

FIRST NEWS

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

NOVEMBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2022 Time with Tom

¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ²¹"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

We have just gone through another election experience with the advertisements and bashing of candidates. We may have been caught up in the hype of a political party and found ourselves bashing someone's character, all because of something the media may have claimed. We all know that in most state and national elections, there is a certain amount of untruths spread around to make each party candidate look better than their opponent does. From our text, we see Jesus is reminding us that by a simple act of insulting your brother or sister you break one of the commandments given to us by God through Moses. It may not seem like it but this is a big deal. God gave us the commandments and Jesus came to fulfill them. We still hold strong to the understanding that Jesus teaches us not to let the world turn us away from God, that by hate or anger or even by false statements against our neighbor we do exactly that, we turn away from God.

In our efforts to stay connected to the things we think are important, we may be breaking relationship with creation and in turn, we break relationship with God. We show our love for God when we show love for our neighbor. We show love for God when we show love for our enemy. Do not let the results of an election continue to separate ourselves from the relationship God wants for us. We need to understand that everyone has an opinion and none of us is totally wrong or correct. However, we are all children of God. Let the love of God shine in you as you go out sharing the good news of Jesus Christ by loving God and loving your neighbor, even your political enemy. 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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Mon. - Thur. 8 AM - 4:30 PM
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Council Highlights

**“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes
Tuesday, October 18th, 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 Andy Miller

*Additions to the agenda:

~Sharing of an Associate Pastor

*Devotions: Chuck Fenton

*Secretary report was approved

*Treasurer report was approved

***Pastor Tom reported:

~The newly created MST advisory team has now been formed. Members include Amy Nelson, Karla Kadelbach, Joe Berube, Jackie Kraushaar, Kim Dolan and Martha Christensen. The team will begin meeting in the near future.

~Pastor Tom and Visitation Pastor Mark continue to visit as many less-mobile members as time permits.

~The previously discussed Grief Support group is still being formed. They are looking for a person to moderate the discussions and provide content.

~Wednesday night gatherings and worship are going well. Pastor Tom will be confirming 5 students at the end of October.

~The process of calling an Associate Pastor continues to evolve.

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

***Discussion regarding a request to share an Associate Pastor:

~Pastor Tom was approached by another congregation in the community that requested an opportunity to share an Associate Pastor with First Lutheran. The church making this request was aligned with some of the same teachings but was not a Lutheran Church. After some discussion by council, a motion was made to deny this request. The motion passed.

***Team Reports:

*Evangelism / Social Ministries:

~The Communion Luncheon was served and went well.

*Church Property:

~Team discussed the progress of the Audio-Video booth. The firm is scheduled to be here to move the AV equipment around the first week in November

~The parking lot sealing or overlay (or replacement) is still under discussion. The team is gathering advice and estimates for the parking lot project. This will most likely be a blacktop sealing and stripping project in the spring or summer of 2023 to prepare for the 150th celebration. The team would like to propose a financial plan to fund an overlay or replacement project before committing to either option. Donations can be made to help defray the cost of this future project.

~The team also discussed waiting with the soft start switch for the elevator until after the Audio-Video project is complete and final construction numbers are reviewed.

~The need for tree trimming along the south fence was also discussed.

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

**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 September 2022: \$19,909
Expenses for the month of September 2022: \$27,526

Year to Date:

Income as of September 2022: \$262,561
Expenses as of September 2022: \$272,561

*Endowment:

~The Endowment team met via email correspondence

~The Executive team recommended the following options for Christmas Memorials:

>150th Celebration, Parking lot repair or replacement, Gods Work Our Hands, and the General fund.

>The majority of the Endowment team agreed with these options

(Council members also asked to add the Blessing Box to the Christmas Memorials)

*Worship & Music:

(Old Business and New Business)

~Update on the 150th Celebration

>Schedule of events was discussed with probable dates and event programs

~Anniversary committee talked about making a new member directory. They feel the time commitment may be too great for the committee to undertake this task. This has been passed to the council for follow up.

~Tour of churches will be December 4th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm. Nicole (Elj) Geffre will chair this event.

~Christmas decorating was discussed.

~"Tis the Season" will be held on December 11th at 6:00 pm (No Jubellation)

~Moving the Audio-Video equipment estimate was discussed and a motion was presented and passed to accept the estimate as received.

*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.

>See notes from Pastor Tom's report for team members.

*Old Business:

~150th Anniversary committee continues to meet.

~Plans were finalized for serving the meal after Sarah Jones' Ordination.

~Plans were finalized for the New Member potluck.

*New Business:

~Selection of Council members to participate in the Call committee for the potential Associate Pastor position.

>Members to be on the committee will be: Chuck Fenton, Dennis Gartner, Karla Kadelbach, Corey Cervin, Meredith Elj and Amy Nelson. Abby Hemmingway will be an alternate.

~Discussion regarding questions to be asked of potential candidates.

>Questions were submitted to Council President Corey Cervin for review and consolidation.

~Budgets for 2023 were discussed. Teams are asked to work on preliminary budgets at their next team meetings.

*Prayer requests were taken

*Closing prayer was heard and the meeting was adjourned

***Dates to remember:

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

*In person services Sunday's at 8:30 and 10:45

*Wednesday evening services, Supper 6:00, Worship 6:30, Bible Study 7:00

*Executive Team meeting Tuesday November 1st at 6:30

*Team meetings Tuesday November 1st at 7:00

*Council Meeting Tuesday November 15th at 7:00

*Thanksgiving Eve service at Beckville November 23rd at 7:00

Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner



Come Celebrate
The 69th Annual
Saint Lucia Breakfast
First Lutheran Church
Litchfield, MN



December 10, 2022
6:00 – 9:30 A.M.

Traditional Swedish Breakfast with the option of scrambled eggs

Suggested Donations

Adults \$10.00

Children 6–10 years \$5.00/ Under 6 years free

Tickets available at the First Lutheran

Church Office

or at the door

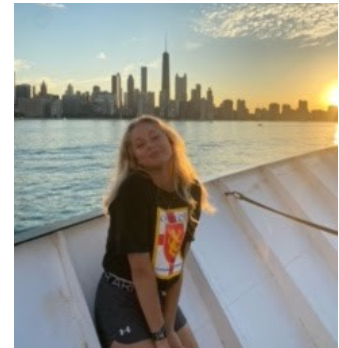
Serving Group Leaders: Please return your serving list to the church office. Thank you!

MST-USA is excited to announce that our 2023 mission trip will take us to Nashville, TN. This July, 15 youth and 3 adult chaperones will partner with YouthWorks and the Nashville community to meet ongoing needs in their area. This may include serving at a food pantry, clothing distribution center, soup kitchen or other local initiatives.

We'd like to thank all of you that have already supported our many fundraisers. Each MST-USA youth is responsible for covering the costs of their trip. So we appreciate all of your support - both financial and through prayer. And we'll be introducing our group to you in upcoming newsletters...here are a few of them!



Lily Christensen, 8th grade (Parents are Tait and Marie Christensen) "I want to go on the missions trip to help the people in Nashville and spread the word of God!"



Carli Gabrielson, 11th grade (Parents are Todd and Jess Gabrielson) "I'm looking forward to going on this years mission trip because I've always wanted to go to Nashville and I'm excited to be going to work - God's hands - helping people however I can with my friends."



Olivia Rick, 11th grade (Parents are Virgil and Sara Rick) "I am going to Nashville because I want to help out the people there!"

Beginning Sunday, Nov 6 MST-USA youth will be selling Advent Calendars. These delicious, chocolate filled calendars are only \$5 and will be available to purchase during coffee hour through the end of November! Get yours today! Thank you for your support of MST-USA 2023.



Churchwide



Holy Baptism

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



Baptized: Sunday, September 25, 2022

Jayden Dean Pinilla

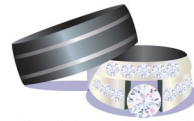
Parents:

Samantha Oslund and Adam Pinilla

Sponsors:

Jason and Heidi Oslund

Michael Oslund



United in Marriage

Congratulations to Joseph and Navasha Kieffer

who were united in marriage at Rolling Ridge Wedding and Event Center on Thursday, September 29, 2022.



SAVE THE DATE...

Christmas Tour of Churches



Sunday, December 4th from 1-5 p.m.

FLC along with other participating Litchfield Area Churches will open their doors and express warm Christmas wishes.

Tour maps and more information will be available prior to the event.



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Mae Wertz

Saturday, October 29, 2022

Please keep her family in your prayers.

MEMORIALS, GIFTS & THANKS

A gift was given to the General fund in honor of Einar Lundin's 95th Birthday by Mike and Kris Nelson.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Luverne Ye, Shirley Lekander's sister, by Paul and Sue Lemmer, and John and Shirley Lekander.

A gift was given to the 150th Anniversary Celebration fund in memory of DeWayne Albright by Tom and Jan Bredeson,

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of Jutta and Lowell Goodrich's brother-in-law in Germany by Kirk and Dorothy Lundin.

A gift was given to the General fund in honor of Einar Lundin's 95th Birthday by Bob and Norma Hall.

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of my Mom, Jean Hoyer, who passed away 3 years ago, 10/26 - Lisa Hoyer

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of Mary Jane Klosner, by Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

A gift was given to MST in honor of Sarah Jones' Ordination by Jean Wieland.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Luverne Ye, Shirley Lekander's sister, by Dan and Brenda Johnson, and Kirk and Dorothy Lundin.

Special Thanks _____

Thank you to all those that gave cards, gifts, birthday wishes and for those that attended my 95th birthday party. I am very blessed. Einar O Lundin

Thank you to everyone that donated, helped organize or purchased items at the MST garage sale. Profits were \$1077. Thanks again, MST 2024



Christmas Memorials 2022

Given by: _____

In memory and/or in honor of:

General Fund \$ _____

150th Anniversary Celebration \$ _____

Parking Lot Refurbishment \$ _____

God's Work, Our Hands \$ _____

Blessing Box \$ _____

**Please return your memorial and this form to the church office no later than:
Friday, December 16, 2022. Thank you!**

MISSION

Dear friends,

Warm greetings.

The Lutheran Communion in Southern Africa (LUCSA) Infohut program aims at creating a generation free of HIV & AIDS through an innovative approach to learning and living that is faith-based and uses modern technology (computers), critical thinking and responsible action promoting justice and sustainable livelihoods.

In Zimbabwe there are currently thirteen Infohut sites including the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Zimbabwe (ELCZ) Infohut Project at Burure Primary and Secondary Schools in north-central Zimbabwe.

To make entrepreneurial training practical the Burure Infohut project purchased 26 goats as part of their livelihoods education program. The students who received goats are getting guidance from the local parish pastor and school teachers who mentor the students and check on their progress. The goat project is proving to the youth and the community that goats can be a viable source of income to assist in meeting basic family needs. The young participants are still committed to their schoolwork and excited to share what they are learning with their peers. The school administrators are in the process of identifying the next group of students who will receive goats, offspring of the original 26.



The LUCSA Infohut program is fully supported by the ELCA and is operating across the region in a variety of sites hosted by member churches in Zimbabwe, Malawi, Namibia and Zambia and continues to grow, attracting both young and older participants. Since its inception in 2007, over 45,000 youth and adults have participated in the Infohut program.

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
October 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.

November 2022 Calendar

November 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom</p> <p>8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Quilters</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Worship at Meeker Manor</p> <p>5:30 a.m. Worship Team Mtg.</p> <p>6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Exec. Team Mtg.</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Team Meetings</p>	<p>2 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Chapel</p>	<p>3 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 8:00 a.m. Men's Group</p> <p>1:00 p.m. Visitation</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Funeral for Beverly Nelson</p>
<p>6 All Saints Sunday</p> <p>8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p> <p>6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom</p> <p>8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Conference Pastors Meeting</p> <p>6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p>9 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle, Shert Nelson's home</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Chapel</p>	<p>10 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery Mtg. Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Dist. Mtg.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Mtg</p>	<p>12 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Rehearsal</p>
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<p>20 8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle</p>	<p>22</p> <p>7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom</p> <p>8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Quilters</p> <p>6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p>23 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. No Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve. Worship at Beckville, Fellowship following service 7:00 p.m. no Bible Study, Chapel</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Holiday</p> <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Church office Closed</p>	<p>26 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Rehearsal</p>
<p>27 1st Sunday in Advent</p> <p>8:30 a.m. ELCA COOP/Radio</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Trad. Worship w/Comm</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 a.m. Non-Trad. Worship w/comm</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom</p> <p>8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live</p> <p>6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p>30 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg.</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Confirmation</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Bible Study, Chapel</p>	<p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487</p>		

Serving Group & Birthdays

NOVEMBER 2022 SERVING GROUP
Chair: Betty Allen (Filling In)
Jesse Peterson
Ron & Barb Piepenburg
Gary & Laurie Pierce
Brenda Pollock
Lisa Provencher
Carol Rowell
Ila Rueckert

Joanne Rust
Merry Schmidt
Russell & Darcy Schmitz
Dave & Irene Schwartz
Ken & Carol Shoutz
Jon & Penny Silverberg
Gary Smith
Joan Sommerfeld
John & Julie Spanos
Jason & Tanna Stucky

November Ushers
8:30 a.m.
James Lenhard - C
Keith Evenson
Dr. Dan Johnson
Hal Huso
10:45 a.m.
Mark Bredeson- C
Richard Farmer
Andy Miller

November



Meredith Elj
593-8640



Attention Ushers: Things are slowly changing at 1st Lutheran. Starting the first Sunday in November the offering plates will be passed during the service. This will happen every Sunday there after. New Change, we will need all ushers to show up and help. If you are a new member at 1st and would like to usher please contact any of the Head Ushers, Chuck Eberhard, Gary Smith, Bob Gilberts, or the church office.

Also, the 1st Sunday of every month, communion will be at the railing. This requires six ushers. Please show up so we know how many more ushers would be required for the service. Ushers should show up a half hour before the start of service.

Thank you.

NOVEMBER 1

Julie Dengerud

NOVEMBER 2

Chantell Andersen-Otto

Tracey Kaping

Heather Kelly

Owen Rick

NOVEMBER 3

Kenneth Bohn

Mary Burdick

Nicole Geffre

Randy Stille

NOVEMBER 4

Tucker Liestman

NOVEMBER 5

Evan Baldwin

Thomas Larson

Daniel Pecholt

NOVEMBER 6

Doris Birkemeyer

Joshua Blomberg

Renee Gartner

NOVEMBER 7

Ann Bush

Christi Triche

NOVEMBER 8

Kathy Cervin

Joseph Elam

Diane Housman

NOVEMBER 9

Krista DeWolf

Cecil Fawcett

Pam Groskreutz

Stacey Helstrom

Gary Husmann

Karla Hyberger

Ethan Lease

NOVEMBER 10

Wesley Herzog

John Lekander

Kari Mahlow

Savannah Nelson

Jack Ramthun

NOVEMBER 11

Danielle Wahl

Logan Hanson

NOVEMBER 12

Marlena McGraw

Heidi Oslund

Carol Shoutz

Jacob Steichen

Marilyn Swanson

NOVEMBER 13

Amy Berube

Timothy Elam

Barbara Hannes

Adrienne Henschke

Judy Judes

Kathryn Kronbeck

NOVEMBER 14

Barbara Holmberg

David Larson

NOVEMBER 15

Melanie Muske

Kate Peterson

NOVEMBER 16

Richard Allen

Chris Bostrom

Alice Branstner

Teresa

Christoferson

Karianna Husmann

Gary Vollmer

NOVEMBER 17

Charley Estrada

Duane Farmer

Lynette Kleinschmidt

James Sommerfeld

Dominick Steichen

NOVEMBER 18

Ernest Defries

Madelyn Fluck

Sharon Galloway

NOVEMBER 19

Janice Madden

Tom McCormick

NOVEMBER 20

Ellen Hultstrum

Matthew Jensen

Craig McKechney

Becky Estrada

NOVEMBER 21

James Koenig

Matthew Triche

Connor Worden

NOVEMBER 22

Brenda Flann

Sally Gilberts

Mary Hokanson

Christian Horwath

Grace Rogers

NOVEMBER 23

Gavin Hurd

NOVEMBER 24

NOVEMBER 25

Brody Quast

Katie Ziegler

NOVEMBER 26

Patti Burdick

Von Grotto

NOVEMBER 27

Harper Judes

NOVEMBER 28

Adam Frank

NOVEMBER 29

NOVEMBER 30



Churchwide



Worship Schedule

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

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

Sunday, November 6, 2022 *All Saints Sunday

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

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

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

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

Sunday, November 13, 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

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

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

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

Sunday, November 20, 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

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

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

Thanksgiving Eve Service at Beckville

7:00 p.m. Worship, fellowship following

Sunday, November 27, 2022 1st/Sun. Advent

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

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

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

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

- All Saints' Day — November 1, 2022
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends — November 6, 2022
- Martin Luther's Birthday—November 10th (1483)
- Veterans Day — November 11, 2022
- Christ the King Sunday — November 20, 2022
- Bible Sunday — November 20, 2022
- National Bible Week — November 20-26, 2022
- Thanksgiving Day — November 24, 2022
- First Sunday of Advent — November 27, 2022



A Veterans Day prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country.

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Jennifer Phillips



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, November 19, 2022

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie: TBD....

Please join us for a good movie
and popcorn.

Please bring your own beverage.

WELCA MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2022

WELCA met on October 20, 2022, in Chilstrom Hall with Betty Allen calling the meeting to order. The Purpose Statement was recited. Devotions were given by President Betty.

The secretary's minutes were read. Kris Nelson made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second by Dee Bollin. Motion carried. There was no treasurer's report.

Old Business: WELCA was informed that there can be no ceiling fan installed in the kitchen. It is unsanitary to have fans blowing over food in the kitchen.

There was a long discussion on what is needed for the kitchen. Items were counted in September and we need everything except plates. Dorothy Euerle had the notes on where items had been previously purchased for the kitchen. There is a place in Willmar called Crow Chemical where items can be purchased. Betty Allen will check with them and see if they could order the same dishes and silverware that we currently have. We also need water glasses, water pitchers, salt and pepper shakers and coffee carafes. A total dollar amount will be calculated and then the Pastor and Council will decide from which fund the money will be allocated. All of this is in preparation for the Church's 150th Anniversary next summer.

New Business: The Lucia Breakfast will be on December 10th.

The Blessing Box is still in need of food. Any food donations can be put on the table in the Sunday school entrance. Money can also be donated and left in the office and someone will purchase items that are needed. Paper products are also needed.

The Co-op '**Tis the Season** table setting will once again be held at First on Sunday, December 11th at 6:30. Carol Dragt has graciously volunteered to be in charge of the program. There is no charge for the program, but you must reserve a ticket by calling the church office. People are needed to set a table. If you would be willing to decorate a table, please let Betty Allen know.

Thank you to LaVerne Decker and Marlys Elam for serving.

Next month's meeting will be on November 17th at 1:30. Serving in November will be Judy Berglund and Betty Allen.

The Lord's Prayer was recited.

Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



**NEXT WELCA
MEETING
Thursday
November 17, 2022
1:30 p.m.
Chilstrom Hall**

Churchwide

Congratulations 2022 Confirmation Class First Evangelical Lutheran Church

We are very excited to have had
5 confirmands affirm their baptism on
Sunday, October 30, 2022



Kira Beth Kuechle, daughter of Todd and Sara Kuechle
Ethan Daniel Lease, son of Daniel and Heather Lease
Kamryn Pauline McWherter, daughter of Brittany Burdick,
and Devin McWherter
Kiera Faith Olson, daughter of Jeffrey and Amy Olson
Leah Starlene Wilson, daughter of Justin and Crystal Wilson



OPERATION 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 by Sunday, November 20, 2022.

I will deliver them to the collection site on November 21st.
Shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts will be shipped to poor children
in countries all over the world.

Thank you, Julie Bredeson



Tis the Season - Table Decorating

This event will be held on
Sunday, December 11th

Please let Betty Allen or the
church office know if you are
interested in decorating for this
year's event. Thank you!

5th Grade Milestone Ministries



We will be working on Milestone projects in
November with our 5th graders:
Advent Beginnings and making Log/Wreaths

More information will be available soon, so
please watch the weekly bulletin!

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;

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.

Update: for Major Troy Thomas, Severance, CO, nephew of Valda Thomas and Mike and Gaylene Thomas; He has retired and is living in CO. Thank you to First Lutheran Church for all the prayers during his time of Service.

Welcome Home! to those of you who now have returned to the States. Thank you all for your service

*Please let the office know if titles, locations, and/or addresses have changed for any of the above.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: The Blessing Box



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: Lois Rusch

Emmaus Place: Mae Brehmer

Bethany Home: Janet Lundin

Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich, Darlene Miller

Lakeside, Dassel: Martin and Edna Oldenburg



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, canned meat/tuna or chicken, granola bars, rice, veggies, etc to local residents when they need them.

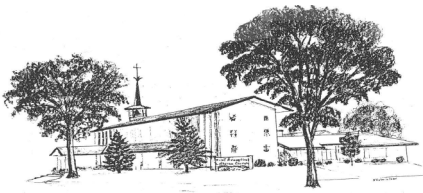
*****We are in need of donations of these items.*****

Or monetary gifts to support the purchasing of the items.

The Blessing Box is located outside of church by the Sunday School entrance. We also have items inside the entrance on the table.

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Wednesday November 23, 2022
7:00 p.m.

Beckville Lutheran Church
Music by the ELCA COOP Band

Coffee and fellowship
following service