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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”



First Evangelical Lutheran Church ~ LCMC

Clear Lake, Wisconsin

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Fall Dinner with a Touch of Norsk



November 9, 2022

Serving: 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

(Free-Will Offering)

MENU

Swedish Meatballs, Potatoes & Gravy, Squash,
Bean Salad, Cranberries, Lefse, Rye & White Bread,
Choice of Beverage (Milk, Coffee or Water),
Dessert Table with Scandinavian Delicacies

****There will also be a bake sale, basket raffle and general raffle during the Dinner.****

November 2022

Give Thanks

We have a family prayer posted on our refrigerator. It goes like this: "Thank you God for dirty dishes, for they have a tale to tell. When others are going hungry, we are eating very well. So with homes, health, and happiness, help us not fuss, for by this stack of evidence, you are very good to us. Amen!" Thank Jesus for dirty dishes indeed. And a lot more besides....

Just think how blessed we all are. We aren't going hungry. We have shelter over our heads and a warm bed at night. Our streets are safe to walk. Our village has an excellent school. We have a quaint downtown with our own health clinic, post office and new bank in town. What a blessing our new church facility has been too. Don't forget our beautiful park, clean water and new electric grid and water treatment plant.

We've got lots to be thankful for. God has been good to us! It's a good discipline to routinely stop and give thanks. It's our country's tradition to do so in November. Before the cold of December and January we celebrate. We have family get togethers with the turkey dinners. We give thanks. Giving thanks is also a spiritual discipline. One shouldn't forget all good things under the heavens come from the Father above. Blessings don't arrive by accident. God brings out the best in us as we serve one another. He rains down all manner of gifts in many ways.

To celebrate all God's bounty we will be hosting the Community Thanksgiving Service at First Lutheran this year. The service will be held on Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 PM. There will be special music by our choir, the Methodist bell choir and the United Covenant singers. We would like to try two new things this year if we can get the volunteers. First, we would like to host a fellowship time after the service. Second, we welcome anyone to help decorate the sanctuary to reflect a thanksgiving theme. Can you help us? Let the church office know today (715-263-2846).

Let's give thanks with grateful hearts! I thank God for you,

Pastor Bryan



Growing My Faith: Youth and Family Discipleship

How can I grow in my relationship with Jesus and my fellowship Christian? We have many opportunities for you to consider as listed below:



- Sunday worship
- My Devotions home devotionals
- Sunday school prek-6th grade
- Monthly family fellowship events as advertised in Newsletter and Facebook
- Bible Camp

- Sunday worship
 - Confirmation classes 7th-9th grade
 - Monthly youth activities usually 3rd Sunday of the month
 - High school Bible study Wednesdays 7-8:00 AM
 - Weekly youth group 5:30 PM with open youth room until 8:30 PM
- *Suppers start in November!



- Sunday worship
- Portals of Prayer home devotionals and Connections magazines
- Men's Bible study fellowship every 1st & 3rd Saturday with 6:30 AM Breakfast & 7:00 AM study
- Morning Grace women's monthly Bible study fellowship usually 2nd Thursday at 9:30 AM
- Evening Grace women's monthly Bible study fellowship usually last Monday at 7:00 PM
- Ridgeview Senior's Bible study monthly 2nd Thursday at 2:00 PM at Ridgeview Apartments
- Teach Sunday school or volunteer with youth group
- Women's Faith Conference held in February each year
- Prayer Shawl or Quilting Ministries

First Lutheran Church Raffle!

First Lutheran church will be holding a fall dinner on November 9, 2022 from 3:00-7:00 PM.

Tickets are now available for the general raffle. Bucket raffle ~ you pick which items you wish to win. It is time to return the favor to all your family, friends & co-workers who sell you stuff all year long! Please help by buying or selling raffle tickets to support our church mortgage. Tickets are available in the church office or from Kathy Wick.

General Raffle - Tickets: \$1 each or 6/\$5

- Handcrafted Doll house
- Quilt made by Carole Green
- Handcrafted oak trash bin
- Handcrafted cedar planter with plant
- Handcrafted wood & metal side table
- Handcrafted cutting boards
- \$100 Nilssen's gift card
- \$100 Walmart gift card
- \$100 cash



Drawing to be held at church Nov. 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM.
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We will again be having our popular basket raffle with over 75 beautiful gift baskets ready for you to win! Sneak peek basket raffle will be open from 11:00 AM-12:30 PM on November 6th. Tickets will go on sale then. Please have baskets at the church by Monday, October 31st. Tickets are \$1 each, 6/\$5 or a wingspan of 40 tickets for \$25.

2022 Bake Sale Price List

This price list is just a guideline. Feel free to price items as you see fit.

- Rye Bread \$4.00 (small) – \$6.00 (large)
- White Bread \$3.50 (small) – \$5.00 (large)
- Dinner Rolls 6 for \$3.00-\$4.00 (dep. on size)
- Sweet Rolls... (1/2 dozen) \$3.00 - (\$6.00 large), (\$1.00 each)
- Caramel Rolls 6 for \$4.00-\$6.00 (dep. on size)
- Tea Ring (Large) . \$6.00 – \$7.00
- Nut Bread \$3.00 (small), \$4.00 (large), \$5.00 (x-large)
- Plain Donuts \$5.00 (dozen), (\$.50 each)
- Buns..... \$4.00-\$5.00 (dozen) dep. on size
- Raised Donuts \$6.00 (dozen), (\$.50 each)
- Coffee Cake \$5.00-\$7.00 dep. on size
- Cup Cakes \$5.00 (dozen)
- Cookies \$5.00-\$7.00 (dozen), (\$.50 each) dep. on kind & size
- Bars \$5.00 (dozen), \$3.50 (½ dozen), (\$.50 each)
- Pies \$7.00-\$10.00 (dep. on size)
- Rosettes \$7.50 (dozen), (\$.50 each) 6 for \$5.00
- Fattigman \$7.50 (dozen), (\$.50 each) 6 for \$5.00
- Krumkaka \$7.50 (dozen), (\$.50 each) 6 for \$5.00
- Sandbakkles \$7.50 (dozen), (\$.50 each) 6 for \$5.00
- Jam \$3.50 (small), \$4.50 (large)
- Pickles..... \$3.00 (pt.) \$4.00 (qt.)
- Beet Pickles \$3.00 (pt.) \$5.00 (qt.)
- Danish \$7.00
- Flat Bread \$2.00-\$2.50
- Cookie Mix \$4.00
- Jelly Roll..... \$6.00-\$6.50 (dep. on size)

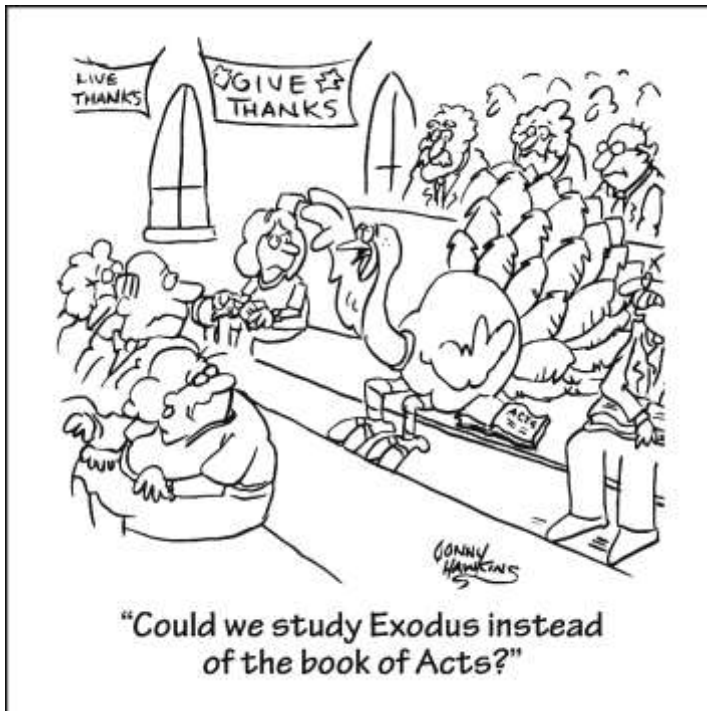


Please price your items before you bring them to church.

Apologetics Conference



Our youth with chaperones will be attending the Reality Student Apologetics Conference on Saturday, November 12th at Grace Church of Eden Prairie, MN. Apologetics refers not to apologizing for your faith but defending it. At the conference our youth will hear from some of the best Christian teachers from around the world. Thousands of youth will gather to sing, fellowship and take in discussions of why they can have a confident faith in Jesus and the scriptures. Questions will be answered and doubts will be addressed. The cost of the convention is \$50. Pastor will be collecting checks at youth group or you can bring it in to the office. We will also need parent drives who will also chaperone the day.



CHILDREN & PARENTS



Christmas program practice will begin on Sunday, November 13th. Each child will have a part to memorize which will be sent home with him/her. Every role is important, so please help your child memorize their speaking part so they can proclaim the Good News of Jesus! The Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday, December 18th at the 10:00 AM worship service. Help your child attend all rehearsals during the regular Sunday School time at 9:40 AM each Sunday. We will be meeting in the blue room. Please contact **Theresa Anderson at 715-263-2848** if you have any questions or if you know your child will NOT be participating in the program so changes can be made. We will be excited to see your child at church! Thanks!



We're not just sending dresses,
we're **Sending HOPE**

Little Dresses for Africa • Britches for Boys • Dignity Program for Girls & Women

Thank you to everyone who helped make this mission project a success. We sent 226 dresses, 31 pair boy's shorts and 95 sani-pads, along with 20 pair of panties.

The dresses were delivered to Rockwood, Michigan by Bill & Jane Butsic, Menomonie (friends of Brad & Jo Nilssen who were going to the Badger-Michigan game and offered this service). A huge savings to not have shipping cost. Thank you Butsics.

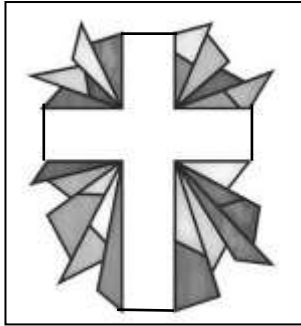
Keep sewing and put April 12, 2023 on your calendar to join in sewing at church to set our goal to exceed our numbers of 2022.

Linda McIntire & Jo Nilssen

Church Logo Design

Your Council has been discussing the creation of a new church logo to use on t-shirts and possibly other items. We have two main suggestions and would value your input.

Design #1 by Andy Wyss



Design #2 used before during our building campaign



Let one of the Council members know what you think.

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Dale Wirth	715-263-3310	ddwirth@mmm.com
Tim Wyss	715-263-2118	rtwyss@gmail.com

Do you have another idea for us to consider? You are welcome to submit ideas too.

Weekly Fellowship at Church



Your Council would like to start a weekly fellowship group at church. This would be a time to come in for conversation and coffee once a week in the fellowship hall. They anticipate this would be a positive bonding experience for any and all church folks and community members outside the congregation. In order to make this happen, we would need volunteers to host the weekly gathering and brew coffee. Can you help us? Would you be interested in attending? Either way, let the office know today (715-263-2846 or firstluth@cltcomm.net).

Maintenance Sign-up

Below are various maintenance items that need tending. If you can help us please sign-up by notifying the church office (715-263-2846). You are invited to complete the task at your own time and pace. Any questions can be directed to the Council representatives who oversee our properties: Dennis Luehman (715-263-2775) or Bill McIntire (715-263-3945). Thank you in advance for your help:

- Paint touchups throughout building
- Vacuum all return air vents in building
- Remove bugs from all building lights
- Replace light bulbs throughout building as needed
- Flush two water heaters
- Clean/purge all storerooms as needed
- Kitchen appliance cleaning
- Install a protective cover over phone/Wi-Fi hub in office storeroom
- Paint storage shed
- Remove steeple mold w/power wash

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorials Given to the Sunday School Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Bob Croes	Bob & Barb Anderson
Ruby Luehman	Larry & Cindy Nilssen
DeWayne Wirth	Lois Campion
Ruby Luehman	Lois Campion

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Vicki Greger	Ed & Darlene Neitge
Betty Juleff	Greg & Jolee Warner
Bob Croes	Paul & Penny O'Connell
DeWayne Wirth	Paul & Penny O'Connell
DeWayne Wirth	Paul & Betty Jo Warner

Memorials Given to the Building Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Ruby Luehman	Larry & Mary Jo Lien
Ruby Luehman	Dean & Jane Scholz
Ruby Luehman	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
DeWayne Wirth	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
DeWayne Wirth	Larry & Mary Jo Lien
Bob Croes	Eva Wilson
Bob Croes	Dixie Croes
Bob Croes	Gail Clark
DeWayne Wirth	Tim & Patti Wyss
Betty Juleff	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson
Vicki Greger	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson
Ruby Luehman	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson
Ryan Solum	LaMoyne & Renee Emerson
DeWayne Wirth	Dean & Jane Scholz
Ruby Luehman	Gail Clark
DeWayne Wirth	Gail Clark
DeWayne Wirth	Dennis & Nancy Luehman

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|-----|---|
| 10: | Leah Isakson
Linnea Fouks |
| 11: | Janet Logan
Tanner Goodmanson |
| 12: | Roxanne Anderson |
| 16: | Brennon Colbeth |
| 19: | Bennett Colbeth
Travis Anderson |
| 20: | John Buhr
Sherry Anderson
Kathleen Barney |
| 22: | Alexis Sloan
Karter Kuhl |
| 23: | Michael Lund |
| 24: | Landon Kamm |
| 25: | Linda Marg |
| 26: | Michael Barfknecht |
| 27: | James Anderson |
| 28: | Alex Cain
Tristan Barney |
| | Scott Jensen |
| 30: | Hunter Strenke
Evan Larson |



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Brad & Jo Nilssen

READERS

6 Jane Scholz
13 Jennifer Munson
20 Jody Hadac
27 Don Dipprey

COUNTERS

6 & 13 Janette Cain & Sharon Petersen
20 & 27 Janette Cain & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Janette Cain

GREETERS

6 & 13 Bert & Sharon Petersen and Adam & Brit Seaman Family
20 & 27 Dean & Jane Scholz and Adam & Brit Seaman Family

USHERS

6 & 13 Dan Cain & Mike Johnson
20 & 27 Jasic Manning & Greg Warner

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

6 Greg & Jolee Warner Family
13 **Potluck** – Dave & Carol Somsen Family
20 Kristi Niles, Julie Barfknecht & Angela Harris Families
27 Bill & Linda McIntire Family

FINANCES

General Fund Update

Offering total as of Oct. 8th (\$15,554 needed monthly) \$8,031.00

Mortgage Fund Update

Offering total as of Oct. 8th (\$4,621 needed monthly) \$2,511.00
Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$703,945.59



CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

The Clear Lake United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a “Christmas for Children” drive again this year to provide gifts for area children who otherwise may not receive gifts at Christmastime. “Christmas for Children” is designed to reach more needs of our local community. We are coming up on our 29th year and are so grateful for all the support that we have received from everyone.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the “Christmas for Children” drive can do so by leaving them in the container labeled “Christmas for Children” in the Church Entry, at True Value Hardware, CB Styles, Northern Roots Family Spinal Care, First Bank of Baldwin/Clear Lake, Raising the Bar or Clear Lake Physical Therapy from November 7, 2022 through December 10, 2022.

Suggestions are toys, watches, games, jewelry, videos, DVDs (nothing higher than PG-13 please) appropriate music CDs, books, etc. Please do not wrap your donated gifts. Donations of wrapping paper are also welcome. Monetary donations for the purpose of gifts should be mailed to Christmas for Children c/o Debi Ahrens, PO Box 42, Clear Lake, WI 54005. Please make checks payable to Christmas for Children.

All gifts will be given to children ages 0-18 in the Clear Lake School District area.

If you are in need of gifts for your children or if you know of other families in the Clear Lake School District who are in need of Christmas gifts for their children, we would like to hear from you. Call Debi Ahrens at 715-441-5477 or Diane Blanchard at 715-263-2690 (if no answer, please leave a message). All names will be kept strictly confidential.

We hope to make this “Christmas for Children” a great success and in order to do so, we need your help. As in the past, we thank you for your support.

Christmas for Children
United Methodist Church

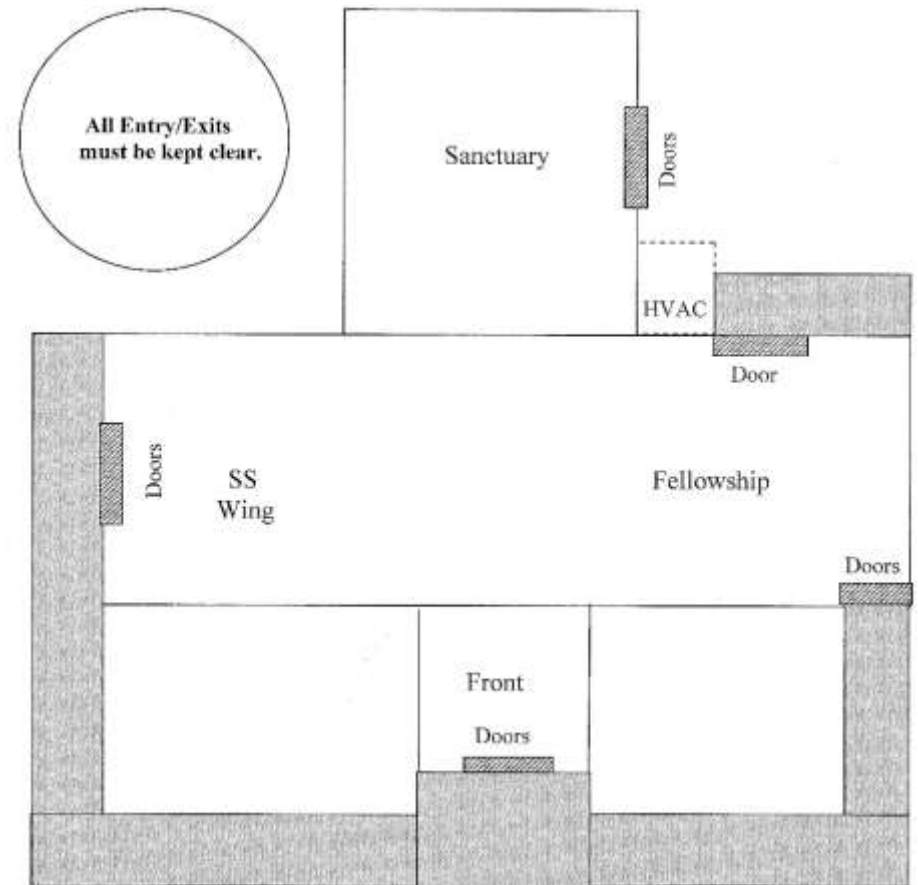


PLEASE HELP!

Snow shoveling volunteers are needed by the week throughout the winter. A sign-up sheet is posted on a clipboard at the back of worship. Thank you for your service.

Snow Shoveling Volunteer Map

Volunteers will clear all sidewalks and entrances as shaded below. All auto parking is cleared by a hired plow.



The church supplies shovels, ice chippers, salt or you may bring your own.

NEWS & NOTES

Puzzle!

Although the Bible doesn't mention turkey feasts, the gospels do describe a miracle dinner that made thousands of hungry people thankful (see Matthew 14:13-21). Fill in the words to complete a poem about that meal.

Hint: Each pair of line endings should rhyme.



ate	faces	quest	then
began	late	ran	ton
bunch	lunch	rest	true
done	men	spaces	you

Jesus was tired and went to find _____.
 So away from the crowd he started his _____.
 It came to an end before it _____.
 The crowd followed Jesus; they walked and they _____.
 His boat pulled ashore, and he looked at their _____.
 Five thousand men, plus families, filled all open _____.
 And so Jesus spoke, and he taught until _____.
 The disciples told him it was time they all _____.
 Jesus said, "Yes, that is certainly _____.
 And feeding this crowd is now up to _____."
 Feeding five thousand! It could not be _____.
 What would they do? They'd need a whole _____.
 But then a young boy came and offered his _____.
 Five loaves and two fish to feed this big _____?
 Jesus gave thanks and blessed it and _____ ...
 it fed all the women, the children and _____.

Answer: rest, quest, ran, faces, spaces, late, ate, true, you, done, ton, lunch, bunch, then, men



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Bruce Wagner, Bud Moe (brother of Bob Moe), and Mia Porter (daughter of Mary Porter). *If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.*

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following on the death of a loved one:

- Dale Wirth (father, DeWayne Wirth)
- Jennifer Johnson (mother, Jean Mathews)
- Jackie Kirk (mother, Patricia Bullock)

BAPTISMS

- Levi Darrel Kuhn, son of Kinzie Fleming & Joshua Kuhn
- Drea June Bignell, daughter of Charles & Kayla Bignell

Congratulations to the following 10th grade students who will be confirmed on Sunday, October 30th:

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|----------------|--------------------|
| Isaac Anderson | Rayna Case |
| Lily Anderson | Trevor Gilbertson |
| Lisa Anderson | Joshua Kaczmariski |
| Seth Brihn | Dylan LaBeree |
| Alexis Buhr | Brynn Olson |
| Evan Cain | |



Photos and Updated Contact Information Needed:

Get your picture taken on Sundays by a Council member and fill out an information sheet or come into the office during the week. We hope to have everyone in the new online directory.