



# FIRST NEWS

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

JUNE 2025

June 2025

Time with Tom

Where have all the children gone? In June we start to miss our children. Sunday School is done for the year, confirmation has completed another class that the parents, sponsors and church have fulfilled another part of the baptismal promises. These promises made to the latest group of disciples have lifted them into Apostleship. Making Apostles (sent ones) is the work of the church, and we see this happen in June when we send our high school graduates down the road. As Jesus prepared to depart in a cloud leaving the disciples, *Acts 1:6-8* <sup>6</sup>*So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?"* <sup>7</sup>*He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority."* <sup>8</sup>*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.* Jesus sent his disciples (now Apostles) out as witnesses, proclaiming the Good News wherever they go. We are sending our children out on their own and they will declare their good news wherever they go. So, the question is, what is their good news? Have we done enough for the faith of our children in Sunday School and confirmation. Have we been the leaders they need us to be, for their success on the journey of life and not be caught up in the many traps set by the evil one? Will they withstand the trials and tribulations in their path? Our prayer is, we have hope in the one God of all that we have put our faith in to continue protecting them and teaching them what is good and righteous. In the book of Romans, for Jesus has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." We are adopted, children of God through Jesus Christ. The grace of God shown to all creation on Calvary's cross and the empty tomb revealing the risen Christ, gives us hope. This hope is not merely wishful thinking, but true hope in the true God. The one God, creator of heaven and earth is our God and walks with us and goes with our children as they are sent. So, as we send these children of ours, we will continue to evaluate our Sunday School and our confirmation programs as well as our mission of the church for the next groups of children we send into the world. Remember; FELC 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. Go in peace and serve the Lord, Amen.

Live in Peace and the God of Love and Peace will be with you!  
2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 13:11. Pastor Tom Evenson

**Our mission:** First Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to **welcome** people to faith in Jesus Christ; **equip** persons with a faith that works in real life; and **send** us in service into the world in Jesus' name.

## A Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we look around us, you have once again shown us all your blessings. We know that you have provided much more than just our daily needs. We thank you for so generously giving us your Son, our Lord. Through him you have showered us with the blessings of forgiveness, a purpose in life, and eternal life in paradise—no strings attached. For all these blessings, may we truly be thankful, dear Lord. Amen.

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# Church Council

## "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

### PRESIDENT:

Karla Hyberger

### VICE PRESIDENT:

Karla Kadelbach

### SECRETARY:

Mattie Baumgartner

### TREASURER:

Jim Cottington

### Team Representatives:

#### Christian Education/ Youth & Family:

Abby Hemmingway

Amy Nelson

Sabrara Evenson

Karla Hyberger

Alexis Engelke

#### Stewardship & Finance:

Karla Kadelbach

Jim Cottington

Julie Bredeson

#### Social Ministry/ Evangelism:

Meredith Elj

Abby Hemmingway

Sabrara Evenson

Betty Allen

Karla Kadelbach

Karla Hyberger

#### Endowment/Memorials:

Julie Bredeson

Jim Cottington

#### Property:

Mattie Baumgartner

Tanner Eberling

Betty Allen

#### Worship:

Meredith Elj

Amy Nelson

Alexis Engelke

#### Personnel:

Karla Hyberger

Tanner Eberling

#### MST:

Karla Kadelbach

Sabrara Evenson

Tanner Eberling

## Council Minutes May 20, 2025

"FLC 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."

### Council Membership;

2026: Karla Kadelbach, Amy Nelson, Abby Hemmingway, Mattie Baumgartner

2027: Betty Allen, Tanner Eberling, Sabrara Evenson, Karla Hyberger

2028: Jim Cottington, Julie Bredeson, Alexis Engelke, Meridith Elj

### Devotions: Julie B

Secretary Report: Mattie B, Abby H made motion to approve as read Karla K seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Jim C. Jim gave council a new reporting sheet which makes it easy to see actual cash flow and expenditures. Julie made motion and Mattie B seconded. Motion carried.

### Pastors Reports:

Pastor Tom view written report

Pastor Michael view written report

### Team Reports

#### Worship Team

Property Report no mtg

Christian Education

Social Ministry will discuss plans for National Night out in June

Stewardship watch for changes in Newsletter

Endowment no mtg

Personnel Team no mtg

Synod Representatives for June 7<sup>th</sup> have three of four needed to vote

Checking account June meeting moved to 24<sup>th</sup>

Roblealto Update Meeting is scheduled to discuss how to move monies donated to Roblealto.

### New Business

Pastor Michael shared a letter regarding the scouts and participation of the church and a representative of the church to oversee. Some concerns expressed and the council will continue to discuss the future of this venture.

### Closing Prayer

### Adjourn

Mattie Baumgartner

Church Council Secretary



**American  
Red Cross**

### **Blood Drive**

June 19, 2025 12:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
703 South Sibley Ave., Litchfield  
Chilstrom Hall

For more information

Please call 1-800-RED-CROSS  
(1-800-733-2767) or visit

RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Litchfield  
to schedule an appointment.

## General Fund:

Total Income for the month of April 2025: \$62,092.26  
Expenses for the month of April 2025: \$32,341.73

## Year to Date:

Income as of April 2025: \$110,419.87  
Expenses as of April 2025: \$126,621.68

Happy Spring,

As this time of year draws us to the outdoors to enjoy the longer days, invigorate us with more energy and bring warmth to our body and soul, I pray the sunshine God provides is the light of your life and reason for the season. It is also during these months the giving to the church comes in many forms and your time, talent and financial support are all important to the commitment we have made as members of the church to support its mission.

2025 brings new challenges to our financial needs. As a congregation, we voted to increase our support to the ministry of our church, along with supporting the added costs of ministries, managing our properties, youth and adult programs, and synod support. We pray for your continued support, particularly in the months leading into summer. Our church financials look good today, and it is because of your financial commitments that will lend us the opportunity to fully realize the mission we have set out to accomplish this year.

God's blessings.

Jim Cottington, Council Treasurer

# Memorials, Gifts & Thanks

**Gifts have been given** to the General fund, Quilters Group, Blessing Box, MST-Int'l, and Lutheran World Relief in memory of Iona Albright from Russell and Shirley Kronbeck, Tom and Jan Bredeson, Chuck and Karen Eberhard, Marlys Elam, Paul and Sue Lemmer, Michael Devereaux, Sharon Johnson, Charles and Jo Ann Lindstrom, Steve and Jackie Kraushaar, Lil Madson, Nate and Meredith Elj, Mark and Julie Bredeson, Mark and Judy Hulterstrum, Richard and Norma Marquardt, Ardis Thorp, Valda Thomas, John and Shirley Lekander, Lee and Peggy Carlson, Stanley and Sylvia Kittelson, Janice and Cecil Fawcett, Duane and Darlene Henkelman, Pastor Dan and Sandra Buendorf, Richard and Betty Allen, Dorothy Euerle, Gerry Moen, Lynn and Margaret Splittgerber, Clay and Kim Bolin, Ron and Barb Anderson, Camy Johnson, Tim and Lori Erickson, DeVona Swanson, Iris Holmgren, Rochester Area Officials Association, Jerry and Joyce Newton, Barry and Julann Albright, Elois Johnson, Kathy Jackson, Norma and Bob Hall, Marilyn Swanson, Dan and Robin Johnson, Clarence and Pat Vorlicek, Mark and Jayne Holmgren, Betty and Don Shultz, Roxy and Eugene Dick, Kathee Carlson and Gary Olson, Mavis Rick, Mike and Bridget Klein, Nanette Nilssen, John and Katie Hulterstrum, Hal and LaVonne Huso, Rodney and Elizabeth Engfer, Curt and Peggy Meidinger, Floyd and Marcia Anderson, Ed Marklowitz and Marlys Bjur, Randy, Daryn and Connor Worden, Steve and Lynn Olson, Gene and Mary Couser, Gloria Swenson, Avonne Kaplan, Mike and Kris Nelson, Dianne Thorp, Jerry and Lana Johnson, Darlene Lundin and Jerry and Betty Urdahl.

**Gifts were given** to the General fund and Camp fund in memory of Wayne Larson from Russell and Shirley Kronbeck, Karla Kadelbach, Jerry and Lana Johnson, and Mike and Kris Nelson.

**A gift was given** to the Quilters Group in remembrance of mother Elva Shea and her mother Betsy Johnson with love from Carol Rowel.

## Special Thanks

**Thank you** to everyone for the prayers, well wishes, visits, cards and food while I was recovering from surgery. It really means a lot to me. I appreciate everyone! Betty Allen



# MST USA 2025

MST-USA is excited to announce we have teamed together with Meeker Area ELCA church coop for the 2025 mission trip. We will have 36 students and 9 chaperones between First Lutheran church, Zion Lutheran church, Peace of Cosmos, Trinity in Grove City and Beckville church traveling to serve the community of Omaha, Nebraska in July. We have partnered with the Serve Boldly organization to help facilitate the ongoing needs of the Omaha community. This may include serving at a food pantry, clothing distribution center, painting, soup kitchen or other local initiatives. We'd like to thank all of you that have already supported our many fundraisers. Each MST-USA youth is responsible for covering the costs of their trip. So, we appreciate all your support- both financial and through prayer. Here is an introduction of the group of students and leaders from First Lutheran that will be going on the trip!



Owen Rick, 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
(Parents are Virgil Rick and Sara Rick)  
“I am most excited for helping the community with whatever it may be and then seeing the great state of Nebraska.”



I'm Alexis Engelke. I'm a 16-year-old sophomore at Litchfield High School (Parents are: Marty and Laure Engelke.) I am in a variety of school activities, and on the church council. I'm excited about going to Omaha because I enjoyed the last mission trip I went on a lot, including making new friendships and many memories made. It's a great opportunity to serve God while helping other communities.

Matthew Defries, 17 years old  
(Parents are Ernie and Jackie Defries)  
“I want to go on the mission trip because I enjoy helping people.”



Wil Herzog, 11<sup>th</sup> grade  
(Parent is Kathy Herzog)  
“I'm excited to go to Omaha to help people in need and to go on a trip with my friends.”



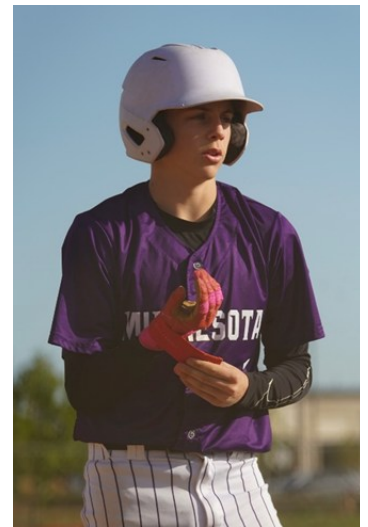
Quintin Berube  
(Parents are Joe and Amy Berube)  
“I'm excited to help however I'm needed in Omaha, and I'm really looking forward to doing mission work alongside friends, sharing in the experience and making a difference together.”



Tyson Anderson, 9<sup>th</sup> grader  
(Parents are Dalen & Sarah Jones and Tyler Anderson)  
“This is my first mission trip. I do not know what to expect, however, I am looking forward to building relationships and serving the community of Omaha!”



Breck Barrick, 9<sup>th</sup> grade  
(Parents are Hannah & Jared Laidlaw and Jerod Barrick)  
“I am excited to go to Omaha to get out of the state and spend time with my friends. I am also excited to be part of the mission group to help others and learn more about what MST does for them.”



Ryan Block, 9<sup>th</sup> Grader  
(Parents are Jason & Carrie Block)  
“I am looking forward to my first mission trip! I am excited to travel to Omaha to learn and serve their community wherever they may need help.”



Emma Defries, 15 years old  
(Parents are Ernie and Jackie Defries)  
“I want to go on the mission trip to help people who might be less fortunate than I am.”



Drew Dengerud, 14 years old  
(Parents are Steve & Julie Dengerud)  
“I am looking forward to helping others and going to the zoo!”





# Youth Pages

## June Graduation Open House Announcements

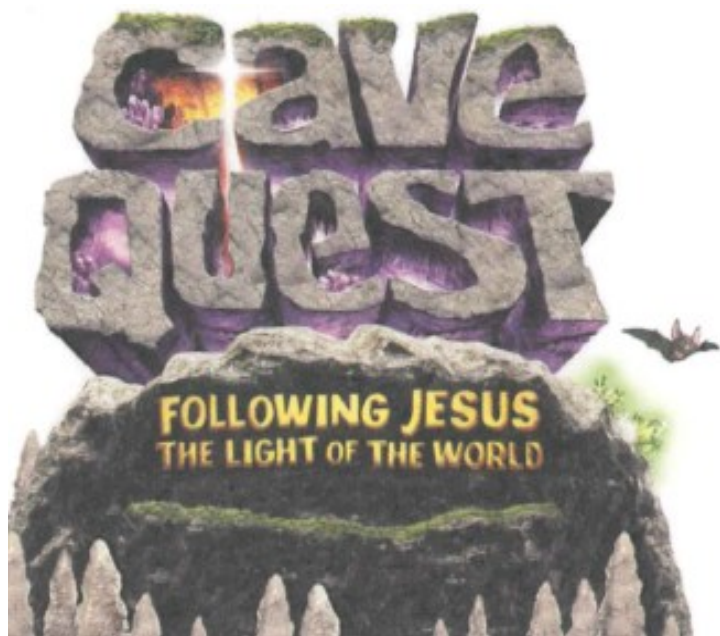
Janelle Quast,  
Parents, Timothy & Bernita Quast  
June 1st from 12 pm - 2:30 pm  
Open House: 4 B'z Event Center  
905 W 5th St., Litchfield

Ethan Lease  
Parents, Daniel & Heather Lease  
Open House: June 1st from  
2-5pm. 931 Ames Ave,  
Litchfield

Gavin Marotte  
Parent, Misty Marotte  
Open House: June 7th from  
1-4 pm. 830 Cottonwood Ave.  
Litchfield

**Roblealto** Child Care Association, founded in 1932, is a Christian, non-profit, social welfare organization, Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), declared of public utility, whose mission is to serve children and adolescents in Costa Rican society who are socially vulnerable and who require specialized care for their proper comprehensive development. On their website, Roblealto.org, Roblealto requests prayers: "Be part of our spiritual family. We believe in the power of walking together. We know that, beyond our daily work, we need people who accompany us from the heart: people who take a moment to think of us, to send us good energy, or to offer a prayer. We want to invite you to join our spiritual family. Please pray for: the new children and adolescents that join our programs. May God give them a wholesome meal and provide them with comfort and education."

Submitted by Karla Hyberger



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 9, 10, & 11, 2025

5:30 to 7:00 pm

Ages Pre-K through 6th Grade

Supper will be served

Sign up in the church office or  
call 320-693-2487



### **What does Paul mean when he says that we die with Christ and are resurrected with him (Romans, Chapter 6)**

When we chose to live a life in Christ, our old sinful life dies. We no longer are ruled by Satan and sin. That was our old life. In our new life we serve a new master whose greatest commandments is to "Love the Lord, your God; and your neighbor as yourself. Anger and hate; jealousy and lust are buried with our "old self". Our new "self" is a life of love and morality based on the Ten Commandments resulting in a life of joy and happiness rather than lust and greed.

Let's make certain that we greet each other with a righteous embrace and a heartfelt smile.

by Jerry Johnson



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Iona Albright  
May 2, 2025

Robert Manson  
May 20, 2025  
graveside service

Please keep their families and  
friends in your prayers.

Welcome,  
New Members



Rodney and Elizabeth Engfer



*This baptism is the start to a wonderful  
and long lasting faith.  
Congratulations on this milestone!!*

**Baptized: Sunday, May 4, 2025**

**Henry Bradford Isaacson**

**Parents: Derek and Charisse Isaacson**

**Sponsors:**

**Briana Torvick & Jenna Davis**



*This baptism is the start to a wonderful  
and long lasting faith.  
Congratulations on this milestone!!*

**Baptized: Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**Kenna Leigh Forster**

**Nora Grace Forster**

**Parents: Jeremy and Anna Forster**

**Sponsors:**

**Kenna: Katlin and Alex Mitchel**

**Nora: Matthew and Brianna Forster**



# Churchwide

## Sunday, June 1, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

## Wednesday, June 4, 2025

6:30 p.m. Worship in Chapel

## Sunday, June 8, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship w/Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

## Wednesday, June 11, 2025

6:30 p.m. Worship in Chapel

## Sunday, June 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship w /Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

## Wednesday, June 18, 2025

6:30 p.m. Worship in Chapel

## Sunday, June 22, 2025

9:00 a.m. Worship w /Communion

10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee Hour

## Wednesday, June 25, 2025

6:30 p.m. Worship in Chapel

## Sunday, June 29, 2025

10:45 a.m. ELCA COOP Worship Service

Beckville Picnic Grounds, Lake Minnie-Belle

## Cable TV Broadcast Schedule

Cable TV broadcast worship services from the prior week. There is a Lutheran broadcast every day of the week at 11:00 a.m. except Saturday! These services are broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on Community Access Cable TV: Channel 7 Mediacom and Channel 13 Nuvera.

## Weekly Rotation for Cable TV Broadcasts:

Sundays 11am: Litchfield Area ELCA Coop Worship from previous Sunday

Mondays 11am: Litchfield Area ELCA Coop Worship from previous week

Tuesdays 11am: Worship with First Lutheran, Litchfield

Wednesdays 11am: Litchfield Area Coop ELCA Worship from Sunday

Wednesdays 8pm: Litchfield Area ELCA Coop Worship from Sunday

Thursdays 11am: Worship with Trinity Lutheran, Grove City

Thursdays 3 pm: Worship with First Lutheran, Litchfield

Fridays 11am: Worship with Zion Lutheran, Litchfield



## Special Dates...

- Pentecost, June 8, 2025
- Flag Day, June 14, 2025
- Trinity Sunday, June 15, 2025
- Father's Day, June 15, 2025
- Juneteenth, June 19, 2025
- First day of summer, June 20, 2025

## *In the News...*

The recent Easter concert was held on Palm Sunday at the Bernie Auditorium. Our local youth choir performed a beautiful and religious concert. The music was sacred and spiritual. Members shared scriptures and their personal faith stories. FLC had four church members perform with the choir; Tyson Anderson, Kalle Cervin, Kaisyn Miller and Brityn Miller.

Thank you for an amazing evening.

## **MOVIE NIGHT** **Saturday, June 21, 2025**

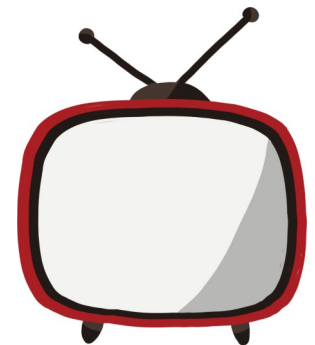
5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie: TBD....

Please join us for a good movie and popcorn.

Please bring your own beverage.






# June Calendar

June 2025						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Worship w /Comm 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:30 am BREW 2:00 pm Worship at Meeker Manor 5:30 pm Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 6:30 pm Exec. Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Team Meetings	<b>4</b> 10 am *TBI Support Group 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel	<b>5</b> 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9 am - 5 pm Synod Assembly (Conference) Gathering, Dassel, MN
<b>8</b> 9:00 am Worship w /Comm., & Baptism, Maisie Bendt 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee Confirmation Camp Begins, GLLM - Camp House	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Vacation Bible School, VBS	<b>10</b> 7:30 am BREW 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Vacation Bible School, VBS 6:30 pm NA – Chapel	<b>11</b> 10 am *TBI Support Group 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm Vacation Bible School, VBS	<b>12</b> 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD 6:00 pm Scout Committee Mtg., Assembly Room	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Group
<b>15 Father's Day</b> 9:00 am Worship w /Comm 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee Pastor Michael @ Family Camp, GLLM-Green Lake	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:30 am BREW 6:30 pm NA – Chapel	<b>18</b> 10 am *TBI Support Group 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel	<b>19</b> 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD 1:30 pm WELCA 12:30 – 7:00 p.m. American Red Cross Blood Drive, Chilstrom Hall	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 5:00 pm Movie Night, Holy Word Theater
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Worship w /Comm 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:30 am BREW 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 5:30 pm MST-2026 Meeting *Date Change *7:00 pm Council Meeting	<b>25</b> 10 am *TBI Support Group 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel	<b>26</b> 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 8:00 a.m. Men's Group
<b>29 ELCA COOP</b> 10:45 a.m. Worship/Comm. Beckville Picnic Grounds, Lake Minnie-Belle Pot-Luck Lunch following the service No Service held at First Lutheran in Litchfield	<b>30</b>	First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave Litchfield, MN 55355 320-693-2487				

# Serving Group & Birthdays

<b>JUNE 2025 SERVING GROUP</b>	Lil Madson
<b>Chairs:</b>	Chad & Judy Mahlow
<b>Betty Allen</b>	Darin & Renee Mahlow
<b>Jenny Lundin</b>	Misty Marotte
Craig & Gina Lokken	Sacia Matheson
Sadie Ludowese	Tim Matheson
Robert & Amy Nelson	Deborah Maurer
Darlene Lundin	Thomas McCormick
Kirk & Dorothy Lundin	Venita McCormick
Janice Madden	Joel & Dawn Michaletz
Chris & Jennifer Madsen	Jason & Andrea Michels
Gayle Madsen	James & Autumn Mickelson

**June Ushers**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
 Jerry Johnson - C  
 John Carlson  
 Jason Michels  
 Steve Durkee  
 Desiree Birch



**Altar Guild**

**June**

Karen Eberhard



**JUNE 1**  
 Ashley Christopherson  
 Weston DeWolf  
 Elizabeth Forster  
 Christina Haas  
 Leo Ludowese  
 Carol Muske  
 Randall Reinke  
**JUNE 2**  
 Madison Hacker  
 Richard Heath  
 Robert Sackett  
**JUNE 3**  
 Kalle Cervin  
 Shannon Manning  
 Stacy Sandstrom  
 Elizabeth Schmidt  
 John Schmitz  
 Susan Steinhaus  
 Breanna Whitcomb  
 Merry Schmidt  
**JUNE 4**  
 David Johnson  
 Kyle Rueckert  
 Chris Thompson  
**JUNE 5**  
 Jady Deitchman  
 Clarissa Miller

**JUNE 6**  
 Taylor Draeger  
 Esmerelda Giang  
 Barb Piepenburg  
**JUNE 7**  
 Aaron Fitzloff  
 Travis Miller  
 Timothy Nelson  
**JUNE 8**  
 Whitney Rick  
 Carol Rowell  
 Lillian Scheuermann  
 Ruthann Sutter  
 Izabella Wagner  
**JUNE 9**  
**JUNE 10**  
 Casey Birch  
 Jesse Birch  
 Kristine Grotto  
 Quinten Whitcomb  
 Shane Zeppelin  
**JUNE 12**  
 Lydia Asmus  
 Keith Fredrickson  
**JUNE 13**  
 Karen Frank  
 Jordan Hanson

**JUNE 14**  
 Julie Fredrickson  
 Sandra Gabrielson  
 Jayden Pinilla  
 Robert Powers  
 Brad Silverberg  
**JUNE 15**  
 Barbara Keller  
 Julie Ross  
 Miles Schilla  
 Douglas Sherwood  
**JUNE 16**  
 Liliana Larson  
 Michael Watts  
**JUNE 17**  
 Logan Bailey  
 Tanner Eberling  
 Richard Fiting  
 Esmerelda Giang  
 Gerry Klimstra  
 Lucas Miller  
 Janet Nelson  
**JUNE 18**  
 Devin Alsleben  
 Jodi Findley  
 Dr. Daniel Johnson  
 Kelly Lemmer  
 Justin Thoma

**JUNE 19**  
 Brooks Dengerud  
 Abigail Adams  
 Emily Gaulrapp  
**JUNE 20**  
 Lisa Hoyer  
 Ashton Nelson  
 Tyler Peterson  
 Mason Quast  
 Charisse Triche  
**JUNE 21**  
 Daniel Carlson  
 Gary Cervin  
 Brooks Nelson  
**JUNE 22**  
 Benjamin Blomberg  
 Erick Hanson  
 Russell Kronbeck  
**JUNE 23**  
 James Anderson II  
 Robert Frank  
**JUNE 24**  
 Aubrey Gabrielson  
 Ryan Hawes  
 Jayden Hoecke  
 Lana Johnson

**JUNE 25**  
**JUNE 26**  
 John Carlson  
 Anna Durkee  
 Jennifer Madsen  
 Nickolas Peterson  
**JUNE 27**  
 Allison Hoffmann  
 Mark Holmgren  
**JUNE 29**  
 Rebecca Elj  
 Lacy Jo Johnson  
 Mike Klabunde  
 Alexandra Stewart  
**JUNE 30**  
 Lori Ballard  
 Mitchell Elj  
 Kaleb Hanson  
 Shirley Kronbeck  
 Aliza Laidlaw  
 Jeremy Sanden

# LSS Senior Dining Menu

Monday, June 2	Tuesday, June 3	Wednesday, June 4	Thursday, June 5	Friday, June 6
Spaghetti Meat Sauce	Herb Baked Chicken	Smothered Chopped Steak	Beef Shepherd's Pie	Cheese Ravioli
Spaghetti Noodles	Mashed Sweet Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Country Vegetable Blend	Marinara Sauce
Italian Vegetable Blend	Green Peas	Whole Kernel Corn	Cherry Crisp	Diced Carrots
Wheat Dinner Roll	Wheat Dinner Roll	Wheat Bread	Wheat Bread	Wheat Dinner Roll
Margarine	Margarine	Margarine	Margarine	Margarine
Applesauce	Granny Smith Apple	Oatmeal Cranberry Cookie	1% Milk	Snickerdoodle Cookie
1% Milk	1% Milk	1% Milk		1% Milk
Monday, June 9	Tuesday, June 10	Wednesday, June 11	Thursday, June 12	Friday, June 13
Tuna Noodle Casserole	Beef Roast w/Gravy	Scalloped Potatoes w/Ham	Oven Roasted Turkey	Beef Stroganoff
Broccoli Florets	Mashed Potatoes	Broccoli Florets	Turkey Gravy	Parslied Noodles
Peach Crisp	Diced Carrots	Peach Crisp	Mashed Potatoes	Chateau Vegetable Blend
Wheat Bread & Margarine	Wheat Bread & Margarine	Wheat Dinner Roll & Margarine	Whole Kernel Corn	Hot Spiced Apples
1% Milk	Pumpkin Bar	1% Milk	Wheat Bread & Margarine	Wheat Dinner Roll
	1% Milk		Rice Crispy Treat	Margarine
			1% Milk	1% Milk
Monday, June 16	Tuesday, June 17	Wednesday, June 18	Thursday, June 19	Friday, June 20
Baked Pork Chop	Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole	Salisbury Steak	Closed - Juneteenth Holiday	Macaroni and Cheese
Pork Gravy	Sliced Carrots	Mashed Potatoes		Country Vegetable Blend
Scalloped Potatoes	Green Peas	Brown Gravy		Spiced Peaches
Mixed Vegetables	Red Delicious Apple	Green Beans		Wheat Dinner Roll
Wheat Bread & Margarine	Wheat Dinner Roll	Dinner Roll & Margarine		Margarine
Oatmeal Raisin Cookie	Margarine	Mounds Bar		1% Milk
1% Milk	1% Milk	1% Milk		
Monday, June 23	Tuesday, June 24	Wednesday, June 25	Thursday, June 26	Friday, June 27
Tater Tot Hotdish	Swedish Meatballs	Pork Roast	Turkey Tetrazzini	Cheese Omelet
Whole Kernel Corn	Mashed Potatoes	Pork Gravy	Peas & Carrots	Turkey Sausage
Apple Crisp	Brown Gravy	Candied Yams	Whole Kernel Corn	Rosemary Diced Potatoes
Wheat Bread	5 Way Mixed Vegetables	Green Beans	Dinner Roll & Margarine	Cinnamon Apples
Margarine	Fresh Orange	Wheat Bread & Margarine	Vanilla Wafers	Blueberry Muffin
1% Milk	Dinner Roll & Margarine	M&M Chocolate Chip Cookie	1% Milk	Margarine & Ketchup
	1% Milk	1% Milk		1% Milk
Monday, June 30			June 2025	
Rigatoni Beef			LSS Meals   Traditional Older Adult Menu	
Green Beans				
California Veg Blend				
Wheat Bread				
Margarine				
Chocolate Chip Cookie				
1% Milk				
This service is funded in part by a contract from the Area Agency on Aging with funding from the Federal Older Americans Act through the Minnesota Board on Aging. Additional funds are provided by the State of Minnesota, United Ways, local communities and other adult contributions. The posted menu is for a traditional diet. Diabetic friendly, reduced sodium and fat restricted diet menus are available upon request. The traditional menu provides an average of 700-800 calories per meal.  if you are interested in learning about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), please call 800.488.4146.			Menu is subject to change.	
			Approved by: Nicole Crouch, MS, RD SNAP or EBT payment is accepted.	
Litchfield Kitchen - 320-693-6203			Please call by noon the day before you want a meal.	



## WELCA MEETING MAY 15, 2025

WELCA met in Chilstrom Hall on May 15, 2025, with Lana Johnson calling the meeting to order. The Purpose Statement was recited and devotions were given by Lana.

The secretary's report was approved as printed. The treasurer's report was also approved as printed and filed for audit.

Purchasing school bags to be filled for missions was discussed. Nylon bags are not to be used. Karen Eberhard had researched the new guidelines that are required for missions and she found bags that we could order for \$2.90 each. A motion was made by Valda Thomas with a second by Kris Nelson to order one bag of 48 bags for \$139. Bags previously had been made by Iona Albright and Cindy Hill.

Marilyn Swanson said that she delivered 1007 bandages to the convention that WELCA had previously rolled.

DATES TO REMEMBER: WELCA, June 19<sup>th</sup> 1:30 pm.

Cleaning the kitchen is on the agenda.

Also come with ideas for the August Funday meeting.

Servers for June are Lana Johnson and Kris Nelson.

Thank you to Dee and Marilyn for serving today.

The Lord's Prayer and Table Prayer were recited.

The meeting was adjourned to put the roping in the backpacks we had on hand.

Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary

**GREEN LAKE LUTHERAN MINISTRIES**

**SUNDAY JUNE 1**  
8am-12pm

**ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, FAMILY FUN,  
& A FULL BREAKFAST!**

**GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP**  
9916 Lake Ave. S, Spicer, MN

**FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST**  
French toast, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee  
Adults \$10 | Children 5-12 \$6 | 0-5 Free  
Proceeds to camp scholarships!

**8:30am WORSHIP @ STAVE CHAPEL**  
with Faith Lutheran, Spicer

# Green Lake Lutheran Ministries



**Hey there, GLLM partners!** We have some exciting news - we've revamped our logo to capture our ministry's vibrant and radiating mission and are beginning to roll it out! **Keep an eye out so you don't miss important communication.** Thanks for being an important partner in ministry with us!

## 2025 SUMMER CAMP

June 8-12	<b>Confirmation Up North</b> at Camp House
June 15-19	<b>Youth Programs</b> at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp <b>Pastor's Family Camp</b> at Green Lake Bible Camp <b>Ordinary Time</b> at Camp House
June 22-26	<b>Youth Programs</b> & <b>Fishing Camp</b> (grades 5-7) at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp <b>Ordinary Time</b> at Camp House
June 29-July 5	<b>Ordinary Time</b> at Camp House
July 6-10	<b>Grandparent &amp; Grandchild Camp</b> (July 6-9) at Green Lake Bible Camp <b>Ordinary Time</b> at Camp House
July 13-17	<b>Onsite Day Camp &amp; Youth Programs</b> at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp <b>Family Camp</b> at Green Lake Bible Camp <b>Ordinary Time</b> at Camp House
July 20-24	<b>Youth Programs</b> & <b>Fishing Camp</b> (grades 7-9) at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp <b>Camp Joy</b> (July 21-24) at Green Lake Bible Camp
July 27-31	<b>Onsite Day Camp &amp; Youth Programs</b> at Shores of St. Andrew Bible Camp <b>Grandparent &amp; Grandchild Camp</b> (July 27-30) 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.

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

Program eligibility is based on  
the grade your camper has  
**completed** by the summer of  
2025. Confirmation Up North  
is open to confirmation-aged  
students with a leader.

The camp week begins Sunday afternoon. Full-week overnight  
camp programs end Thursday evening with Campapalooza.  
Half Blast ends Tuesday evening with a closing worship.

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

### DISCOUNTS

#### **Early Bird Discount**

\$65 off each program  
through February 13.

#### **Sibling Discount**

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

*No discounts apply to Ordinary Time,  
Onsite Day Camp, or Camp Joy.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

**December 12, 2024**

Registration Opens

**January 16, 2025**

Blocks Released

**February 13, 2025**

Early Bird Discount Ends

**May 22, 2025**

Final Camper Payments Due

**GLLM.ORG/SUMMER**

**Need help? Don't hesitate to contact us today! 320-796-2181 or camp@gllm.org**

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



**41ST ANNUAL**



**Green Lake Bible Camp**  
9916 Lake Avenue S, Spicer, MN

# QUILT AUCTION

**FRIDAY &  
SATURDAY**

**JULY 11 & 12**



**LIVE, SILENT & ONLINE AUCTIONS  
TRUNK SHOW  
MAKERS MARKET  
BEACHFRONT CONCERT  
FOOD & CONCESSIONS**

**FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025**

Quilt Review & Makers Market • 3:00-8:00 PM  
Quilt Trunk Show • 3:30-4:30 PM  
Paint-Your-Own Project • 4:30-7:00 PM  
Hotdish Supper • 4:30-7:00 PM  
Beachfront Concert • 5:30-7:00 PM

**SATURDAY, JULY 12, 2025**

Quilt Review & Makers Market • 9:00-11:00 AM  
Paint-Your-Own Project • 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Pulled Pork Lunch • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Live Auction Begins • 12:00 PM  
Silent Auction Closes • 4:00 PM  
Online Quilt Auction Closes • 5:00 PM



**MORE  
INFO**  
**GLLM.ORG**





Be still, Receive God's Love, Embrace  
God's Word, Welcome the Day.

**B.R.E.W.**

meets every **Tuesday morning at 7:30**  
**a.m.** with Pastor Tom



**WELCA Meeting 1:30**

**June 19, 2025**

**First Lutheran Chapel, 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**, Fort Riley, Kansas,  
grandson of Lil Madson;

**Master Sgt. Austin Kleinschmidt**, 934<sup>th</sup> Airwing,  
Minneapolis, son of Kipp and Lynette Kleinschmidt;

**Staff Sgt. Matthew Wiechmann**, stationed at Fort Drum,  
NY; son of Virgil and Jamie Wiechmann;

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



**\*Traumatic Brain Injury Support Group -**

Meetings are Wednesday mornings from  
10 am - 12 pm. 10 until 10:45. - We will have  
open discussion about our lives today and  
the challenges we face. After a brief  
intermission we will start again at 11 am  
with a designated topic, then end at noon.

This support group is for anyone with a past  
TBI, including concussions, stroke, brain  
tumor, aneurisms, falls, and car accidents.  
It is free for everyone and feel free to come  
to one or both hours.

Any questions -

please contact Marty at 320-267-1528



**Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers,**

Lois Rusch, Meeker Manor

Wendy Norine, Bethany Home

Jutta Goodrich, Darlene Miller, Litchfield,  
in own home

Gordon "Bud" Johnson, Richard Allen, VA  
HealthCare, St. Cloud

Elois Johnson, Hilltop Health Center, Watkins

### **Save your greeting cards!**

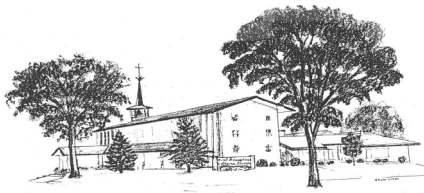
They can be recycled! They will take the whole  
card or you can cut off the signed names, if you  
wish. I will drop them off at the Senior Center in  
Hutchinson. **No Christmas Cards please.**  
Thank you! Elaine Lenhard

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Sunday, June 29, 2025

**10:45 AM**

**ELCA CO-OP**

Worship Service at  
Lake Minnie-Belle

Beckville Church Picnic Grounds  
61356 194th St,  
Litchfield, MN 55355

&

Potluck Lunch

Bring a chair & a dish to share  
Cedar Creek Gospel Band  
will lead our music