

# FIRST NEWS

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

**APRIL 2024**

## April 2024 Time with Tom

We may think Easter is over because all the family visitors have gone home, the eggs were found so nothing to do but eat the leftovers. We are wrong; the Easter season has just begun. In April, we hear how Jesus will reveal himself after his resurrection. He shows up at unexpected places and times and he will eat with the disciples to show he is alive. Jesus wants them to know that he is alive; and all this was not just a bad dream. For us today, we can live in the knowledge of the truth from those faithful disciples that Jesus is alive. Our faith walk tells the world what we believe. We can hear the stories and we keep the faith, so when we hear Jesus calling us, we will know he is alive. Do you ever wonder if Jesus has been in your life calling you? Do you long for the relationship with God that Jesus offers? When we live in Christ, Christ is in us. Living in Christ is to be the love of God to others, just as Jesus loved us. When we go to work or when we are playing, we should try to respond to others in a positive, caring and compassionate way, making their life better. We can learn from our brothers and sisters of other faith practices, who believe that by making others' lives better, our life will be better. Jesus sends the disciples out into the world baptizing them and making disciples of all nations, teaching them everything that Jesus did so they too may have eternal life in Christ. Luke and John will share with us this month, how Jesus came to them in his human body, nail holes in his hands and spear-piercing scar in his side. We will try to understand what Jesus is asking us to do today. Just be open to the voice of God as Jesus comes to you in a human body asking for help or asking to help you. As the good shepherd for his sheep, Jesus said, "the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again, I have received this command from my Father," and again Jesus said; "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." Jesus has come to reveal the love of God to all creation. Listen for him and listen to him and God will reveal to you all you need to know to be his disciple. Let the love of God move you through the Easter season renewed and refreshed, in Christ Jesus, 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 Minutes

First Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Council  
2024

**PRESIDENT:**

Tanner Eberling

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

Corey Cervin

**SECRETARY:**

Mattie Baumgartner

**TREASURER:**

Andy Miller

**Team Representatives:**

**Christian Education/  
Youth & Family:**

Abby Hemmingway  
Amy Nelson  
Sabrara Evenson

**Stewardship & Finance:**

Karla Kadelbach  
Andy Miller  
Mike Langmo

**Social Ministry/  
Evangelism:**

Meredith Elj  
Abby Hemmingway  
Amy Nelson  
Sabrara Evenson  
Betty Allen  
Karla Kadelbach

**Endowment/Memorial:**

Corey Cervin  
Tanner Eberling

**Property:**

Mattie Baumgartner  
Tanner Eberling  
Betty Allen

**Worship:**

Meredith Elj  
Mike Langmo  
Amy Nelson

**Personnel:**

Tanner Eberling  
Corey Cervin

**MST:**

Karla Kadelbach  
Sabrara Evenson

### COUNCIL RETREAT MINUTES

March 10,2024

#### Present

2025 Meridith Elj, Corey Cervin  
2026 Karla Kadelbach, Amy Nelson, Abby Hemingway, Mattie Baumgartner  
2027. Betty Allen, Tanner Eberling, Sabrara Evenson, Cindy Hill

#### Call To Order at 4 pm

A motion was made to accept the following nominations for vacant council Positions:

Tanner Eberling, President

Cory Cervin, Vice President

Mattie Baumgartner, Secretary

Andy Miller, Treasurer

Motion was made by Betty Allen to accept the nominations as listed a second was made by Karla Kadelbach. Motion carried.

#### Secretary Report- no secretary report

Treasurer Report-was given and a motion to accept the above reports as given was made by Karla Kadelbach and seconded by Cory Cervin motion carried.

#### Pastors Report

No new report

#### Team Reports

Property report was given Grow Rite bill was discussed along with the irrigation coming soon. Noted that two evergreens were also gone to ready for the irrigation system. Also Bids are coming from Toms Carpet for the new flooring and some new locks on doors inside the church are being placed.

#### Old Business

Outgoing exit interviews are not finished as of yet.

#### New Business

Slate of New Officers for Council

Team Selections, Slate of new officers were discussed and approved along with Team assignments.

Social Ministry has been searching for a new Missionary to support and discussion took place regarding Kelly Schumacher Fuller, Rev. Aaron Fuller in Slovakia and Hungary were presented to the council for consideration. A motion was made by Karla Kadelbach and seconded by Cory Cervin to accept the couple as First Lutheran Missionaries and to be presented to the congregation.

#### Dates to Remember

Maunday Thursday March 28, 2024 at & 7 pm

Good Friday March 29, 2024 at 7 pm

Easter Services at 630 am 9 am, and 10:30 am March 31, 2024

MST French Toast Breakfast March 31, 2024 7-11am

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General Fund :

Total Income for the month of Feb. 2024: \$28,349  
Expenses for the month of Feb. 2024: \$24,457

Year to Date:

Income as of February 2024: \$53,004  
Expenses as of February 2024: \$62,425

*Council continued....*

Congregational vote for second pastor April 14, 2024 at 10 am  
Beer and Hymns Half Bushel Brewing April 28, 2024 at 4:30 pm  
Communion Luncheon May 15, 2024 at 11 am  
New Member Orientation May 16, 2024 at 7 pm  
New Member Sunday May 19, 2024 at 9 am with potluck brunch  
Senior and Quilt Day May 19, 2024 at 9 am  
Closing and Prayer was given by Pastor Tom  
Meeting Adjourned at 515 pm

Submitted by Mattie Baumgartner, Council Secretary



Baptized: Sunday, March 3, 2024

**Micah Andrew Schilla**

Parents:

Andrew & Erika Schilla

Sponsors:

Haley Scheldorf &

Alec Schilla



**Notice:**

First Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a one-time, special, **Congregational Meeting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 10 a.m.** (following worship at 9 a.m.) to present an Associate Pastor candidate to the congregation for a vote.



Our First Communion class has been busy with making their chalices and learning about the sacrament of Communion.

Coming up....

- Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, (7:00 p.m.)--Final class with parents in Chilstrom Hall, including rehearsal, pictures, and preparation.
- Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m.-- First Communion Sunday during worship

*Matthew 19:14 Jesus said. "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs" NRSV*





# Churchwide

## Meet Our New First Evangelical Lutheran Church Missionaries ELCA MISSIONARY PROFILE



### Kelly Schumacher Fuller and Rev. Aaron Fuller

Slovakia and Hungary

**Aaron** is pastor of Bratislava International Church, in partnership with the Lutheran Church in Slovakia. **Kelly** is Central Europe country coordinator for Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM). Despite their respective job titles, the couple work together.

#### SPONSORS MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW:

**Kelly** served as a YAGM volunteer in Umphumulo, South Africa, from 2008 to 2009. She also spent three years in Afghanistan, accompanying young Afghan women in mountaineering and leadership development as part of an Ascend Athletics program.

**Aaron**, a transracial Korean adoptee, was raised on his family's dairy farm in Central Minnesota. He is a chaplain (commander) in the Navy Reserve and, prior to his seminary studies, served for 8-1/2 years on active duty in the U.S. Navy.

**Winnie**, Aaron and Kelly's rescued border collie-lab mix, serves as their "canine in residence," providing care and hospitality.

#### EDUCATION

##### Kelly:

M.A. Public Administration Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.  
B.A. Political Science Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.

##### Aaron:

Doctor of Ministry Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.  
M.Div Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.  
M.Ed, Physics Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.  
B.S. Naval Architecture U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

#### HOBBIES

**Kelly:** Hiking, reading, baking, trying arts and crafts, gardening

**Aaron:** Coaching wrestling, teaching on moral injury and trauma

#### CALENDAR

Kelly's Birthday Sept. 9  
Aaron's Birthday Oct. 15  
Aaron's Ordination Sept. 14, 2013

#### CONNECT

*Companion synods:* Slovak Zion Synod (7G), Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod (8G), Northeastern Iowa Synod (5F)

*Home synod:* Minneapolis Area Synod (3G)

#### CONTACT

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[Aaron.Fuller@elca.org](mailto:Aaron.Fuller@elca.org)

## LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

### Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 13, 2024  
Gloria Dei Church  
Redwood Falls

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

The day will include: Bible Study, Business Meeting, Lunch, Worship with Communion  
Featured Speaker:  
**Ted Mathews**  
**"How Do We Manage Conflict"**

Cost: \$10 per person

If you are planning to attend, please sign up in the church office by Friday, April 5, 2024



Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA

## Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 20, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church

140 Saturn St. N. Cosmos, MN

Registration begins at 8:00AM Brunch at 8:30AM

### Terebinth Refuge:

A Shelter For Hope and Healing

In kind offering: LWR Personal Care Kits  
You may bring any kits, quilts and shipping cost contributions.

Reservation: \$10 per person

If you are planning to attend, please sign up in the church office by April 10, 2024.



## April 2024 Worship Schedule

### Wednesday, April 3, 2024

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

### Sunday, April 7, 2024

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with  
First Communion & Baptism  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Wednesday, April 10, 2024

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

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:45 a.m. SW ELCA Youth Band  
9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion  
10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024

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

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

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

### Wednesday, April 24, 2024

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

### Sunday, April 28, 2024

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



Update!  
About  
the Directory

There is still time!!!

**Photo Directory** - If you have not had a chance to review your photos— please let the church office know, we have access to all of the photo files and you can review and make your selection. If you were unable to get your photo taken here for the new church directory, contact the church office 320-693-2487 to set up an appointment time to take a photo at church or info for how to submit a photo for the directory. Thank you



Eva Prasad  
March 2, 2024

Marvin Martinson  
March 14, 2024

Please keep their family and friends  
in your prayers.

**MOVIE NIGHT**  
**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
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:

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

# Memorials & Gifts, Thanks

**Gifts were given** to the MST-International in memory of David Langmo, Mike and Deb Langmo's son, from Michael and Gaylene Thomas, Scot and Joan Anderson, Duane and Darlene Henkelman, Carol Dragt, John and Katie Hulterstrum, and Mark and Judy Hulterstrum.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund and Blessing Box in memory of Mary Ann Hukriede, Mary Burdick's mom, from Jim and Elaine Lenhard, and Paul and Sue Lemmer.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund and Blessing Box in honor of Jo Ann Lindstrom's birthday from Jerry and Lana Johnson, and Paul and Sue Lemmer.

**Gifts were given** to the Blessing Box and Choir fund, in memory of Harvey Graff from Ardis Thorp, John and Katie Hulterstrum, Mike and Deb Langmo, and David and Marian Skaar.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund and Irrigation System in memory of Mary Ann Hukriede, Mary Burdick's mother, from Mike and Kris Nelson, and Gary Smith.

**A gift was given** to the General fund in memory of Marvin Martinson from Jerry and Betty Urdahl.

**A gift was given** to the Blessing Box in memory of Carol Lewerenz, Gordon Burdick's sister, from Paul and Sue Lemmer.

## Special Thanks

**A heartfelt Thank you** to everyone that expressed sympathy to us during this difficult journey of losing our beloved son David. Thank you for the cards, gifts and prayers. Mike and Deb Langmo

**Thank you** to everyone in the February serving group who answered our calls and willingly helped. You are so appreciated. Karla and Ila

## When it rains

The skeleton flower, a perennial native to Japan, has delicate petals that change from opaque white to almost transparent when wet. After it rains, only the flower's intricate, skeleton-like veins are visible.

When the rains come (and they will!) in our lives, the same can be said. Amid difficulty and struggle, our true selves often become more transparent. During a parenting challenge, criticism might emerge. Or while we tackle a tough work project, impatience might rear its ugly head.

Hosea 6:3 (NLT) proclaims: "Oh, that we might know the Lord! Let us press on to know him. He will respond to us as surely as the arrival of dawn or the coming of rains in early spring." The rains will come. Whether you're experiencing light rain or a down-pour, ponder what the water reveals. Then ask God how you can be more open to his work in that area.

—Janna Firestone

## ALL VOICES WELCOME

ELCA COOP

**BEER  
& HYMNS**

WITH THE  
COOP BAND

**Sunday, April 28th**

**4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Half Bushel Brewing**

**201 N Sibley Ave, Litchfield  
MN**

# March 2024 Calendar

April 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00 a.m. Brew 8:30 a.m. Quilters 2:00 p.m. Worship/M.M. 5:30 p.m. Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel 6:30 p.m. Executive Team 7:00 p.m. Team Meetings	<b>3</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel 7:00 p.m. Info. Meeting for 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> grades w/parents for MST International -2026 7:00 p.m. Youth Study Group 7:00 p.m. Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>4</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 2:00 p.m. Ecumen Worship 12:30 p.m. Grief Support 6:30 p.m. Smart Recov., Chapel 7:00 p.m. First Communion Mtg. w/ Parents, and Photos	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Group
<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship, with First Communion, & Baptism for Liam Wahl 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/ Coffee 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 6:00 p.m. 4-H meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:00 a.m. Brew 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel	<b>10</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel 7:00 p.m. Youth Study Group 7:00 p.m. Sr Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle, Hosted by Jan Wagener at her home	<b>11</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel 6:30 p.m. Scout Leader Mtg. Year End Banquet	<b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Meeting	<b>13</b> 8:00 a.m. Lutheran Men in Mission Spring Retreat, Gloria Dei Church, Redwood Falls
<b>14</b> 8:45 a.m. Prelude: SW ELCA Youth Band 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. ** Congregational Mtg. Vote for New Associate Pastor 10:15 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	<b>15</b> 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle, Host by Betty Urdani, at her home	<b>16</b> 7:00 a.m. Brew 9:00 a.m. Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council Mtg.	<b>17</b> 11:00 a.m. Pact for Families Mtg., Becky Sook 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel 7:00 p.m. Youth Study Group 7:00 p.m. Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>18</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 12:30 p.m. Grief Support 1:30 p.m. WELCA Meeting 6:00 p.m. Scout Den Meeting 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 8:00 a.m. WELCA Gathering, Peace Lutheran, Cosmos 5:00 p.m. Movie Night, Holy Word Theater
<b>21</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/ Coffee 10:00 a.m. Sunday School	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:00 a.m. Brew 8:30 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel	<b>24</b> 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:00 p.m. Confirmation 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel 7:00 p.m. Youth Study Group 7:00 p.m. Sr Choir Rehearsal	<b>25</b> 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Open House Birthday Party for Rick Sandry, Chilstrom Hall
<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/ Coffee 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 4:30 p.m. Beer & Hymns, at Half Bush-el Brewing, ELCA Coop Event	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00 a.m. Brew 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel	<b>First Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> <b>703 South Sibley Ave</b> <b>Litchfield, MN 55355</b> <b>320-693-2487</b>			



# Serving Group & Birthdays

<b>APRIL 2024 SERVING GROUP</b>	Cecile Hoyer
<b>Chairs:</b>	Eric & Kayla Hulterstrum
<b>Steve &amp; Jackie Kraushaar</b>	John & Katie Hulterstrum
<b>Daniel &amp; Robin Johnson</b>	Gary Husmann
Howard & Laurie Koehn	Harold (Hal) & LaVonne Huso
Jerry and Sue Hartwig	Rocky & Karla Hyberger
Andy Hoffmann	Derek and Charisse Isaacson
Donald & Mary Hokanson	Dan & Brenda Johnson
Iris Holmgren	Dan E. Johnson
Mark & Jayne Holmgren	David & Myra Johnson
Tim Holt	Darla Johnson

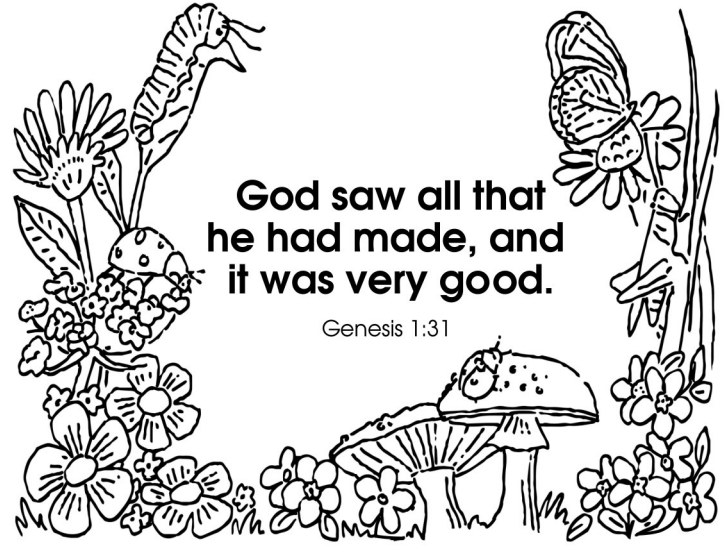
**April Ushers**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Ralph Elj  
Eric Hulterstrum  
Mike Doty  
Ben Kranz  
Will Dolan  
Joe Gaulrapp  
Dave Schwartz  
John Spanos  
Darin Mahlow



**April**

Open



**APRIL 1**

Trina Driver  
Scott Nelson  
Julie Spanos

**APRIL 2**

Courtney Anderson-Kuhnau

**APRIL 3**

Isabella Forster  
Michelle Guggemos  
Darlene Lundin

**APRIL 4**

Alex Breault  
Daniel Johnson

**APRIL 5**

Brett Alsleben  
Hayden Guza  
Judy Mahlow  
Sara Jo Pollock  
Jason Stucky

**APRIL 6**

Debra Langmo  
Linda Larson  
Ramona Lohse

**APRIL 7**

Donna Forster  
Lois Volinkaty

**APRIL 8**

Judith Kramer  
Otto Kraushaar  
Bodhi Kraushaar  
Jailyn Mickelson

**APRIL 9**

Jeanette Erickson  
Priscilla Lee  
Renee Mahlow  
Tyson Michels

**APRIL 10**

Justin Benson  
Zach Schmidt  
Ali LaVine  
Randy Groskreutz  
Antonio Weitz

**APRIL 11**

Alison Radunz  
Sarah Kuechle

**APRIL 12**

Conner Gabrielson

**APRIL 13**

Nicholas Sandry

**APRIL 14**

Joanna Bailey  
Emma Defries  
Charles DeWolf

**APRIL 15**

Zachary Nelson  
Donovan Slinden III  
Beau Snodgrass  
Wyatt White

**APRIL 16**

Bradley Nelson  
Carol Nelson  
Asjha Quade  
Susan Smart

**APRIL 17**

Grant Dengerud  
Kyle DeWolf  
Rebecca Farmer  
Darron Judes

**APRIL 18**

Brandon Findley  
Marge Hellzen

**APRIL 19**

Tyson Anderson  
Teresa Carlson  
Kylie Guggemos  
Darcy Schmitz

**APRIL 20**

Scot Anderson  
Daniel Estrada  
Steven Hickman  
Brandon Nelson  
John Spanos  
Brittanny Wagner

**APRIL 21**

Trevon Grotto  
Toni Kadelbach  
Nicholas Konietzko

**APRIL 22**

Josh Fluck  
Warren Hickman  
Mariah Lease

**APRIL 23**

Quintin Berube  
Jason Giang  
Miranda Isaacson  
Casandra Walberg

**APRIL 24**

Phyllis Ableidinger  
Rick Sandry

**APRIL 25**

Dee Bollin

**APRIL 26**

Robert Blomberg  
Drew Dengerud

**APRIL 27**

**APRIL 28**

Cale Alsleben  
Kenneth Braseth  
Brian Burdick

**APRIL 29**

Dawn Doty  
Kristy Quast

**APRIL 30**

Jacob Quast  
Zachary Quast  
John G Spanos  
Danny Walker  
Patricia Hagen  
Austin Kleinschmidt  
Jared Laidlaw  
Timothy Matheson



# Senior Dining Menu

Monday, April 1	Tuesday, April 2	Wednesday, April 3	Thursday, April 4	Friday, April 5
Chef's Choice	Chicken a la King	Pork Loin	Chicken & Noodles	Beef Vegetable Stew
Vegetable of the Day	Biscuit	Baked Yams	Peas & Carrots	Biscuit
Fruit of Choice	Mixed Vegetables	Broccoli Florets	Bread w/Margarine	Green Peas
Dessert of the Day	Lime Pineapple Gelatin	Combread w/Margarine	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Margarine
Bread w/Margarine	1% Milk	Peach Crisp	1% Milk	Cinnamon Baked Apples
1% Milk		1% Milk		1% Milk
Monday, April 8	Tuesday, April 9	Wednesday, April 10	Thursday, April 11	Friday, April 12
Beef Pepper Steak or Liver	Orange Chicken	Rosemary Pork Loin		Lemon Pepper Chicken
Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy	Broccoli Florets	Diced Potatoes	<b>KITCHEN CLOSED</b>	Brown Rice
Peas & Carrots	Rice Pilaf	Green Peas	<b>Shelf Stable meals sent with meal 4/10</b>	Country Vegetable Blend
Bread w/Margarine	Pineapple Tidbits	Bread w/Margarine		Dinner Roll w/Margarine
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	Wheat Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Chocolate Chip Bar		Pumpkin Spice Cake
1% Milk	1% Milk	1% Milk		1% Milk
Monday, April 15	Tuesday, April 16	Wednesday, April 17	Thursday, April 18	Friday, April 19
Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole	Pork Carnitas	Meatloaf w/Brown Gravy	Ginger Pot Roast	Tuna Noodle & Pea Casserole
Carrot Coins	Rice Pilaf	Mashed Potatoes	Au Gratin Potatoes	Broccoli Florets
Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Green Peas	Buttered Corn	Peas & Carrots	Dinner Roll w/Margarine
Lemon Bar	Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine	Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Fruited Gelatin Parfait
1% Milk	Applesauce Swirl Cake	Fresh Fruit	Chilled Peaches	1% Milk
	1% Milk	1% Milk	1% Milk	
Monday, April 22	Tuesday, April 23	Wednesday, April 24	Thursday, April 25	Friday, April 26
Salisbury Steak	Baked Chicken	Amanda's Lasagna	Chicken Arroz Con Pollo	Pot Roast w/Gravy
Mashed Potatoes	Diced Potatoes	Green Peas	Buttered Corn	Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans	Mixed Vegetables	Breadstick	Bread w/Margarine	Carrot Coins
Dinner Roll w/Margarine	Bread w/Margarine	Margarine	Chocolate Chip Cookie	Dinner Roll w/Margarine
Chocolate Pudding Parfait	Fruit Crisp	Spiced Apples	1% Milk	Spiced Peas
1% Milk	1% Milk	1% Milk	additional   Older Adult - Litchfield Site	1% Milk
Monday, April 29	Tuesday, April 30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 2024</b></p> <p><b>LSS Meals   Traditional   Older Adult - Litchfield Site: 320-693-6203</b></p>		
Honey Glazed Chicken	Beef & Bean Burrito			
Rice	Buttered Corn			
Country Vegetable Blend	Sliced Peaches			
Fresh Fruit	Frosted Banana Cake			
Dinner Roll w/Margarine	1% 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.**

Menu is subject to change.

Approved by:  
Nicole Crouch, MS, RD  
SNAP or EBT payment is accepted.

In Litchfield, please call 320-693-6203 by noon the day before you want a meal.

## WELCA MINUTES MARCH 21, 2024

WELCA met on March 21, 2024, in Chilstrom Hall with Betty Allen calling the meeting to order. The Purpose Statement was recited. Devotions were given by Betty.

There secretary's report was read and motion carried to accept the report.

The treasurer's report was given and a tally of Lucia was given and motion carried to accept the report. Lucia receipts were up this year.

**Old Business:** Birthday party at Ecumen on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> went very well. Carol Dragt and Sara Miller provided the entertainment and the residents really enjoyed singing along.

WELCA soup supper was served on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Everything went very well. Leftover sandwiches were put in sandwich bags and placed in the small refrigerator on the Blessing Table. Leftover soup was put in containers and put in the refrigerator too. Other serving groups are sharing leftovers this way too. That seems to be going over very well!

The property committee told Betty Allen that the kitchen flooring will be replaced. No date was given as to the installation.

**New Business:** The kitchen needs a good cleaning again. A date will be set later.

A discussion was held on the misuse of kitchen dish towels. It seems that some have used white dish towels to wipe up spills on the floor. The blackened white towels have been left for someone else to wash. One of the drawers will now be used to store rags to be used for spills with the hope that those that spill, will take the rags home, and wash them. Be responsible!!

The Harvest Money collected amounted to \$1,890. It was voted on to disburse \$1,700 now and the rest later. Meeker County Food Shelf — \$600 (this is match month at the food shelf)

Lifeline — \$300

Hospice — \$300

Meeker Area Ministries — \$500

**Dates to Remember:** April 18<sup>th</sup> – WELCA at 1:30

April 20<sup>th</sup> – Spring Gathering – Peace of Cosmos 8 am

Register and pay \$10 by April 10th

The program of going through the Lucia decorations was put off until next month. We will also have to work on personal care kits for the In-Kind offering for the Spring Gathering. Today we worked on rolling bandages for World Relief in Africa.

Thanks to Betty Allen and Lana Johnson for serving today. Next month Jackie Kraushaar and Sue Lemmer will serve.

The Lord's Prayer was recited and Table Prayer was sung.

Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



## 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: MST-2024, Braga, Portugal



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

Bethany Home: Janet Lundin, Mae Brehmer, Wendy Norine

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:

**Thursdays**

**Apr. 4 & Apr. 18, 2024**

at 12:30 p.m.

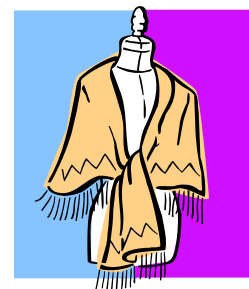
Conference Room

### **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.



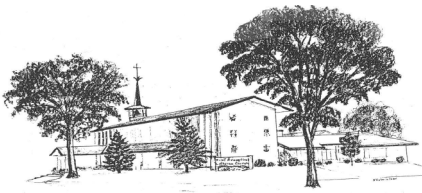
**WELCA Meeting**

**April 18, 2024**

**1:30 p.m.**

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**All 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Students  
and Parents**

**Join us for the  
MST International - 2026  
Informational Meeting  
Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**7:00 p.m.  
Chilstrom Hall**