

FIRST NEWS

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

AUGUST 2024

August 2024 Time with Tom

As you receive this newsletter, I may be in Portugal preparing to return home after serving the refugees and some immigrants with the housing needs of Braga. I write this as I prepare to depart, so I pray all things go well as you grow to know and love Pastor Michael in my absence. I trust my time with our students and the refugees we work with, has gone well. As I think about how the lives of others affect us and we them, scripture comes to mind of Jesus caring for all people. Teaching us how to love not only the ones that love us but all people including our enemy. Do not misunderstand me to say working with others, like refugees is calling them our enemy, but that they are people we may not know much about. Getting to know people from other cultures is exciting to me, and I should have stories to tell. Jesus wants us to look at others with a heart like Jesus' so we can truly see the person. Jesus talks about how when we care for the least of these we are caring for him. *"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me," and you will say when did I do that? "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Jesus would later say; "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life".* Caring for others just because they have a need is what Jesus is talking about here. We are also in need and may learn from those we presume to serve. I hope that we can learn how to be compassionate and trusting. Maybe we will learn how to serve others in ways we have never experienced in our own lives. If we can see how others live in this world, maybe our eyes will be open to new ways to love one another. I long for a world that lives by caring for one another by lifting each other up, by putting others first. If we can learn from Luther, who reminds us to lift up our heads, stop being navel-gazers and look at others first. We may then find eyes like Jesus, that look for the love in others and not at the things that separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ. Let us share in the service to all people by giving of ourselves in ways that lift up and love our neighbors the way we would want to be loved. 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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**"GOD'S WORK.
OUR HANDS."**

**First Evangelical Lutheran
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Corey Cervin

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Karla Kadelbach
Sabara Evenson

Please join us for National Night Out

Tuesday, August 6, 2024
from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Central Park, Litchfield.

Proudly Celebrating
Police-Community Partnerships



Live Music by the Palomino Brothers
Hot dogs, chips, water, and root beer floats
Fun Games
First Responders Meet & Greet



We will be serving a free meal, there will be music and fun activities. Get to know your neighbors, build strong relationships with law enforcement and help build a safer, more united community.

Lutheran World Relief School Kit Project

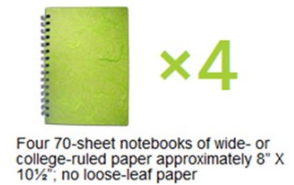
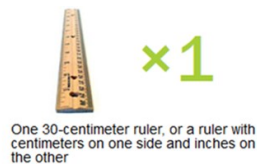
Imagine having to choose between a meal or purchasing a notebook. Project Promise School Kits are sent to places where even the few required school supplies may be more than a family can afford. Pencils and paper can help write a positive future.

With school supplies on sale this time of year at great savings, it is a perfect time to help the Sunday School children collect supplies for the LWR School Kits.

- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.

- **One 30-centimeter Ruler**
- **One pencil sharpener**
- **Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled**
- **One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded blade works well)**
- **One 2 1/2" eraser**
- **Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)**
- **One box of 16 or 24 crayons**

**Pencils - we have enough to fulfill this year*



Stewardship & Finance

General Fund:

Total Income for the month of June 2024: \$28,081

Expenses for the month of June 2024: \$36,892

Year to Date:

Income as of June 2024: \$209,717

Expenses as of June 2024: \$219,759

Memorials & Gifts

Gifts were given to the General fund, Blessing Box and the Carpet fund in honor of Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom's 70th Anniversary from Bob and Norma Hall, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Carol Dragt, Winton and Kris Nelson, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Richard and Betty Allen, and Janet Lange and Gary Smith.

A gift was given to the General fund in honor of Mike & Kris Nelson's 60th Anniversary from Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

Gifts have been given to the General fund, Blessing Box and WELCA in memory of Janet Lundin from Einar Lundin, Jim and Elaine Lenhard, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Andrew and Abby Zilch and family, David and Tammy Lundin and family, Jenny Lundin and family, Mike and Kris Nelson, Dianne Thorp, John and Shirley Lekandar, Marlys Elam, Joan Sommerfeld, Dorothy Euerle, LaVerne Decker, Audry Larson, Arnold and Phyllis Kral, Lawrence and Darlene Mauer, Richard and Barb Larson, Tim and Bev Lindbloom, Dean and Kris Patter, Karen Johnson, Elois Johnson, Richard and Carol Heath, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Bob and Norma Hall, and Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom.

A gift was given to the General fund in loving memory of Aunt Janet Lundin from John Lundin.

Gifts were given to the General fund and Carpet fund in memory of Sodona Pearson, Scott Nelson's mom, from Steve and Jackie Kraushaar and Jean Wieland.

Gifts were given to the General fund and Blessing Box in memory of Kathi Jump, Alice Harding's daughter, from Richard and Betty Allen, and Janet Lange and Gary Smith.

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of Heidi, Charles and Ardella Voigt from Alan and Laurie Boll.

Gifts have been given to the General fund in memory of Michael Thomas from Chuck and Sue Fenton, Russell and Shirley Kronbeck, Sharon Johnson, Dianne Thorp, Corey and Kris Cervin, Ron, Barb and Zack Piepenburg, Jean Wieland, and Valda Thomas.

Gifts have been given to the General fund and Blessing Box in memory of Violet Rosenau, Judy Berglund's mom, from Jim and Elaine Lenhard, Dianne Thorp, Karla Kadelbach, Paul and Sue Lemmer, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Janet Lange and Gary Smith, John and Shirley Lekander, Bob and Norma Hall, Judy Jones, Valda Thomas, Carol Dragt, Charlie and Jo Ann Lindstrom, Mark and Julie Bredeson, Nate and Meredith Elj, Larry and Karla Rick, Heidi Thoma, Iona Albright, John and Katie Hulterstrum, Pastor Tom and Kim Evenson, Corey and Kris Cervin, Lana and Jerry Johnson, Mike and Kris Nelson, Ron, Barb and Zack Piepenburg, Jean Wieland, Richard and Betty Allen, Marge Hellzen, and Darlene Lundin.

Gifts have been given to the General fund and Blessing Box in memory of Chuck Fenton from Paul and Sue Lemmer, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Richard and Betty Allen, Ron, Barb and Zack Piepenburg, and Karla Kadelbach.

A gift has been given to the General fund in memory of Gary Esping, Janet Lange's brother, from Gary Smith and Janet Lange.

A gift has been given to the General fund in memory of Doug Forster from Jean Wieland.

A gift has been given to the Blessing Box in honor of Steve and Jackie Kraushaar's Anniversary from Kirk and Dorothy Lundin.

Special Thanks

First Lutheran family & friends we want to thank you for the kind words, cards & memorials. Thank you to those that served the lunch. Janet was a special person. Family of Janet Lundin

Thank you to the July Serving Group and everyone else who volunteered to make a cake or serve at the funerals. We appreciate the help! Jenny Lundin, Betty Allen

MST 2026

ELCA Co-op MST 2026 News

There is a new MST group forming for 2026. This group consists of students from the Co-op. They have just started their fundraising journey. Our mission destination has not been determined yet. Please help support them at the following events:

FIREWOOD

Did you know that the MST group has a supply of firewood at the Lake Ripley Campground? You can support our group by purchasing a bundle or two when you are camping or if you just need some wood for a campfire on your own property! Wood costs \$5 per bundle and can be found in a shed located in the middle of the campground.



MEEKER COUNTY FAIR

August 1-4

Please let the MST 2026 team know how you can help us at the fair. We are looking for food donations and workers. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available. Please contact Autumn Mickelson or call the church office.



Thank you for all of your support so far!
We greatly appreciate all that you do for us!
We could not get there without your support!
ELCA Co-op MST 2026



Co-laborers with Christ

Rusty Stevens, a ministry leader in Virginia, described trying to finish mowing the lawn before dinnertime. His 6-year-old son darted in front of him and grabbed the mower handle. But when Stevens stopped pushing, the mower soon stopped.

The busy dad fought the urge to tell his son to get out of his way and instead offered to help. Stevens began pushing again, leaning over and walking awkwardly to accommodate his eager assistant. Although the mowing commenced, it was slow-going and not as efficient as the solo effort.

That's when Stevens realized a ministry parallel: "This is the way my heavenly Father allows me to 'help' him build his kingdom!" The church leader pictured God busy "seeking, saving and transforming the lost, and there I was, with my weak hands 'helping.'"

Although God surely can tackle all the work of ministry and evangelism alone, he "chooses to stoop gracefully to allow me to co-labor with him," said Stevens. What a blessing and privilege that God lets us work alongside him!



Volunteers Needed:
Teachers & Helpers for
Sunday School.
Please let Heidi Thoma
320-221-4325 or
the church office know
if you can help!
Thank you!!

Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday Sept. 15th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

As we embark on this new year, please come and join us as you register your 3 yr. olds thru 6th Graders for Sunday School.

****Sunday School Classes begin Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 10:00 a.m.****



**Three Year Old, Third Grade, & Seventh Grade
Bible Milestones**

Sunday, September 15th at 9:00 AM Worship Service
Parents, 3 yr. olds, 3rd graders, and 7th graders
come forward during worship to receive bibles and
a special blessing.



2024/2025

**Informational Meeting Schedule
for Parents and Students**

**Confirmation Meeting for 10th grade
students & parents**

on Wed. Sept. 4th at 6:00 p.m. in Chilstrom Hall

**Confirmation Meeting for 8th and 9th grade
students & parents**

Wed. Sept. 11th at 6:00 p.m. in Chilstrom Hall

**Confirmation Meeting for 7th grade
students & parents**

Wed. Sept. 18th at 6:00 p.m. in Chilstrom Hall

Churchwide

August 2024 Worship Schedule



Sunday, August 4, 2024

10:45 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship
Meeker County Fair Grounds
No service held at FLC

Wednesday, August 7, 2024

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

Sunday, August 11, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

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

Sunday, August 18, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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

Sunday, August 25, 2024

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

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

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

MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, August 17, 2024
 5:00 p.m.
 Holy Word Theater, FLC
 Movie: TBD....
 Please join us for a good movie
 and popcorn.

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

GARDEN PRODUCE SHARING



The Social Ministry Team invites you to drop off or pick up fresh garden veggies and fruit during the summer and fall growing season. Let us once again share our produce with one another!

A table is located in the southeast (Sunday School) entrance.

Thanks to all who participated last season.
Enjoy the harvest!



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Janet Lundin
July 9, 2024

Mike Thomas
July 13, 2024

Charles "Chuck" Fenton
July 26, 2024

Please keep their family and friends
in your prayers.

August 2024 Calendar

August 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**MST FOOD STAND, Meeker County Fair 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p>2**MST FOOD STAND, Meeker County Fair</p>	<p>3**MST FOOD STAND, Meeker County Fair</p>
<p>4**MST FOOD STAND Meeker County Fair 10:45 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship w/Communion Meeker County Fairgrounds Band Shell No Service held at FLC</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 7:00 a.m. Brew 2:00 p.m. Worship at Meeker Manor 5:00 p.m. Nat'l Night-out, Central Park No Team Meetings 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel</p>	<p>7 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel</p>	<p>8 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p>9 9:30 a.m. Christian Women's Meeting, Chilstrom Hall</p>	<p>10 8:00 a.m. Men's Group</p>
<p>11 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee 2:00 p.m. Boy Scout Event, Chilstrom Hall</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 7:00 a.m. Brew/ Chilstrom 5:30 p.m. Worship Team 6:30 p.m. NA – Chapel 6:30 p.m. Exec. Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Team Meetings</p>	<p>14 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel</p>	<p>15 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio *Sign-Up Deadline for: WELCA Funday 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 5:00 p.m. Movie Night, Holy Word Theater</p>
<p>18 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00 a.m. Brew 10:30 a.m. WELCA –leave from church for Funday 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel 7:00 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>21 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel</p>	<p>22 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 8:00 a.m. Men's Group</p>
<p>25 9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. 10:00 a.m. Fellowship/Coffee</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 7:00 a.m. Brew 6:30 p.m. N/A, Chapel</p>	<p>28 9:00 a.m. Staff Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Worship/Chapel</p>	<p>29 7:55 a.m. "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 6:30 p.m. Smart Recovery, Chapel</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

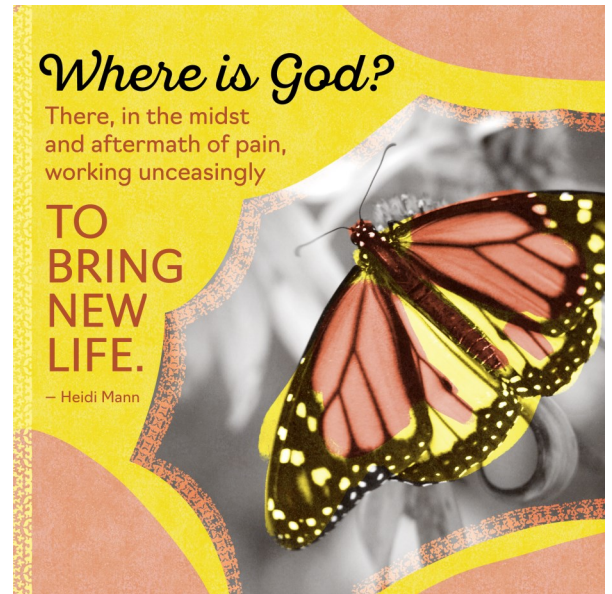
Serving Group & Birthdays

AUGUST 2024 SERVING GROUP	
Chairs:	
Sheri Nelson	Jill Nelson
Valda Thomas	Nathan & Amanda Nelson
Sandra Mielke	Sara Nelson
Andy & Sara Miller	Scott & Carol Nelson
Lylie Miller	Sylvia Nelson
Travis & Clarissa Miller	Winton & Kris Nelson
Mildred Neitzel	Jason & Heidi Oslund
Anthony & Nellya Nelson	Daniel & Kelsey Pecholt
David & Jeanette Nelson	Bud & Kate Peterson
Dennis & Susan Nelson	Darla Peterson
Janet Nelson	Sam Oslund & Adam Pinilla

August Ushers
9:00 a.m.
 Derek Isaacson



August - Open



AUGUST 1
 Kim Evenson
 Michael Hemingway
 Breanna Huikko
 Kyle Kramer
 Tyler Wagner
AUGUST 2
 Brian Boll
 Alexa Desens
 Austin Elj
 Nicholas Lundin
AUGUST 3
 Kimberly Herzog
 Joseph Thiele
AUGUST 4
 Donald Hokanson
 Karla Kadelbach
 Hunter Keppers
 Tyler Sommerfeld
AUGUST 5
 Sacia Matheson
 Gordon Burdick
 Henry Weimer
AUGUST 6
 Steven Durkee
 Lola Schlenner
 Teresa Stille
 Heidi Thoma
AUGUST 7
 Douglas Desens
 Darlene Klabunde


AUGUST 8
 Paulette Biermann
 Stephanie Herzog
 Susan Lemmer
 Antonia Barrick
 Daniel Walberg
AUGUST 9
 Michael Boyle
 Megan Larson
 Trinity Meyer
 Abbigal Thoma
AUGUST 10
 Sean Koehn
AUGUST 11
 Theresa Hoff
 Gayle Madsen
 Hayden Miller
 Katie Kreger
 Dylan Schutz
 Patricia Westphall
AUGUST 12
 Darlene Henkelman
 Amber Hoff
 Casey Hoff
 Jeffrey Holmberg
 Dylan Madsen
 Evan Matheson
 Cindy McKechney

AUGUST 13
 Sue Fenton
 RJ Geffre
 Jennifer Hanson
 Jason Isaacson
AUGUST 14
 Brittany Burdick
 Derek Fruetel
 Dennis Hanson
 Heidi Kerstein
 Janelle Quast
AUGUST 15
 Karla Rick
 Chase Kowalczyk
AUGUST 16
 Elliana Blackowiak
 Idell Kadelbach
 Amy Olson
 Nicholas Steinhaus
AUGUST 17
 Savannah Bearl
 Alison DeWolf
 Angie Fruetel
 Melissa Hoffmann
 Sandra Johnson
AUGUST 18
 Kipp Kleinschmidt
 Chance Rodriguez
AUGUST 19
 Alexander Draeger

AUGUST 20
 Noah Hanson
AUGUST 21
 Mary Desens
 Sandra Hickman
AUGUST 22
 James Alsleben
 Laurie Koehn
AUGUST 23
 Tristen Eberling
AUGUST 24
 Griffin Butler
 Jennifer Carlson
 Winton Nelson
 Scott Stradtman
AUGUST 25
 Shannon Asmus
 Danny Estrada
 Janell Haiwick
 Wendy Halverson
 Trevor Isaacson
 Johnny Magedanz
 Brandon Stille
AUGUST 26
 Cody Beavers
 Lowell Goodrich
 Nicole Madsen
 Christopher Nistler
 Barbara VanNurden

AUGUST 27
 Stuart Busse
 Jaxon Pinilla
AUGUST 28
AUGUST 29
 Michael Boll
 Nathan Harvego
 Kole Herzog
 Larry Radunz
 Karlyn Sackett
AUGUST 30
 Brandon Burdick
 Amy Sherwood
AUGUST 31
 Kayla Housman
 Sylvia Nelson
 Ricky Schutz

Senior Dining Menu

August				Thursday, August 1	Friday, August 2
LSS Meals Traditional Older Adult Menu				Hamburger on Bun Lettuce, tomato, onion Baked Beans Diced Peaches Chocolate Pudding Parfait 1% Milk	Tuna Noodle & Pea Casserole Broccoli Florets Dinner Roll w/Margarine Fruited Gelatin Parfait 1% Milk
Monday, August 5	Tuesday, August 6	Wednesday, August 7	Thursday, August 8	Friday, August 9	
Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Green Beans Dinner Roll w/Margarine 1% Milk	BBQ Chicken Diced Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Bread w/Margarine Fresh Fruit 1% Milk	Lasagna Green Peas Breadstick /Margarine Tropical Fruit 1% Milk	Pork Chop w/Rice Pilaf California blend Vegetables Pineapple Chunks Dinner Roll w/Margarine Chocollate Chip Cookie 1% Milk	Pot Roast W/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrot Coins Dinner Roll w/Margarine Fresh Fruit 1% Milk	
Monday, August 12	Tuesday, August 13	Wednesday, August 14	Thursday, August 15	Friday, August 16	
Honey Glazed Chicken Diced Potatoes Country Vegetable Blend Fresh Fruit 1% Milk	Meatballs & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn Sliced Peaches Dinner Roll w/Margarine 1% Milk	Egg Salad on Hamburger Bun Mixed Vegetables Diced Peas 1% Milk	Roast Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots Dinner Roll w/Margarine Fruit Crisp 1% Milk	Spaghetti & Meatsauce California Blend Vegetable Fresh Fruit Breadstick 1% Milk	
Monday, August 19	Tuesday, August 20	Wednesday, August 21	Thursday, August 22	Friday, August 23	
Chef's Choice Vegetable of the Day Bread w/Margarine Fruit of Choice Dessert of the Day, 1% Milk	Tater Tot Casserole Diced Carrots Diet Lime Pineapple Gelatin Dinner Roll w/Margarine 1% Milk	Chicken Salad on Hamburger Bun Three Bean Salad Diced Peaches 1% Milk	Beef Vegetable Stew Green Peas Biscuit w/Margarine Cinnamon Baked Apples 1% Milk	Chicken & Noodles Peas & Carrots Diced Peas Bread w/Margarine 1% Milk	
Monday, August 26	Tuesday, August 27	Wednesday, August 28	Thursday, August 29	Friday, August 30	
Beef Pepper Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas & Carrots Bread w/Margarine 1% Milk	Sloppy Joe on Bun California Vegetable Blend Italian Pasta Salad Fresh Fruit 1% Milk	Rosemary Pork Loin Diced Potatoes Green Peas Bread w/Margarine 1% Milk	Taco Salad w/Salsa Spanish Rice Sliced Peaches 1% Milk	Lemon Pepper Chicken Brown Rice Country Vegetable Blend Dinner Roll w/Margarine Diet Strawberry Fluff, 1% Milk	
<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If you are interested in learning about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), please call 800.488.4146.</p>					
<p>Menu is subject to change.</p> <p>Approved by: Nicole Crouch, MS, RD SNAP or EBT payment is accepted.</p>					

Litchfield Site: 320-693-6203 - please call at least 24 hours before to order meals.

WELCA MINUTES JULY 18, 2024

WELCA met on July 18, 2024, in the 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 printed and Karen Eberhard made a motion to approve with a second by Karla Kadelbach. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was printed and LaVerne Decker made a motion to approve with a second by Kris Nelson.

WELCA FunDay is August 20th and we will be going to Dykstra's Gardens in Blomkest. Sign up in the office and pay \$10 that is not refundable. We will be car pooling from First at 10:30 am.

Sign up sheets for the fair will be at Zion this Sunday, July 21st and at First on July 28th. Workers and food donations are needed, and fresh fruit. The fruit will be brought to the church where it will be cut up daily and then brought to the fair. Workers are needed for cutting the fruit each day in the church kitchen.

Discussion was held on the amount of coffee that is being wasted after funerals. Coffee pots are put on each table and it was decided to only fill the carafes half-full and see if more is needed.

Pastor Tom gave a report on the MST Trip that leaves on Saturday. There are seven students going and two adults. He received the names of four families and the number of children in each family that are refugees to Portugal. The group will be working beside these four families to build a multiplex building to house the families.

Dates to Remember: August 4th - Church service will be held in the band shelter at the fairground at 10:30 am.
August 6th - National Night Out
August 20th - WELCA Funday. Leave from church at 10:30 am.
September 28th - Crow River Gathering, Lester Prairie

Plans were to clean and put items back in the kitchen after the new flooring was installed; however, the flooring has not been completed.

Serving for September 19th WELCA will be Norma Hall and Valda Thomas

Thank you to Marilyn Swanson and Carol Rowel for serving today.

The Lord's Prayer was recited and the Table Grace was sung. The meeting was adjourned.

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, 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.

GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING: Operation Boot Strap - Africa



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

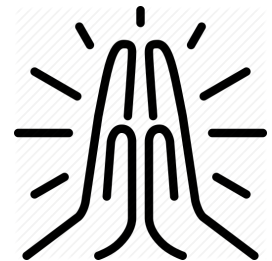
Bethany Home: Mae Brehmer, Wendy Norine

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Lakeside, Dassel: Edna Oldenburg

VA Health Care, St. Cloud: Gordon "Bud" Johnson

Hilltop, Watkins: Elois Johnson



Update!
About
the Directory

Church Directories Are Here!! We will distribute directories at church during fellowship or you can stop by the church office. Those who had their photo taken or submitted a photo will receive theirs first. If you didn't have your photo taken but you would like a directory, we will have a sign up sheet available.

Thank you!

Women ^{of the} **ELCA**

WELCA FUN-DAY

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

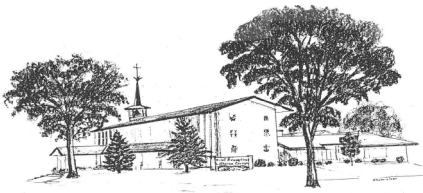
Leaving church parking lot at
10:30 a.m.

Please sign up in the church office.

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Please join us at the fair!
Sunday, August 4, 2024
10:45 AM

ELCA COOP Worship Service
Meeker County Fair Grounds
Bandstand

Admission to the Meeker County Fair is \$8.00
Kids under 4 & Adults 70 and over get in FREE