

# FIRST NEWS

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

OCTOBER 2023

## October 2023 Time with Tom

October, a month that has drawn my attention for most of my life. I would look forward to October more than March, my birth month, because of the activities of October and the joy it brought me. October for me was what I worked so hard all year to reach. For a major part of my life, I spent a lot of time and effort preparing, training and planning for October. I was at one time, a serious pheasant hunter. Training dogs, practicing my shooting skills on the trap range and reading everything I could, to set my dogs up for a successful season. For a few years, a dog collar producer procured me to field-test their training collars and equipment, because I wore out every collar I purchased and they could not understand how someone could, as a hobby hunter, do that. I found myself so enveloped in the sport because of my love for the GSP (German Shorthaired Pointers) hunting dogs and the passion they had for the hunt that it consumed me. Jesus had some passionate disciples that gave everything to the work of the Gospel. Many died because of their ministry to the people and the struggles they dealt with in mission. Jesus calls us to follow him and we can look forward to the coming of the kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of God with great enthusiasm knowing Jesus walks with us along the way. Jesus must look at us with a similar passion, full of hopefulness and joy as I did October and the pheasant-hunting season. The biggest difference is my love for hunting could not return the kind of love God has for me and the joy God receives when I share the good news with others. When Jesus compares the woman to a dog in Matthew (*<sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly*) she shows her faith in an extraordinary way. Can we, with equally humble enthusiasm, call upon Jesus in faith, to bring the kingdom of God to us and to those around us so we too can look forward to the coming kingdom of heaven? We may not be worthy or deserving but what joy we can share, as we look for the coming Spirit of God and God's heavenly kingdom, Amen.

Live in peace and the God of Love and peace will be with you.

2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 13:11 Pastor Tom Evenson

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

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# Church Council

**“GOD’S WORK.  
OUR HANDS.”**

**First Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Council  
2023**

**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  
Mattie Baumgartner

**Stewardship & Finance:**  
Karla Kadelbach  
Andy Miller  
Mike Langmo

**Social Ministry/Evangelism:**  
Joe Berube  
Meredith Elj  
Abby Hemmingway  
Amy Nelson

**Endowment/Memorial:**  
Corey Cervin  
Chuck Fenton

**Property:**  
Dennis Gartner  
Chuck Fenton  
Gordon Burdick  
Mattie Baumgartner

**Worship:**  
Gordon Burdick  
Meredith Elj  
Mike Langmo

**Personnel:**  
Corey Cervin

**MST:**  
Karla Kadelbach  
Amy Nelson  
Joe Berube

First Evangelical Lutheran Church – Council Minutes  
Tuesday, September 19th, 2023

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:

2024: Dennis Gartner, Joe Berube, Gordon Burdick, Chuck Fenton

2025: Meredith Elj, Andy Miller, Mike Langmo, Corey Cervin

2026: Karla Kadelbach, Amy Nelson, Abby Hemmingway, Mattie Baumgartner

\*All members were present except Joe Berube, Andy Miller & Abby Hemmingway.  
Chuck Fenton attended via Zoom.

\*Devotions: Amy Nelson

\*Secretary report was approved.

\*Treasurer’s report was discussed. Points of clarification from our last meeting were addressed and reconciled. A request was made to get a report for the total cost of the rooftop heating & cooling units and a total amount of donations received for this project. Treasurer’s report was approved.

\*\*\*Pastor Tom reported:

~MST International (Braga Portugal) update: The 2000 Harley Davidson motorcycle that was gifted back to the MST program after the raffle is now at the auction facility. The motorcycle will be sold by September 25<sup>th</sup>. The fall garage sale will be held October 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to Noon. Campfire wood is still being sold at the campgrounds as a fundraiser.

~The Synod has provided another candidate for the call committee to contact for the Associate Pastor role. A meeting is being scheduled in the near future.

~New Member orientation is scheduled for Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>. New Member Sunday will be on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

~The Widow’s Grief Support group will start meeting twice a month on the first and third Sundays at 1:00 PM.

~Pastor Mark Little continues to meet with those unable to attend services in person. Pastor Tom also does these visits as needed.

~The Co-op radio broadcasts will continue at 8:30 Sunday morning on KLFD.

~Co-op activities of each church should be shared with the other congregations. If you have something that may interest the community, please contact the church office.

\*\*\*Team Reports:

\*Christian Education / Youth:

~Rally Sunday was well attended and well received by the students.

~Sunday School teachers and assistants are coming forward to help for the school year.

\*Personnel:

~Discussed current music leaders’ compensation based on past wages and will make a recommendation to the council.

\*Worship:

(Worship Old Business)

~CD recorder is now working for the social media & audio technicians.

~God’s Work Our Hands was discussed for September 10<sup>th</sup>.

(Worship New Business)

~The team will work on updating job descriptions for various positions.

~Christmas Service Schedule: Will not be having Advent services on Wednesday night. Christmas Eve is on Sunday this year. There will be the regular 9:00 AM Sunday morning service. Christmas Eve services will be at 4:00 PM & 10:00 PM. The 10:00 PM service will not be live streamed.

(Please see ‘Dates to Remember’ for October Service Schedule & Activities)

~The team discussed preparing the upcoming budget for the 2024 year.

General Fund :

Total Income for the month of Aug. 2023: \$22,169  
Expenses for the month of Aug. 2023: \$17,919

Year to Date:

Income as of August 2023: \$293,088  
Expenses as of August 2023: \$276,030

\*150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:

~A recap of the 150<sup>th</sup> was shared with the council. The event was well attended and the team heard great comments. Thank you to all who worked on this event.

\*Council Old Business:

~Call committee has received another possible candidate for the Associate Pastor position as mentioned in Pastor Tom's report.

~God's Work Our Hands recap: Many projects were completed by numerous groups. Projects that were done include: Painting an office for MAM, cleaning & window washing at the thrift store, moving shelving & products from a storage facility to FLC for MAM. Thank you to all who helped!

~The church directory is still in the planning stage. There are some people who have volunteered to help with the scheduling.

~The council discussed a recommendation from the Personnel team for compensation for Joan Anderson & Katie Hultersturm for their work with the music groups. A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendation of the Personnel team. The motion passed.

\*Council New Business:

~Upcoming budget planning was discussed. Preliminary documents were shared and teams are encouraged to begin the budget discussion at their next team meetings.

~The non-working LED sign was discussed. Parts are ordered and technicians are being scheduled to repair this issue.

\*Prayer requests were taken.

\*Closing prayer was heard and the meeting was adjourned

\*\*\*Dates to remember:

\*Coop services continue virtually on Sunday's at 9:00 AM

\*Radio broadcasts on KLFD are heard Sundays at 8:30 AM

\*In person services Sunday's at 9:00 AM

\*Executive Team meeting Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM

\*Team meetings Tuesday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM

\*New Member Orientation Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

\*MST Garage Sale Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM to Noon

\*New Member Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 / Potluck Brunch

following the service

\*Council Meeting Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

\*Communion Luncheon Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM

\*Youth Led service Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 AM

(Pastor Tom will be gone)

\*Confirmation Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Submitted as un-approved minutes by Dennis Gartner



## **NEW MEMBERS**

New Member Orientation with all people who are planning on joining FLC on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in Chilstrom Hall.

**We will be receiving new members on Sunday, October 15, 2023.**

**9:00 a.m.** Worship Service w/ Comm. and Welcoming New Members  
**10:00 a.m.** Fellowship and Potluck Brunch in Honor of the New Members  
All are welcome!





# Churchwide



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

**Gene Kelm**  
September 8, 2023

Please keep his family and friends  
in your prayers.



*Please join us for the*  
**Fall Communion Luncheon**  
at First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
703 South Sibley, Litchfield, MN

**Wednesday, October 18, 2023**  
**11:00 a.m.**

Lunch and Fellowship to follow the service  
in Chilstrom Hall



## Holy Baptism

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



Baptized: Sunday, September 10, 2023  
**Charlotte Grace and Julia Elizabeth**  
Parents:  
Christopher and Alicia Noroski  
Sponsors:  
Brandon and Elle Findley



Baptized: Sunday, September 24, 2023  
**Audrey Elizabeth Desens**  
Parents:  
Andrew and Angela Desens  
Sponsors:  
Chad and Jen Unterberger

## WELCA MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

WELCA met on September 21, 2023, in Chilstrom Hall with Betty Allen calling the meeting to order. The Purpose Statement was recited. Devotions were given by Betty.

The Secretary's report was read and Karen made a motion to accept the report with a second by Valda. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given for July and August. LaVerne made a motion to accept the report with a second by Marlys.

**Old Business:** The final plans for the WELCA Fall Gathering were decided. Motion was made by Sue to have Family Fare cut up the fruit instead of WELCA. Norma seconded. Motion carried. Betty will contact Family Fare and get the cost. Table setting will be at 10 am on Sept. 29 for the conference. Sheri Nelson will be helping Valda and Norma with the centerpieces. There will be six per table. Final count will be available by early next week. Water pitchers and coffee pots will be on each table.

The in-kind offering for the WELCA Convention is school kits. Dennis Gartner volunteered the use of his trailer and he will take the items to St. Paul

### **New Business:**

Betty informed WELCA that the kitchen is short of small plates. Some funerals want only cake and coffee and we are quite short. Lana moved that we order small plates to match the dinner plates and a count will be taken and the number of plates to order will be decided. Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nicole Geffre volunteered to chair Lucia. Helpers will be Betty, Lana, Jackie and Sue.

Dates to Remember: October 15, New member Sunday with a Brunch potluck  
October 19, 1:30 WELCA meeting  
December 3, Tis the Season table setting

Thanks to Betty for serving.

Our project for today is packing school bags for the In-Kind offering.

The Lord's Prayer was recited.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,  
Sue Lemmer, Secretary



## MST-USA 2025

**Starting Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> through Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> - MST-USA 2025**  
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 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Block 320-333-7954.

**Thank you for your support of MST-USA!**

# Memorials & Gifts, Thanks

A gift has been given to the General fund in memory of Bradley Pautzke by his family.

Gifts have been given to the General fund and Roof Top Unit fund in memory of Vern Madson by Chuck and Sue Fenton, Gary Smith, and Janet Forstrom.

A gift has been given to Meeker Area Ministries in honor of Bea Devereaux by Dianne Thorp.

A gift has been given to the Roof Top Unit fund in memory of Hazel Wittenberg by Gary Smith.

A gift was given to the First Lutheran Church Endowment fund in memory of Doug and Craig Miller in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary from Joanne Miller.

Gifts were given to the General fund in memory of Jane Kelm's husband Gene from Mike and Deb Langmo, John and Katie Hulterstrum, and Kirk and Dorothy Lundin

## SPECIAL THANKS

The family of Hazel Wittenberg thanks everyone who sent memorials and condolences at the time of her passing. Your thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated. From her girls, Gail, Betty and Peggy

### Pastor Tom, Church Council and Congregation of First Lutheran Church;

A sincere and heartfelt Thank you to All those involved in planning, preparing and participating in my 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for all the cards, well wishes and monetary gifts as well as the certificate, plaque and honorary donation to St Olaf College. It truly means so much.

Thank you to Katie and the Senior Choir for the beautiful flowers, corsage, the choir picture (that Michael didn't tell me about) and the memory book that I will treasure for many years to come.

Also, a Big Thank You to all the members of the Senior Choir, Judy and the Hand Bell Ringers that have been so faithful to me all these years. You have truly made a difference in my life, and also the meaningful message that you give during the worship service.

As I have said, it has been my honor and privilege to be your Organist, Choir Director, and Hand Bell Director for all these years. Thank you for letting me share my musical gifts in worshipping our Lord.

Blessings to you all.

*As Ever, Bea*



### **MST-USA 2025 Informational Meeting**

All current 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students, and parents, interested in finding out more about the next MST-USA trip are invited to attend a meeting at **First Lutheran Church on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:45-8:15 pm** (following Confirmation) in Chilstrom Hall. We'll discuss upcoming fundraisers and answer any questions you may have.

MST-USA is a youth mission trip that takes place within the United States, every two years. Last July, 16 youth from First Lutheran traveled to Nashville, TN.

The next MST-USA trip will be in the summer of 2025. If you are interested in finding out more about this awesome ministry opportunity - please attend the meeting or contact Carrie Block (320) 333-7954.

### **We are updating our Church Directory!**

**Join us after each church service beginning Oct. 8th to book your appointment.**

**Photo Directory Dates:**  
Sun. Oct. 15, 11 AM - 6 PM  
Tue. Oct. 17, 6 PM - 9 PM  
Tue. Oct. 24, 6 PM - 9 PM  
Sat. Oct. 28, Noon - 7 PM  
Sun. Oct. 29, 11 AM - 6 PM  
Sat. Nov. 4, 1 PM - 7 PM



# October 2023 Calendar


October 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA Coop/Radio 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Communion, Baptism, Maelyn Hultstrum 10:00 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 1:00 p.m. Grief Support Mtg. 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg., SS Assembly Rm</p>	<p><b>3</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 p.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>4</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel 7:00 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:45 p.m. MST-USA Informational Mtg., Chilstrom</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Group</p>
<p><b>8</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA Coop/Radio 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Communion 10:00 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee 10:00 a.m. Sunday School <i>Pastor Tom leaves for Fall Theological</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p><b>11</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel 7:00 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle</p>	<p><b>12</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel 6:30 p.m. Scout Leaders Meeting, Assembly Room 7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation</p>	<p><b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Meeting, Chilstrom Hall</p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:00 a.m. – Noon MST 2024 Garage Sale 9:00 a.m. Non-Traditional Worship Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>15</b> NEW MEMBER SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. ELCA Coop/Radio 9:00 a.m. Worship Service w/ Communion, New Members 10:00 a.m. Pot-Luck Brunch 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 1:00 p.m. Grief Support Mtg.</p>	<p><b>16</b> 9:30 a.m. Rachel Cr. Dee Bolin's home</p>	<p><b>17</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>18</b> 11:00 a.m. Fall Communion Luncheon 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. No Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship with Communion in Chapel 7:00 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>19</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 1:30 p.m. WELCA Meeting 2:00 p.m. Ecumen Worship, Bethany Chapel 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 5:00 p.m. Movie Night, Holy Word Theater</p>
<p><b>22</b> 8:30 a.m. ELCA Coop/Radio 9:00 a.m. Worship Service – Youth Led 10:00 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee <i>No Sunday School</i></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</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>25</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Banquet <i>No Wed. Evening Worship</i> 7:00 p.m. Sr. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>26</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFD Radio 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b> REFORMATION SUNDAY 8:30 a.m. ELCA Coop/Radio 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion &amp; Confirmation 10:00 a.m. Fellowship &amp; Coffee 10:00 a.m. Sunday School</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b> 7:00 a.m. BREW – Chilstrom 8:00 a.m. BREW – FB Live 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel</p>	<p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 S. Sibley Ave. Litchfield, MN 320-693-2487</p>			

# Serving Group & Birthdays

<b>OCTOBER 2023 SERVING GROUP</b>	Joel & Jill Ramthun Cody & Dana Ratike
<b>Chairs:</b>	Carol Rowell
<b>Bob &amp; Norma Hall</b>	Joanne Rust
<b>Dee Bollin</b>	Merry Schmidt
Jesse Peterson	Russell & Darcy Schmitz
Ron & Barb Piepenburg	Dave & Irene Schwartz
Gary & Laurie Pierce	Ken & Carol Shoutz
Brenda Pollock	Jon & Penny Silverberg
Lisa Provencher	Gary Smith
Scott & Kristy Quast	Joan Sommerfeld
Tim & Bernita Quast	John & Julie Spanos
Larry & Pam Radunz	Jason & Tanna Stucky

**October Ushers**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
Tony Berglund – C  
Ray Groskreutz  
David Meidal  
Darlene Meidal  
Bob Hall  
Norma Hall

**October**



Open



- 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  
Tim Holt  
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  
Roxanne Rueckert
- OCTOBER 11**  
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**  
Sabara 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  
Bernita Quast

- OCTOBER 26**  
Vincent Ableidinger  
Patrick Hoecke  
Denise Langmo
- OCTOBER 27**  
**OCTOBER 28**  
Fay Kjolsing  
Joel Michaletz  
Darin Mahlow  
Ava Slinden  
Kieran VanVleet
- OCTOBER 29**  
Hailey Kieffer
- 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, Oct 2	Tuesday, Oct. 3	Wednesday, Oct. 4	Thursday, Oct. 5	Friday, Oct. 6
Liver or Pepper Steak	Biscuit w/Sausage Gravy	BBQ Chicken	Roasted Turkey w/Gravy	Goulash
Mashed Potatoes	Roasted Potatoes	Au Gratin Potatoes	Mashed Potato	Corn
Peas and Carrots	Cinnamon Apple Slices	Peas	Green Beans	Spiced Peas
Bread w/Margarine	Low Fat Milk	Bread w/Margarine	Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine
Fresh Fruit		Dessert	Dessert	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	
Monday, Oct. 9	Tuesday, Oct. 10	Wednesday, Oct. 11	Thursday, Oct. 12	Friday, Oct. 13
Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy	Chicken Noodle Casserole	Meatloaf	Baked Fish w/ Tartar Sauce	Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Broccoli	Baked Potato w/Sour Cream	Rice Pilaf	Peas
Carrots	Cinnamon Baked Apple Slices	Green Beans	California Normandy Veg	Biscuit w/Margarine
Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine	Applesauce	Dessert
Fresh Fruit	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Dessert	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	
Monday, Oct. 16	Tuesday, Oct. 17	Wednesday, Oct. 18	Thursday, Oct. 19	Friday, Oct. 20
Salisbury Steak w/Gravy	Baked Chicken	Beef Chili w/Beans	Smothered Pork Loin	Tuna Noodle Casserole
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Baked Potato w/Sour Cream	Corn	Scalloped Potatoes	Peas
Green Bean	Mixed Vegetables	Biscuit/Margarine	Carrots	Peaches
Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine	Applesauce	Bread w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine
Fresh Orange	Dessert	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Low Fat Milk
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk		Low Fat Milk	
Monday, Oct. 23	Tuesday, Oct. 24	Wednesday, Oct. 25	Thursday, Oct. 26	Friday, Oct. 27
Parmesan Chicken	Tater Tot Casserole	Baked Ham	Turkey & Gravy over	Sloppy Joe
Spaghetti Noodle	Mixed Vegetable	Boil Diced Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Bun
Green Beans	Warm Peaches	Baked Cabbage	Corn	Cheesy Hashbrowns
Warm Apple Slices	Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine	Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Baked Beans
Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Dessert	Warm Fruit Crisp	Cookie
		Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk	Low Fat Milk
Monday, Oct. 30	Monday, Oct. 31			
Chef Choice Entree				
Pasta w/ Meat Sauce				
Romaine Salad w/ Dressing				
Vegetable		<h2 style="color: red; text-align: center;">October 2023</h2> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>LSS Meals   Traditional   Older Adult Menu</b></p>		
Vegetable/Fruit				
Bread				
Dessert				
Low Fat Milk		<p style="text-align: center;">Approved by Donna Dunlap RD, LD SNAP or EBT payment is accepted</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Menu is subject to accepted</p>		
Low Fat Milk				
Cookie				
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. The posted menu is for a traditional diet. Diabetic friendly, reduced sodium and fat restricted diet menus are available upon request. The traditional menu provides an average of 700-800 calories per meal. If you are interested in learning about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), please call 800.488.4146.

# Churchwide



## Worship Schedule

### Sunday, October 1, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Wednesday, October 4, 2023

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Worship w/comm. - Chapel

### Sunday, October 8, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Wednesday, October 11, 2023

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation
- 6:30 p.m. Worship w/comm. - Chapel

### Sunday, Oct. 15, 2023 \*New Members\*

- 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Pot-Luck Brunch
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Wednesday, October 18, 2023

- 11:00 a.m. Communion Luncheon
- No Confirmation*
- 6:30 p.m. Worship w/comm. - Chapel

### Sunday, October 22, 2023

- 9:00 a.m. Worship No Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- No Sunday School*

### Wednesday, October 25, 2023

- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Banquet
- No Wed. Evening Worship*

### Sunday, October 29, 2023 \* Confirmation

- 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Special dates:

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 1, 2023*
- Columbus Day, *October 9, 2023*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 9, 2023*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 29, 2023*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2023*

Starting soon...



## 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 19, 2023.**

I will deliver them to the collection site on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Shoebboxes full of Christmas gifts will be shipped to poor  
children in countries all over the world.

Thank you, Julie Bredeson

## MOVIE NIGHT

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie: TBD....

Please join us for a good movie and popcorn.  
Please bring your own beverage.

### Local Cable Public Access TV Schedule:

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|------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 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         |

## 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 Oldenburg, 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;

**Eric Kammermeier**, Chief Petty Officer HSC-23, United States Navy, son-in-law of Mike and Beth Boyle;

**Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Rogers**, Beale Air Force Base, CA. Grandson of Janet Lange.

*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: 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!!

## **Save your greeting cards!**

They can be recycled! They will take the whole card or you can cut off the signed names, if you wish. I will drop them off at the Senior Center in Hutchinson. **\*\*No Christmas Cards please.**  
Thank you! Elaine Lenhard

## 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: Edna Oldenburg

VA Health Care, St. Cloud: Gordon Johnson



## **Widow's Grief Support** **Gathering**

First Lutheran Church:

**Sundays**

**Oct. 1 and Oct. 15, 2023**

at 1:00 p.m.

Chilstrom Hall

## **PRAYER SHAWLS**

Prayer Shawls are available in the church office when needed for yourself or someone in need of comfort and prayers.

Please help—if you know of someone who is in need of prayers and a shawl, stop by the office and pick one up!

If you would like to crochet or knit a prayer shawl, the recommendations are 18-24" wide, 5-6' length.



## **WELCA Meeting**

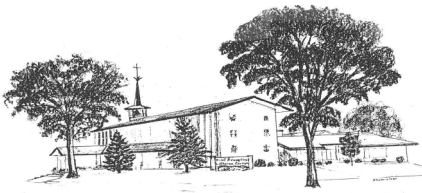
Thursday, October 19, 2023

1:30 p.m.

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## MST Rummage Sale Saturday, October 14, 2023 8:00 AM - Noon

Beginning on Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup>,  
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