



# *First English Lutheran Church*

## NEWSLETTER

October 2024



### 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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## Notes from Pastor Cheryl



Hello and greetings everyone. I am thrilled to be serving as your parttime Interim Pastor at First English and Zion Lutheran congregations. Currently, my office hours are at Zion on Tuesday from 10 am until 4 pm; First English on Wednesday from 11 am until 5:30 pm; and First English on Thursday from 10 am until 3 pm, or as needed. I also work from home some so I'm available at other times as well.

On Wednesday there is generally confirmation class beginning at 3:30 so the afternoon is filled with getting ready and set up for that. On Thursdays I try to use some of the day for visitation so it's good to call ahead just in case. I am also available to meet by appointment for those who are working during the day. You are welcome to call or text me (605-237-1501), send an email ([CMQRondeau@outlook.com](mailto:CMQRondeau@outlook.com)) or FB message ([cheryl.rondeaubasset](https://www.facebook.com/cheryl.rondeaubasset)).

At this time, I will be rotating between the two congregations for worship services being at Zion the first Sunday of October and First English the second. Reformation Day I will be at both for Confirmation: First English at 9 am and Zion services at 11 am.

I was ordained in June of 2015 and served two parishes prior to coming to Ortonville. I love it that I can go home every night since I just live at Wilmot, SD. (Within reason for winter of course.)

Ministry was not my first career as I have owned several businesses including a weekly newspaper (the Wilmot Enterprise), restaurants, and real estate brokerage; been a computer trainer, learning center director, and taught community college classes; and was a Marketing Communications Manager for a manufacturing company. All roles that developed my skills for ministry.

My passion is in Biblical studies, teaching and preaching. 2 Timothy 3: 16-17 tells us: *"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."* (NRSV)

I love sharing the scriptures with others and helping them come to know the love of God through Jesus in Bible Studies, confirmation classes, discussion, and worship. I am blessed to proclaim the promise He has given to each of us, so all can live in peace, filled with that grace.

Life can be difficult. Like our winter weather that will soon be upon us, one day can be beautiful, warm and perfect. The next can be a blizzard with wind blowing snow around your face so intensely you can hardly breathe. It's easy to live in the sunny warm days but much more difficult to understand those days that wear you down and become obstacles, challenging you and your faith.



God has given us His words to help us through those times. The words written in scripture are useful for our lives as they tell us stories very much like our own. The struggles we go through with our families, the difficulties we endure in our work, businesses, and farming, and the human desires that pull us away filling us with doubt and wonder.

As Timothy says, His words are to equip you for these life events. And Jesus spoke into all those difficulties to give you hope for a reason, because of His love for You!

I look forward to this time with you and how we can serve the mission of Christ together.

Gratefully Rejoicing in Christ for You!

*Pastor Cheryl*

### FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

Council Minutes – September 9, 2024 (not yet approved)

Members present: Jon Anderson (president), Ellie Helgeson (vice president) and *Lay Ministry*, Becky Parker (treasurer) and *Stewardship*, Darin Ehrenberg – *Stewardship*, Archer Dorry- *Youth & Family*, Kaitlyn Burdorf- *Christian Education*, Marla Strei – *Evangelism*, Kristi Ehrenberg – *Lay Ministry*, Dale Price – *Church Properties*, and Barbara Wegner- *Secretary*. Meeting was called to order by President Jon Anderson at 7:45 pm.

**Approval of August Minutes** as presented – Kristi, Darin **MSP**.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report** – We're down about \$11k year-to-date from last year in giving. Becky was given a breakdown of office supply costs because the amount spent is over-budget this year because costs for items & services have increased. We will need to budget more for office supplies next year. – Darin, Dale **MSP**.

**Board of Lay Ministry** – Kristi Ehrenberg – **All Board Items**: Concerning how to incorporate this year's theme verse in the board, Lay Ministry will think about doing things out of love for our congregation & keeping it in mind while searching for a minister & recognizing the staff for their extra efforts. God's Work, Our Hands (GWOH) day went well. The birthday bags were a hit & the other activities went well. The board thought that having fewer activities & having individuals in charge of each activity worked out nicely. The board is okay with the council meeting at any time, but the preference is for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after church. The board will find someone to record it & get the recording to Barbara to write up the minutes. Liz is working on the Protect My Ministry training for anyone new who needs to complete it. Lay Ministry recommends having a signup sheet (instead of just 1 person) for preparing the suppers during Lent. If there are not enough volunteers, then maybe each board could take a night. Kristi will do the confirmation interviews on

Wednesday. **Lay Ministry Board Items:** Lay Ministry approves the WAM report with the following caveats: The full chime set can be purchased for \$1,895 so long as it doesn't come out of the budget. WAM can use Thrivent, Endowment or other funds to buy the chimes. WAM noted in their minutes that they were not asking that this be put in the budget. Lay Ministry does not want to purchase the cymbals (about \$1000) and used drum set (about \$300). Ellie has a drum set FELC can borrow and she said cymbals can be found for a lot cheaper. Ellie has great cymbals she bought used. Until we get a pastor in & more stability with our funds the board thinks this should be tabled unless they can find other funding for that. There was also discussion on whether or not we have the space to store or place it during a service. Everything else in the WAM report was fine. Concerning pulpit supply, the board will look for an alternate person for Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> (which was erroneously believed to be one of our days with Pastor Cheryl) and we shouldn't need Pastor Hans for December 15<sup>th</sup> which is the Christmas program. We can get a member to help lead that service. Staff interviews have been divided out so they will be contacted by someone from the board to set those up. Concerning our Thanksgiving & Christmas services, we will wait until we hear more from Zion and how those will work with the partnership. The board recommends 1 Christmas service at FELC and 1 at Zion & our pastor can do both services. Kristi mentioned that the MN state law concerning Sick & Safe time has been changed and she will discuss those changes with Liz. Those changes will be added to the employee handbook. Now you can use the time for bereavement, the company doesn't have to give the S&S time to employees that they're pretty certain won't reach 80 hours, and you don't have to have it on every pay stub (it just has to be somewhere accessible to the employees).

**Board of Evangelism** – Marla Strei – The board met prior to God's Work, Our Hands Sunday. There are a few who may become new members, but they are not 100% ready to transfer in yet. Barbara mentioned that pastors (Denise & Cheryl) both have mentioned having the announcement in the bulletin every week for a month prior to the service so people can see it and reach out if they want to join that day as well. Evangelism can keep this in mind when choosing a date in the future and let Barbara know as soon as they know what day it will be. It was mentioned that it could go into the newsletter as well. Barbara will need to be told the date a month and a half or so early to be able to put it on the monthly calendar and get it in the newsletter. Evangelism members thought they needed to have someone present at the confirmation interviews, but were told they were covered so no one will be there. The directory distribution is going okay. There was no way to anticipate the phone number typo but it has been fixed with a sticker. Everyone thinks the directories are nice & members thanked Barbara for her work. There is another request from the board for funds from the Endowment Fund to help pay for those. Heritage Printing screwed up 3 copies (leaving out the addresses pages) but have corrected the error, and they're happy they we shop local. The board thinks winter will be a better time for the Just for the Love of it Dinner due to other local meals happening in fall. It was suggested that the youth do one in January. Pastor Cheryl was interested in getting the children involved in something like this. Marla mentioned if they want to do something, there are great resources available. The board is looking into incorporating the theme into cross-generational projects. The board is okay with having their individual meetings at different times than the council meetings so there is less time pressure to discuss items. The board is okay with each board taking on a meal for Lent, or perhaps getting family volunteers.

**Christian Education** – Kaitlyn Burdorf – The board is still figuring out how to incorporate the theme and is okay with changing the council meetings to Sunday after church. Amanda Stattelman will be presenting the bibles on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Youth group starts September 25<sup>th</sup>. Sara will be at the Confirmation Interviews. The Sunday School curriculum is the same from last year because the board didn't get through all of it. Sunday School snacks will be taken care of by Ashley when there is no one serving coffee. Sara will contact Carmen and Pete about when the children will sing in worship. The board is looking to more of a classical Christmas Program this year with more traditional songs. Sara will ask Liz to print the milestones on bright paper and laminate them for each classroom. Last day of Sunday School is presentation day.

**Youth & Family** – Archer Dorry – **All Board Items:** The board felt GWOH was successful and suggested moving Rally Sunday to our GWOH day in the future to get more youth to come and be involved in the activities. Youth & Family would like to move the Council meetings to Sunday after church and thought this might allow more parents to join the board (while they're kids are in Sunday School). The board doesn't care which Sunday of the month that meeting would be. Concerning the Lenten meal, the group thought maybe each board could take care of one meal. **Youth & Family Items:** There will be no Kid's Club as of now, but Youth Group starts on the 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The 2027 National Youth Gathering will be in Minneapolis. Covenant Night will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> at First English. The Junior High Youth Gathering will be in Wilmar, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> which conflicts with the Ortonville play. Every year there is a conflict. If needed, Archer is available to go to the Confirmation Interviews from 4:30-5:30 and Kari can be there from 5:30-6:30.

**Stewardship** – Darin Ehrenberg – Julie did some research on the three elements, Trust, Hope, and Love. The board wants to do a Temple Talk concerning each element over 3 Sundays, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>. The board thought having less projects for GWOH day was good and it was nice to have someone leading each project. Stewardship prefers Monday nights for the council. The sign-up sheets for the Lenten service sounds like a good idea. The board wants to stuff envelopes in Oct. & mail them in Nov. Julie found a symbol the board wants to use as their symbol for the year. The board also likes the bulletin picture that Barbara created for the year's theme. The board wants to know when Barbara needs the information for the stewardship letter so they can have them printed and ready to be stuffed by the Oct. board meeting. Concerning the WAM minutes, Stewardship didn't think the chimes or drums were necessary & thought it should be tabled for now as we're trying to keep the church going. If they can raise the money, that's up to them. In the Good News, the board will talk about GWOH, Rally Sunday, & the Bible Presentation. Also, Pastor Cheryl's office hours & scheduled days (9/15 & 9/29) will be listed. Julie will work on that and get that to Barbara. Stewardship discussed the idea of having one Thanksgiving service here and then alternating years with Zion, and also perhaps having one Christmas service time at each church each year. So, perhaps, Pastor Cheryl would do one Christmas Eve service here and one at Zion and members could choose which church to go to based on whichever service time worked for their schedule best.

**Church Properties** – Dale Price – There was an evaporation problem in the back with all the humidity, and changing the furnace mitigated it but hasn't fixed it completely. We will wait and see if it reoccurs next year and may have to do some changes to the air conditioning unit by reinsulating it. So that's on hold. We've got a couple of bids out for the back hallway around the bell tower. We're waiting for an estimate on replacement carpet. We're waiting on a bid for internal wall work, painting, and so on. As far as the water coming through, that's been mitigated and cleared up somewhat. We've contracted with someone to fix the bell tower. We waited to make sure there was liability insurance for whoever comes on the property. He has submitted a certificate of liability insurance. Pat Dwyer (Gunner) is supposed to that as well since he's scheduled to do something above the atrium, but he's backed up. We're on his list, and he will get to us when he can. Board members did some crack-filling in the asphalt and it's settled so they may do more if they want to get it really smooth. The board is happy with the meetings as they are right now. Dean is our point person and meets with our contractors a lot of the time. The board appreciates him. A copy of the agreement with Pastor Cheryl is available if someone wants to look at it. The signed copy will go to Liz and be filed in the office. She will be at Zion on Tuesdays for 6 hours, at FELC on Wednesday for 7 hours and also here on Thursday for 5 hours. Wed. is confirmation classes which include students from Zion. Her hours are on her door & in the bulletin, but she may need to be elsewhere if there are visitations or funerals. There is a meeting with Zion on Wed to go over issues that have come up. She is thinking of taking a day off (from Zion) to visit family MEA weekend when there's no confirmation. Maybe we can have a shared service here & one there. 4 boards said Sunday was their preference & 2 said Monday was better. We'll try Sundays.

**Approval of moving the Council Board voting meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after church\***, the executive board will have the agenda ready prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month so if boards want to meet then, they can. Each board can choose its own meeting time prior to the council board voting meeting. Kristi, Marla **MSP**.

Next council meeting will be on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> after church services.

Closed with Lord's Prayer at 8:33 p.m.

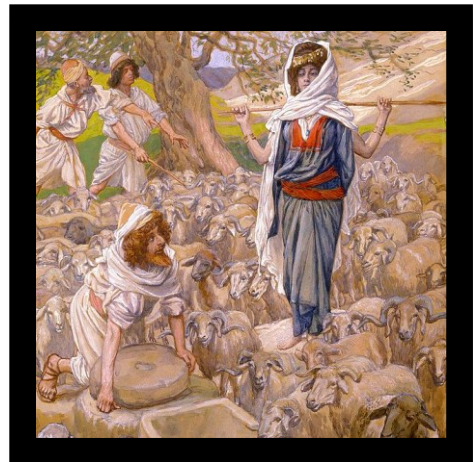
\* **Please note that after the decision was made** to move the council meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after church some members thought their individual boards would still be meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> right after church and that the council voting meeting would be after those individual board meetings. Jon Anderson emailed the board that, since there was confusion on this point, the individual boards can meet right after church service on the 13<sup>th</sup> and if any boards have previously met, they can enjoy coffee fellowship until the voting meeting is ready to start. Jon asked for everyone to attend the full board meeting in October (if possible).

## Parish Nurse Article for October

Rachel was the wife of Jacob and mother of Joseph and Benjamin. Rachel's father was Laban and her older sister was Leah. Rachel means "Shepherd" in the Bible; which fit her well since she tended her father's flock. Jacob happens upon her (Genesis 29) as she is about to water her father's flock. During Jacob's stay with Laban, (to escape his brother Esau) he fell in love with Rachel. He agreed to work 7 years for Laban in return for Rachel's hand in marriage. On the night of the wedding Jacob was deceived and Leah was substituted for Rachel.

Later Jacob confronted Laban, who insisted that the older daughter should marry first. Then he could marry Rachel after working another 7 years as payment for her. Jacob truly loved Rachel, so he agreed. (Genesis 29:20). His love for her was so strong that it seemed to him to be days. Her beauty was unparalleled and she must've had a beautiful soul to have Jacob work 7 more years for her hand in marriage. Rachel was unable to have children for a long time but God heard her cries (Genesis 30:22) and blessed her with children in His own time. She loved and trusted God. She became the mother of Joseph and Benjamin. She died shortly after giving birth to Benjamin at age 44. We must always remember that God is in control and lead us in the right direction if we trust him.

## Rachel



Jacob and Rachel at the Well by James Jacques Joseph Tissot via Wikimedia Commons

## October Youth News 2024

We are back at it! Confirmation, Youth Group, and Sunday school have started!

Thank you to everyone for joining in on God's Work Our Hands Sunday, September 8th.

We had a good turn out and many hands made light the work.

Rally Sunday was held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. It was so nice to have so many children at the front of the church for the children's message. Following a time of fellowship together, the students went off to do their lessons and the parents filled out paperwork for the year. A reminder that volunteers are needed to help teach the classes each week. There is a copy of the schedule pinned up on the youth wall just down from the office. If you have not signed up to help, please stop by and sign up for a turn.

Bible Presentation to the 3-year-olds and 3rd graders was held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The following students received\* their Bibles. **Our 3-year-olds:** Ryan Adams, Savannah Adelman, Barrett Athey, Theo Berdan, Tuesday Conroy, Micah Fladhammer, Penelope Giese, Lyla Lupkes, Louie Schoon, and Amber Zielke. **Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders:** Vayda Backstrand, Poppy Conroy, Reba Evje, Owen Hodenfield, Bodhi Kindleberger, Hannah, Webster, and Henry Zinski.



**\*If you were unable to attend please pick up the bible in the pickup room.**

Sunday School was held at the Refuge on Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. It is great to celebrate the beauty of God's nature.

**Coming up for October:**

2nd - Confirmation Classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30.  
Youth Group 5:30-7:00.

6th – Sunday School regular classes.

Mentor Meeting @ 10:15 in the Youth Room This is all 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders and their mentors.

9th – Confirmation Classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30.  
Youth Group 5:30-7:00

13th - Sunday School regular classes.

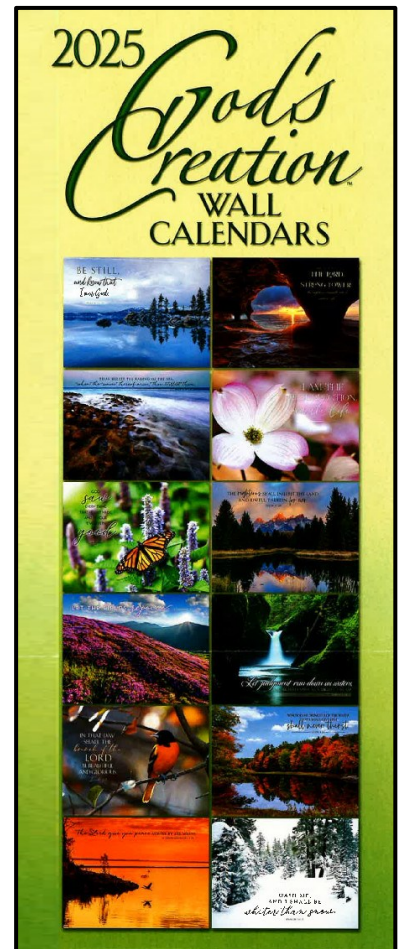
16th – NO Confirmation classes or Youth Group due to MEA Break.

20th - No Sunday school- MEA weekend.

23rd - Confirmation Classes at the Early Out times: 1:45 and 2:45.  
NO Youth Group due to the early out.

27th – Affirmation of Baptism for 10<sup>th</sup> graders: Miley Block, Bryson Karels, Brandon Kaye, and Madilyn Sletten.  
Sunday School regular classes.

30<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation classes at regular times 3:30 & 4:30  
Youth Group 5:30-7:00



**God's Creation Calendars are available for \$8.00.** You can stop and pick one up in the office. We will be selling them in the Narthex beginning in November following the church services.

# CHURCH NEWS

**First English's cross has been repaired** and reinstalled!

**The picture directories are ready and can be picked up** in the church office during the week. Each family photographed in the directory will be given one free directory. Members who were not photographed in the 2024 edition may purchase a directory for \$5. Thank you for your cooperation!



**There are many of you that have such wonderful gifts in our congregation** and should highly consider sharing these with our youth in our Sunday School program. Sunday school teachers can influence and impact many lives with foundational teaching and grounding children in God's word. We are always looking for people to fill these roles in ANY capacity (twice a month, only a certain age groups, etc.) so PLEASE consider and let Sara Wollschlager know if you are interested. (Materials & lessons are prepped and supplied for you weekly.)

**Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church will be having their 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Norwegian Smorgasbord.** It will be in Benson on October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-7:30 PM. Adults - \$16 / Children 6 & Under - \$10. Dine in or pickup. Menu: Rommegrot, Sot Suppe, Lefse, Blod & Potato Klub, Rullepølse, Flatbread, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Meat Balls, Roast Pork, Cole Slaw, Relishes, Deviled Eggs, & Assorted Fancy Cookies.

**Someplace Safe will be having a Chili & Soup Fundraiser on October 16<sup>th</sup>** at the Ortonville Community Center. They will be serving from 11 am to 1 pm with both dine-in and take out options available.

**KDIO BROADCASTS**

- .... **(September 1<sup>st</sup>)** was sponsored in memory of Don & Joyce Koch by Kathy Haukos & family.
- .... **(September 8<sup>th</sup>)** was sponsored by Curt & Penny Hormann in honor of their grandchildren: Avery, Oakley, Ryley Sigler, & DJ Bartels.
- .... **(September 15<sup>th</sup>)** was sponsored by Kim & Jon Anderson in celebration of the countless blessings over their 49 years of marriage.
- .... **(September 22<sup>nd</sup>)** was sponsored in memory of Ray Bergeson by Lois and her sons.
- .... **(September 29<sup>th</sup>)** was sponsored by Arlene Gustafson in memory of Karl Backstrand and your gifts to the Endowment Fund.



Meets in the Church Lounge on Wed.,  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am.  
Hostess: Carol Newman  
Lesson: Sharon Smith

**PRAYERS FOR HEALING and COMFORT** Carol Barrett; Jane Debner; Arlen LaCombe; Gail Olson; Harris Selvig; Beth Swanson; Brandi Tweeter; Monty Athey, Paul Erdman; Rosie Frank; Larry Helgeson; Natalie Henneberg; McCoy Jipson; Janice Redfield; David Scholberg; and Jerry Stotesbery. **AT FAIRWAY VIEW NEIGHBORHOODS:** Janet Anderson; Ricky Anderson; Arvilla Bergseth; Adeline Burgess; Ruth Hansen; Jim Hipple; Vivian Janssen; Roger Nornes; and Mary Lou Olson in Madison. **ALL OUR MILITARY** who are deployed to areas of conflict. If you would like a name added/removed, please contact the church office.



**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. If you do not receive personalized pink envelopes, there are generic ones in the Narthex for you to use.

Thank you for supporting FELC's giving emphasis!

**October 2024**

Designated Funds

**Building (please specify)**                    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Operating Fund**                                \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Other** Jaycees Project Christmas    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

- January .....Technology 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

**Upcoming Stonecroft Ministries**  
**Sponsored By Women's Connection**  
Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm at  
Big Stone Tabor Methodist Church.  
The cost is \$6.00, and there is a  
free nursery available by reservation.

**Speaker: Marla Reynolds** of Baltic, SD.  
**“Embracing the sunshine  
after the storm.”**

**Special Feature: Melanie Reimers** of Milbank, SD.  
Sierra Leone Eye Clinic, Central Global Vision Fund.

**Music: Trudy Hartman** of Baltic, SD. Soloist

**FOOD WILL BE SERVED & ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For reservations call Paula Reisdorph  
at (320) 760-9583. Walk-ins Welcome!



**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.'*

# Gifts & Memorials

(June 28<sup>th</sup> – September 25<sup>th</sup>)

**ALTAR GUILD**

Glenda Reiffenberger and Anthony & Jocelyn Schowalter.

**CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT**

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg.

**ELCA SW MN SYNOD**

Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg.

**ENDOWMENT FUND**

Marilyn Chindvall; Liz Ketz; and Jack & Mary Weber.

**FOOD SHELF**

Erlys Sis; and Jack & Mary Weber.

**KDIO**

Lois Bergeson *in memory of Ray Bergeson*; Larry & Jyla Dahle *in honor of 65 years at FELC*; Arlene Gustafson *in memorial of Karl Backstrand*; Kathy Haukos *in memory of Larry Haukos, Don & Joyce Koch, and Gale & Ann Haukos*; Eldon & Carol Knutson; Rob & Kathy Randall; Kathy Stolpman *in memory of Janet Worden*; Dave & Anne Tonn *in honor of OAHs workers & our residents at FWV*; Richard & Rita Verheul *in honor of her grandson Boden's 14<sup>th</sup> birthday*; Art & Arlene Vollmer *in honor of 50 years of marriage*; Jon & Carol Ydstie *in memory of their parents*.

**OPERATING**

Gayle Anderson; Kirby & Mari Athey; Ron & Ginger Athey; Larry & Jyla Dahle; Darin & Kristi Ehrenberg; Marilyn Hanson; Evelyn Johnson; Judith Roberts; Garry & Ethel Swenson; Bruce & Evie Swigerd; Russ & Ronda Thielke; and Clara Zeek.

**SOMEPLACE SAFE**

Sharon Smith.

**SPECIAL NEEDS**

Marilyn Chindvall; Melvin & Jackie Domine; James & Kate Heinecke; Liz Ketz; Sharon Smith; Dave Tonn *in memory of Max Weinke*; and Jack & Mary Weber.

**SQUARES**

Sharon Carlson; Marilyn Chindvall; Sharron Johnson; Liz Ketz; Sharon Smith; Anne Tonn; Jack & Mary Weber.



## Hospice Volunteer Training

CentraCare Hospice currently has a high need for volunteers in your area and we invite you to consider learning more about this opportunity. As a volunteer, you will be able to enrich the lives of others during their final journey on this side of heaven. CentraCare Hospice care brings hope to help people live life as fully as possible.

Our Fall volunteer training will be held at Rice Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. During the 2-day training we will give you a comprehensive look at the hospice program including communication and caring skills, infection control, overview of our complementary therapies, and so much more.

CentraCare Hospice is looking for men and women of all backgrounds who have hearts of compassion and a genuine interest in helping others. (We do have a high need for veteran volunteers) For questions or for more information, please call Deb Van Buren at CentraCare Hospice, (320) 231-4450, or visit CentraCare Hospice online at [www.centracare.com/hospice](http://www.centracare.com/hospice).



## Chili & Soup Fundraiser – Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

11 AM – 1 PM Ortonville Community Center

We need your help to make this a success! Please consider supporting our Chili & Soup Fundraiser with a monetary donation, a donation of ingredients or supplies, or other contribution. I would enjoy chatting with you to discuss how you can best help this event be a success! I am available to pick up your donation, or you may drop it off at the address below. Monetary gifts can be mailed to 133 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW Suite 101, Ortonville. You can donate online at [www.someplacesafe.info/donate](http://www.someplacesafe.info/donate). Be sure to select "Chili & Soup Fundraiser – Ortonville" as the designation of your gift. We would appreciate a response by Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> & feel free to join us on the 16<sup>th</sup>!  
Jennifer Henrich (320) 839-2331

## Adult & Family GREEN LAKE Shores of St. Andrew Retreats Fall 2024

Whether you are yearning for spiritual growth, seeking fellowship, or simply craving a much-needed break from the hustle and bustle of daily life, our programmed retreats are tailored to meet your needs.



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INFORMATION



## GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS 2024

We celebrated God's Work, Our Hands day on September 8th. It was a very fulfilling day reaching out and serving our community. We cleaned ditches, scrubbed cemetery headstones, delivered muffins to area employees, birthday bags for the food shelf, and made birthday cards for members at Fairway View. Afterward, we gathered for fellowship and a delicious potluck lunch. It was a wonderful day!



# Fall Gathering

Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Zion Lutheran Church

23 E Rooney Ave, Appleton, MN

9:30 am Registration, Coffee, & Treat

10:00 am Program:

**Dementia Friends**

Men & women are invited to join us to hear from

**Laura Thomas**

*Director of Aging Well at Prairie Five Community Action*

To help with planning, please call ahead or send  
\$10 registration fee by Oct 11 to:

Bernice Oellien (320-752-4757)

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## ALTAR GUILD TEAMS – October

Sacristy, Sanctuary, Surplices:

Marla Strei & Amy Adelman

Banners:

Julie Hipple & Jocelyn Schowalter

Flower Committee:

Kris Redfield



### SCHEDULING

#### KEYBOARD/ORGANIST

**Oct. 6:** Amy Adelman  
**Oct. 13:** Carol Ydstie  
**Oct. 20:** Lisa Berdan  
**Oct. 27:** Marilyn Hanson  
**Nov. 3:** Amy Adelman  
**Nov. 10:** Carol Ydstie  
**Nov. 17:** Lisa Berdan  
**Nov. 24:** Kathy Haukos  
**Nov. 27\*:** TBD

#### LECTOR

**Oct. 6:** Sara Mattison  
**Oct. 13:** David Ellingson  
**Oct. 20:** Chris Petersen  
**Oct. 27:** Confirmands  
**Nov. 3:** Jim Foster  
**Nov. 10:** Kristi Ehrenberg  
**Nov. 17:** Carol Ydstie  
**Nov. 24:** Marge Dragseth  
**Nov. 27\*:** **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

#### ACOLYTES

**Oct. 6:** Dawson & Bryson  
**Oct. 13:** Mya & Justice  
**Oct. 20:** Hartley & Hannah  
**Oct. 27:** Jordan & Mason  
**Nov. 3:** Kimberly & Brooke  
**Nov. 10:** Katelyn & James  
**Nov. 17:** Oliver & Amelia  
**Nov. 24:** Meadow & Lola  
**Nov. 27\*:** **NEED VOLUNTEER(S)**

#### LAY ASSISTANTS

**Oct. 6:** Brent Zahrbock & Becky Parker  
**Oct. 13:** Jim Schmeichel & Kristi Ehrenberg  
**Oct. 27:** Confirmands  
**Nov. 3:** Lori Strei & Terry Kalberg  
**Nov. 10:** Sara Mattison & Amanda Stattelmann

#### FWV Neighborhoods

**Oct. 6:** Barb & Warren Wiese and Archer Dorry  
**Oct. 13:** Paula Reisdorph & Kim Anderson  
**Nov. 3:** **Mentor & Mentee TBD**  
**Nov. 10:** **Mentor & Mentee TBD**

#### GREETERS

**Oct. 6:** Ethel & Garry Swenson  
**Oct. 13:** Jim & Neva Foster  
**Oct. 20:** Paula Reisdorph & Lori Larson  
**Oct. 27:** Dick & Marla Strei  
**Nov. 3:** **Mentor & Mentee TBD**  
**Nov. 10:** **Mentor & Mentee TBD**  
**Nov. 17:** **Mentor & Mentee TBD**  
**Nov. 24:** **Mentor & Mentee TBD**  
**Nov. 27\*:** **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

#### SOUND SYSTEM

**Oct. 6:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson  
**Oct. 13:** David Ellingson & Marina Thomson  
**Oct. 20:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson  
**Oct. 27:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson  
**Nov. 3:** Liz Ketz & Marina Thomson  
**Nov. 10:** David Ellingson & Marina Thomson  
**Nov. 17:** Marge Dragseth & Marina Thomson  
**Nov. 24:** Terry Kalberg & Marina Thomson  
**Nov. 27\*:** Marina Thomson & **NEED VOLUNTEER**

#### USHERS

**Oct. 6:** Brent Zahrbock, Dean Strand, Vern Nickolauson, and Dave Ellingson  
**Oct. 13:** Darin Ehrenberg, Eldon Knutson, Ellie & Harley Helgeson.  
**Oct. 20:** Russ Thielke, Warren Wiese, Gale May, & Connie Newman  
**Oct. 27:** Gene Stotesbery, Jim Foster, Gale May, & Keven Berdan  
**Nov. 3:** Ev Johnson, Ron Athey, Jon & Kim Anderson  
**Nov. 10:** Glenn Henningson, Art Vollmer, Scott & Julie Schneider  
**Nov. 17:** Dean Longnecker, Josh Wollschlager, Rodney Torgerson, & Dick Strei  
**Nov. 24:** Tami Lundberg, Marilyn Chindvall, Jackie & Mel Domine  
**Nov. 27\*:** **NEED VOLUNTEERS**



\*November 27<sup>th</sup> is Wednesday,  
**Thanksgiving Eve.** Please contact  
the office if you would like to  
volunteer to help that evening.  
THANKS!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>October 2024 † † † First English Lutheran Church</b>			Daily Devotions are available @ <a href="http://www.firstenglish.net">www.firstenglish.net</a> go to "Lutheran Faith" & then "Prayers, Study, & Devotionals."			
		<b>1</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	<b>2</b> 9:00 am Circle 4 Bible Study 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed 	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:00 am Worship (w/Rev. Melissa Gall) – Clara Haukos Baptism by Rev. David Tonn – Communion - KDIO & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship, Sunday School, & Endowment Meeting. 10:15-11 Mentor-Mentee Mtg (7-9 gr.) (in Youth Rm) 10:15 -10:45 Board of Christian Ed. Meeting (in library) 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded 4:00-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice 	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	<b>9</b> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	<b>12</b>
<b>13 PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY</b> 9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl) – Communion – KDIO & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School 10:30 am Fairway View Worship – Pre-recorded TBD: Council Voting Meeting 4:00-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice 	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	<b>16</b> <b>No School</b> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	<b>19</b> 
<b>20</b> 9:00 am Contemporary Worship (w/ Jack Holmquest) – KDIO Broadcast & FB Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship <b>(NO Sunday School – MEA Weekend)</b> 4:00-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV) <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Early Out</b> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 1:45 pm Confirmation (7-8) 2:45 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:00 am Bulletins Printed	<b>26</b>
<b>27 CONFIRMATION AND REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> 9:00 am Worship (w/Pastor Cheryl) – Confirmation – Noisy Offering – KDIO Broadcast & Facebook Live 10:00 am Coffee Fellowship & Sunday School X-mas practice 10:15 am WAM Meeting 4:00-5:15 pm Christmas Cantata Practice  	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Day of Love 4-5:00 pm Bible Study at Donnie's Diner (FWV)	<b>30</b> 9:30 am TV Broadcast 11:00 am Staff Meeting 3:30 pm Confirmation (7-8) 4:30 pm Confirmation (9) 5:30 pm Youth Group (7-12) & TV Broadcast 7:00 pm Senior Choir	<b>31</b> <b>Reformation Day</b> <b>HALLOWEEN</b> 		