

FIRST NEWS

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

NOVEMBER 2024

November 2024 Moment with Michael

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

It certainly has been a wild couple of Seasons! As spring gave way to summer, you and I began our journey together. From finding a house, to packing, saying goodbye, unpacking, saying hello, meeting many new people, to entering a new community; a great deal has occurred in a very short period of time! Our kids are enjoying their new school, making new friends, and I believe we are settling in nicely.

November is a month of almost there... but, not yet. Winter is almost here but..., not yet. Christmas is just around the corner but..., not yet. The year is coming to close but..., not yet. With this almost but..., 'not-yet-feeling' in mind, I wonder, is this why November is the month of giving thanks? We do know it's going to get busy but..., were not there *yet*. I do appreciate how Thanksgiving sort of signals the beginning of the year-end celebrations. A reminder, if you like, that it's good to take a moment and name what you're thankful for, make time to catch up with family and close friends, and pause to breathe.

Paul's letter to the Thessalonians is a celebration, reflecting on all the goodness that was happening. The church in Thessalonica was flourishing, and Paul made it a point to celebrate this. Despite persecution and suffering, this community of Jesus followers were standing strong in their commitment to what they simply called "The Way." And so, Paul encourages these faithful disciples to not give up hope, to persevere, and keep their eyes on Jesus.

With this, and giving thanks in mind, I thought it would be good to share 5 things I'm thankful for this year.

1. I am thankful for the folks you choose to have on your call committee. They were, and are, thoughtful, kind, considerate, and compassionate people. Their gifts and talents were my first impressions of your community and Litchfield, and you chose wisely.
2. I am thankful for Pastor Tom. I look forward to working alongside him for many years to come.
3. I am thankful for your sense of mission. Christ calls us to love our neighbor, and you've created many beautiful expressions of living out this mandate.
4. I am thankful for the Meeker Area ELCA Cooperative. The work of ministry can be a lonely experience, and your intentionality of connecting area ELCA congregations is a brilliant way to combat isolation.
5. I am thankful for the many ways you have welcomed me and my family to the Litchfield area.

Christ's Church is in a time of transformation, a fact that we are witnessing loudly and clearly in the ELCA. Yet, despite this, you are doing amazing things here, and around the world, in the name of Jesus. Thank you for blessing me with the opportunity to join you, walk beside you, and be called your pastor.

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.”**

**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

Council Minutes
First Lutheran Church
October 16, 2024

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: Betty Allen, Abby Hemmingway

Devotions: Amy Nelson

Secretary Report: Mattie Baumgartner, see attached minutes, approved

Treasurer Report: Andy Miller, see attached report, approved

Pastor Tom/Pastor Michael reports: See attached minutes

Team Reports

E-evangelism/Social Ministry: Fall communion went well, Confirmation coming up October 21, 2024.

Christian Ed/Youth Team: youth gatherings happening monthly.

Church Property: Trees trimmed, Boy Scouts looking for projects see Pastor Michael.

Personnel: will continue with Shepherds staff, planned meeting with Sara.

Endowment: renewal

Stewardship/Finance: No meeting

Worship/Music: See attached report

Old Business: ALL TEAM BUDGETS DONE BY NOVEMBER!!!!
Talked to congregation regarding short fall in overall budget!!

New Business: Budgets: Worship , Social done!!

Nominating committee: calls have been made to replace
Chuck Fenton.

Dates to Remember

MST 2026 Mtg Thursday October 24 at 630 pm Conference Room.

Confirmation Banquet: Wednesday October 23 at 6 pm.

No Wednesday Night service on October 23 2024.

Confirmation Sunday October 27, 2024 at 9 am.

All Saints worship Sunday November 3 at 9 am.

Team Meeting night November 5, 2024 at 630pm and 7pm.

Council Meeting November 19, 2024 at 7 pm.

Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at Peace in Cosmos 6 pm.

Closing and Prayer

Adjourn at 755 pm

Respectively Submitted:
Mattie Baumgartner



Stewardship & Finance

General Fund:

Total Income for the month of Sept. 2024: \$39,171
Expenses for the month of Sept. 2024: \$40,555

Year to Date:

Income as of September 2024: \$314,020
Expenses as of September 2024: \$347,395

Jesus said “Wherever your treasure is. There the desires of your heart will also be.” Matthew 6:21

We have had low giving as of September and are behind on meeting our 2024 budget. We wanted to keep you updated and am asking you to include tithing in your daily prayers.

We give so others will know Christ.

The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. Proverbs 11:25

Stewardship & Finance



The Meeker Area ELCA Cooperative now has its own Facebook page

Follow them to hear about upcoming events and ways to connect with our ELCA neighbors and communities.



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Edna Oldenburg
October 25, 2024

Mae Brehmer
October 26, 2024

Merle Hanson
October 28, 2024

Lavaune Putzier
November 4, 2024

Please keep their families and friends in your prayers.



Called to Serve

What your heart clamors to do...

We often speak of pastors as having a divine “calling.” God gives them a strong sense of purpose for a specific holy role, like how

Old Testament prophets were called to bring messages to God’s people. But what about the rest of us? Is teaching, practicing medicine, being a plumber, writing or another non-church job also a “call”?

Martin Luther and others have said we should seek work that benefits others and for which God has given us talent. We should also treat any good work we do as a calling — be it cleaning a house or school, mending a broken leg or torn garment, or (as Luther mentioned a *father* doing — in the 1500s!) changing a baby’s diaper.

Dorothy Sayers wrote that “work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do,” and that “we should clamor to be engaged in work that [is] worth doing, and in which we [can] take pride.” What work does your heart clamor to do? In other words, what is *your* divine call?

Churchwide



MST-USA 2025
Now through Nov. 15th
MST-USA 2025



will be taking orders for **Butter Braids**.

Orders may be placed with any MST-USA youth (online or in person), or through the church office. With the new "on-line" ordering options, customers are able to visit the on-line "store", place an order and pay all in one spot! Your Butter Braids will then be available for pick up at church, or delivered by one of our youth. If you'd like to place an order on-line, you can either visit the First Lutheran Facebook page for the link - or call the church office and we can assist by emailing you the link.

Butter Braids will be delivered on Dec. 3rd

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Block 320-333-7954.

Thank you for your support of MST-USA!

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Dinner Theater!
Presents "The Mighty Moo"
December 12-15, 2024

2024 SHOWTIMES:

- Thursday, December 12 at 5:30 PM
- Friday, December 13 at 5:30 PM
- Saturday, December 14 at 12:30 PM
- Saturday, December 14 at 5:30 PM
- Sunday, December 15 at 12:30 PM

Limited quantities of tickets available at each show.
Tickets are \$90 per person.
Go to GLLM.org/dinner-theater or call 320-796-2181 for ticket information.



Enjoy the show alongside a four course meal complete with hors d'oeuvres, salad course, main course and dessert course.



Volunteer actors, choir members and musicians, kitchen help and servers needed.
Contact Kirsten at 320-796-2181 or kpalan@gllm.org to volunteer.



**OPERATION
CHRISTMAS CHILD
GIFT BOX!!**

Please Take a Plastic Box from the table in the Narthex. Fill it up according to the pamphlet instructions inside the box.
Drop off the box by Sunday, Nov.17, 2024.
I will deliver them to the collection site on Nov. 18th. Shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts will be shipped to children in need to countries all over the world.
Thank you, Julie Bredeson

Volunteers Needed

**DECORATE
the Church**

Christmas Decorating
Sunday, November 24, 2024
1:00 pm

All are welcome to help.
The more that come the merrier.
New decorations need lots of fluffing!
Please help!



November 2024 Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 3, 2024 All Saints

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



Wednesday, November 6, 2024

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

Sunday, November 10, 2024

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

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

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

Sunday, November 17, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. Worship w /Comm.
- 10:00 a.m. Fellowship & Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

- 6:00 p.m. 10th Grade Confirmation Banquet
- No Worship Service

Sunday, November 24, 2024

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

Wednesday, November 27, 2024

- No confirmation
- No worship service at FLC
- 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve
- ELCA COOP Worship @
- Peace Lutheran Church, Cosmos

Special dates:

- All Saints' Day, November 1, 2024
- Daylight saving time ends, November 3, 2024
- Veterans Day, November 11, 2024
- Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2024
- Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 2024

Veterans Day salute

After fighting in World War II, Luther Bergeland wasn't done serving his country — or his God. The Minnesota farm boy, who "came back to faith" during combat, later served for decades as a military chaplain. For his actions in the field in Korea, Bergeland was awarded the Bronze Star. Then during Vietnam, he served in the Army Reserves in Colorado, tasked with informing family members about soldiers' deaths.

Despite the challenges, Bergeland embraces the special role he was able to play for four decades, sharing Jesus and his love with countless people. "That's what we did, preaching and reaching out to people," he told a reporter. "I always liked the military very much because it just did a lot for me, and I hope I did a lot for it."

On Veterans Day, we salute Bergeland and all the men and women who selflessly serve.



<u>Local Cable Public Access TV Schedule:</u>	
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

MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, November 16, 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.

WELCA MINUTES OCTOBER 17, 2024

WELCA met on September 19, 2024, in the Chilstrom Hall with Dianne Thorp calling the meeting to order. The Purpose Statement was recited. Devotions were given by Dianne.

The secretary's report was approved as printed with a motion by Karen Eberhard and a second by Lana Johnson. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was printed and Karla Kadelbach made a motion to approve with a second by Marilyn Swanson. Motion carried

Karen Eberhard noted that shipping has gone up dramatically for sending the school kits that were assembled last month. A motion was made by Jackie Kraushaar to pay the additional fees from our balance on hand over the budgeted amount. Kris Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on what to do with the extra money that WELCA has on hand. Ideas were given and it was tabled for further discussion for next month.

Sue Lemmer informed the group that a \$400 donation was given from the Litchfield Women's Study Club for purchasing food for the Blessing Table. Also, she said that several books left over from the study club garage sale were put in the old Blessing Box outside to convert it to a Little Library. A sign should be changed to designate that it is a Little Library and the Blessing Table for food is inside.



Our program was presented by Michelle Herzog, Manager of the Fieldgate Cheese Store. They are working on getting the Fieldgate name out to different stores. They also have cheese and pizza in the three Teal's Markets and other stores. Last year they shipped out close to 2000 gift boxes at Christmas and are shipping them again this year. They are expanding and will be doing meat and cheese trays as well. Any cheese that is nearing its expiration date is donated to the food shelf. They are open M-F 8 to 6:30 and Sat and Sun from 10 to 2.

Dates to Remember:

November 21st – WELCA meeting, 1:30

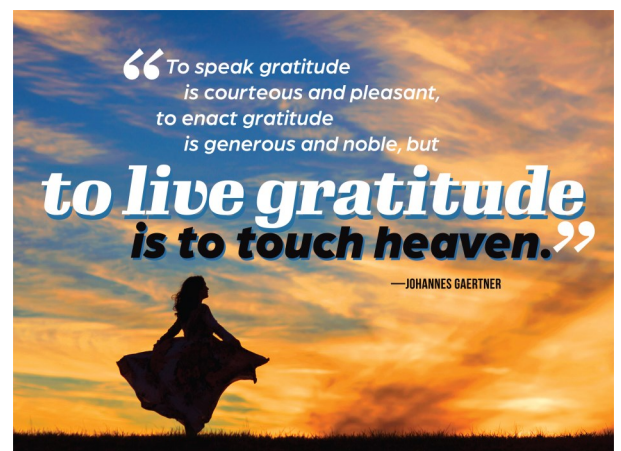
Thank you to Marilyn Swanson for serving today.

Next month servers are Lana Johnson and Kris Nelson

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

Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



Come Celebrate
The 71st Annual
Saint Lucia Breakfast

First Lutheran Church
Litchfield, MN



December 14, 2024
6:00-9:00 A.M.

Traditional Swedish Breakfast with the option of scrambled eggs

Suggested Donations

Adults \$10.00

Children 6-10 years \$5.00 / Under 6 years Free

Tickets available at the First Lutheran Church or at the door



***ELCA Co-op Lutefisk &
Meatball Dinner***

Saturday, November 23

3:30 pm - 7:00 pm

(or until fish is gone)

\$20 per plate, \$25 Take-out

\$10 for ages 5-12

Zion Lutheran Church

504 N Gilman, Litchfield, MN

***Proceeds will benefit ELCA Co-op Youth Mission
Service Trip and Meeker County Food Shelf***

Lutefisk with white sauce or melted butter

Meatballs in gravy, Mashed potatoes,

Vegetables

Homemade bread, Lefse, Flat bread

Cranberries, Assorted Sweets

Coffee, Water, & Milk

Quilt Raffle - \$1 per chance


November 2024 Calendar

November 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave Litchfield, MN 55355 320-693-2487</p>					1	2 8:00 am Men's Group
<p>3 All Saints 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. & Baptism, Elizabeth Forster 10:00 am Fellowship/ Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School 6:00 pm 4-H Mtg.</p>	<p>4 10:00 am Visitation 11:00 am Funeral, Lavaune Putizer, Chapel 5:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 7:00 am BREW 8:30 am Quilters 2:00 pm Worship @ Meeker Manor 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 6:30 pm Exec. Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Team Meetings</p>	<p>6 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 7:55 am "Open Gate"/KLFD 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 12:30 pm Widow's Grief Support, Conference Room 5:30 pm Pack Mtg., Chilstrom</p>	8	9
<p>10 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School</p>	<p>11 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 7:00 am BREW 8:30 am LAMA Mtg. 6:30 pm NA – Chapel</p>	<p>13 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Priscilla Circle, Kris Nelson's home 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 7:55 am "Open Gate"/KLFD 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm Pack Mtg, Assembly Room 7:00 pm Scout Leaders, Chilstrom</p>	15 9:30 am Christian Women's Meeting	<p>16 8:00 am Men's Group 5:00 pm Movie Night, Holy Word Theater</p>
<p>17 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School</p>	<p>18 9:30 a.m. Rachel Circle 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19 7:00 am BREW 9:00 am Martha Circle 11:00 am M.A.M. Mtg. 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 7:00 pm Church Council Mtg</p>	<p>20 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 5:30 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 7:55 am "Open Gate"/KLFD 12:30 pm Widow's Grief Support, Conference Room 1:30 pm WELCA Meeting 6:00 pm Den. Mtg, Chilstrom Hall</p>	22 Jr High Youth Gathering, Willimar, MN	<p>23 3:30 – 7:00 pm (Or until fish is gone) ELCA Co-op MST: Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner held at Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield</p>
<p>24 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School 1:00 pm Decorate Church</p>	<p>25 6:30 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26 7:00 am BREW 8:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm N/A - Chapel</p>	<p>27 No Staff Meeting No Bell Choir Rehearsal No Confirmation No Worship Service No Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Eve ELCA COOP Worship @ Peace Lutheran Church, Cosmos, MN</p>	<p>28 Thanksgiving Holiday 7:55 am "Open Gate"/KLFD Church Office Closed</p>	29 Church Office Closed	<p>30 8:00 am Men's Group</p>

Serving Group & Birthdays

NOVEMBER 2024 SERVING GROUP	Joni Book
Alan & Laurie Boll	Dee Bollin
John & Jo Carlson	Kenneth & Fay Braseth
Nick Benson	Mark & Julie Bredeson
Judy Berglund	Brian and Patti Burdick
Joe & Amy Berube	Gordon & Mary Burdick
Desiree Birch	Stuart Busse
Doris Birkemeyer	Stefany Butler
Jason & Carrie Block	Tony & Angela Carlson
Bob & Jennifer Blomberg	Steven & Teresa Carlson
Bonnie Bohn	Wayne & Linda Carlson

November Ushers
9:00 a.m.
 Mark Bredeson- C
 Keith Evenson
 Andrew Miller
 Richard Farmer
 Dan Johnson



November
 Meredith Elj



NOVEMBER 1
 Julie Dengerud
NOVEMBER 2
 Chantell Andersen-Otto
 Tracey Kaping
 Heather Kelly
 Owen Rick
NOVEMBER 3
 Kenneth Bohn
 Mary Burdick
 Nicole Geffre
 Randy Stille
NOVEMBER 4
 Tucker Liestman
NOVEMBER 5
 Evan Baldwin
 Thomas Larson
 Daniel Pecholt
NOVEMBER 6
 Doris Birkemeyer
 Joshua Blomberg
 Renee Gartner
NOVEMBER 7
 Ann Bush
 Christi Triche
NOVEMBER 8
 Kathy Cervin
 Joseph Elam
 Diane Housman

NOVEMBER 9
 Krista DeWolf
 Cecil Fawcett
 Pam Groskreutz
 Gary Husmann
 Karla Hyberger
 Ethan Lease
NOVEMBER 10
 Wesley Herzog
 John Lekander
 Kari Mahlow
 Savannah Nelson
 Jack Ramthun
NOVEMBER 11
 Danielle Wahl
 Logan Hanson
NOVEMBER 12
 Marlena McGraw
 Heidi Oslund
 Carol Shoutz
 Jacob Steichen
 Marilyn Swanson
NOVEMBER 13
 Amy Berube
 Timothy Elam
 Barbara Hannes
 Adrienne Henschke
 Judy Judes
 Kathryn Kronbeck

NOVEMBER 14
NOVEMBER 15
 Melanie Muske
 Kate Peterson
NOVEMBER 16
 Richard Allen
 Chris Bostrom
 Alice Branstner
 Teresa Christoferson
 Karianna Husmann
 Gary Vollmer
NOVEMBER 17
 Charley Estrada
 Duane Farmer
 Lynette Kleinschmidt
 James Sommerfeld
 Dominick Steichen
NOVEMBER 18
 Ernest Defries
 Madelyn Fluck
 Sharon Galloway
NOVEMBER 19
 Janice Madden
 Tom McCormick
NOVEMBER 20
 Ellen Hultstrum
 Matthew Jensen
 Craig McKechney
 Becky Estrada

NOVEMBER 21
 James Koenig
 Matthew Triche
 Connor Worden
NOVEMBER 22
 Brenda Flann
 Sally Gilberts
 Mary Hokanson
 Christian Horwath
 Grace Rogers
NOVEMBER 23
 Gavin Hurd
NOVEMBER 24
NOVEMBER 25
 Brody Quast
 Katie Ziegler
NOVEMBER 26
 Patti Burdick
 Von Grotto
NOVEMBER 27
 Harper Judes
NOVEMBER 28
 Adam Frank
NOVEMBER 29
NOVEMBER 30

Senior Dining Menu

November 2024		Lutheran Social Service	
LSS Meals Traditional Older Adult Menu			
Monday, Nov. 4	Tuesday, Nov. 5	Wednesday, Nov. 6	Thursday, Nov. 7
Baked Pork Chop w/Gravy Parslief New Potatoes Mixed Vegetables	Chicken Broc Rice Casserole Sliced Carrots Apple Crisp	Salisbury Steak w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli & Cauliflower	Lasagna Casserole Italian Veg Blend Whole Kernel Corn
Wheat Bread & Margarine Oatmeal Raisin Cookie 1% Milk	Dinner Roll Margarine 1% Milk	Dinner Roll & Margarine Brownie 1% Milk	Wheat Bread Margarine 1% Milk
Monday, Nov. 11	Tuesday, Nov. 12	Wednesday, Nov. 13	Thursday, Nov. 14
Chicken Fried Chicken Cream Gravy Mashed Potatoes	Beef Stroganoff Parslief Noodles Chateau Veg Blend	Pork Roast Pork Gravy Candied Yams	Roast Turkey Turkey Gravy Parslief New Potatoes
Parslief Carrots Dinner Roll & Margarine Sugar Cookie 1% Milk	Hot Spiced Apples Dinner Roll Margarine 1% Milk	Green Beans Dinner Roll & Margarine Snickerdoodle Cookie 1% Milk	Whole Kernel Corn Dinner Roll & Margarine Pumpkin Crumb Cake 1% Milk
Monday, Nov. 18	Tuesday, Nov. 19	Wednesday, Nov. 20	Thursday, Nov. 21
Beef Stew Green Peas Apple Crisp	Herb Baked Chicken Mashed Butternut Squash Broccoli Florets	Country Pork Tips w/Gravy Parslief Noodles Capri Veg Blend	Meatloaf Brown Gravy Rosemary Red Potatoes
Garlic Cheese Biscuit Margarine 1% Milk	Dinner Roll Margarine Chocolate Chip Cookie 1% Milk	Caramelized Pears Herb Butter Roll Margarine 1% Milk	Whole Kernel Corn Wheat Bread Margarine 1% Milk
Monday, Nov. 25	Tuesday, Nov. 26	Wednesday, Nov. 27	Thursday, Nov. 28
Smothered Chopped Steak Mashed Potatoes	Chicken a la King Steamed Rice	Meatballs w/Spaghetti Sc Spaghetti Noodles	
Whole Kernel Corn Dinner Roll & Margarine Chocolate Chip Cookie 1% Milk	Parslief Carrots Dinner Roll Margarine 1% Milk	Italian Veg Blend Herb Butter Roll Margarine 1% Milk	
CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY sent 11/26 or 11/27			
Closed			
Friday, Nov. 1			
Beef Mac and Cheese Green Beans California Veg Blend Dinner Roll Margarine 1% Milk			
Friday, Nov. 8			
Lemon Pepper Fish Mashed Sweet Potatoes Country Veg Blend Dinner Roll & Margarine Peanut Butter Cookie 1% Milk			
Friday, Nov. 15			
Cheesy Egg Bake Potato O'Brien Mixed Vegetables Blueberry Muffin Margarine 1% Milk			
Friday, Nov. 22			
Pizza Pasta Casserole Green Beans Hot Spiced Apples Dinner Roll Margarine 1% Milk			
Friday, Nov. 29			
Closed			
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 800.488.4148.

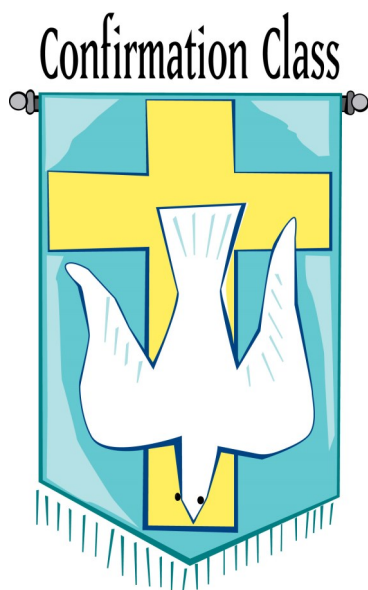
Litchfield Office 320-693-6203



Front row: Marcellus Egge, Joanna Bailey, Jailyn Mickelson, Madelyn Fluck, Maggie Gaulrapp, Natalie Berglund, Heidi Thoma. Back row: Pastor Tom Evenson, Owen Rick, Brooks Dengerud, Lucas Miller, Pastor Michael Buller
Not pictured: Alexis Engelke, Emily Michaels, Wyatt Ratike

Congratulations 2024 Confirmation Class

First Evangelical Lutheran Church



- Joanna Bailey** - Parents, Joshua and Crystal Bailey
- Natalie Berglund** - Parents, Tony and Judy Berglund
- Brooks Dengerud** - Parents, Steve and Julie Dengerud
- Marcellus Egge** - Parents, Dan and Jennifer Egge
- Alexis Engelke** - Parents, Martin and Laure Engelke
- Madelyn Fluck** - Parents, Joshua and Anna Fluck
- Maggie Gaulrapp** - Parents, Joe and Lisa Gaulrapp
- Emily Michaels** - Parents, Jason and Andrea Michaels
- Jailyn Mickelson** - Parents, James and Autumn Mickelson
- Lucas Miller** - Parents, Travis and Carissa Miller
- Wyatt Ratike** - Parents, Cody and Dana Ratike
- Owen Rick** - Parents, Virgil Rick and Sara Rick

Fall Festival - October Youth Activity - from Sunday October 20th



Gifts, Memorials & Thanks

Gifts were given to the General fund and Meeker Area Ministries in memory of Sylvia Baumgartner from Kristin Vonnegut, Faith Williams and Rodney Atkins, Betty and Jerry Urdahl, Julie and Steven Evarts, John and Jo Carlson, Chuck and Karen Eberhard, Richard and Diann Baril, and Kathleen Mock.

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of Marion Kronbeck from Kathy Kronbeck.

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of Janet Lundin from Richard Buan.

A gift was given to the General fund in memory of Jean Hoyer from Lisa Hoyer.

Gifts have been given to the General fund and Blessing Box in memory of Mae Brehmer from Karla Kadelbach, Kirk and Dorothy Lundin, Darlene Lundin, and John and Shirley Lekander.

Gifts have been given to the General fund in memory of Edna Oldenburg from Karla Kadelbach, John and Shirley Lekander, Darlene Lundin, Einar Lundin, and Jim and Elaine Lenhard.

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Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone who made our wedding day special: pastors Tom and Michael, Carol and the worship band, the ladies who served the food, the sound guys and the ushers and anyone else we failed to mention. Thank to all the cards, gifts and well wishes. We felt the love of God and the love of our church family. We are overwhelmed by all the support. Thank you again.

Gary and Janet Smith



Library Request

The church library has a lot of books that have not been returned. Please check your books at home and if you find any stamped with this  return them to the library or office.

The library is open on Sundays from 8:30 - 10:30 am. Magnifying glasses are available if needed. Thank you!!



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Be prepared ... to wait

My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait – and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story.

I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long. As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted – unless I quietly reflect on God's goodness, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

“Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord,” says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That's an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus?

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 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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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: Wendy Norine

Litchfield, in own home: Jutta Goodrich, Darlene Miller

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

Hilltop Health Center, Watkins: Elois Johnson



Widow's Grief Support

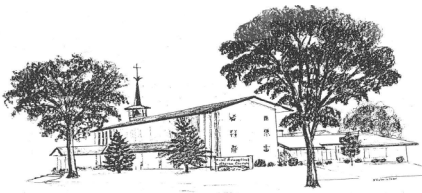
1st and 3rd Thursday of each month
in the Conference Room
at 12:30 p.m.
All are Welcome!

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and staff members will have
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Chilstrom Hall

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Welcomes you to ELCA Co-op

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday

November 27th at 6:00 pm.

There will be a time of fellowship
over desserts and coffee following
the service