

FIRST NEWS

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

OCTOBER 2022

October 2022 Time with Tom

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, he reminds us of the love of God and the grace shown to us through Jesus Christ. Not just to the believers, but also to those who may not yet know the truth and even so, those whose faith is wavering or in times of difficulty that leads us to begin to doubt and lose faith. 2 Timothy; ¹¹*The saying is sure:*

If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴*Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.*

Paul reminds us that God is faithful even when we are not. God never leaves us and God does not forget his covenant with God's creation. In October with School underway, our lives can get so busy, we may find ourselves trapped in a vicious circle of coming and going with what seems has no direction or ending. We may begin to feel as if we are spinning out of control. Life happens and the world tries to take control of us. Busyness and loss can feel the same. Hold on to the promises of God and the hope we have in Jesus Christ so we can endure the difficult times. Do not let grief overtake you. We can endure together; we can live in Christ knowing we will reign with him faithful and true. In Christ, we have life and our hope is in the Lord. Do not let the world overtake you, do not lose faith but know that by doing your best to present yourself to God, approved by him, workers together rightly explaining the word of truth. That truth is God so loved all creation, he sent his son to die for us, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17 my paraphrase.) Trust in the Lord and let him set you free to be people of God, Amen **{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"
2nd Cor. 13:11b

Pastor Tom Evenson

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

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Council Highlights

**“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 20th, 2022

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

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 Corey Cervin, Amy Nelson & Mike Langmo

*Vice President Karla Kadelbach facilitated the meeting in Corey’s absence.

*Items added to the agenda: Discussion regarding Jubellation and/or Tis the Season event

*Devotions: Joe Berube

*Secretary report was approved

*Treasurer report was approved

~A camping donation of \$600.00 was returned to the church by a generous family that chose to pay their own fees for this experience. A motion was passed to put that money into Youth funding for future events.

*****Pastor Tom reported:**

~MST 2024 planning is moving forward. Unfortunately, we are now down to 3 students that will attend in the traditional age group. Bryan Larson has taken on the role of treasurer. The new MST team will need to be set into motion to help guide future decisions regarding the 2024 and future MST trip planning, fund raising, etc. The team is being formed with some committed members in place. Discussions will need to take place regarding broadening the age of travelers, how to attract students and/or adults to participate in the program.

~Pre-marriage classes are completed for weddings taking place in 2022. Other weddings are being planned for 2023 with classes beginning after the first of January.

~Pastor Tom is forming a team to bring grief counseling to the community. There are members interested in helping to organize this effort. (Council members also added there may already be formal organizations that can offer assistance in the organization of the group and provide content for meetings)

~Sunday School and Confirmation classes continue to evolve with frequent staff discussions. Wednesday evening services will now be part of the Confirmation class. A meal is also available for Confirmation students, families and others on Wednesday evenings. Supplying and serving the meals will be a part of the Confirmation program ministry.

~Thanksgiving Eve service has been scheduled for November 23rd at 7:00 PM at Beckville. Beckville members will bring deserts, Zion will supply the message and Carol Dragt will organize the Co-op band for the choir.

~Pastor Tom has been informed that Sarah Jones has taken a call position at Peace Lutheran in Cosmos. We have been asked (which is customary) to host her Ordination service on Saturday October 22nd at 3:30 PM. (Pastor Tom asked the council to host the reception and serve a meal after the service and the council agreed to this request. A motion was passed to proceed with the planning and serving of the meal.)

~The process to research an Associate Pastor position continues. A Ministry Site Profile has been submitted to the Synod.

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General Fund:

Total Income for the month of August 2022: \$42,868
 Expenses for the month of August 2022: \$40,501

Year to Date:

Income as of August 2022: \$242,652
 Expenses as of August 2022: \$245,035

~Conference Tech Study will now be held at First Lutheran Church at 10:30 on Tuesdays.

*****Team Reports:**

***Evangelism / Social Ministries:**

~The Communion Luncheon is being planned for Wednesday October 19th. Worship will be at 11:00 with the luncheon following.

***Christian Ed:**

- ~Rally Sunday went well. There were a lot of families unable to attend this event but they informed the Sunday School staff that they would not be in attendance.
- ~Confirmation planning was discussed. There is a large 8th grade class which is good news!
- ~A new program to include 7th grade students is also being planned. This would be a “pre-confirmation” platform.
- ~The team is researching contracting Green Lake Bible Camp to facilitate Vacation Bible School.

***Church Property:**

- ~The main parking lot sealing or overlay (or replacement) is still under discussion. The team is gathering advice and estimates for the parking lot project.
- ~The City of Litchfield has been contacted regarding the depression in the sidewalk near the North entry to the parking lot.
 - >This item was again followed up on with no resolution from the city at this time.
- ~Construction of the Audio-Video area has begun.
- >The team members picked a stain color for the facade of the booth. A quote was received to move the audio and video equipment and is under review.
- ~We received an estimate for some work on the elevator for a soft start switch. This is not required but is recommended by the elevator service company. This is under review.
- ~Jim Alsleben will continue to add items to our tracking sheet as needed.

***Worship & Music:**

(Worship & Music) Old Business;

- ~An update of the Audio-Video booth was provided.
- ~No change to the co-op status. Currently waiting until Zion calls a pastor to see how the co-op may progress.
- ~A donated piano was moved into place in the chapel. The existing piano will be moved into the upstairs Sunday School room gathering area.

(Worship & Music) New Business;

- ~Wednesday October 19th will be the Fall Communion Luncheon. Worship at 11:00 / Lunch to follow
- ~Sunday October 23rd will be New Member Sunday. One service at 8:30
- ~Sunday October 30th is Reformation Sunday / Confirmation Sunday. Two services with Confirmation at both.
- ~Sunday December 11th will be the kids Sunday School program at the 10:45 service. Possibly do a Jubellation event that evening.

***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.
 - >Follow up; A draft of the team description and potential members has been submitted to Council President Corey Cervin for review.

***Old Business:**

- ~150th Anniversary committee continues to meet.
- ~Re-cap of the Gods Work Our Hands project. Projects that were accomplished were cleaning at the cemetery, cleaning at the Thrift store and filling child care kits in Chilstrom Hall.

Churchwide

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~Discussion regarding the Lucia Breakfast decorations were discussed. Can the decorations stay up in Chilstrom Hall for holiday décor? The Council has no issue with the decorations staying in place after the breakfast.

~Jubellation or a Tis The Season event were discussed. This will be researched and brought forward at the next meeting.

~The possibility of the Associate Pastor research continues. The Ministry Site Profile has been submitted to the Synod and has been viewed by some potential candidates. Pastor Steve Cook from the Synod joined the council meeting to discuss next steps. He felt we had a strong Ministry Site Profile and First Lutheran Church will look attractive to potential candidates. We discussed our potential plan moving forward and he left us with information regarding conducting interviews, how candidates are found, etc. Steve is well versed in the process and assured us that he is available whenever we need guidance.

*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 and 10:45

*Executive Team meeting Tuesday October 4th at 6:30

*Team meetings Tuesday October 4th at 7:00

*Council Meeting Tuesday October 18th at 7:00

*Fall Communion Luncheon Wednesday October 19th. Worship at 11:00 / Luncheon to follow.

*New Member orientation Thursday October 20th at 7:00. (Teams are expected to be represented.)

*Ordination for Sarah Jones Saturday October 22nd at 3:30. Reception to follow.

*Reformation Sunday / Confirmation Sunday October 30th at 8:30 and 10:45

Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner

NEW MEMBERS

We will be having a New Member Orientation with all people who are planning on being New Members on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in Chilstrom Hall.

**We will be welcoming new members on
Sunday, October 23, 2022.**

8:30 a.m. Service with Communion and New Members

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Potluck Brunch in Honor of the New Members

All are welcome!





Holy Baptism

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



Baptized: Sunday, September 11, 2022

Lukas Matthew Wahl

Parents:
Danielle and Ryan Wahl

Sponsors:
Noah Elam
Melanie Wahl

Baptized: Sunday, September 18, 2022

Charlie Craig Bredeson

Parents:
Jacob Bredeson and Cassandra Bulau

Sponsors:
Tera Bredeson
Ty Bulau



Please join us for the

Fall Communion Luncheon
at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
703 South Sibley, Litchfield, MN

Wednesday, October 19, 2022
11:00 a.m.

Lunch and Fellowship to follow the service.



Churchwide

Congratulations to Sarah Jones, who accepted a call to Peace Lutheran Church of Cosmos. Her Ordination will be held at FLC - please see the invitation below for details....

You're Invited.

*By the grace of God and the call of the church,
a service of ordination for*

Sarah Clarene Esther Jones

*will be celebrated on
Saturday, October 22nd
at 3:30 pm*

*First Evangelical Lutheran Church
703 S. Sibley Avenue
Litchfield, MN 55355*

Reception with Meal Following Service



MEMORIALS, GIFTS & THANKS

Gifts were given to the General fund, MST-2024, Lutheran World Relief, and World Hunger in memory of DeWayne Albright by Diane Thorp, Cecil and Janice Fawcett, Rev. Dan and Sandra Buendorf, Dorothy Stenberg, Russell and Shirley Kronbeck, Scot and Joan Anderson, Jeanette Erickson, Einar Lundin, Marilyn Swanson, Randy Worden, Iris Holmgren, Hal and LaVonne Huso, Dorothy Euerle, Nate and Meredith Elj, Jerry and Judy Freitag, Darlene Lundin, Hazel Wittenberg, Lola Schlenner, Aldeen and Idell Kadelbach, Bob and Norma Hall, Gary and Kathy Cervin, Carolyn and Gloria Swenson, Luann Bachman, Richard and Norma Marquardt, Marilyn Hayford, Mattie Baumgartner, Marcia Anderson, Beverly Williams, Raymond and Darlene Groskreutz, Elaine Besonen, Geraldine Moen, Mark and Judy Hulterstrum, John and Shirley Lekander, Jerry and Betty Urdahl, John and Jo Carlson, John and Katie Hulterstrum, Valda Thomas, Elois Johnson, Duane and Darlene Henkelman, Sylvia Baumgartner, Marge Hellzen, Everett and Kathy Hantge, Marlene Herzog, Stanley and Sylvia Kittelson, Lynn and Margaret Splittgerber, Chuck and Karen Eberhard, Millard and Jane Hickman, Aldeen and Idell Kadelbach, Gary Smith, Bill and Bonnie Nelson, and Mark and Jane Holmgren. and friends and family.

Gifts were given to the General fund, WELCA, and Sunday School fund in memory of Greg Konietzko by Diane Konietzko, Michael and Gaylene Thomas, John and Jo Carlson, Bill and Bonnie Nelson, and Janet Forstrom.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Karl Lundin by Millard and Jane Hickman, and Aldeen and Idell Kadelbach.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of DeWayne Albright, Lillie Oeltjenbruns, and Greg Konietzko by David and Darlene Meidal.

Gifts were given to the General fund and M. A.M. in memory of Karl Lundin, Jane Boxell (Linda Larson's sister), DeWayne Albright, and Rick Fischer by Corey and Kris Cervin.

Special Thanks

First Lutheran Staff and Council,

Thank you for allowing 4-H to hold our general judging at the church in early August. This was such a blessing with the excessive heat that day. Thank you for your continued support of Meeker County 4-H

Thank you - A huge Thank You goes out to everyone who worked at and donated items for the Meeker County Fair MST Food Stand. We really appreciate everyone who answered the call for help when we asked. Much was accomplished in a very short time! The Stand was very successful thanks to all of you! Thanks to all the awesome young people that pitched in to help with order taking and preparations. The Food Stand would not have been able to operate without all the help and donations received. Also, Thanks to everyone who enjoyed a burger, piece of pie, large dill pickle, root beer float, etc. Much appreciated!! Thanks, Jackie Kraushaar and Kim Dolan, 2022 MST Food Stand Organizers



CHRISTMAS CHILD GIFT BOX!!

Please Take a Plastic Box from the table in the Narthex.

Fill it up according to the pamphlet instructions inside the box.

Drop off the box back at church by Sunday, November 20, 2022.

I will deliver them to the collection site on November 21st.

Shoebboxes full of Christmas gifts will be shipped to poor children in countries all over the world.

Thank you, Julie Bredeson

MISSION

Dear friends,

Warm greetings.

During July and August 2022 I was on Home Assignment visiting a number of sponsoring congregations and companion synods in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Upstate New York, New Jersey and Chicago.



At the end of August I participated in the ELCA's Service and Justice "Becoming Conference" held in Chicago. The conference was hosted by the ELCA Service & Justice home area and brought together Service and Justice staff, ELCA international personnel and families, international guests and ELCA networks that intersect with the work of Service and Justice. The program included time for worship, plenary speakers, small group discussions, project visits and fellowship. The Continental Africa Desk facilitated discussions on developing strategies for Gender Justice and Theological Education.

The Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA), which is the sub-regional expression of the Lutheran World Federation with 15 member churches in ten Southern African countries, gathered recently for its 11th

Assembly and to celebrate its 30th anniversary in Johannesburg, South Africa under the theme "This is my Body." The Assembly received reports, reflected on the past 30 years of LUCSA's existence, adopted a new strategic plan and elected Bishop Kenneth Sibanda of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe as its president for the next three years and Ms. Ann Mokhine (NELCSA) as deputy president.



At the conference I was able to present Bishop Tomas Ndawanapo from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Angola with a hard-copy of his doctor of ministry thesis from Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The ELCA International Leadership Program contributed scholarship support for Bishop Tomas' study program.

(Photo: From left to right: Rev. B. Kassahun: ELCA Continental Africa Desk Director, IELA Bishop Tomas Ndawanapo, Rev. Dr. Elitha Moyo: ELCA Regional Representative for Gender Justice - Africa, Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson)

Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in God's Mission locally and globally.

Yours faithfully,

Rev. Dr. Philip Knutson

ELCA Regional Representative - Southern Africa

September 22, 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.

OCTOBER 2022 Calendar

October 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 7th gr. Conf. Prep Class 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm 4:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting</p>		<p>4 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilistrom 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>5 4:00 p.m. 150th Anniversary Committee Meeting, Conf. room 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. Bible Study, Chapel</p>	<p>6 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>		<p>1 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Rehearsal</p> <p>8 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MST-2024 Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Rehearsal</p>
<p>9 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 7th gr. Conf. Prep Class 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p>	<p>11 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilistrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p>12 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. Priscilla Circle, Valda Thomas' home 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Chapel</p>	<p>13 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>		<p>14 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Mtg</p>	<p>15 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Movie Night Holy Word Theater</p>
<p>16 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio 8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 7th gr. Conf. Prep Class 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p>	<p>18 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilistrom 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>19 11:00 a.m. Comm. Luncheon 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution No Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Chapel</p>	<p>20 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 1:30 p.m. WELCA Meeting 2:00 p.m. Ecumen Worship 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel 7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation, Chilistrom Hall</p>			<p>22 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 3:30 p.m. Sarah Jones' Ordination Service w/Reception and meal following</p>
<p>23 *ONE SERVICE ONLY* New Member Sunday 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio, Trad. Worship w/Comm 9:30 a.m. Potluck Brunch No Sunday School or 7th gr. prep class.</p>	<p>25 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilistrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 8:30 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p>26 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Hope for the City, food distribution 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Banquet No Worship Service No Bible Study, Chapel 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>27 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>			<p>29 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Rehearsal</p>
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Serving Group & Birthdays

OCT. 2022 SERVING GROUP	
Chairs:	Jill Nelson
Richard & Betty Allen	Nathan & Amanda Nelson
Dianne Thorp	Ryan & Constance Nelson
Sandra Mielke	Sara Nelson
Andy & Sara Miller	Scott & Carol Nelson
Lylie Miller	Sheri Nelson
Travis & Clarissa Miller	Winton & Kris Nelson
Mildred Neitzel	Wendy Norine
Anthony & Nellya Nelson	Jason & Heidi Oslund
David & Jeanette Nelson	Daniel & Kelsey Pecholt
Dennis & Susan Nelson	Bud & Kate Peterson
Janet Nelson	Darla Peterson

October Ushers
8:30 a.m.
 Ray Groskreutz
 David Meidal
 Darlene Meidal

10:45 a.m.
 Tony Berglund
 Bob and Norma Hall

October



Robin Johnson
 693-7197



OCTOBER 1

Steven Isaacson
 Axel Koelln

OCTOBER 2

Camden Gabrielson
 Josie Hanson
 Susan Hein
 Derek Isaacson
 Makennon Lokken
 Shawn McClay
 Eleanora Miller
 Becca Prechel
 Kenneth Shoutz

OCTOBER 3

Alex Berglund
 Mitchell Kleinschmidt
 Wyatt Koelln

OCTOBER 4

Duane Bohn
 McKayla Huikko
 Steve Kraushaar
 Christopher Lease
 Ronald Piepenburg
 Sarah Stradtman

OCTOBER 5

Kimberly Dolan
 Judy Freitag
 William Hannan
 Larry Hanson
 Liv Hanson
 Melissa Hanson

OCTOBER 6

Veronica Escen
 LaVonne Huso
 Einar Lundin
 Levi Hickman

OCTOBER 7

Troy Elam
 Sheryl Nelson

OCTOBER 8

Wyatt Kaping
 Andy Miller
 Hanna Miller

OCTOBER 9

Joan Anderson
 Tonia Beavers
 Peggy Farmer
 Sandra Mielke

OCTOBER 10

Robert Gilberts
 Lenora Nelson
 Laurie Pierce

OCTOBER 11

Roxanne Rueckert
 Mark Elam

OCTOBER 12

Lindsay Ballard
 Jesse Carlson
 Cole Hoff
 Riley Hoff

OCTOBER 13

Brianna Garrison
 Lylie Miller
 Kyren Peterson

OCTOBER 14

Carli Gabrielson
 Maxwell Hyberger
 Shannon Jepson
 Penny Silverberg
 Marjorie Streed
 Tasha Sutter

OCTOBER 15

Elaine Lenhard
 Patrick McCormick

OCTOBER 16

Sabrara Evenson

OCTOBER 17

April Fitzloff
 Misty Marotte
 Timothy Trettin

OCTOBER 18

Julie Bredeson
 Steven Carlson
 Tait Christensen
 Erienne Fawcett
 David Johnson
 Sharon Johnson
 Gloria Koehn
 Miles Kerstein

OCTOBER 19

Richard Bates
 Nicholas Walker

OCTOBER 20

Laurie Boll
 Judy Farmer
 Hunter Grotto
 Karen Keller
 Kamryn McWherter
 Autumn Mickelson
 Paige Polzin
 Kristi Ziegler

OCTOBER 21

Camron Jones

OCTOBER 22

Iona Albright
 Iris Holmgren
 Samantha Miller
 Sara Rick
 Beau Rogers

OCTOBER 23

Mark Beckstrand
 Desiree Birch
 Matthew Defries
 Carol Dragt

OCTOBER 24

Allene Lachelt
 Christine Walker
 Michael Worden

OCTOBER 25

Breanna Olson

OCTOBER 26

Vincent Ableidinger
 Patrick Hoecke
 Denise Langmo

OCTOBER 27

OCTOBER 28

Fay Kjolsing
 Joel Michaletz
 Darin Mahlow
 Ava Slinden


OCTOBER 29

OCTOBER 29

OCTOBER 30

Gary Larson
 Robert Manson
 Donovan Slinden Jr
 Katherine Spanos
OCTOBER 31
 Charles Eberhard
 Harvey Graff
 Jessicah Gabrielson
 Susan Piepenburg

Senior Dining Menu

Monday, October 3rd	Tuesday, October 4th	Wednesday, October 5th	Thursday, October 6th	Friday, October 7th
Baked Fish, 1 each	Meatloaf, 5x5	Baked Chicken, 3oz	Sloppy Joe, 4oz	Turkey and Noodles, 1 c
Au Gratin Potatoes, 1/2 c	Corn, 1/2 c	Peas and Carrots, 1/2 c	on Bun, 1 each	California Norm Veg, 1/2 c
Green Beans, 1/2 c	Bkd Potato w/Sour Cr, 1 each	Mandarin Oranges, 1/2 c	Romaine Salad w/Dr, 1 c	Warm Apple Slices, 1/2 c
Dinner Roll w/ Marg., 1 each	Bread Sl w/ Marg., 1 each	Rice Pilaf, 1/2 c	Seasoned Pinto Beans, 1/2 c	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c
Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c	Jello w/ Whipped Top, 1/2 c	Warm Peaches, 1/2 c	Low Fat Milk, 8oz
Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz
Monday, October 10th	Tuesday, October 11th	Wednesday, October 12th	Thursday, October 13th	Friday, October 14th
Salisbury Steak w Gravy, 1 each	Beef Chili w/ Beans, 1 c	Macaroni and Cheese, 1c	Creamy Swedish Mtballs, 4oz	Chicken ala King, 4oz
Bkd Potato w/Sour Cr, 1 each	Romaine Salad w/Dr, 1 c	California Norm Veg, 1/2 c	Mashed Potatoes, 1/2 c	w/ Brown Rice, 1/2 c
Glazed Carrots, 1/2 c	Fruit, 1/2 c	Stewed Tomatoes, 1/2 c	Mixed Vegetables, 1/2 c	Peas and Carrots, 1/2 c
Bread Sl w/ Marg., 1 each	Corn Bread Muffin, 1 each	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c	Dinner Roll w/ Marg., 1 each	Fruit Mix, 1/2 c
Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c	Cookie, 1 each	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Fresh Fruit, 1/2 c	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c
Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz
Monday, October 17th	Tuesday, October 18th	Wednesday, October 19th	Thursday, October 20th	Friday, October 21st
Tuna Noodle Casserole, 1c	BBQ Pork on Bun, 4oz	Tater Tot Casserole, 1c	Meatballs in Marinara, 4oz	Brat, 1 each
Mixed Vegetables, 1/2c	Coleslaw, 1/2 c	Green Beans, 1/2 c	Peas and Carrots, 1/2 c	Mashed Potatoes, 1/2 c
Warm Cinn. Applesauce, 1/2 c	Vegetarian Bkd Beans, 1/2 c	Romaine Salad w/Dr, 1 c	Fresh Fruit, 1/2 c	Sauerkraut, 1/2 c
Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c	Warm Fruit Crisp, 1/2 c	Dinner Roll w/ Marg., 1 each	Breadstick, 1 each	Bread Sl w/ Marg., 1 each
Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Warm Apple Sl w/ Raisins, 1/2 c	Jello w/ Whipped Top, 1/2 c	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c
		Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz
Monday, October 24th	Tuesday, October 25th	Wednesday, October 26th	Thursday, October 27th	Friday, October 28th
Chicken Fried Sk w/Gravy, 1 ea	Ham, 3oz	Turkey and Gravy, 4oz	Pasta and Meat Sauce, 1c	Sweet and Sour Chicken, 1/2 c
Mashed Potatoes, 1/2 c	Cooked Cabbage, 1/2 c	Mashed Potatoes, 1/2 c	California Norm Veg, 1/2 c	w/ Brown Rice, 1/2 c
Green Beans, 1/2 c	Peas and Carrots, 1/2 c	Corn, 1/2 c	Fresh Fruit, 1/2 c	Romaine Salad w/Dr, 1 c
Biscuit w/ Marg., 1 each	Dinner Roll w/ Marg., 1 each	Bread Sl w/ Marg., 1 each	Breadstick, 1 each	Mixed Vegetables, 1/2 c
Fruit, 1/2 c	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c
Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz	Low Fat Milk, 8oz
Monday, October 31st	 <p>Call LSS Meals to order/change 320-693-6203 (Litchfield Site-Leave Message)</p>			
Hamburger w/ Cheese, 1 each				
on Bun, 1 each				
Glazed Carrots, 1/2 c				
Vegetarian Bkd Beans, 1/2 c				
Dessert, 2x3 or 1/2 c				
Low Fat Milk, 8oz				

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.

Menu is Subject to Change
Approved by Donna Dunlap RD, LD
SNAP or EBT Payment is accepted

Churchwide



Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 2, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship on radio
- 8:30 a.m. Worship w/comm
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, & 7th gr. conf/prep
- 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship with Comm.

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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

Sunday, October 9, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship on radio
- 8:30 a.m. Worship w/comm
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, & 7th gr. conf/prep
- 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship with Comm.

Wednesday, October 12, 2022

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

Sunday, October 16, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship on radio
- 8:30 a.m. Worship w/comm
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, & 7th gr. conf/prep
- 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship with Comm.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

- 11:00 a.m. Communion Luncheon
- 6:30 p.m. Worship w/comm. in Chapel

Sunday, October 23, 2022 NEW MEMBERS

- 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship w/comm.
@ FLC on KLFD radio, Facebook and YT
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Potluck Brunch
No Sunday School, & 7th gr. conf/prep

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

No Worship w/comm. in Chapel this week

Sunday, October 30, 2022 Confirmation

- 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship on radio
- 8:30 a.m. Worship w/comm, Confirmation
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, & 7th gr. conf/prep
- 10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship with Comm., Confirmation

Preparation for worship

- I call to mind some people who support me in faith: "[Name], I thank God ... as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers" (2 Timothy 1:3, NIV).
- We pray for the well-being of the places we live and this community where we minister, for in their welfare is ours as well (Jeremiah 29:7).
- Dear Lord: "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" (Psalm 119:103).
- "Blessed are those you ... bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house" (Psalm 65:4, NIV).
- Wrap us in your warmth like a quilt, O God of love. As days grow colder in the northern hemisphere, make our hearts burn with your love for one another.

Special dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 2, 2022*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 30, 2022*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 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, October 15, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie: *Where the Red Fern Grows*

Please join us for a good movie
and popcorn.

Please bring your own beverage.

WELCA MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

WELCA met on September 21, 2022, in Chilstrom Hall with Dianne Thorpe calling the meeting to order. The Purpose Statement was recited. Devotions were given by Pastor Tom.

Dianne introduced our speaker, Barb Loch, Meeker County Auditor. In 2020, 46% of voters in Meeker County voted absentee. That amounted to 6200 ballots. If you don't vote in 4 years, you are taken off the registered voter list and have to re-register. Meeker County only offers two ways to vote: Election Day voting or Absentee voting. The county does not offer Direct Balloting, where you come in to the court house and vote and you immediately put your ballot in a counting machine or Ballot Drop Boxes. 175 people have been trained in as election judges in Meeker County. The Auditor is required to stay at the court house until all ballots are returned from the precincts or townships. If you decide to vote absentee, you can track your ballot through the system once it has been returned/mailed to the courthouse by going to the Secretary of State's website. Go to: sos.state.mn.us then click on Elections & Voting and then click on Other Ways to Vote and select Track your Absentee Ballot. The Secretary of State's website can answer other voting questions you may have.

There was no WELCA meeting or Funday in August. The treasurer's report was presented and a motion to approve was made by LaVerne Decker with a second by Marlys Elam. Motion carried.

Old Business: The council has made no decision yet on using paper cups vs regular coffee cups because of the expense of the paper cups. Fans for the kitchen – no update.

New Business: The Fall Gathering is on September 24th at Stockholm. A signup sheet was passed around. A motion was made by Gladys Johnson with a second by Jackie Kraushaar to send a check for \$150 to the gathering. 38 school kits were assembled at God's Work Our Hands and will be taken to the Fall Gathering.

The Blessing Box is in need of more donations. Small fruit cups, packets of tuna or cans with a pull top are requested. Small cereal boxes could be used too as well as any other food items.

Julie Bredeson said she is again working on the Christmas Boxes for children and they will be out this week.

We have a shortage of cups, glasses, pitchers and silverware. Dee Bollin, Jackie Kraushaar and Sue Lemmer volunteered to count the items we have on Sept 26 at 1:30.

Serving in October will be Marlys Elam and LaVerne Decker.

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

Dessert was served by Lana Johnson and Kris Nelson.

Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



**NEXT WELCA
MEETING
Thursday
October 20, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Chilstrom Hall**

Churchwide



Volunteer Opportunity

We need readers for the 8:30 weekly service. We have lost 50% of our readers due to covid, age and disability. Call David Meidal 612 360 8302 or see Judy in the office. Thank you

God's work.
Our hands.



One of the God's Work Our Hands projects was assembling LWR School kits. Volunteers were gathered after worship and 38 school bags were put together.

Thank you to everyone who participated in all the projects this year.



"For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."



LUKE 18:14, NIV

Beginning Sept 18th MST-USA 2023 will be taking orders for **Butter Braids**. Orders may be placed with any MST-USA youth (online or in person), or through the church office. With the new "on-line" ordering options, customers are able to visit the on-line "store", place an order and pay all in one spot! Your Butter Braids will then be available for pick up at church, or delivered by one of our youth. If you'd like to place an order on-line, you can either visit the First Lutheran Facebook page for the link - or call the church office and Judy can assist by emailing you the link. **Butter Braids will be delivered on Nov 1st** - just in time for Thanksgiving!! If you have any questions, please contact Martha Christensen [320-981-0354](tel:320-981-0354). **Thank you for your support of MST-USA!**



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: Operation Christmas Child



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!!

Family Fare Receipts: Please bring in your receipts (place in basket in the Sunday School Entrance or bring to the church office). These receipts are added together and helps our education program earn \$1000 per \$150,000 worth of receipts. Please note we need the entire receipt.

Thank you for all the receipts that have been turned in!!

*receipts for prescriptions purchased are **not** eligible for the program.

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



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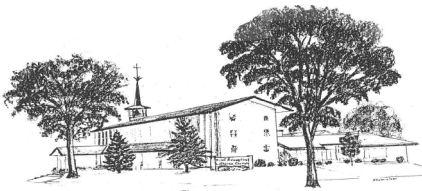
Please come to celebrate Einar Lundin's
95th birthday
at Beckville Lutheran Church
on Saturday, October 8th
from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. No gifts please.



Did you know we have a blessing box? What is a Blessing Box? A Blessing Box is a "Little Free Pantry", which provides non perishable food (like cereal, canned soup/pasta, granola bars) as well as hygiene items (including shampoo, soap, toothbrushes/toothpaste and toilet paper) to local residents when they need them. *****We are in need of donations of these items. The Blessing Box is located outside of church by the Sunday School entrance. We also have items inside the entrance on the table. Thank you!!

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MST Rummage Sale Saturday, October 8, 2022 8:00 AM - Noon

Beginning on Monday, October 3rd.

We will accept your donations of gently used clothing, household items, toys, books, games, etc.

Please place these items in the South Sunday School entrance.

Please understand that we are unable to accept the following:

Electronics, large furniture, exercise equipment, and encyclopedias.

~MST 2024