, Jackie Kraushaar or Elaine Lenhard.



*HARVEST FESTIVAL ENVELOPE*

*FREELY RECEIVE,  
FREELY GIVE*

Women of the ELCA



# Churchwide

## Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project

Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Project Promise School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

With school supplies on sale this time of year at great savings, it is a perfect time to help the Sunday School children collect supplies for the LWR School Kits.

- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

- **One 30-centimeter Ruler**
- **One pencil sharpener**
- **Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled**
- **One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded blade works well)**
- **Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers**
- **One 2 1/2" eraser**
- **Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**



×1

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



×1

One pencil sharpener



×4

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper



×1

One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



×5

Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band



×1

One 2½" eraser



×5

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



×1

One box of 16 or 24 crayons



You will be enriched  
in every way to be  
*generous in every way,*  
which through us will  
*produce thanksgiving*  
to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11



## Harvest Offering Envelopes

All women of FELC are members of WELCA. The Harvest Festival envelopes (in with your offering envelopes) are a major way WELCA funds our giving. These offerings have been used for donations to :

Hospice  
Habitat for Humanity  
Flowers of Mercy  
Bible Camperships

Meeker Co. Foodshelf  
Lutheran Social Services  
LAMP (Litchfield Mentoring Program)  
Lifeline for FELC

Please return these envelopes (or clip this label for your Harvest Festival offering) drop off in the offerings or in the church office so that we can continue our outreach. Thank you!



## 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: Global Health Ministries



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!!

## LAMP - Kinship OPEN House - Celebrating 15 Years

JOIN US FOR A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON

**Sunday September 25th**

Methodist Church Grounds

1000 South Sibley Avenue, Litchfield MN

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

A Great afternoon of Family Fun for All Ages

We would like to Thank the Community for 15 Years of Support.

You make Our Work Possible!

For additional information, contact Board Members Amie & Jena  
(LAMP Coordinators) at 320-699-1616

"Build a better community one child at a time"

Free

Games

Music

Food

Family Fun Day

Activities

## 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



## GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING



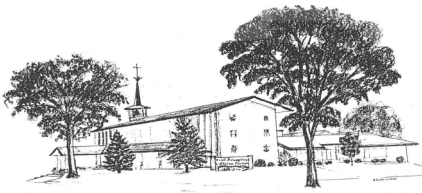
The Social Ministry Team invites you to drop off or pick up fresh garden veggies and fruit during the summer and fall growing season. Let us once again share our produce with one another!

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

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

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Please join us for  
**Litchfield Community ELCA  
Churches Worship Service**

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

**10:45 AM**

**Windmill Park in Grove City!  
Bring your lawn chairs!**