



FIRST NEWS

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

September 2026

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Moment with Michael

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."
Ecclesiastes 3:1

There are certain times of year when you can almost feel the seasons changing around you. Late August is one of them.

The garden vegetables are ripening, the weather is changing, and school supplies have replaced patio furniture in the stores. And, very soon children will return to school, confirmation will begin, church programming will resume, and we will settle into another year together.

It is hard to believe how quickly summer has gone.

For me, it has been an especially full summer. I recently returned from South Africa after traveling with our MST '26 youth to Umphumulo. It was an incredible experience filled with new relationships, hard work, worship, laughter, and opportunities to experience the church in a very different part of the world. Closer to home, many volunteers along with three amazing leaders make another Burger Stand possible at the Meeker County Fair. Thank you!

Ecclesiastes reminds us, "For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven."

I appreciate those words because they remind me that we do not have to hold onto every season forever. Some experiences are meant to be treasured and remembered. Others prepare us for what comes next. There's a time to travel and a time to come home. A time to work and a time to rest. A time to plant and a time to harvest.

Perhaps this is an invitation for us to pay attention to the seasons our neighbors are experiencing.

For one family, the first day of school might be exciting. For another, it might be frightening. Some parents are preparing to send a child off to college. Some neighbors are celebrating new beginnings, while others are quietly navigating endings we know nothing about.

We don't all experience the same season at the same time.

As our calendars fill and summer comes to a close, take a moment to notice the people around you. Ask someone how they are doing and take the time to hear their answer. Celebrate with those beginning something new. Walk alongside those facing an ending. Give thanks for the season you have been given and be mindful that your neighbor might be experiencing a very different one.

And, may we receive this new season with gratitude, curiosity, and plenty of grace for one another.

Pastor Michael

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.

Lord,
strengthen our faith
and deepen our
understanding of
Your Word. Help us
to grow in grace,
humility, and love for
one another.
Let every service,
sermon, and prayer
draw us closer to
You. Fill our hearts
with hunger for
righteousness and
the power of Your
Spirit.
Amen.



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Church Council

**“GOD’S WORK.
OUR HANDS.”**

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Betty Allen

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Meredith Elj

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Scout Charter –

Organization Rep.

Tanner Eberling

Church Council Minutes

August 18, 2026

Devotions: Betty Allen

Secretary Report: Mattie

Motion by Tanner, 2nd by Alexis, unanimous approval

Treasurer Report: Jim

Motion Tanner, 2nd by Sabrara, unanimous approval

Team Reports: Reports were submitted and read by council members

Worship – service at the lake was a wonderful success and the lake baptism was beautiful.

Property – working on parking lot improvement projects, getting someone to fix/replace the digital sign, boy scout landscaping project complete and looks very nice.

Christian Education – September has many upcoming meetings:

Sept. 2 – 10th graders and parents

Sept. 9 – 7, 8, 9th graders and parents

Sept. 13 – God’s Work Our Hands

Sept. 16 - Confirmation begins for 7, 8, 9th graders

Sept. 20 – Rally Sunday/Registration

Sept. 23 – Faith Followers begins

Oct. 11 - Baby and Me begins

Oct. 21 - Confirmation dinner 10th graders

Oct. 25 - Confirmation Sunday

Endowment – did not meet

Personnel – did not meet

Social Ministry – Blessing Table has begun again

MST – August 30th MST will present during church service about their Africa trip

Evangelism – Council will select two new missionaries at the next council meeting, First Lutheran helps support ELCA Missionaries through our clipboard contributions

Old Business:

Missionary selection at next meeting

God’s Work Our Hands – Sunday, Sept. 13. 10 – noon.

New Business:

COOP church membership was highlighted

Dates to Remember:

August 30 MST Presentation

Sept. 20th Sunday School Rally

Nov. 1st Appreciation Service 4:30pm, and Potluck at 5:30pm

Prayers and Adjourn

Respectfully Submitted, Julie Bredeson, Interim Secretary



	July	YTD
Offerings:	27,494.10	252,765.70
Dedicated Funds Used:	8,379.19	179,127.47
Expenses:	(49,337.55)	(485,748.35)
Net:	\$ (13,464.26)	\$ (53,855.18)



John 3:16-17: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.



Our GLOBAL MISSIONS offering for the month of September: Global Health Ministries

CLIPBOARD MISSIONS: this opportunity is found in the narthex, there are three clipboards to sign up on. The suggested offering to support these missions is \$40.

World Missions: Rev. Aaron Fuller and Kelly Schumacher Fuller, Slovakia and Hungary

Men's Group & Facebook Page

As men of Christ, we gather (all men are invited) every two weeks at 8AM on a Saturday morning for 1 hour. We enjoy fellowship, along with discussions *relevant* to our daily lives based on digging a little deeper within the Bible's messages for us (Sep meetings: 5th & 19th).

Now, keep Up-to-Date by following our new FACEBOOK Page!

To access (then save to your device), select one of the following:

- OR**
1. URL Address: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593294583103>
 2. Search in your Facebook account for: "*FELC Mens Group*"
Look for the picture that looks like this:



- OR**
3. Search for the page using the following QR Code:



Most importantly, and once you've located the page, please insure you:

1. "FOLLOW" & "LIKE" the page &
2. "SHARE" & "INVITE" Friends

Please contact Brad Connor or the church office with any questions.

Youth Pages

Our "Faithful Follower" education time

Who: 4TH, 5TH & 6TH graders

When: **Wednesday nights**

Starting SEPTEMBER 16th

Why: To offer our older Sunday School students two options
Come Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday nights

Hours: 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm Meal and Discussion

6:30 pm Church service

7:00-7:30 pm Gathering fun

Where: Chilstrom Hall/Chapel

(Reminder: Sunday School is from 10:00 -10:45 am)



Also new in the fall...



BABY AND ME

New class for young ones and an adult

Bible fun with your 0- to 3-year-olds

2nd Sunday of the month

10:00 to 10:45 am

First class: Sunday, October 11th

(We will meet in the corner classroom in the upstairs preschool room)



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 FLC collect supplies for the LWR School Kits.

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

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

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



x1

One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other



x1

One pencil sharpener



x1

One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)



x4

Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10 1/2"; no loose-leaf paper



x1

One 2 1/2" eraser



x5

Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band



x1

One box of 16 or 24 crayons

You're Invited to Rally Sunday!

Mark your calendar for a fun and faith-filled Sunday as we relaunch our ministries for our youth. Expect great worship, fellowship, and info on how to plug in this fall.



Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday Sept. 20th, 2026 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. 27st at 10:00 a.m.*****



Three Year Olds, First Graders & Fourth Graders Bible Milestones

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 AM Worship Service

Parents, 3 yr. olds, 1st graders, and 4th graders

come forward during worship to receive
bibles and a special blessing.



2026/2027

Informational Meeting Schedule for Parents and Students

Confirmation Meeting for 10th grade students & parents
on Wed. Sept. 2nd at 6:00 pm. Downstairs Assembly Room

Confirmation Meeting for 7th, 8th and 9th grade students & parents
Wed. Sept. 9th at 6:00 p.m. Chilstrom Hall

Confirmation Classes begin September 16th at 6:00 pm

MST-USA 2027 Informational Meeting

All current 8th-12th grade students, and parents, who are interested in the next MST-USA trip you are invited to attend.

First Lutheran Church in Chilstrom Hall - Wednesday, September 2nd 7:00pm.

We'll discuss upcoming fundraisers and answer any questions you may have along with students voting for the destination of the summer 2027 trip!

MST-USA is a youth mission trip that takes place within the United States, every two years.

Past trips have included: Omaha, NE, Nashville, TN, Logan, WV and Brooklyn, NY.

The next MST-USA trip will be in the summer of 2027.

If you are interested in finding out more about this awesome Ministry opportunity- please attend the meeting or contact Carrie Block (320) 333-7954.

Churchwide



*This baptism is the start to a wonderful
and long lasting faith.*

Congratulations on this milestone!!

Baptized: Sunday, August 9, 2026

Lake Ripley, Litchfield Minnesota

Eli Adams

Sponsor: Robert Nelson



FUNERALS AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Richard Bates

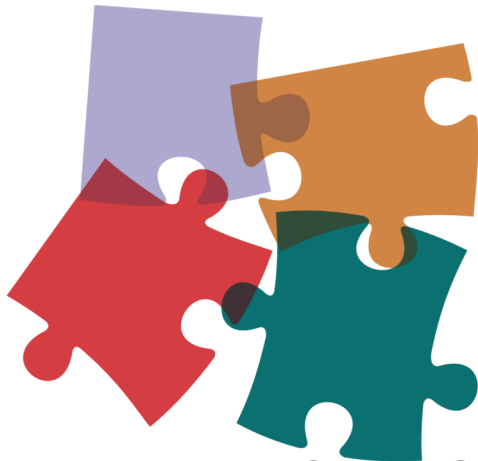
August 13, 2026

Johnson Hagglund Funeral Home

*Please keep his friends and family in your
thoughts and prayers.*



Volunteer needed: to lead our Grief Support Group, Grief Share. All of the materials and resources needed to lead the group are provided, so you do not need to create your own curriculum. If you have a compassionate heart and would like to help support others through their journey of grief, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the church office if you are interested or would like more information.



PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Bookshelf in Chilstrom Hall

Do you enjoy puzzles?

Instead of buying more
please check out the new
Puzzle Exchange Bookshelf
in Chilstrom Hall.

Bring a puzzle or two that you've
completed and are ready to pass
along, and take home a new one
or two to enjoy!

Located near the kitchen on the west wall.

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad
& Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool
that allows you to get to know our church
family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for
Instant Church Directory  and download
the FREE app to begin.

Enter your email listed in the directory, and
click "Send Secure Sign-In Link." Check your
email, and click the "Log in to Instant Church
Directory" button.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you
have trouble logging into the app, please
contact the church office.



gather together

CHURCH SOCIAL

Celebrating families...

Sunday November 1st

4:30 pm Meet in sanctuary

*We will gather for a time of appreciation and praise for
God, our church, our members and our missions.*

5:00 pm POTLUCK -Chilstrom Hall

Please bring a dish to share...a Hot Dish Extravaganza!



Churchwide



September Worship Schedule

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Sunday, September 6, 2026

9:00 am Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

No worship service held

Sunday, September 13, 2026

9:00 am Worship w/Comm

10:00 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Sunday, September 20, 2026

9:00 am Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Sunday, September 27, 2026

9:00 am Worship w/Communion

10:00 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour

Wednesday, September 30, 2026

6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel

Special Dates for September 2026

- Labor Day, *September 7, 2026*
- Patriot Day, *September 11, 2026*
- National Grandparents Day, *Sept. 13, 2026*
- Hispanic Heritage Month, *Sept. 15-Oct. 15, 2026*
- First Day of Autumn, *September 22, 2026*



Choir Potluck

Wed. Sept. 2, 2026

6:00 pm - Chilstrom Hall

with a short rehearsal following.

New singers are welcome!

Ability to read music is not required!

Any questions, call

Katie Hultstrum 320-221-5398.



MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday, August 15, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Holy Word Theater, FLC

Movie: TBD....

Please join us for a good movie and popcorn.

Please bring your own beverage.



Cable TV Broadcast Schedule

Cable TV broadcasts worship services from the prior week. There is a Lutheran Worship Service broadcast every day of the week at 11am except Saturday!

These services are broadcast at 11am on Community Access Cable TV:

Channel 7 Mediacom and Channel 13 Nuvera.

September 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30 am BREW 8:30 am Quilters 2 pm Worship, Meeker Manor 5:30 pm Worship Team Mtg. 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 6:30 pm Exec. Team Mtg. 7:00 pm Team Meetings	2 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm 10 th Grade Confirmation meeting w/ Students & Parents, Assembly Room 6:00 pm Choir Potluck, Chilstrom 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm MST-USA Mtg. Chilstrom	3 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	4	5 8:00 am Men's Group
6 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee	7 Labor Day Church Office Closed	8 7:30 am BREW 6:30 pm NA – Chapel	9 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm 7 th , 8 th , & 9 th Grade Confirmation mtg. w/ Students & Parents, Chilstrom Hall <i>No Worship Service</i> 6:00 pm Priscilla Circle, w/meal at Lana Johnson's home 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 am Women's Bible Study 3:30 pm Guitar/Jam Group	11	12
13 God's Work, Our Hands 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Projects begin 6:00 pm 4-H meeting	14 6:00 pm TBI – Peaces of Mind, <i>On-Line Only</i> 6:30 pm Scouts	15 7:30 am BREW 9:00 am Martha Circle 6:30 pm NA – Chapel 7:00 pm Church Council	16 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Faith Followers 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD 1:30 pm WELCA Mtg. Chilstrom Hall	18	19 8:00 am Men's Group 5:00 pm Movie Night, Holy Word Theater
20 Sunday School Rally Day 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. & Bible Milestones, 3yr old, 1st grade and 4th grade students. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School Rally	21 6:00 pm TBI – Peaces of Mind, <i>On-Line Only</i> 6:30 pm Scouts	22 7:30 am BREW 8:30 am Quilters 6:30 pm NA – Chapel	23 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Faith Followers 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 7:55 am "Open Gate" KLFD 9:00 am Women's Bible Study	25	26 8:00 am WELCA Fall Gathering, Ostmark Lutheran Church, Watkins
27 9:00 am Worship w /Comm. 10:00 am Fellowship & Coffee 10:00 am Sunday School Begins Fall Theological - Pastors leave and are gone until Wed. 9/30	28 6:00 pm TBI – Peaces of Mind, <i>On-Line Only</i> 6:30 pm Scouts	29 7:30 am BREW 6:30 pm NA – Chapel	30 4:30 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Faith Followers 6:00 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Worship w/Comm., Chapel 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	First Evangelical Lutheran Church 703 South Sibley Ave Litchfield, MN 55355 320-693-2487		

Serving Group & Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 2026 SERVING GROUP

Alan & Laurie Boll

John & Jo Carlson

Nick Benson

Joe & Amy Berube

Desiree Birch

Doris Birkemeyer

Jason & Carrie Block

Bob & Jennifer Blomberg

Bonnie Bohn

Joni Book

Dee Bollin

Kenneth & Fay Braseth

Mark & Julie Bredeson

Brian and Patti Burdick

Gordon & Mary Burdick

Stefany Butler

Tony & Angela Carlson

Steven & Teresa Carlson

Wayne & Linda Carlson

September Ushers

Steve Dengerud

Jon Nelson

Gary Vollmer

Miles Kerstein

Tony Laidlaw

Mike Fisher

September Altar Guild

Laurie Koehn

Laurie Pierce



SEPTEMBER 1

Joan Bratz

Cole Hanson

Kristina Hein

SEPTEMBER 2

Lisa Gaulrapp

SEPTEMBER 3

Karen Johnson

SEPTEMBER 4

Hayden Hemingway

Tia Lundin

Tessa Lundin

SEPTEMBER 5

Elva Asmus

Shawn Kadelbach

Trent Kaping

SEPTEMBER 6

Karen Eberhard

Debra Gilberts

Brenda Johnson

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

SEPTEMBER 11

Jutta Goodrich

Kala Ziegler

SEPTEMBER 12

Duane Henkelman

SEPTEMBER 13

Braedon Rose

Madysen 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

Alexander Gruenke

Deanna Harvego

Kira Kuechle

SEPTEMBER 19

Joel Decker

Norma Hall

Justine Madsen

SEPTEMBER 20

Raidyn Welte

SEPTEMBER 21

Kyle Ballard

Julie Elam

Joshua Haas

Elizabeth Haas

John Allen Lundin

Emily Schreiber

SEPTEMBER 22

Robert Durkee

Evan Guza

Reagan Muchow

SEPTEMBER 23

Ricky Miller

SEPTEMBER 24

Chailey Johnson

Kristen Jones

Tony Laidlaw

Devan Nelson

SEPTEMBER 25

Kamri Driver

Jakob Evenson

Olivia Evenson

Rocky Hyberger

Eric Marotte

SEPTEMBER 26

Calvin Herzog

Amy Silverberg

Betty Urdahl

SEPTEMBER 27

Nicholas Hellzen

Laura Hultstrum

SEPTEMBER 28

Kjerstan Andersen

Jack Kuechle

Sabrina Sackett

Chelsea Snodgrass

SEPTEMBER 29

Steven LaVine

Lil Madson

Teresa Strowbridge

Michelle Walberg

SEPTEMBER 30

Noah Wagner



Memorials , Gifts and Thanks

Gifts were given to the General fund in honor of Lola Schlenner's 95th birthday from her family, and Mike and Kris Nelson.

A Gift was given to the General Fund in memory of Richard Bates from Randy Reinke.

A Gift was given to First Lutheran Quilting in memory of Ileen Johnson, mother of Julie Elam, from Marlys Elam.

Special Thanks

Thank you to the July Serving Group! Thank you for answering the calls for serving. We appreciate your help! Lynette Kleinschmidt, and Judy Berglund

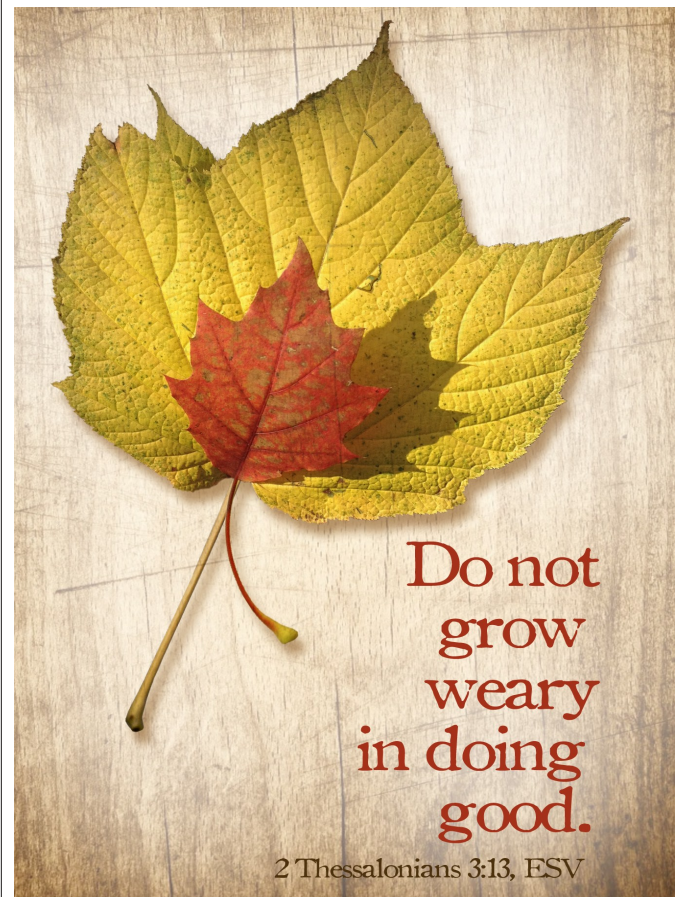
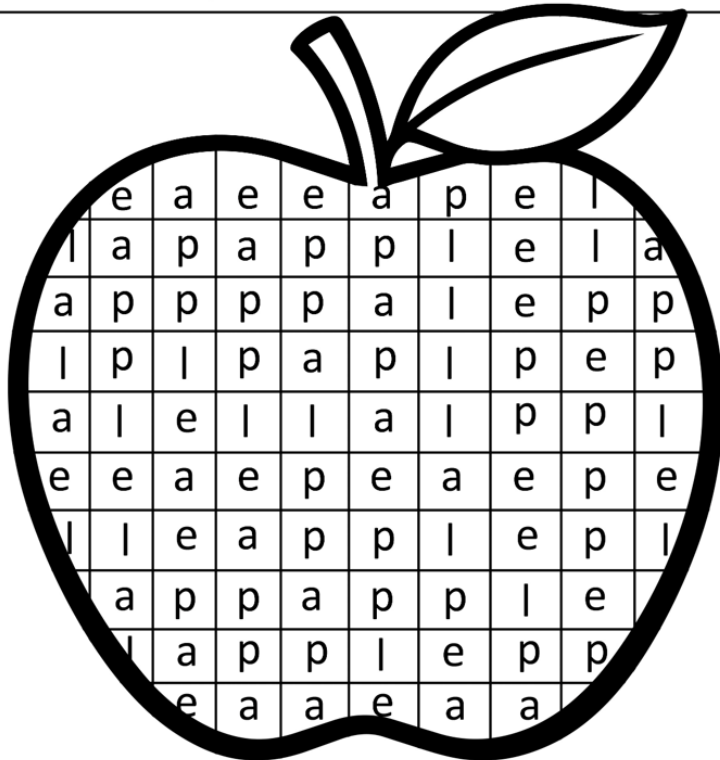
Dear Church, thank you so much for providing the community with delicious hot dogs at National Night Out. It is such an amazing outreach and greatly appreciated by everyone. We will see you next year! Warmly, Robbie Brown



Apple of Your Eye

"Apple of your eye" means something very special that you protect. As school starts again, remember what God says in Proverbs 7:2 (NIV): "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye."

Can you find the word "apple" 12 times in the puzzle?
Look up, down, across, and even backward!



WELCA MINUTES AUGUST 20, 2026

WELCA had their August Funday at the Plymouth Playhouse on August 20th. We thoroughly enjoyed The Church Basement Ladies: A Second Helping. We loaded the bus at 10 am and departed for Plymouth. Upon arriving, we were treated to a church basement lunch followed by the performance.



Some comments from our Funday Travelers included:

"It was so much fun! Enjoyed it all! Thank you"

"The First Lutheran Ladies and their guests had a great time with the Church Basement Ladies"

"Super show again. Always enjoy the ladies. Thank you."

"Thanks, WELCA—The show was very good and it was nice to spend the day with everyone."

"Awesome show, good food with all our friends."

"Marvelous voices and acting; had a wonderful time!"

Dates to Remember: WELCA meeting September 17th – 1:30 pm

Respectively submitted,

Sue Lemmer, Secretary



Garden Produce Sharing



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

A table is located in the southeast (Sunday School) entrance, Door #4.

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

Attention: First Lutheran Women



We will start quilting again on September 1, 2026.

Come join the fun. You do not need to have quilting or sewing skills to help us make quilts for Meeker County 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 am to 11:00 am. 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 ??, please contact Jackie Kraushaar, Elaine Lenhard, or Marilyn Swanson





Crow River Conference Women of the ELCA

FALL GATHERING

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Ostmark Lutheran Church

32721 680th Avenue, Watkins 55389

Handicap accessible

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

Program: "Here I Am, Send Me"

Special Guest: Pastor Tom Evenson

Offering: 50% SWMN Synod of the ELCA,
50% Meeker Area Ministries

In-Kind offering: Lutheran World Relief School Supply Kits (6 kits per box)

You may bring any kits, quilts, and shipping cost contributions.

Reservation: \$12.00 per person

Checks payable to Women of the ELCA

Reservation Deadline Monday, September 14th

Sign up in the Church Office.



Harvest Offering Envelopes

All women of FELC are members of WELCA. The Harvest Festival envelopes (in your offering envelopes) are a major way WELCA funds our giving.

These offerings have been used for donations to :

Hospice

Habitat for Humanity

Flowers of Mercy

Bible Camperships

Meeker Co. Food Shelf

Lutheran Social Services

LAMP (Litchfield Mentoring Program)

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!



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



Thursday
September 17, 2026
1:30 pm
Chilstrom Hall

BRAIN INJURY SUPPORT GROUP: HEALING TOGETHER

Living with a brain injury can feel
overwhelming, but you don't have to
face it alone.



JOIN OUR SUPPORT GROUP:

No pressure — just support, at your pace.

Meetings are held: On-line only

- Mondays
- 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**If you're interested in joining or have questions,
Please reach out:**

Martin Engelke –President, Peaces of Mind

Findpeacesofmind@gmail.com

Peaces of Mind, a 501(c)(3)/LLC



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 Sam Houston,
San Antonio, TX; grandson of Lil Madson

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

LCpl Nickolas Peterson, USMC, Camp Pendleton,
Oceanside, CA, son of Buddy and Kate Peterson.

PV. 2 Raigan Miller, Fort Rucker, AL, daughter of Andy
and Sara Miller, granddaughter of Carol Dragt

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.**



Please keep our shut-in members in your prayers,

Lois Rusch, Meeker Manor

Jutta Goodrich, 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

Calling All Guitar Players

(Ukeles and Bass Guitars welcome too!)

*For the love of music, come to the next regular
meeting of the FLC Guitar/Jam Group
every *2nd Thursday of the month (3:45-5 pm)*

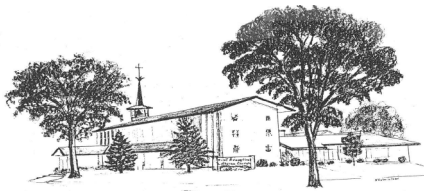
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God's Work ~ Our Hands

September 13, 2026 @ 10:00 am–12:00 noon

Please consider one of the following:

COMMUNITY OUTREACH I

Meet in Chilstrom Hall, we will be putting together packets for the residents at Lincoln Apartments, Meeker Manor and Emmaus Complex

COMMUNITY OUTREACH II

We will be outside at a neighbor's home to do yard work. Please wear your lawncare clothes and bring your gloves. Also, please bring some lawn equipment like pruning shears, weed whip, trimmer, etc. will be helpful.

Thank you!