

FIRST NEWS

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

SEPTEMBER 2024

September 2024 Moment with Michael

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to *pray always* and not to lose heart. (Luke 18:1)

We often think of God as knowing it all: the past, the present, and the future. And this God knows us as we were, are, and who we will become. And moreover, what God wills, God can do, here and for all eternity. However, if this is the case, all is known and everything is already determined, I must ask, what sense does it make to ask anything of God in prayer?

Often, I've heard it argued, that God likes to be asked or that asking is good for our spiritual health. However, both of these answers just don't do it for me. If everything is already planned out than asking God for anything feels inauthentic and frankly, a waste of time. What if everything isn't planned, does this somehow diminish God or make belief in God irrelevant? What alternative is available where prayer could both be for our sake *and* be for God's sake?

Imagine with me that God is *not* totally independent from the world (which is the case for an all-knowing God), and rather, is deeply invested, involved, and intertwined with us and creation. Hopefully, this isn't all that much of a stretch when considering how the Bible is a collection of stories which speak of God hovering over the waters, wooing a nomad named Abram to live differently, leading a people out of Egypt to a promised land, walking amongst us in and through Jesus, guiding the emerging church by and with the presence of the Holy Spirit, all culminating to a renewal of all creation in a not-so-far-off future.

What would it mean for us, and our prayers, if rather than everything being predetermined and God knowing it all, what would it mean if God was interdependent with us and all of creation? If this were true, then just as surely, we receive from God, God would receive from us. This would mean that God gives to the world and receives from the world; and likewise, the world receives from God and gives to God.

We are told in our faith tradition that God bids us to pray, invites us to pray, inspires us to pray: and pray always. If we are truly in an interdependent relationship with God and all of creation, then God's call to us to pray is neither whimsical nor irrelevant. Rather, it's an invitation for us to join in the creative act of bringing a new creation into being, which I think sounds beautiful and awesome!

And so, with this in mind, please pray for our students and teachers as they begin a new academic year. Please pray for politicians as they seek to gain power and support. Please pray for our elderly as they transition from a season of warmth to cold. Please pray for our congregation as we continue to do the work of ministry in and around Litchfield. Please pray for your neighbor, your loved ones, and your enemies. Please pray, and pray always.

Yours in Christ,

Michael,
Associate Pastor.

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.”**

Council Minutes
First Lutheran Church
August 20, 2024

**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

Our Mission:

FLC exists to Welcome people in faith in Jesus Christ, Equip persons with a faith that works in real life and Send us in service into the world in Jesus’s name.

Absent: Mike Langmo, Karla Hyberger

Devotions: Meredith Elj

Secretary Report: approved

Treasurer Report: approved

Pastor Tom Report: See attached

Pastor Michael report included an update on the food stand at the fair.

Team Assignments:

E-evangelism/Social Ministry

National Night went well.

Christian Education:

September 15 Rally Sunday and will pick a date for the fall communion.

Church Property: New flooring installed, light in front of church is not working.

Personnel: no meeting

Endowment: No meeting

Stewardship and Finance: No meeting

Worship and Music Thanksgiving Eve Service :Cosmos will host

Old Business:

National night Out enjoyed a good turnout.

MST trip and fair. Sales were down in food.

New Business:

Gods Work our Hands: September 8 at Zion Lutheran Church.

Budget and Shepherds staff:

No meeting will be trying for next month but feel the system is usable just need more training.

Dates to Remember:

Labor Day weekend Coop Worship Sunday Sept. 1 at 10:45 am Optimist Park, Litchfield

Executive Team Meeting

Sept. 3 at 6:30 pm.

Gods Work Our Hands:

September 8 2024

Confirmation: September 18, 2024 at 6 pm

Rally Sunday and Bible Milestones:

September 15 at 9 am.

September 22 First day of Sunday School

Coop Beer and Hymns:

September 22, 2024 at 4:30 pm Shaggy’s Bonfire

Bar and Grill

October 9,2024

Fall Communion

October 10, 2024

New member orientation

October 13, 2024, New Member Sunday with an egg bake brunch to share with New Members.

Adjourn

Mattie Baumgartner, Secretary₂



New Member Sunday,
October 13, 2024
Please let the church
office know if you or
someone you know
wants to join!
All are welcome!

Stewardship & Finance

General Fund:

Total Income for the month of July 2024: \$31,851
Expenses for the month of July 2024: \$45,751

Year to Date:

Income as of July 2024: \$242,092
Expenses as of July 2024: \$265,510

Gifts, Memorials & Thanks

Gifts were given to the General fund, MST-International and the Blessing Box in memory of Barb Holmberg from Cecil and Janice Fawcett, Stanley and Sylvia Kittleson, Valda Thomas, Faye Kjolsing, Dianne Thorp, Paul and Sue Lemmer, and Mark and Judy Hulterstrum.

Gifts have been given to the General fund and the Property Fund/Lawn Irrigation System in memory of Chuck Fenton from Gary Smith, Pastor Tom and Kim Evenson, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Mike and Kris Nelson, Darlene Lundin, Dianne Thorp, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Jean Wieland, Sharon Johnson, and Bill and Jill Wold, Dan and Brenda Johnson, Mary Loftness, Jean Tate, Frederick and Judy Brown, Barbara Nelson, Joanne Miller, Duane and Darlene Henkelman, Stanley and Sylvia Kittleson, Mike and Deb Langmo, Mark and Judy Hulterstrum, Gaylene Thomas, Wayne and Linda Carlson, Cecil and Janice Fawcett, Randy Reinke, and Lil Madson.

Gifts have been given to the General fund and the Property Fund/Lawn Irrigation System in memory of Janet Lundin from Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, David and Darlene Meidal, and Larry, Pam, Allison, and Ruby Radunz.

A gift has been given to the Property Fund/Lawn Irrigation System in memory of Gary Esping, Janet Lange's brother, from David and Darlene Meidal.

Gifts have been given to the MST-International fund in memory of David Langmo from Ralph and Gloria Elj, and Cecil and Janice Fawcett.

Gifts have been given to the General fund, Blessing Box and the Property Fund/Lawn Irrigation System in memory of Violet Rosenau, Judy Berglund's mom, from Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, David and Darlene Meidal, Marlene Herzog, and John and Jo Carlson.

Gifts have been given to the Property Fund/Lawn Irrigation System in memory of Sodona Pearson, Scott Nelson's mom, from David and Darlene Meidal.

A gift has been given to the Blessing Box in honor of Steve and Jackie Kraushaar's Anniversary from Bob and Norma Hall

Gifts were given to the Sr. Choir, Bell Choir and Blessing Box in memory of Bea Devereaux from Einar Lundin, Jim and Elaine Lenhard, Marlys Elam, Paul and Sue Lemmer, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Mike and Deb Langmo, Barbara Keller, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Mark and Judy Hulterstrum, Darlene Lundin, Kipp and Lynette Kleinschmidt, Alicia Noroski, Lil Madson, Richard and Carol Heath, Sharon Johnson, Pastor Tom and Kim Evenson, John and Shirley Lekander, John and Katie Hulterstrum, Dan and Brenda Johnson, Stanley and Sylvia Kittleson, Janet Lange and Gary Smith, Valda Thomas, Iona Albright, Winton and Kris Nelson, Nancy Sowers, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Kendall and Mary Lawson, Janis Leines and family, Daniel and Heather Lease, Scot and Joan Anderson, Larry and Pam Radunz, Dorothy Euerle, Dianne Thorp, and Ron and Barb Piepenburg.

SPECIAL THANKS

First Lutheran Church, Thank you for the donations in honor and memory of our Mom, Barb Holmberg. Jeff Holmberg & Jane Meyer

Thank You FLC family for your many prayers, cards, gifts and memorials in remembrance of my Mom, Violet Rosenau. We really appreciate your love, support and kindness. Judy Berglund and family.

Thank You The Family of Beatrice Devereaux would like to thank Pastor Tom Evenson for his comforting words and being part of the Funeral service. Thank you to Nate Elj for singing The Lord's Prayer and solo for the Choir Anthem. Thank you to the First Lutheran Choir members that joined with the Zion Choir in singing for the service. Thank you to the Congregation for the cards, flowers and memorials that were given in memory of our Mother. We are blessed to have Family and Friends and prayers of comfort at this difficult time.

As Ever, Mark, Susan and Michael

Youth Pages

Ethan Lease (middle photo) was the drummer for the Synod Youth Band



Created to be.... Bold, Authentic, Free, Disruptive, Disciples!

+Bishop Dee Pederson

These were the daily themes that united 16,000 youth, young adults, and ministry leaders for the ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20 in New Orleans, LA. There has not been an ELCA Youth Gathering since 2018 - which means that more than a whole "high school generation" has not been able to attend a Gathering. Now - they have! And they are excited disciples of Jesus.

These events can be transformational! I wonder how many of you reading this story right now attended a Youth Gathering? (Raise your hands! 😊)

I remember the first Youth Gathering I attended as a junior in high school. The impact of our pastor spending days riding on a school bus with us would never be forgotten. The power of being together with thousands and thousands of other Lutheran youth was not something I ever could have imagined: it was amazing! The faith created in my heart through the music, the talks, and the worships changed my life. I didn't realize it at the time, but the growth of ministry began to take root in my life because of that Gathering.

The Southwestern Minnesota Synod sent over 380 students and 120 adult leaders to participate in this Gathering. Thanks go out to Pr. Jon Wendt who served as our Synod Champion, taking point and providing coordination and guidance for all of our people. Thank you, Pr. Jon!

I am so proud of our Synod Youth Band for providing the music and worship leadership for "Minnesota Day". This worship service was attended by 2,600 participants from ALL of the 6 Minnesota synods. Under the direction of Pr. Hans Peterson, the band had been practicing and preparing for 6 months. Their musical skills and faith in Christ shined brightly.





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

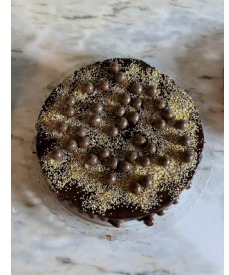
**Confirmation Meeting for 8th and 9th grade
students & parents**

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

MST 2024 - Braga, Portugal





September 2024 Worship Schedule

Sunday, September 1, 2024

10:45 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship
Optimist Park

No service held at FLC

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

No worship service held.

Sunday, September 8, 2024 *G.W.O.H.

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

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

Sunday, September 15, 2024*Rally Sunday

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Comm. & Bible Milestones
10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Rally

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

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

Sunday, September 22, 2024

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

Wednesday, September 25, 2024

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

Sunday, September 29, 2024

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



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



Special dates

- Labor Day, *September 2, 2024*
- National Grandparents Day, *September 8, 2024*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2024*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15–Oct. 15, 2024*
- First day of autumn, *September 22, 2024*

Choir Potluck

Wed. September 4

6:30 pm

Chilstrom Hall



- Bring a dish to share
- Plates, utensils, and beverages will be provided



New singers are welcome to join!
Any questions contact Katie Hulterstrum,
320-221-5398.

All Voices Welcome!

ELCA COOP

BEER & HYMNS

With the COOP Band

Sunday, September 22nd

4:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Shaggy's Bonfire Bar & Grille

16818 MN HWY 22, Litchfield

MOVIE NIGHT Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie: TBD....

Please join us for a good movie
and popcorn.

GWOH Meeker Area ELCA Cooperative Project signup sheet

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Our mission is to gather together continuing to build relationships with one another while preparing meals to feed people with food insecurities all around us. Join us for the packing event on Sunday, September 8th from 10am -2pm. Each shift is one hour. You are more than welcome to sign up for as many shifts as you desire. There is a request of a \$10.00 donation will cover the cost of the meals that we pack during our shift. If this is not possible for you, do not fear, sign up anyway-- this event is for all.

We will gather to pack the food at Zion Lutheran Church in Litchfield. We have enough room for all, there will be 8 tables with 10 people at a table for each shift, we look forward to seeing you.

To sign up, select a row below >

What and when	Open	Sign up
Packing Food 🕒 10:00-11:00am	80	>
Packing Food 🕒 11:00am-12:00pm 👤👤👤👤👤👤👤 + Brenna A., Barb J., Barb J., Bruce J., Porter A., Talen A., Katie J., Blayne J., Briggs A...	69	>
Packing Food 🕒 12:00-1:00pm 👤👤👤👤 Donna P., Mike G., Trinity Y., Darlene K.,	76	>
Packing Food 🕒 1:00-2:00pm	80	>

Go to volunteersignup.org/CXCDX to sign up or stop by the church office to sign up for a time to volunteer. Thank you!



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Barbara Holmberg
August 2, 2024

Bea Devereaux
August 13, 2024
(Zion Lutheran Church)

Please keep their families and friends
in your prayers.



"Let not your hearts be troubled.
Believe in God;
believe also in me."
John 14:1, ESV

September 2024 Calendar

September 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:45 am ELCA COOP Worship/Comm.at Optimist Park, Litchfield No Service held at FLC	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 7:00 am BREW – Chilistr. 8:30 am Quilters 2:00 pm Worship@ Meeker Manor 5:30 am Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 6:30 pm Exec. Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Team Meetings	4 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Sr. Choir Potluck 6:00 pm 10 th gr. Confirmation meeting w/ Students & Parents No Wed. Evening Worship	5 7:55 am "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	6	7 8:00 am Men's Group 8:00 am Zion Planning Mtg., Chilstrom Hall
8 God's Work, Our Hands 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee **GWOH's Projects 6:00 pm 4-H meeting	9 10:30 am Pact for Families, Becky Sook	10 7:00 am BREW – Chilstrom 6:30 pm NA – Chapel	11 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm 8 th & 9 th grades Confirmation meeting w/ Students & Parents 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle 7:00 pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	12 7:55 am "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	13 9:30 am Christian Women's Meeting	14
15 Rally Day for Sun. School 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. & Bible Milestones, 3yr old, 3 rd grade and 7 th grade students 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School Rally	16 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle	17 7:00 am BREW – Chilstrom 8:30 am LAMA Mtg. 9:00 am Martha Circle 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 7:00 pm Church Council Mtg.	18 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm 7 th gr. Confirmation meeting w/ Students & Parents 6:00 pm Confirmation begins 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Sr Choir Rehearsal	19 7:55 am "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 12:30 pm Widow's Grief Support, Conference Room 1:30 pm WELCA Meeting	20	21 8:00 am Men's Group 5:00 pm Movie Night, Holy Word Theater
22 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School begins 4:30 – 7:00 pm Coop Event: Beer & Hymns, Shaggy's Bonfire Bar and Grille, rural Litchfield	23	24 7:00 am BREW – Chilstrom 8:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm N/A - Chapel	25 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Sr Choir Rehearsal 7:45 pm MST 2026 Meeting	26 7:55 am "Open Gate" on KLFDRadio 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm Ecumen Worship, Bethany Chapel	27	28 8:00 am Crow River Conf. WELCA FALL GATHERING, Lester Prairie, MN
29 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School	30	First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave Litchfield, MN 55355 320-693-2487 Pastor Tom will be on vacation from September 17 through September 23				

Serving Group & Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 2024 SERVING GROUP	Joel & Jill Ramthun
	Cody & Dana Ratike
Chairs:	Carol Rowell
Janet Lange	Joanne Rust
Marlys Elam	Merry Schmidt
Samantha 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

September Ushers
9:00 a.m.
 Steve Dengerud
 Jon Nelson
 Gary Vollmer
 Miles Kerstein
 Tony Laidlaw
 Mike Fisher



September
 Laurie Pierce
 Laurie Koehn



SEPTEMBER 1

Joan Bratz
 Cole Hanson
 Kristina Hein
SEPTEMBER 2
 Lisa Gaulrapp
SEPTEMBER 3
 Karen Johnson
SEPTEMBER 4
 Hayden Hemingway
 Tia Lundin

SEPTEMBER 5

Tessa Lundin
 Elva Asmus
 Shawn Kadelbach
 Trent Kaping
SEPTEMBER 6

Karen Eberhard
 Debra Gilberts
 Brenda Johnson
 David Pierce
 Sarah Williams

SEPTEMBER 7

Carissa DeFries
 Miles Deitchman
 Tom Fruetel
 James Mickelson
 Lacy Rohrbeck
 Jacob Stafford

SEPTEMBER 8

Martha Christensen
 Daniel Justison
 Chloe Kowalczyk
 Jon Nelson
 Russell Schmitz
SEPTEMBER 9
 Joe Berube
 Elizabeth Bruenger
 Hadley DeWolf
 John Streed

SEPTEMBER 10

Dawn Michaletz
 Darlene Miller

SEPTEMBER 11

Jutta Goodrich
 Kala Ziegler

SEPTEMBER 12

Duane Henkelman

SEPTEMBER 13

Braedon Rose
 Madyson Sandstrom
 Deborah Schmidt

SEPTEMBER 14

Joshua Baumgartner
 David Lease
 Dacotah Nelson
 Benjamin Nistler

SEPTEMBER 15

Terri Kowalczyk
 Hunter Magedenz
 Jeremy Rick

SEPTEMBER 16

Riley DeWolf
 Dianne Thorp

SEPTEMBER 17

Melissa Geffre
 Pamela Heffern
 Robin Johnson

SEPTEMBER 18

Carolyn Christensen
 Alexander Gruenke

SEPTEMBER 19

Deanna Harvego
 Kira Kuechle

SEPTEMBER 20

Joel Decker
 Norma Hall
 Justine Madsen

SEPTEMBER 21

Raidyn Welte
 Kyle Ballard
 Julie Elam
 Joshua Haas
 Elizabeth Haas
 Steven Koehn
 John Allen Lundin
 Emily Schreiber

SEPTEMBER 22

Robert Durkee
 Evan Guza
 Brent Judes

SEPTEMBER 23

Reagan Muchow
 Ricky Miller

SEPTEMBER 24

Chailey Johnson
 Kristen Jones
 Tony Laidlaw

SEPTEMBER 25

Devan Nelson
 Kamri Driver

SEPTEMBER 26

Jakob Evenson
 Olivia Evenson
 Rocky Hyberger

SEPTEMBER 27

Eric Marotte
 Calvin Herzog
 Amy Silverberg

SEPTEMBER 28

Betty Urdahl
 Nicholas Hellzen
 Kjerstan Andersen
 Aldeen Kadelbach
 Jack Kuechle
 Sabrina Sackett
 Chelsea Snodgrass

SEPTEMBER 29

Steven LaVine
 Lil Madson
 Teresa Strowbridge
 Michelle Walberg
SEPTEMBER 30
 Noah Wagner



Senior Dining Menu

Monday, September 2	Tuesday, Sept.3	Wednesday, Sept.4	Thursday, Sept. 5	Friday, Sept.6
Closed	Chef Salad w/Turkey & Ham French Dressing Mandarin Oranges	Meatloaf w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn	Hamburger on Bun Lettuce, Tomato, Onion Baked Beans	Tuna Noodle & Pea Casserole Broccoli Florets
Holiday	Dinner Roll w/Margarine Cherry Cobbler, 1% Milk	Bread w/Margarine Fresh Fruit, 1% Milk	Diced Peaches Chocolate Pudding Parfait, Milk	Dinner Roll w/Margarine Fruited Gelatin Parfait 1% Milk
Monday, Sept.9	Tuesday, Sept. 10	Wednesday, Sept. 11	Thursday, Sept. 12	Friday, Sept. 13
Beef Stroganoff Egg Noodles Green Beans	BBQ Chicken Diced Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	LSS STAFF MEETING CLOSED	Pork Chop w/Rice Pilaf California blend Vegetables Pineapple Chunks	Pot Roast w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Carrot Coins
Dinner Roll w/Margarine 1% Milk	Bread w/Margarine Fresh Fruit, 1% Milk	Extra Meal will be sent 9/9 or 9/10	Dinner Roll w/Margarine Chocolatte Chip Cookie, 1% Milk	Dinner Roll w/Margarine Fresh Fruit, 1% Milk
Monday, Sept. 16	Tuesday, Sept. 17	Wednesday, Sept. 18	Thursday, Sept. 19	Friday, Sept. 20
Honey Glazed Chicken Diced Potatoes Country Vegetable Blend Fresh Fruit	Meatballs & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Buttered Corn Sliced Peaches	Egg Salad on Hamburger Bun Vegetables Diced Peas	Roast Turkey & Gravy Mashed Potatoes Peas & Carrots	Spaghetti & Meatsauce California Blend Vegetable Fresh Fruit
Dinner Roll w/Margarine, Milk	Dinner Roll w/Margarine, 1% Milk	Vanilla Pudding Parfait 1% Milk	Dinner Roll w/Margarine Fruit Crisp, 1% Milk	Breadstick 1% Milk
Monday, Sept. 23	Tuesday, Sept. 24	Wednesday, Sept. 25	Thursday, Sept. 26	Friday, Sept. 27
Chef's Choice Vegetable of the Day Bread w/Margarine Fruit of Choice Dessert of the Day, 1% Milk	Tater Tot Casserole Diced Carrots Lime Pineapple Gelatin Dinner Roll w/Margarine 1% Milk	Chicken Salad on Hamburger Bun Three Bean Salad Diced Peaches Sugar Cookie, 1% Milk	Beef Vegetable Stew Green Peas Biscuit w/Margarine Cinnamon Baked Apples 1% Milk	Chicken & Noodles Peas & Carrots Diced Peas Bread w/Margarine Lemon Bar, 1% Milk
Monday, Sept. 30	September 2024			
Beef Pepper Steak Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Peas/Carrots, Bread/Margarine Oatmeal Raisin Cookie, 1% Milk	Litchfield Site: 320-693-6203 Call at least 24 hours ahead to order meals.			
LSS Meals Traditional Older Adult Menu				
Menu is subject to change.				
Approved by: Nicole Crouch, MS, RD SNAP or EBT payment is accepted.				

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.

WELCA

WELCA FUNDAY - August 20, 2024

Dykstra Gardens – Blomkest
Garden Tour and Lunch





Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA

Fall Gathering

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Bethel Lutheran Church

77 Lincoln Ave. N, Lester Prairie, MN

An elevator is available if needed.

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

“Together We Can Make A Difference”

Guest Speaker - Tammy Diehn of 2B Continued

Offering: 50% SWMN Synod Women of the ELCA
50% 2B Continued

In kind offering: Lutheran World Relief School Kits (6 per box)
You may bring any kits, quilts and shipping cost contributions.



Reservation: \$10 per person

Checks payable to Women of the ELCA

Sign-up in the Church Office

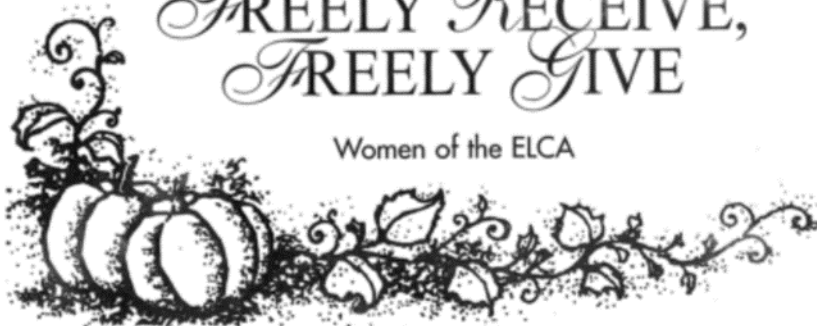
Reservation deadline September 18



HARVEST FESTIVAL ENVELOPE

*FREELY RECEIVE,
FREELY GIVE*

Women of the ELCA



Churchwide





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.

-  **x1** · One 30-centimeter Ruler
 -  **x1** · One pencil sharpener
 - x4** · Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled
 - x1** · One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded blade works well)
 - x1** · One 2 1/2" eraser
 - x1** · Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
 - x1** · One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- *Pencils - we have enough to fulfill this year*



Attention: First Lutheran Women

We will start quilting again on September 3rd. Come join the fun. You do not need to have quilting or sewing skills to help us make quilts for Litchfield Social Services, Hospice, Wings, First Lutheran graduating high school seniors and Lutheran World Relief. We are in need of ladies who can tie knots or do pinning to keep our assembly line working.

We quilt September through May, the first and fourth Tuesday of the month, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We take a break at 9:30 a.m. to enjoy coffee and treats. We are also in need of colored sheets in good condition, to be used as backings, and cotton fabric for the quilt tops and backs.

If you have any questions, please contact Marilyn Swanson, Jackie Kraushaar or Elaine Lenhard.



Harvest Offering Envelopes

All women of FELC are members of WELCA. The Harvest Festival envelopes (in your offering envelops) are a major way WELCA funds our giving. These offerings have been used for donations to :

Hospice	Meeker Co. Food Shelf
Habitat for Humanity	Lutheran Social Services
Flowers of Mercy	LAMP (Litchfield Mentoring Program)
Bible Camperships	Lifeline for FELC

Please return these envelopes (or clip this label for your Harvest Festival offering) drop off in the offerings or in the church office so that we can continue our outreach. Thank you!

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: Global Health Ministries

Widow's Grief Support Begins:

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024
12:30 pm
FLC Conference Room

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

Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich, Darlene Miller

Lakeside, Dassel: Edna Oldenburg

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

Hilltop, Watkins: Elois Johnson

Cokato Manor: Lavaune Putzier

MISSING

**FLC IS CURRENTLY MISSING THE
LARGE PROJECTION SCREEN
IF YOU KNOW ITS WHEREABOUTS –
PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE. THANK YOU!**



Update!
About
the Directory

Church Directories Are Here!!

We will distribute directories at church during fellowship or you can stop by the church office.
Thank you!

GARDEN PRODUCE

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!



NEXT WELCA MEETING

September 19, 2024

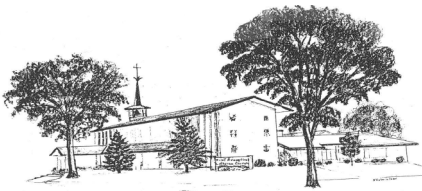
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Please join us at the ballfield!

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2024

10:45 AM

ELCA COOP Worship Service

Optimist Park

East 10th Street

Litchfield

No service held at FLC