



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Greeting to you in the name of the Risen One! May is one of those months of great transitions, from graduations, to school ending, summer vacation starting, planting of fields, brown furrows to green rows and to the many road construction projects starting up. Like signs we see along the roads that tell us what to do, we see signs along our way toward Pentecost that show us how to be Christ to one another. The season after Pentecost Sunday is filled with the witness of Jesus' disciples making their way in the world, taking faithful steps in proclaiming 'the kingdom of God is at hand,' by sharing, caring, learning and loving those on the way.

The disciples didn't stay in the upper room and they didn't hang out in the temple coaxing people in, they didn't build a new building to worship in, they got out into the villages, the county side and met people where they were. In the "How to take Your Next Faithful Steps," we are challenged to do the same. How do we get into the community, how do we show-up in the places people are gathering, how do we have spiritual conversations with people around us and how do we help others encounter the love of Jesus in us. FAITHFUL STEPS LINK: <https://faithlead.org/faithfulstepvideos/>

The month of May is jam-packed with gatherings, and events where we can be listening to how people are experiencing God in their lives. In the workbook, there are conversation starters to use, places for notes, and ways to engage our neighbors in fruitful conversations. You are encouraged, if you haven't already watched the video's, to do so, as we will continue after coffee hour each week during May to hear the stories from the community.

Jesus appeared over and over again to his disciples and showed them that he is alive—in the flesh! He will also continue to be with us in our journey, meeting with many of you on the road, in the restaurant, at the grocery store, in the barber shop, in the park, on the street corner, at the gas station, in the conversation over the fence with your neighbor, and who knows where else.

Jesus said to his followers, "Get to work!" He taught them about the kingdom of God. He gave them work to do: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." He proved to them and to us that he is alive.

Get to work, he says, and remember that your work is not done in vain. Your work has meaning and purpose because I am alive! Your work of transition is an opportunity to see your faith journey in a new light, perhaps new directions and with new energy.

Blessing, Pr. Kris D. H. Ferkin



# First Ev Lutheran Church Council Minutes - April 17, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

**Welcome and Call to Order:** President Chris Cordes

**Present:** Chris Cordes, Pr Kris Ferkin, Erica Aronson, Candy Herrlich, Tammy Fletcher, Lindsey Short, Tanya Short, Elsie Braaten, Carmen Nesseth, Brad Nesseth, Eric Hoversten, Amy Lee

**Devotions:** Tanya Short-Come to the Feast, Proverbs 9

**Approve Agenda:** Motion to approve the agenda Tanya/Erika/pass

**Consent Agenda Items:**

**Secretary's Report:** As printed in the March Church Newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report:** March giving and attendance was up with the exception of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Net income \$4,124.88 from January through March 2024. Motion was made to send an offering, in the same amount as 2023, to the SE MN Synod conference in May. Tammy/Carmen/pass.

**Pastor's Report:** 5 Sunday/3 Wednesday worships as well as Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at Holden; 1 funeral-Shelstad. 17 visitations including counseling, bereavement, funeral consult, pastoral care and office visits; 5 children's messages, 3 confirmation classes, & 1 First Communion class; 12 meetings including council, Kenyon area internship committee, staff secretary, text study, Cannon River Pastor meeting, education committee, & worship committee. Total mileage: 342. Thank you for all who have stepped up to help with so many things such as Lenten suppers & services, confirmation mentors, special music, and live stream the Shelstad funeral. Our online services average 50 views per week. Motion to approve the consent agenda Amy/Carmen/pass

**Youth Rep. Report:** Softball, baseball, track seasons are underway. KW band and choirs recently performed at solo ensemble contest with many superior awards and Elsie Braaten received best on sight. There will be a music garden concert on May 1 and HS spring concert on May 8. The KW speech team is a state alternate. The KW middle school play was performed 4/19 & 4/20. Planning is underway for another Community Theater this summer- everyone is welcome! April 24th is the national honor society induction/graduation, Prom is May 4, May 15 is Baccalaureate, and Graduation is June 2.

**Continuing Business:**

1. Information Back-Up: Continued work to have record and back up of official Church business. We are seeking someone to lead this work
2. Outreach and Activity Ideas: Looking for ways to increase outreach. Brainstorming possible ideas for summer gatherings for a meal and devotions/bible study/worship. Ideas welcome!
3. Transition Team/Call Committee: Transition team's work is complete. The call committee had their first meeting with Pr. Barb Streed from the Synod on 4/14 and will meet again on 4/22.

**Committee Reports:**

FLCW: served brunch following church service on Palm Sunday, March 24. Youth helped. Made Stations of the Cross for Intern Brittany Mailleue's internship project for Good Friday. Love Day Ladies are planning a Mission Event, entitled "Lutheran World Relief Mission Morning" to be held May 18, 2024 from 9:00 -12:00. Look for information flyers around church and newsletter. Donations accepted. Cannon River Spring Event @ St. John's Lutheran Church in Northfield on May 11 titled "Strengthening Hope" with guest speaker Dr. Jacqueline Bussie PhD. Registration sheets available in the church office or posted around the church or ask Candy Herrlich.

Worship/Evangelism: Officers were elected. Discussion of upcoming services with committee assisting with coffee hour on Senior Recognition Sunday, providing gifts for Mother's Day and assisting with New Member Sunday gift ideas. Tanya provided a great idea for use of a visitor card to welcome visitors. Business cards would be helpful to provide visitors with church information. Discussed summer outreach ideas with recommendations to be discussed at next meeting.

Property and Management: Fette Electronics has been to the church and will begin prep work for new speakers.

Stewardship: With input from the church office we are putting the finishing touches on the membership letter that will be going out to members. Observing the different ways that our congregation does stewardship...FLCW and Youth gave of their time and talents to host a Palm Sunday Brunch, participants through their donations.

Parents and students came together to bake communion bread for Maundy Thursday worship. A Station of the Cross was created by ladies giving of time and talents. A successful Soup Cookoff Fundraiser/Dessert auction happened because people gave of their time, talents and donations. Quilts are sewn and tied each month. People of First Evangelical Lutheran are generous and we thank God for their generosity.

Youth and Education: Ditch clean-up scheduled for 4/21. Mother's Day Caramel roll fundraiser with pick up available 5/11 or 5/12. Order forms found around the church.

KAIC: The annual soup cook off was Sunday 4/14 and was successful. The committee has begun looking at candidates for next year.

Long Range Planning/Personnel/Endowment/Endowment/Committees: Approved the request for 2nd year of college funds from an individual. Discussed rewording of the approval letter. Next meeting to be June 5 at 5 PM.

**Next Meeting**: May 22, 2024 7:00 p.m. (Note date change due to KW Baccalaureate on 5/15)

**Devotions**: Eric Hoversten

**Adjournment**: Motion to adjourn Tanya/Tammy Time: 8:41 pm

**Closing with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,  
Amy Lee, Secretary

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## INTERN BRITTANY MAILLEUE – MAY GREETING

Thank you once again for your help and support during my internship project. I am so proud of how each piece turned out. I hope you all feel proud of what you accomplished because I certainly am.

As we look ahead to May, I am excited to preach at the baccalaureate service at Vang on May 15th. So many big things are happening in May as seniors graduate, spring continues to blossom, fields begin to be planted, and confirmations occur. In all the business, I hope we can pause and notice the new life happening all around us. This new life reminds us of the resurrection of our Lord and that through Christ, new life is all around us.

This is indeed the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Happy Spring! Intern Brittany



**Join us - LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL - PARTY**  
**Sunday, May 5th, 11 am to 1 pm at Flaherty's in Northfield**  
**Bowling, shoe rental and pizza included.**

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## Pick Up Mother's Day Caramel Roll Orders

*A Youth Ministry Fundraiser, supporting ELCA National Youth Gathering, Summer Camp, & Vacation Bible School*

## Pick up your frozen Take & Bake Rolls:

**Saturday May 11 - 2-4 pm**

**Sunday May 12 - before 11 am**



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# Lutheran World Relief Mission Morning

**Saturday May 18 - 9 am to 12**

Love Day Ladies, FLCW Women & Stewardship Committee  
INVITE EVERYONE - WOMEN AND MEN OF ALL AGES

Come join us for coffee & fellowship as we assemble  
a variety of Mission Kits, Prayer Shawls and Quilts, etc.

Simple & easy, yet rewarding Stewardship work!  
This Fun Event will be held in the Fellowship Hall at  
**First Lutheran Church in Kenyon**

FABRIC KITS — SCHOOL KITS — PERSONAL CARE KITS  
PRAYER SHAWLS — QUILTS

For Mission Kit Items needed — Go to [LWR.ORG](http://LWR.ORG)



**Sunday, May 12 ~ ~**

**Mothers Day** and **Recognition of High School Grads**

Jakob Kirchmann, Norah Rechtzigel,  
Benjamin Short, Dakota Temple,  
Mason Torgeson, William VanEpps



**Sunday, May 19 ~ ~**

**Day of Pentecost** and **New Member Sunday**

**Bring Red Geraniums --- Wear Red !!**



2024

No Wednesday Worship In May

			1 6:30 Last Confirmation	2 7 AA	3	4
5 <b>Easter 6</b> 9 Worship 10 Coffee Nxt Step Video #4 Last SS-Party @ Flaherty's NF—bowling & pizza 2-4 Open Hs at 1st - Colleen Estrem -- 90 Yrs Young	6	7	8	9 1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	10	11 WELCA C.Rvr Spring Conf -- St.John's/NF ----- SEMN SSEMBLY In Mkto ----- 2 – 4 pm Caramel Roll Order Pick-up
12 <b>Easter 7 - Mothers Day</b> Recognition of HS Grads  9 Worship 10 Coffee  Before 11: Pickup Caramel Roll Orders	13  1:30 Literary Guild	14	15  BACCALAUREATE 7:30 at Vang	16  7 AA	17  PASTOR GONE	18  9 am-12 LWR MISSION MORNING Invitational @ First
19 <b>Pentecost</b>  New Member Sunday 9 Worship 10 Coffee Bring Red Geraniums Wear Red	20	21	22  7 Council	23  1 LOVE DAY 7 AA	24	25
26 <b>HOLY TRINITY</b>  9 Worship 10 Coffee	27  Memorial Day	28	29	30  7 AA		



LOOKING AHEAD

FARMERS MARKET BEGINS - 1st & 3rd Thurs June 6 thru Oct 3  
 JUNE 23 – 27 Vacation Bible School at Holden  
 JULY 16 – 20 ELCA National Youth Gathering – New Orleans

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**MAY**

NEWSLETTER



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