



First English Lutheran Church NEWSLETTER

February 2023



FELC Mission Statement

By the grace of God First English Lutheran Church will grow as one family of faith, secure in the knowledge of Christ's gift of salvation, proclaiming God's love for all.

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Hello February!



From the Pastor

For a few weeks after the Christmas season, we are in the “green” season of Epiphany where we hear how God-in-the-flesh, Jesus, asks us to come and see and to follow him. The color green always reminds me of growth and a growing faith is part of our baptismal convictions.

Christine Sine recently blogged on five principals on a compelling faith. Faith is our “green” season as a Jesus follower. At age 72, Sine says her “faith is much stronger, more compelling and more nourishing than it has ever been.” Here are the factors that she believes have contributed to her strong faith:

1. **Never stop learning.** She contributes “Honesty with those around me about my spiritual struggles, my highs and lows, then listening to their advice is a great way to continue growing in my faith.” She also takes time to read books that stretch her understanding about God and how she should act in the world.
2. **Acknowledges God is a mystery you will never understand.** She stresses the importance of being open to mystery and living in the tension of knowing questions are more important than answers.
3. **Faith as an embodied faith.** Sine grounds herself in “creative practices and acts of compassion and generosity that change with the seasons and the times.” She found her faith moved from head knowledge to heart knowledge when she helped out the needy people around her. In other words, faith is as much about who you are and how you act as to what you believe.
4. **Faith is rooted in scripture and in the earth.** As an avid gardener, Sine realized connecting her faith to gardening, she recognized how God was revealed through sowing, planting, growing and harvesting. Out of this came her creation of contemplative gardens.
5. **Spiritual practices are creative and change with the season.** In her book, The Gift of Wonder, she asks what childlike characteristics make us fit for the kingdom? She writes, “To live in awe and wonder and the creativity it inspires within us is, I am increasingly convinced is to live close to the heart of God.”



What would you add to her list? What has helped you grow in your faith?

Soon, we’ll be heading into Lent and a time that we’re encouraged to practice spiritual disciplines of prayer, fasting, and giving. As Jesus beckons us to follow him, may your spiritual practices deepen your faith in the God who loves you and came for you.

In the faith,

Pastor Denise

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Minutes – January 22, 2023 (not yet approved)

The Annual Meeting of First English Lutheran Church was called to order by President, Kristi Ehrenberg. A quorum was declared. Pastor Denise led the meeting in prayer.

President Ehrenberg asked the members present to review the following minutes:

- Annual Meeting – January 16, 2022 Motion by Neva Foster, seconded by Darin Ehrenberg. Motion carried.
- Annual Election Meeting – June 19, 2022. Motion by Becky Parker, seconded by Lois Bergeson. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented to the group by Treasurer, Becky Parker:

- Treasurer’s Report -- A motion was made by Marilyn Chindvall, seconded by Julie Schneider to approve the Treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried.
- Auditor’s Report – The financial records were audited by Julie Schneider and Deb Ellingson. A motion was made by Becky Parker, seconded by Jon Anderson to approve the Auditor’s Report as presented. Motion carried.
- President Ehrenberg presented the Committee and Board Reports -- A motion was made by Neva Foster, seconded by Deb Henningson to approve the Committee and Board Reports as presented. Motion carried.
- President Ehrenberg presented the Staff Reports – A motion was made by Darin Ehrenberg, seconded by Neva Foster to approve the Staff Reports as presented. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Survey Committee was thanked for all their hard work on completing and tallying the surveys. There are many varied opinions that exist between the members of our congregation, and it is still a work in progress trying to assimilate all of the information that was gathered.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Green Lake Bible Camp delegates for the Annual Meeting – February 14th at 12:00 P.M in the Chrysalis House. We can have 1 or 2 representatives at this meeting. Please contact Barbara in the church office if you are interested in attending. She will give you the necessary information for the meeting.
- Voting members to the LQP Conference Assembly Meeting – February 26th at 1:30 P.M. at Kviteseid Lutheran in Milan. We can have up to 6 members attend. If you are interested in attending, please call Barbara in the Church Office.
- Gustavus Association of Congregations Annual Business Meeting is Saturday, April 29th at Gustavus.
- Voting members for Synod Assembly – June 9-10, 2023, at Gustavus Adolphus College. If you are interested in attending the meeting as a delegate, please call Barbara in the Church Office. We can take two female and two males. Pastor added that last year's assembly had to be cancelled due to a lack of participation and hopes that this is not the case for this coming year.
- Becky Parker, Treasurer, and Darin Ehrenberg, Stewardship, presented the Financial Review:
 - The Balance Sheet was presented and reviewed for approval. Julie Schneider made a motion to accept, seconded by Neva Foster. Motion carried.
 - The 2023 Financial Plan was presented. Each board was asked to try to cut their budget by 25%. Most boards were able to accomplish this. The biggest changes occur in our Benevolence. The SWMN Synod will go to 4%; Missionary 4%; Local 2%; and this year as there is a large balance in the fund Just for the Love of It 1%. Motion by Jon Anderson to accept the presented budget, seconded by Jim Foster. There was good discussion on where we are sitting currently and where we are headed if we are not able to meet our expenses. Motion carried.
- The Endowment Report was presented by the Financial Secretary, Liz Ketz.
 - A motion was made by Liz Ketz, seconded by Scott Schneider to approve the authorization of Ameriprise Financial with Lindsay Sherritt as Financial Manager to continue the management of the Endowment Fund. Motion carried.
 - A motion was made by Becky Parker and seconded by Lois Bergeson to approve the Resolution regarding 5% (\$16,582.00) of the corpus amount in the Endowment Fund and that it be authorized and available for distribution in 2023. Motion carried.
- Coffee Fellowship—Kristi Ehrenberg will be coordinating this. It is planned to be intergenerational, and volunteers are being asked to step forward. Barbara in the office will be purchasing the needed accessories for this.
- Website—Barbara Wegner, church secretary is currently creating a new web page for the church, and it will be launched as soon as she gets that completed.
- Other: Kristi reported that currently there are 3 candidates at the present time. Hopefully we will soon be able to have a full staff on board.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Ethel Swenson, seconded by Kelsie Ehrenberg that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

President Ehrenberg led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted –
Elizabeth K Ketz, Acting Secretary

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING Council Minutes – January 9, 2023 (not yet approved)

Members present: Pastor Denise Fossen, Kristi Ehrenberg (president), Marilyn Chindvall (vice president) *and Lay Ministry*, Becky Parker (treasurer), Kelsey Henningson-Kaye-*Youth & Family*, Jane Debner-*Evangelism*, Darin Ehrenberg-*Stewardship*, Kaitlyn Burdorf-*Christian Education*, Kayla Teske-*Christian Education*, and Barbara Wegner-*Secretary*.

Meeting was called to order by President Kristi Ehrenberg at 8:07 pm.

Approval of December Minutes. Becky & Kelsey **MSP**.

Acceptance of the treasury report. Darin & Kayla **MSP**.

Auditors are doing well with prelims, the actual audit will be on Tuesday, January 17th, at 5:00 pm, and will be finished before the annual meeting.

From the Board of Finance, it is proposed to cut our synod giving in half for the time being, stop giving to Just For the Love of It (they are already well funded), cut local from 3% to 2%, and reduce money given to Missionary by 1%, while keeping the percentage of money given to World Hunger, Lutheran Social Services, and Green Lake Bible Camp the same. As soon as our finances increase, we can increase funding again. From the Board of Lay Ministry, it is proposed to give a 3% raise to all staff over a year, and 1.5% to the rest and with other cuts the proposed budget is \$196,889. From the Board of Evangelism, the proposed budget is \$1,800. From the Board of Stewardship, the proposed budget is \$745. The Board of Youth & Family proposed a budget of \$6,550 and the Board of Christian Ed. Proposed \$3,420. The Board of Church Properties proposed budget is \$47,200. Our proposed budget will save about \$28,000. Acceptance of proposed budget as discussed with reductions reducing outreach from 22 to 15%, an increase of salary of 3% (for those longer than a year) and 1.5% for the rest, and other changes as noted above. Marilyn & Darin **MSP**.

There have been no volunteers for the Lac Qui Parle conference or the Green Lake Bible Camp meeting. We can send 6 delegates for LqP (3 male, 3 female). We can send 1 or 2 to Green Lake.
Approval to release Chuck Moeller from membership. Jane & Becky MSP.

Barbara will order coffee & snack supplies and deliver it to the church on Friday and Kristi will look for volunteers to serve coffee so we can have coffee fellowship after church.

Acceptance of Barbara's website design with a motion to continue as is. Kelsey & Kaitlyn MSP.

Acceptance to continue with each board handling the nominating on their own rather than have a nominating committee. Jane and Darin MSP.

Board of Lay Ministry – Marilyn Chindvall - Reviewed & accepted finance reports, reviewed the annual meeting agenda. Approved salary increases. When baptisms are not during church services, Pastor should encourage them to have it on Sunday during or right after service when people are at the church. Pastor should also suggest a monetary donation to cover the custodian services and heating the church in off hours. Christmas Eve services were good at 2 & 4 pm. Recommends Ash Wednesday be at 5:30.

Becky asked if they didn't have an endowment report to look over. The board of Lay Ministry didn't get one.

Board of Evangelism – Jane Debner - 131 gift tags from the advent giving tree were turned in with donations totaling \$1,970. There were no changes to the pink envelopes. Accepted the release of Chuck Moeller's membership. The Just for the love of it dinner is being coordinated by Deb Ellingson & Ranet Schmeichel. Rhona Thielke is assisting with coordinating the First English youth to serve the meal. It will be held on January 25th. There are no changes to budget or minutes from previous month.

Christian Education – Kayla Teske & Kaitlyn Burdorf - Still feeling the loss of the youth director and thankful to Marilyn for stepping up to help. Plan on reaching out to parents to help teach Sunday School. Green Lake Bible Camp is mostly full already, so some are considering Luther Crest near Alexandria instead. The board asked where scholarships to those would come from, their budget or endowment. Scholarships can be given for Luther Crest instead of Green Lake Bible Camp. Green Lake Bible Camp will come here for Vacation Bible Schools July 23rd to the 27th and we will need to ask for volunteers to house and feed them. Children will sing during Palm Sunday, April 30th (last day of Sunday School) & perhaps a day in March. Barbara will order and pickup from Hartman's and have it shared between Coffee crew and Sunday School.

Youth & Family – Kelsey Henningson-Kaye - There was only one calendar left. Summer events/trips are on hold because we don't have a youth director. The Youth will do Superbowl subs but need to find information on how it was done previously and will ask Liz. Because Green Lake is pretty full, they are happy to hear they can share with families about other options like Luther Crest. Wondered if Zion have a youth director and we could coordinate with them. But volunteer families at Zion take care of the youth program. Encourage people to talk with others for the Youth Director position.

Stewardship – Darin Ehrenberg - Pledge dedication will be during the offering Sunday the 15th. Reviewed local distribution list, the 10% to 10 charities. Lenten offering will go to Katie's Kicks. Barbara is working on the opportunity sheets and will finish it for Stewardship. Request to close some accounts from designated funds to consolidate. Recommending reducing the operating reserve by \$20, 297.02 to offset a negative entry of the same amount. Becky & Kelsey MSP.

Church Properties – Art Vollmer left notes & Barbara read - The budget was given last month. Waiting for parts to fix the doorknob in Narthex entry. Nelson Electric will do the replacement of 2 heaters in the upstairs bathrooms. Christmas decorations will be taken down Wed. at 9 am. Rongliens has to remove a snow pile once, otherwise keeping up with snow removal. The board will contact construction companies in Feb. for fixing sinkhole in the sidewalk. Also, will do grinding on other sidewalk spots. Received depreciation check for the ceiling tile project so that claim is finished. Contact Nobles for price to re-shingle North slope on church and Narthex for next summer. Nobles to do shingling early spring.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Worship: We had five worship services in December including the Sunday School program, two on Christmas Eve, and four with communion. There was in person worship at Fairway View on December 4 and January 1st. Flash drive service was on December 11th. WAM meeting on December 14th was cancelled due to weather. We meet this Wednesday. Judy Beckman and I selected hymns for January and February. Lent is under consideration.

Pastoral Care: In person visits, phone calls, text messages, and notecards are ways being used to connect with parishioners. The parish nurses and I met Monday, January 9th. We discussed the need for "caring friends" to visit the homebound. December was a month of celebrations including the Day of Love lunch, Circle 4 lunch, and the choir cantata. One baptism on Monday, December 26, for Kyson Thompson. No members came to Kyson's baptism. Weekly time at FWV began January 3rd. Five people were there (1 nonmember), and they decided they wanted a bible study, so we studied the upcoming Sunday's scriptures.

Confirmation and Youth: January 4th classes were cancelled due to weather. Ninth grade were given at home assignments. Marilyn Chindvall and Kirsten Karels have been doing a great job filling in and leading Kids Club and Youth Group in this transition time.

Community, Synod, and Miscellaneous: Pr. Nikoli Falenscheck is the new Synod Youth Ministry Coordinator who replaces Sr. Sarah Hausken. Congregation Lay Leaders Zoom Conversation Wednesday, Feb. 15 @ 7:00 p.m. The Lac qui Parle Conference assembly will be Sunday Feb. 26 at 1:30 at Kviteseid Lutheran Church in Milan. Anti-racism Training at Vinje Lutheran Church, Willmar Feb. 23rd. Youth Leaders: Boundaries and Influence Zoom Training Tuesday, Feb. 28, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. *"This training is planned especially for anyone who works with young people: youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, confirmation guides, faith formation committee members, and church council members."* (and pastors, too). \$25.00 per church with no limit on number of attendees from each church. Sr. High Youth Gathering March 10-11 Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria. 2023 Synod Assembly June 9-10, 2023, in person, at Gustavus Adolphus College

Upcoming: Continuing Education scheduled: Thursday, January 19 at Gustavus Adolphus College "Wholehearted Lent." & Thursday, January 26- Friday January 27 at Gustavus Adolphus College. Part 4 of 5 of mental health in the parish series. Monday, February 13 at Gustavus Adolphus College. Part 5 of 5 of mental health in the parish series. Reviewed Annual Meeting Agenda. Marilyn wanted to include the status of the survey committee and talk about coffee fellowship.

Approved of Annual Meeting Agenda. Marilyn & Kaitlyn MSP.

Next council meeting will be on February 6th at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn – Becky & Darin MSP.

Closed with Lord's Prayer at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Wegner, Parish Secretary

February 2023 Youth News



- ♥ January kept us busy as we met on most of the Wednesdays of this month.
- ♥ Super Bowl Subs are on sale by the Youth Group. The last day to order is February 6th. The youth and their mentors will be helping put together the subs that morning of Sunday, February 12th as their mentor/mentee meeting. A definite time will be announced later.
- ♥ The youth will also be doing the Super Bowl of Caring Kettles following the service on Sunday, February 12th. Youth will be at both exits with a kettle for your donations. All proceeds will be given to the Big Stone Emergency Food Shelf, so bring your money to help those out in need.
- ♥ Sunday school continues to meet after worship. There will not be Sunday School on February 19th due to President's Day Weekend.
- ♥ Information was posted for Summer Camp Registration. Information that I have received from Green Lake Bible Camp indicates we currently have 11 students signed up to attend and several on waiting lists.
- ♥ Confirmation, Kid's Club, and Youth group will meet on the 8th & 15th. No class on the 1st due to early out and no classes beginning on February 22nd for the Lenten Season. We will resume classes on April 19th.



Reminder to Confirmation Students that they should be attending the Mid-Week Lenten Services as this is part of your confirmation class.

There have been a few people applying for the position of Youth Director. Interviews are hopefully in the near future. Please say a few prayers that we get a candidate to fill this position.



Until next month, God's Blessings on all of you!

Parish Nurse Article for February

Starting now in February the Parish Nurse notes are going to offer a brief learning segment. We will tell you about some of the names used in the bible for God. God has many names in different situations throughout the bible.

The book "Knowing God by Name" by Jaynes, Smith & Southerland will be used to help us learn some of the names used in the bible for God. In ancient times names carried significant meaning that reflected a person's character, nature, & destiny.

The very first name used for God is **Elohim**- "the Creator, the Mighty One or Strong One." **Elohim** is the plural form of **El** (means divinity) using the plural acknowledges the Trinity (God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

The very first chapter in the very first verse, Genesis 1:1, God is telling us who he is. **Elohim**.

Church News

Pastor Denise Fossen has been at Donnie's Diner up at Fairway View every Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:00 pm doing Bible Study and will continue to do so.

Green Lake Ministries Summer Camp Registration is open. Registration submitted by February 16th will receive a **\$50 Discount** on their registration. You can register your child online or we also have fliers available in the pick-up room.

We are seeking to fill the FELC Youth and Children Program Leader position. It will start at approx. 20-hours per week, Mon-Fri, plus limited evenings and weekend hours for youth ministry activities and chaperoning youth events and trips. There is potential for future growth in hours with program growth. If you or someone you know is interested, drop off your resume and references at the church office or e-mail it to pastor@firstenglish.net.

A large print "The Message" bible has been donated to the church. Contact the office if you or someone you know could use it.

A great big "THANK YOU" to everyone that took part at the "Just for the Love It" supper. From the Kids Club for the cute table decorations, to everyone that made a pan of bars, to the servers, the youth group for cleanup, Marina Thomson for all her help, and Liv Wollschlager for serving the refreshments and especially everyone that attended the dinner. Without all of you, we wouldn't have been able to do it. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Co-Chairs, Jim and Ranet Schmeichel and Debbie Ellingson.

Creative Souls Retreat is being hosted by Green Lake Bible Camp March 31-April 2. Whatever your hobby may be, bring your supplies and join them for a great weekend of crafting at GLBC. You will enjoy fellowship, and a supportive Christian atmosphere in the company of other creative women. You will also have time for devotions or taking a walk & more. The registration deadline is March 21! Fee: \$175 includes 2 nights lodging, meals, and programming. Register at www.gllm.org or ask for a form from the church office. Scholarships available upon request.

We are looking for volunteers to prepare and serve coffee on Sundays going forward. Please contact the office or Kristi Ehrenberg if you are willing to help.



Prairie Five Meals is inviting you to participate in an hour meal and discussion about senior nutrition in West Central Minnesota. Some of the goals include increasing awareness and benefits of the Prairie Five Meals Program (Congregate, Home, Delivered, Frozen & Bundled) Meals, and to expand participation in in Congregate & Home Delivered Meals Program. The local Round Table is happening in Ortonville at Lakeside Apartments (301 1st St NW) on February 17th at 11:30 am.

KDIO BROADCASTS

... (January 1st) was sponsored by Mark & Terry Block in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary, January 4th.

... (January 8th) was sponsored in loving memory of Erv Mikkelson by Darlene and family.

... (January 15th) was sponsored by your gifts to the Endowment Fund.

... (January 22nd) was sponsored by Richard and Marla Strei and family.

... (January 29th) was sponsored by your gifts to the Endowment Fund.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT for Ricky Anderson Jr., Carol Barrett; Ken Henneberg; Eldon Knutson; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Brandi Tweeter; Mick Boone; Paul Erdman; Baby Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; Baby McCoy Jipson; Zane Kilde; Brian Pribyl; Janice Redfield; Jerry Stotesbery; and Terry Ward. AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS: Swede & Janet Anderson; Ruth Hansen; & Eleanor Nickolauson. ALL OUR MILITARY who are deployed to areas of conflict. *If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.*



Do you know a high school student eager to be a change-maker in their world? A student who loves science? Someone who might be curious about how their faith can work hand in hand with STEM disciplines, tackling issues of injustice? The Gustavus Academy of Faith, Science, and Ethics brings high school students from across the country to learn alongside top scientists and theologians. At the intersection of faith and science, we work together to find solutions to some of the world's most pressing

challenges. And, we have a lot of fun. Join us this summer as we explore the interconnectedness of all of creation, doing a deep dive into the growing impact of bugs on the environment, the land we live on, the food we eat and more. June 17th-23rd, 2023 on the beautiful campus of Gustavus Adolphus College in Saint Peter, MN. Registration is now open!



LOOKING FOR CHURCH DELEGATES

Please contact Barbara in the church office if you are interested in attending any of these meetings:

- **The Lac qui Parle Conference assembly** will be Sunday February 26th at 1:30 pm at Kviteseid Lutheran Church in Milan. We can have up to 6 member delegates (preferably 3 male and 3 female) attend. The LQP conference needs representation from ½ of the congregations to have a quorum for the meeting.
- **The Green Lake Bible Camp Annual Meeting** will be February 14th, starting with a meal at 12:00 pm, in the Chrysalis House at GLBC. The meeting will start following the meal at 1:00 pm (which is why the Zoom starts at 1, not 12). We can have 1 or 2 representatives at this meeting.
- **The Synod Assembly** will be June 9-10, at Gustavus Adolphus College. We can take two female and two males as delegates. Last year's assembly had to be cancelled due to a lack of participation, hopefully this is not the case for this coming year.

Tusen Takk! A thousand thanks (in Norwegian, as my grandfather would like to say it)!

What started as a fledgling dream in August – a community cantata and celebratory time of “a little lunch” and fellowship – was brought to life so beautifully through the dedicated and creative efforts of so many! Thank you to all the choir members and musicians who arranged their schedules for extra practices, embraced the challenges of the music, and embodied generosity in spirit and song.

Thank you to Lori Strei, who spearheaded the fellowship event by planning, organizing, and gathering. Thank you to all who brought their best to share in the form of time-consuming and lovingly prepared tasty treats. Thank you to the workers who, despite a very busy holiday season, gave time to decorate, set-up, take down, and serve. Thank you to Marilyn Hanson for sharing so many lovely decorations and the many people who made the fellowship hall look so festive and appealing. Thank you to Marina who was able to live stream for Facebook and bring the concert to many who couldn't attend in person, and to the congregational members who were able to attend.

To all: Thank you with a “thousand thanks” and quite a few exclamation marks! It was a delight to work with so many members of our community in this endeavor. Although this was an event given freely to share freely, audience goers were inspired to share an additional \$631 for the food shelf – yet another blessing! Thanks be to God!

Lisa Berdan

THE PINK ENVELOPES

for each month are for designated funds. You may designate your extra gift to any fund you wish. Our Board of Stewardship also designates a special emphasis for each month of the year. September special gifts go to the Endowment Fund which helps cover the cost of the KDIO broadcasts when we do not have a weekly sponsorship.

Thank you for supporting FELC's giving emphasis!

February 2023

Designated Funds

Building (please specify) \$ _____
Operating Fund \$ _____
Other Service Trip Scholarship \$ _____

Name _____

JanuaryTechnology Fund
February.....**Service Trip Scholarship**
 March..... Big Stone Lake Area Food
 April..... SWMN Funding Initiative
 May..Global Missions - Companion Synod South Africa
 June.....Someplace Safe
 July.....Families in Need
 August..... Baptism Chests
 September.....Endowment Fund
 October.....Jaycees Project Christmas
 November.....God's Work, Our Hands/Service Projects
 December.....ELCA Missionaries

LENTEN MIDWEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Our First English Lutheran Church midweek Lenten worship services will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd at 1:30 pm at Fairway View and a time to be determined for the church services. Midweek Lenten services will continue at First English, Fairway View, and Facebook Live until March 29th.

Holy Week begins April 2nd with Palm Sunday. More details next month.

THANK YOU FROM THE DAY OF LOVE...

And the Humanitarian Mission continues!! Tuesday, the Day of Love packed twenty-six (26) quilts for Mark Lindquist and his Humanitarian Mission in Ukraine. As they were packed, the group said a big “thank you” to the Endowment Board and the ELC Women for their generous monetary gifts. The designated gifts were given to the group for their ongoing mission project helping others in Ukraine. Each quilt is stitched with love, color and charm and bound with love, a love that ties us to one another. The scraps of fabric that once thought to have no value have now become a sacred treasure helping someone miles away, a handiwork of our group doing God's Work with our hands. Thank you again to the Endowment Board and the ELC Women. With your contributions to our project, we continue our mission.

Thank you to everyone who has been saving their old greeting cards and donating them to the Day of Love. Your contribution continues to help us as we send rays of “sunshine” each week with the cards we have created by recycling the cards we have received from you.

Feel free to join us on Tuesday mornings or stop in and see the busy hands!!!

Ethel/Day of Love





2022 Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY 14, 2023
GREEN LAKE BIBLE CAMP
OR VIA ZOOM

Greetings from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries!

The 2022 Annual Meeting will be held on **February 14, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Green Lake Bible Camp.**

- A noon meal will be followed by the business meeting. Please notify Kirsten of any food allergies or dietary needs at 320-796-2181 or kpalan@gllm.org
- Each congregation is encouraged to send two voting delegates. **We need you!**

All attendees, either in-person or via Zoom, will need to register by filling out the form here: <https://www.gllm.org/annual-meeting-registration.html>
Meeting information and Zoom links will be in the following weeks.

Copies of the 2022 Annual Report will be sent to congregations in late January. The 2022 Congregational Annual Report is now available as well to be included your annual reports. This can be found here: <https://www.gllm.org/promotional-resources.html>

Exciting things are happening at camp and will be announced then! You won't want to miss this meeting! If you have additional questions, please contact Kirsten at 320-796-2181 or kpalan@gllm.org

Green Lake Lutheran Ministries

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ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – FEBRUARY

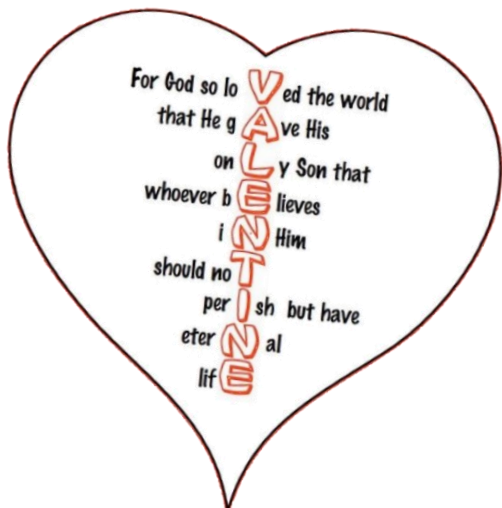
Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:
Banners:
Flower Committee:

Nikki Evjie & Misty Wittnebel
Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter
Kris Redfield

CIRCLE 4



Meets in the Church Lounge on
Wed., February 1st at 9:00 am.
Hostess: Eryls Sis
Lesson: Arlene Vollmer



Southwestern Minnesota Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

The congregations and all the baptized who are the Southwestern Minnesota Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America are claimed by this mission: God places us in cities, farms and towns together under one prairie sky. The Risen Christ surprises us with opportunities to plant God's Word in the world.

Walking together in confidence, we cultivate life-giving congregations, nurture partner ministries, and cooperate in the life of the ELCA.

By God's grace, together we have what we need.

'As members of the ELCA, we believe that we are freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.'

SCHEDULING

KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

Feb. 5: Kathy Haukos
Feb. 12: Carol Ydstie
Feb. 19: Lisa Berdan
Feb. 22*: Marilyn Hanson
Feb. 26 & Mar. 1*: Amy Adelman
Mar. 5 & 8*: Kathy Haukos
Mar. 12 & 15*: Carol Ydstie
Mar. 19 & 22*: Lisa Berdan
Mar. 26 & 29*: Amy Adelman

LECTOR

Feb. 5: Chris Petersen
Feb. 12: Jon Ydstie
Feb. 19: Marilyn Hanson
Feb. 22*: Kristi Ehrenberg
Feb. 26: Jim Schmeichel
Mar. 5: Becky Parker
Mar. 12: Liv Wollschlager
Mar. 19: Lois Bergeson
Mar. 26: Barb Wiese

ACOLYTES

Feb. 5: Miley & Ava
Feb. 12: Mikaela & Brianna
Feb. 19: Chase & Ashton C
Feb. 22*: Bryson & Archer
Feb. 26: Hannah & Brooke
Mar. 1: Treshawn
Mar. 5: Julia & Mason
Mar. 8: Owen
Mar. 12: James & Justice
Mar. 15: Amelia
Mar. 19: Raimi & Meadow
Mar. 22: Jaclyn
Mar. 26: Rylie & Lexi
Mar. 29: Madilyn

LAY ASSISTANTS

Feb. 5: Lori Larson & Marilee Haukos
Feb. 12: Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg
Feb. 22*: Marilyn Chindvall & Sara Mattison
Mar. 5: Terry Kalberg & Marla Strei
Mar. 12: Kirsten Karels & Jim Foster

FV Neighborhoods

Feb. 5: Marilee Haukos
Feb. 12: TBD
Mar. 5: TBD
Mar. 12: TBD

GREETERS

Feb. 5: Ethel & Garry Swenson
Feb. 12: Clara Zeek & Becky Parker
Feb. 19: Jackie & Mel Domine
Feb. 22*: Marilyn Chindvall & Kevin Fossen
Feb. 26: Marge Dragseth & Liz Ketz
Mar. 5: Bruce & Kristi Redfield
Mar. 12: Josh & Sara & Liv Wollschlager
Mar. 19: Lois Bergeson & Marilee Haukos
Mar. 26: Jim & Ranet Schmeichel

SOUND SYSTEM

Feb. 5: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Feb. 12: Matt Karels & Marina Thomson
Feb. 19: Dean Strand & Marina Thomson
Feb. 22*: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Feb. 26 & Mar. 1*: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Mar. 5 & 8*: Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson
Mar. 12 & 15*: Matt Karels & Marina Thomson
Mar. 19 & 22*: Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson
Mar. 26 & 29*: Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson

USHERS

Feb. 5: Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, & Dave Ellingson
Feb. 12: Eldon Knutson, Darin Ehrenberg, & Harley Helgeson
Feb. 19 & 22*: Russell Thielke, Warren Wiese, Connie Newman, & Gale May
Feb. 26 & Mar. 1*: Eugene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan
Mar. 5 & 8*: Ev Johnson, Jon & Kim Anderson, & Kevin Fossen
Mar. 12 & 15*: Glenn Henningson, Ron Athey, Art Vollmer, & Larry Dahle
Mar. 19 & 22*: Dean Longnecker, Dick & Marla Strei, & Gale May
Mar. 26 & 29*: Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, and Mel & Jackie Domine

* Ash Wednesday is February 22nd
* Lenten services (time TBD)



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 2023 † † † First English Lutheran Church			Daily Devotions are available @ www.firstenglish.net click on "Schedule & Weekly Daily Devotions"			
			1 9:00 am Circle 4 in Church Lounge 9:30 am TV Broadcast No Kid's Club, Youth, or Confirmation (EARLY OUT) 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	2 GROUNDHOG DAY Pastor Denise away continuing education 	3 9:00 am Bulletins Printed Pastor Denise away continuing education	4
5 9:00 am Worship-Communion- KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:00 am Fellowship & Sunday School 10:30 am Fairway View Worship LIVE	6 10:00 am Staff Meeting 7:00 pm Council Meeting	7 9:00 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV	8 9:30 am TV Broadcast 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) & Kid's Club 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group & TV Broadcast 6:15 pm WAM Meeting 7:00 pm Senior Choir	9	10 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	11
12 9:00 am Worship-Communion – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:00 am Fellowship & Sunday School Super Bowl Sub Pickup & Super Bowl of Caring Kettles 10:30 am Fairway View Worship Pre-recorded  	13 Pastor Denise away at Gustavus	14 9:00 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV VALENTINE'S DAY 	15 9:30 am TV Broadcast 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) & Kid's Club 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	16	17 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	18
19 9:00 am Worship-Contemporary- KDIO Broadcast and Facebook Live 10:00 am Fellowship & Sunday School	20 10:00 am Staff Meeting 	21 9:00 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	22 <i>No Youth, Confirmation, & Kid's Club Through Lent.</i> † 9:30 am TV Broadcast 1:30 pm FWV Ash Wednesday Worship TBD Ash Wednesday Worship - FB Live 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir ASH WEDNESDAY	23	24 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	25
26 9:00 am Worship- First Sunday in Lent – KDIO Broadcast and Facebook Live 10:00 am Fellowship & Sunday School 	27 10:00 am Staff Meeting	28 9:00 am Day of Love 12:00 pm Executive Meeting 4-5:00 pm Pastor Denise at Donnie's Diner at FWV				