

FIRST NEWS

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

MAY 2024

May 2024 Time with Tom

What an exciting month ahead. May will bring beauty, joy and turmoil as we begin to see the grass greening up, the flowers beginning to bloom and we send our children off to all the summer activities that begin messing with our lives just a bit. We will congratulate our seniors as they move on, discovering the life they have been working hard to prepare. Our hearts will be opened to the new members we will receive in May as God sends to us children seeking family, love and worship in ways that glorify God. We will bring in members of the less mobile community to worship and share a meal together. The end of May we will gather as a collaborative of churches worshipping in Grove City at Windmill Park, reconnecting with our partners in cooperation and furthering our commitment to be God's church together. Our excitement will be met with joy as we prepare to welcome our new pastor into the ministry of this community before he arrives in June. God is good, all the time and we are part of the greatest mission of all. We get to tell the greatest story of all; to all people, Jesus is alive. Remember you are a child of God and Jesus Christ has given us life by laying down his life for us. In John's Gospel, the Good Shepherd, Jesus, tells us what he is willing to do for us, his flock, the sheep. God loves us so much he comes to us in a human baby to grow, teach, serve and die for us to give us life. Jesus says; *"For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father"*. We have a loving God that tells us we may have life in the risen Christ, just believe in Christ Jesus and go tell everyone; Jesus is alive. Amen.

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

2nd 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 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
Karla Hyberger

Stewardship & Finance:

Karla Kadelbach
Andy Miller
Mike Langmo

**Social Ministry/
Evangelism:**

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

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

Church Council meeting
April 16, 2024

Council Membership

2025: Mederith Elj, Andy Miller Mike Langmo, Cory Cervin, Karla Hyberger
2026 Karla Kadelbach, Amy Nelson, Abby Hemingway, Mattie Baumgartner
2027 Betty Allen, Tanner Eberling. Sabara Evenson

Devotion: Sabara Evenson

Additions to addenda: New member brunch

Secretary Report: Approved

Treasurer Report: Approved

Pastor Tom Report: see handout and also note there are five funerals this month 3 are not First Lutheran members.

Team Assignments Christian Ed: June 3,4,5 Bible School from %30 to & pm . Ice cream social last night at 7 pm. Last day of Sunday school is April 28th.

Property committee will finalize carpet and flooring choices and those will be submitted to Toms Carpet for installation date soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Outgoing members exit interviews are not going well. Karla will resend letter to invite.

Missionaries are done and approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Share a Meal Betty Allen will do more in depth research and share next meeting. LSS is looking for more volunteer drivers for food.

June 8 is voting member for Synod meeting. This is at our church and will be zoom. 10 have signed up First Lutheran needs four voting members.

New Associate Pastor Approved

Dates to Remember

April 28 2024 @ 430 pm Beer and Hymns Half Bushel

May 5 2024 Senior Sunday 10 am

Team Meetings May 7 2024 @7 pm

Executive Team Meeting May 7,2024 at 630 pm

Communion Luncheon May 15 2024 @ 11 am

New Member Orientation May 16, 2024 @7 pm

New Member Sunday May 19, 2024 @9am and brunch

Council Meeting May 21 at 7 pm

Synod Assembly June 8 2024 @9am

Associate Pastor Installation June 2 2024 @9am

Closing and Prayer

Adjourn

Submitted by Mattie Baumgartner

First Lutheran Church
(Virtual Participation)
SWMN ELCA
Synod Assembly
Chilstrom Hall
June 8, 2024
8 a.m to 5 p.m.

General Fund :

Total Income for the month of Mar. 2024: \$48,359

Expenses for the month of Mar. 2024: \$42,019

Year to Date:

Income as of March 2024: \$101,364

Expenses as of March 2024: \$106,715

April 14, 2024

Special Congregational meeting

Call to order at 10:07 am by Tanner Eberling

Quorum established

Business of calling special meeting is to call an Associate Pastor

Devotions by Pastor Tom

Cory Cervin made motion to call an Associate Pastor

Second by Chuck Fenton

Cory Cervin read bio background

There was no discussion

Call for closed ballot

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned

Submitted by Mattie Baumgartner

It is
God
who
works
in you.

Philippians
2:13, ESV



COME TO VBS!

Location: First Lutheran Church
Litchfield

Dates: June 3 - June 5

Time: 5:30 - 7 p.m.

Register by calling the church
office 320-693-2487

Everyone is invited for
Ice Cream
after our 6:30 p.m.
Worship Service
on Wed. June 5th



The best week of the summer!

- New friends
- Amazing experiments
- Creative games
- Lip-smacking snacks
- Surprising adventures
- Incredible music



2024 SUMMER CAMP



June 9-13	Confirmation Up North at Camp House
June 16-20	Youth Programs at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp Pastor's Family Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp Ordinary Time at Camp House*
June 23-27	Youth Programs & Fishing Camp (grades 5-7) at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp Ordinary Time at Camp House*
June 30-July 6	Ordinary Time at Camp House*
July 7-11	Camp Joy (July 8-11) at Green Lake Bible Camp Ordinary Time at Camp House*
July 14-18	Onsite Day Camp & Youth Programs at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp Family Camp at Green Lake Bible Camp
July 21-25	Youth Programs & Fishing Camp (grades 7-9) at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp Grandparent & Grandchild Camp (July 21-24) at Green Lake Bible Camp
July 28-Aug 1	Onsite Day Camp & Youth Programs at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp Grandparent & Grandchild Camp (July 28-31) at Green Lake Bible Camp

We can't wait to have you join us this summer at one of our beautiful sites, to pause, reflect, and experience an amazing community with our staff and with each other.

Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp New London, MN

Green Lake Bible Camp Spicer, MN

Camp House Brimson, MN

This schedule is subject to change and some programs fill quickly. Use our online registration system to view current program availability or call us at 320-796-2181.

The camp week begins Sunday afternoon. Full-week overnight camp programs end Thursday evening. Half Blast ends Tuesday evening.

Youth Programs includes Half Blast, Base Camp, Trailblazers, Stargazers, and Community Guides.

***Ordinary Time** at Camp House is June 15-July 12.

Read more about this exciting opportunity at GLLM.org!

DISCOUNTS

Early Bird Discount

\$50 off each program through February 15.

Sibling Discount

\$25 for a full week
\$15 for Half Blast

No discounts apply to Onsite Day Camp or Camp Joy.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 14, 2023
Registration Opens

January 18, 2024
Blocks Released

February 15, 2024
Early Bird Discount Ends

May 23, 2024
Final Camper Payments Due

Grades	Program
K-5	Onsite Day Camp
1-4	Half Blast
2-5	Base Camp
5-7	Trailblazers
5-9	Fishing Camp
7-9	Stargazers
10-12	Community Guides

Program eligibility is based on the grade your camper has completed by the summer of 2024. Confirmation Up North is open to confirmation-aged students.

Registration Questions? 320-796-2181 or camp@gllm.org

For information about campership funds from FLC, please call the church office 320-693-2487.

Memorials & Gifts, Thanks

Gifts were given to the General fund and Roof Top Unit fund in memory of Bob Johnson by Ralph and Gloria Elj, Jeanette Erickson, and Dan and Robin Johnson.

A gift was given to the Roof Top Unit fund in memory of Jim Lange by Gary and Carolyn Vollmer.

A gift was given to the Carpet and Flooring Fund in memory of Carol Lewerenz, sister of Gordon Burdick, and cousin of Kenneth Shoutz from Kenneth and Carol Shoutz.

Special Thanks

Thank you for all your donations to the 2024 Giving Cross Project. We were able to make 23 personal care kits, and 30 baby kits. Through Lutheran World Relief, we are able to help those in need around the world.

Brenda Johnson, Joan Sommerfeld, and Elaine Lenhard.

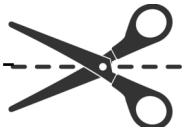


Our FLC students have received instruction and their First Communion on Sunday April 7th, 2024



Front Row: Maggie Jo Gaulrapp - Parents Joe and Lisa Gaulrapp, Blake Jeffery Krohse - Parents Peter and Sheila Krohse, Kalle Kate Cervin - Parents Corey and Kris Cervin

Back Row: Pastor Tom Evenson, Landon John Williams - Parents Grant and Brooke Williams, Conner Todd Gabrielson - Parents Todd and Jessicah Gabrielson, Owen Charles Krohse - Parents Peter and Sheila Krohse, Minister Amy Nelson



Thankoffering



“... gifts from individuals in gratitude for blessings.”

- Women of the ELCA Constitution



Baptized: Sunday, April 7, 2024

Liam Ryan Wahl

Parents: Ryan and Danielle Wahl

Sponsors: Brandon Wahl, Ashley Wahl



Memorial DAY WEEKEND

Sunday, May 26th

ELCA COOP Worship

Windmill Park

in Grove City

10:45 a.m.

Bring your lawn chair.

(no service held at
First Lutheran Church)

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion - their very lives -for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WELCA THANKOFFERING (All women of FELC are members of WELCA)

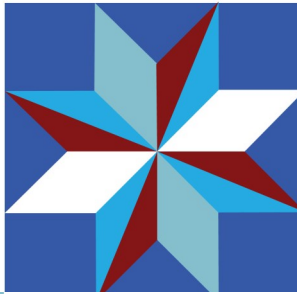
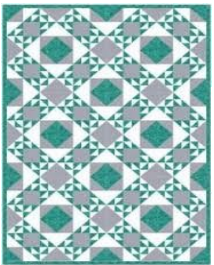
For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through Thankofferings. Each woman would set aside offerings at home throughout the year, in thanksgiving for blessings received. And on occasion, the women would come together as we do today, joining their offerings together to support ministry of many kinds. Each year, in thousands of congregations, Thankofferings are given to support the life-changing ministries of Women of the ELCA. In gratitude for all God has given to us, together, we do more than we could ever do apart.

The Thankoffering supports the WELCA Gathering Magazine, Bible studies for women, and cross cultural activities. These offerings are used to assist victims of domestic violence, human trafficking and to support Katie's Fund (assisting women in leadership) and Voices for Justice (Ex: promoting the 1000 Days Movement which supports child and maternal health for the first 1000 days of a child's life).

Please return your THANKOFFERING envelope (or use a regular envelope and label it THANKOFFERING) to the church office (or offering plate) so that we can continue our outreach. Your generosity makes a real difference in women's lives.



High School Senior Recognition
& Quilts Service
Sunday, May 5, 2024
at 9:00 a.m.



Meeker County Food Shelf
Pack the Pews for March 2024
First Lutheran Family donated
665 pounds of food
and **\$2785** in monetary donations.
Thank you everyone!



COMMUNION
Service

Please join us for the
Spring Communion Luncheon
at First Evangelical Lutheran Church
703 South Sibley, Litchfield, MN
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
Lunch and Fellowship to follow the service.

Welcome,
New Members



New Member Orientation:
Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 PM
New Member Sunday:
May 19nd at 9:00 AM
Potluck Brunch following service
in Chilstrom Hall

Churchwide

May 2024 Worship Schedule

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

6:30 p.m. Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Sunday, May 5, 2024*High School Senior Recognition and Quilts

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, 8, 2024

6:30 p.m. Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Sunday, May 12, 2024*Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion Luncheon

6:30 p.m. Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Sunday, May 19, 2024*New Member Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

6:30 p.m. Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Sunday, May 26, 2024*Memorial Day Weekend

No Service held at First Lutheran Church

10:45 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship Service with Communion at Windmill Park, Grove City

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

No Wednesday Evening Worship

MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, May 18, 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

Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024
- Ascension Day, May 9, 2024
- Mother's Day, May 12, 2024
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024
- Pentecost, May 19, 2024
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 20, 2024
- Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2024



A House United

When President Lincoln declared in 1858, "A house divided against itself cannot stand," he was echoing Jesus. Scribes thought Jesus was casting out demons by Satan's power, so Jesus responded, "How can Satan cast out Satan? ... If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand" (Mark 3:23-25, NIV). There are countless modern examples: Civil wars. Families torn apart. Business partners going separate ways. Even churches splitting.

Jesus used the "house divided" image to point out the nonsense of the scribes' words. It takes someone *other than* the "strong man" (v. 27), or demon, occupying a space to cast that demon out. Evil can't drive out evil. Sin isn't stronger than sin. Hate doesn't solve hate. Violence doesn't end violence. Two wrongs don't make a right.

Jesus came to "bind" evil with goodness, conquer hate with love and teach us the same. Throughout the gospels, Jesus treats *all* people with love — even those who oppose him — so that, in the end, we all will be a house *united* by God's goodness.


May 2024 Calendar

May 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave Litchfield, MN 55355 320-693-2487</p>			<p>1 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel 7:00 p.m. Youth Study Group</p>	<p>2 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts Den Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 10:00 a.m. Visitation 11:00 a.m. Funeral, Douglas Forster</p>
<p>5 H.S. Senior Recognition/Quilts 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/ Coffee 6:00 p.m. 4-H Meeting</p>	<p>6 *Donations can be dropped off for the MST Rummage Sale 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7 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</p>	<p>8 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel 7:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle, hosted by Norma Hall</p>	<p>9 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel 6:00 p.m. Scout Leaders Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MST-2026 Rummage Sale Christrom Hall</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/ Coffee</p>	<p>13 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>14 7:00 a.m. Brew 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel</p>	<p>15 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 11:00 a.m. Comm. Luncheon 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel</p>	<p>16 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 12:30 p.m. Grief Support 1:30 p.m. WELCA Meeting 6:00 p.m. Scout Pack Meeting, Sunday School Assembly Room 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel 7:00 p.m. New Member Orientation</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 8:00 a.m. Men's Group 5:00 p.m. Movie Night, Holy Word Theater</p>
<p>19 New Member Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. Pot-Luck Brunch</p>	<p>20 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 1:00 p.m. Graveside Service, Myma Manson, Ripley Cemetery 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>21 7:00 a.m. Brew 9:00 a.m. Martha Circle 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>22 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel</p>	<p>23 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 ELCA. COOP Worship 10:45 a.m. Service w/Comm., Windmill Park, Grove City No Service held at FLC</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day *Church office closed</p>	<p>28 7:00 a.m. Brew 8:30 a.m. Quilters 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel</p>	<p>29 4:30 p.m. Staff Meeting No Wed. Eve. Worship</p>	<p>30 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p>31</p>	

Serving Group & Birthdays

MAY 2024 SERVING GROUP	Aldeen & Idell Kadelbach
Chairs:	Robert Kadelbach
Betty Allen	Barbara L. Keller
Kim Evenson	Heather Kepper
Karen M Johnson	Heidi Kerstein
Michael Johnson	Angela Kinsella
Sharon Johnson	Faye Kjolsing
Sandra Johnson	Mike & Darlene Klabunde
Dalen & Sarah Jones	Kipp & Lynette Kleinschmidt
Judy Jones	Judy Kramer
Dan & Stacy Justison	Peter & Sheila Krohse

May Ushers
9:00 a.m.
 John Lekander
 Brian Findley
 Brandon Findley
 Jim Asmus
 Nick Benson
 Derek Isaacson
 Wayne Larson


May
 Meredith Elj



MAY 1
 Andrew Desens
 Samuel Gruenke
 Emma Hoff
 Noah Hoff
 Robert Kadelbach
 Nicole Schmitz
 Nicole Hable/White
MAY 2
 Ashley Holmgren
 David J. Kalkbrenner
 Lori Larson
 Jesse Lundin
 Laila Mickelson
MAY 3
 Richard Elam
 Christina Guza
 Levi Hanson
 Linda Holtz
 Bruce Lee
 Gaylene Thomas
 Michael Thomas
MAY 4
 Mark Bredeson
 Arlo Prechel
MAY 5
 Audrey Desens
 Benjamin Miller

MAY 6
 Eric Hein
 Judy Hulterstrum
 Kiera Olson
 Gary Pierce
 Leo Roush
 Jill White
MAY 7
 Henry Adams
 Lisa Barto
 Richard Farmer
 Donna Gilsrud
 Aurora Haas
 Myra Johnson
MAY 8
MAY 9
 Heather Burdick
 Emily Driver
 Matthew Sook
MAY 10
 Susan Elam
 Jude Ludowese
MAY 11
 Betty Allen
 Nicholas Graff
 Megan Lundin
MAY 12
 Alex Carlson
 Cade Cervin

MAY 13
 Sandra Bostrom
MAY 14
 Ryan Block
MAY 15
 Megan Boyle
 Jerry Freitag
 Coralynn Gabrielson
 Millard Hickman
 Lavaune Putzier
MAY 16
 Marlys Elam
 Darlene Meidal
 Amy Nelson
 Amanda Polzin
MAY 17
 Kristen Nelson
 Jeffrey Olson
MAY 18
 Will Dolan
 Larry Griffin
 Chad Mahlow
 Daryn Worden
MAY 19
 Tamara Borowicz
 Darla Johnson
 Tamra Thompson
 Carter Zeppelin
 Trevor Zeppelin

MAY 20
MAY 21
 Carol Heath
 Jean Larson
MAY 22
 Esmae Boll
 Angela Larson-Weimer
 Leah Wilson
MAY 23
 Matthew Carlson
 Paul Martin
 Emily Sommerfeld
MAY 24
MAY 25
 Isaiah Matheson
 Lukas Wahl
MAY 26
 Brian Findley
MAY 27
 Dustin Nelson
MAY 28
 Jacob Bredeson
 Kris Cervin
 Debra Cziok
 Jane Hickman
 Michael Husmann
 Gladys Johnson
 Lisa Steichen

MAY 29
 Colby Christensen
 Hudson Gabrielson
 Bridget Judes
 Emily Michels
 Zachary Piepenburg
MAY 30
 Travis Hanson
 Timothy Pierce
 Katie Silverberg
MAY 31
 Joshua Bailey
 Jeffrey Ballard
 Charlene Garrison
 Dalen Jones
 Paxton Peterson
 Kaitlyn Moore

Senior Dining Menu

May 2024									
LSS Meals Traditional Older Adult									
Monday, May 5	Hamburger Baked Beans Hamburger Bun Applesauce 1% Milk	Tuesday, May 7	Chicken a la King Biscuit Mixed Vegetables Lime Pineapple Gelatin 1% Milk	Wednesday, May 8	Pork Loin Baked Yams Broccoli Florets Bread w/Margarine Peach Crisp 1% Milk	Thursday, May 9	Chicken & Noodles Peas & Carrots Bread w/Margarine Pineapple Upside Down Cake 1% Milk	Friday, May 10	Beef Vegetable Stew Biscuit Green Peas Margarine Cinnamon Baked Apples 1% Milk
Monday, May 13	Beef Pepper Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas & Carrots Bread w/Margarine Oatmeal Raisin Cookie 1% Milk	Tuesday, May 14	Orange Chicken Broccoli Florets Rice Pilaf Pineapple Tidbits Wheat Dinner Roll w/Margarine 1% Milk	Wednesday, May 15	Rosemary Pork Loin Diced Potatoes Green Peas Bread w/Margarine Chocolate Chip Bar 1% Milk	Thursday, May 16	Beef Cabbage Bake Buttered Corn Fresh Fruit Bread w/Margarine 1% Milk	Friday, May 17	Lemon Pepper Chicken Brown Rice Country Vegetable Blend Dinner Roll w/Margarine Pumpkin Spice Cake 1% Milk
Monday, May 20	Chicken, Broccoli and Rice Casserole Carrot Coins Dinner Roll w/Margarine Lemon Bar 1% Milk	Tuesday, May 21	Pork Carnitas Rice Pilaf Green Peas Dinner Roll w/Margarine Applesauce Swirl Cake 1% Milk	Wednesday, May 22	Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn Bread w/Margarine Fresh Fruit 1% Milk	Thursday, May 23	Ginger Pot Roast Au Gratin Potatoes Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll w/Margarine Chilled Peaches 1% Milk	Friday, May 24	Tuna Noodle & Pea Casserole Broccoli Florets Dinner Roll w/Margarine Fruited Gelatin Parfait 1% Milk
Monday, May 27		Tuesday, May 28	Baked Chicken Diced Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Bread w/Margarine Fruit Crisp 1% Milk	Wednesday, May 29	Lasagna Green Peas Breadstick Margarine Spiced Apples 1% Milk	Thursday, May 30	Chicken Arroz Con Pollo Buttered Corn Bread w/Margarine Chocolate Chip Cookie 1% Milk	Friday, May 31	Pot Roast w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrot Coins Dinner Roll w/Margarine Spiced Peas 1% Milk
Holiday - Closed for Memorial Day									
Shelf Stable meals - sending 5/23 or 5/24									

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 800.498.4146.lth

Menu is subject to change.

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

Litchfield Site: 320-693-6203 - please call by noon the day before to order a meal.

WELCA MINUTES April 18, 2024

WELCA met on April 18, 2024, 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 accepted as printed.

The treasurer's report was given and approved. All but one of the Harvest Donations were mailed. An amount of \$190 is remaining. Pastor Tom got the contact information for LSS and said they would be willing to speak to WELCA. Betty will contact them and see if they can come to our May meeting. A check for \$200 will be given to them at that time.

Karen Eberhard asked if WELCA would be donating the same amount, \$150 to the Spring Gathering, and \$200 to the yearly convention on May 4th in Redwood Falls, and a \$40 registration fee for one member. The convention lottery was held and they will pay for a second person. Marilyn Swanson and Karen Eberhard will be attending. Karla Kadelbach made a motion to pay the registration and the two offering/donation amounts. Jackie Kraushaar seconded and motion carried.

The kitchen flooring has been selected and it is possible that it could be installed in May.

It was suggested that the kitchen should be painted before the flooring is installed. Betty will contact Karla Rick to see if she will have time and give us a quote for the painting.

Tied blankets that are stored in the Sunday School area will be sorted and donated to various groups.

The Litchfield Women's Community Club left an embroidered dishtowel in the kitchen as a thank you for using Chilstrom Hall.

Dates to Remember: May 4th – WELCA Convention in Redwood Falls
May 5th – Senior Recognition and Quilt Presentation
May 15th – Communion/Luncheon
May 16th – WELCA at 1:30
May 19th – New Member Sunday with Brunch

Thank you to Jackie Kraushaar and Sue Lemmer for serving today.
LaVerne Decker and Millie Neitzel will serve in May.

The meeting was adjourned to sort through the Lucia boxes and make a master list of the items that are stored. Thank you to Cory and Kris Cervin and the confirmation students for bring the boxes down and putting them back up next week.

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

Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



High School Seniors



Congratulations to the Class of 2024



TJ Christensen
Parents,
Tate Christensen,
Martha Christensen



Shelby Dengerud
Parents,
Steve and Julie
Dengerud



Elliot Fluck
Parents,
Josh and Anna Fluck



Carli Gabrielson
Parents, Todd and
Jessicah Gabrielson



Laila Mickelson
Parents, James and
Autum Mickelson



Nickolas Peterson
Parents, Kate and
Bud Peterson



Tucker Liestman
Parents, Allen
and Dana Liestman



Jacob Quast
Parents, Timothy
and Bernita Quast



Zachary Quast
Parents, Timothy
and Bernita Quast



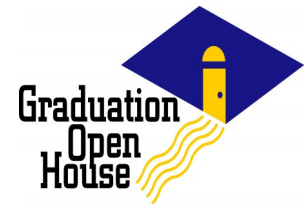
Olivia Rick
Parents, Sara Rick,
Virgil Rick



Alixzander Rodriguez
Parents, Esmerelda
and Jason Giang



Peyton Ratike
Parents, Cody and Dana Ratike



Announcements

TJ Christensen
Saturday, May 25th
4:00 - 7:00 pm
4 B'z Event Center
905 West 5th Street
Litchfield

Laila Mickelson
Sunday May 26th,
10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.
@ Fiddler's Green,
63054 CR 11,
Litchfield

Not pictured,
Drew Hoffman
Riley Hoff
Cole Hoff
Ela Provencher
Chase Kowalczyk

Graduation & Enlistment Party
Nickolas Peterson
Saturday June 1st
4 - 7 p.m.
718 S. Gilman Ave.
Litchfield

Alixzandar Rodriguez
Saturday, June 1st
1 - 5 p.m.
at FLC
Chilstrom Hall
703 South Sibley Ave.
Litchfield

Shelby Dengerud
Sunday, June 2nd
from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
at our house.
34195 CSAH 30,
Grove City

Peyton Ratike
Sunday June 2nd
1 - 4 p.m.
Darwin Rod and Gun Club
68350 US HWY 12
Dassel

Jacob & Zachary Quast
Sunday June 2nd
1 - 4 p.m.
Litchfield Civic Arena
900 N Gilman Ave.
Litchfield

Carli Gabrielson
Friday June 7th,
5 - 8 p.m.
Darwin Rod and Gun Club
68350 US HWY 12
Dassel

Elliot Fluck
Saturday, June 8th
from 4 -7 p.m.
at our home
627 S. Swift Ave.
Litchfield

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

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.

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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:

Thursday

May 16, 2024

***Last one until next fall.**

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.



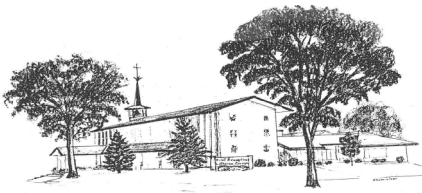
WELCA Meeting

May 16, 2024

1:30 p.m.

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MST Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

8:00 a.m. – Noon

We will accept your donations of gently used clothing, household items, toys,

books, games, etc.,

beginning on Monday, May 6th.

Please understand that we are unable to accept the following:

Electronics, large furniture, exercise equipment, and encyclopedias.

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