

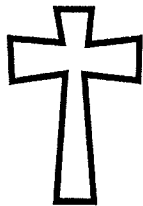
# The First Word

May 2019

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## MISSION STATEMENT OF FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

*"Through God  
we are creating a vibrant,  
welcoming faith community,  
embracing all, providing  
harmony among  
generations, while lending  
compassion locally  
and globally."*

## PASTOR'S GREETING:

*Alleluia—Christ is Risen!*



*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though mountains tremble with its tumult." Psalm 46:1-3*

So how is God's Spirit moving in your life? I see new life all around me in the grass turning green, flowers beginning to peek their heads above ground in my neighbor's garden, children playing outside (I love the sound of their playfulness), and families walking the neighborhood together with their dogs and children. It is the Easter season and God's Spirit is moving in spring.

My prayer is that this Easter season you continue to grow in faith and hope because of the resurrection of Jesus our Christ. I love the hymn *"It is Well with My Soul."* Horatio Spafford writes out of grief and points to God who keeps his soul. Things come unraveled in our lives from time to time – Jesus never abandons us. The tomb is empty. Christ is Risen for You! Alleluia!

*Pastor Julie*

## CELEBRATIONS AMONG US:

*Mabel Elizabeth Eggert*, daughter of Tyler Eggert & Nicole Manson welcomed to God's family in Holy Baptism on March 31, 2019.



Five fifth graders received First Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019: *Elsie Braaten, Patricia Hoffman, Ryan Rehtzigel, Lindsey Short & Kate Smith.*

KWHS CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATES to be honored at morning worship Sunday, May 12:

*Sam Androli, son of Lisa & Scott Androli  
Chelsea Gilster, daughter of Anne Gilster and Jeff Gilster  
Orion Olson, daughter of John Olson  
Brendan Paulson, son of Jill Paulson and Bryan Paulson*



KW BACCALAUREATE will be celebrated with all graduates on Wednesday, May 15 – 8 pm at Vang Lutheran. All are welcome.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BLESSING BOARD:

At our SE MN Cannon River Conference Meeting on Sunday, March 24, we were each given a Blessing Board. Ours is currently housed near the sanctuary and you are invited to donate to Habitat for Humanity and sign the board.

## COMING SOON-Southeast MN Synod Assembly

At our 2019 Synod Assembly May 31 – June 1 we will be calling a new bishop.

*“As a result of conference assemblies’ voting on March 24, seven potential bishop nominees will be invited to participate in the May discernment conversations (May 13, 14 and 16, 2019). The nominees are Emily Carson, Heather Culuris, Sean Forde, Regina Hassanally, Glenn Monson, Kristen Venne, and John Weisenburger. To all whose prayer and participation have led to this milestone on the path to calling this synod’s next bishop, THANK YOU!”*

The Discernment Conversation nearest us is on Tuesday, May 14 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm at United Redeemer Lutheran Church in Zumbrota.

### Reflections from KAI Intern Pastor Sara Martin

I grew up hearing “April Showers Bring May Flowers,” and I certainly hope this saying will come true this year. But I wonder what April snowstorms bring? Do they bring more vibrant colored flowers?

With Easter having come and gone, I am looking toward summer and all the exciting things that will be happening while I’m still living in Kenyon. There are four weddings I’ll be attending in three months, most of which are driving distance from here. I’ll get to go home to California for a week to visit with family and friends. I’ll be headed to Guatemala with Pastor Julie, and then when I come back it’s time for Expedition Serve! Not to mention there will be lots of Bible studies, quilting groups and other fun things happening, that I’m sure summer will come and go just as quickly as Easter did.

But before we get to summer, where we wish (maybe it’s just me wishing) the air conditioning could run all the time at no cost, there’s May. A time of being in-between seasons. A time when we can hopefully put all our winter clothes away. A time when graduation and graduation parties are in full-swing. A time when we come together to elect the next Bishop of our Synod. While summer is full of exciting things, May is too. So, let’s not overlook this next month in anticipation of what is coming next. Let’s fully embrace all that May will bring.

I’d like to say a huge thank you to those of you who supported the internship soup cook-off whether by being there and bidding on things, or by preparing the soup or desserts to bid on. Together we raised over \$4,000 which will support the school backpack program, the internship program, and some will even support Expedition Serve happening this summer! (Which if you haven’t gotten your children signed up for, the deadline is May 15!) Over 60 items were donated for the live dessert auction, and a dozen items donated for the silent auction.

A special thank you to the youth for helping show-off the wonderful desserts, and Kevin Maring for his time and talent during the auction. I would be remiss if I didn’t say CONGRATULATIONS to HOLDEN for winning the GOLDEN CROCK POT. May you display it with honor over the next year. *KAI Pastor Sara*

During Pastor Julie’s vacation (4-22 to 5-5) our guest worship leaders will be: Sun. April 28 - Pastor Emily Carson, candidate for bishop. On Wed. Apr. 24, Sun. May 5, & Wed. May 1 – Intern Pastor Sara.

Pastor Paul Graham will be on call.

### Merry Makers

1st Wednesday monthly  
(May 1 & June 5)  
1:00-3:00  
All Seasons  
Community Center.  
**Please note time change.**

### Expedition Serve Students

July 8-11, is just around the corner. Don’t delay - register now! A 3-day, 2-night worship/service/fellowship trip for all students going into 6th grade--college. Cost \$25.

**Deadline - May 15.**

**You can register at**

<https://goo.gl/forms/z5LqalxQiRevTiwV2>

Questions? Contact-  
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## FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019

**Present:** Pastor Julie, Bill Lewis, Amy Lee, Chris Mallery, Sherry Sathrum, Jill Berg, Troy Estrem.

**Welcome & Call to Order:** Bill Lewis; **Devotions:** Jill Berg; **Adopt Agenda:** M/S Amy/Cindy – Approved;

**Secretary's Report:** M/S Sherry/Amy – Approved

**Minutes from Congregational Meeting, April 14, 2019:** Motion to approve minutes, Sherry, Second, Troy – Approved. Meeting called to order by President Bill Lewis at 9:58 AM. After presentation and explanation by Harris Haugen representing property and management committee, President Lewis called for a motion on 2 questions:

1. Motion to approve water control, excavation, and installing concrete drive. M/S Glen Ronning/ Carmen Nesseth. Motion Approved, Ayes 75, Nays 0.
2. Motion to approve asphalt paving of parking lot from concrete work south to the grass area. M/S Mel Kirchhoff/Dean Schutte. Motion approved, Ayes 74, Nays 1.

Motions passed with stipulation that if concrete is to be considered rather than asphalt on the parking lot, the council will come back to congregation. Meeting adjourned at 10:16

**Treasurer's Report:** March 30, 2019. Checking Account Balance: \$3270.64. Memorial Account Balance: \$525.00.

Correction: memorial money that was designated by the family to the general fund was deposited in the memorial account. That memorial money amount will be transferred to the general fund. M/S Bill/Amy – Approved

**Pastor's Report:** Sunday Worship Services - 4, Lenten Worship Services - 3, Funerals - 2 Baptism – 1, Visits (hospital, communion, & others) - 17. Celebrate Debbie Eggert's 23 years on staff; weekly planning with Annette; Committee meetings, worship and evangelism, internship, and EdYou; supervision of Intern Pastor Sarah weekly meetings; VAP ,meeting sponsored by KW Community Cares – Apr. 2; mentor program for Lenten season; 5<sup>th</sup> grade first communion preparation and Seder Meal.

**Looking forward:** Norway Trip April 22-May 5 (Dan and myself); Pastor Emily Carson leading worship on April 28 (candidate for Bishop of SEMN Synod); Intern Sarah will lead Wed. worship and confirmation on April 24 and May 1 and Sunday worship on May 5; Pastor Paul Graham will be on call while gone.

**Continuing Business:** Home visits clarification; groups are set; training will be held in May.

Parking lot lights need to be redirected downward, discussed motion sensors for outside lights by doors.

**New Business:** Blessing board, donation to Habitat for Humanity allows people to sign blessing board and the board will be built into the next Habitat House built. Watch for more information.

### **Committee reports:**

**Worship and Evangelism:** Friendly Visits – Pastor Julie prepared outline for visits, training In May. Have a list of volunteers and looking for more. Discussed time and talent sheets, more information to come. Continued discussion on how to bring more young people in for special music. Looking to coordinate with stewardship on an outreach project. Next meeting May 9.

**FLCW:** FLCW Board met on March 4, 2018. A brief report on the World Day of Prayer, which was held on March 1st at Vang Church. The Quarterly Gathering will take place on March 24th. A program with demonstration/ discussion on the AED machine is being planned. FLCW will be planning the Easter Breakfast on April 21st. after church. The Internship Soup Auction will be held at Gol Church on April 7, 11:00-1:00 with the auction at noon. Cannon River Conference will be held at First English Lutheran, 204 2nd St, NW in Faribault on April 27th, 8:00-noon. Sam Ouk, Diversity Coordinator Faribault Public Schools will be the speaker. First Lutheran of Kenyon will be hosting this conference in 2020. All are invited to help in the Kitchen cleaning event which will be held sometime in May. Food for Thought: repurposing clothing for children and adults looking for jobs or starting to work. More discussion to come. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 14th, @ 6:30 pm.

**Property and Management:** Old carpet removed and new installed in the Sunday School Superintendent's office. Thank you to Dave & Bev Emerson for the donation. 12 new windows are on order for the education building. Congregation approved resurfacing existing parking lot. Contacting contractors to coordinate installing rain gutters, windows, and air conditioners. Will tear out concrete west of handicap door soon in order to tap into existing drain tile for rain down spout. Multiple meeting held to discuss parking usage; traffic flow, parking spaces, & eliminating public drive thru. Next meeting, May 13 at 5:30.

**Stewardship:** Piggy Banks will be coming back soon and will determine where money collected will be given. Looking into planning a summer potluck and strawberry shortcake coffee hour.

Ed Youth: Recap Intergenerational Sunday School & Resurrection Gardens. Discussed Seder meal and Maundy Thursday first communion reception. May 5, last day of Sunday School; May 12 Senior Recognition; VBS at Holden Church, July 31-Aug. 3 with program on August 4. May 5 student activity at Skateville in Burnsville. First Lutheran will serve lunch July 8 & 9 for Intern Sarah's Youth Project, Expedition Serve. Next meeting May 19.

First Lutheran Endowment Committee: Committee received from Intern Sarah for \$250. for her "expedition Serve" service project with area youth in July. Request approved. Endowment committee is one of 6 council committees and should have a representative at monthly council meetings. Kevin Kruger will represent this committee. Committee positions: Chair Harris Haugen, Secretary Carmen Nesseth, Treasurer Larry Lehman, council rep. Kevin Kruger. Next meeting June 5.

Youth Rep: No report. Kenyon Area Intern Committee: No report. Personnel Committee: Did not meet.

Next Meeting: May 22, 2019 8:00 PM (Note Date Change to 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday) - Devotions: Amy.  
Closed with Lord's Prayer.

### FLCW BOARD MEETING - APRIL 9, 2019

The FLCW Board met on April 9, 2019 at 6:15. The meeting was called to order by co-president Cindy Lewis. Sherry Sathrum gave devotions. Secretary and treasurer reports were read and put on file. The balance as of March 31 was \$1,977.15. A big thank you to all who helped with the Internship Fundraiser.

Easter Breakfast was discussed and duties assigned. It will be a free will donation with the money to be dispersed to youth and upkeep of Joy room. Jill Berg has obtained a Thrivent card to help with expenses.

Senior Sunday will be held on May 12. Carmen and Heidi will present the senior's with a gift from FLCW.

**Kitchen cleaning will take place May 14 at 5pm. All are welcomed.** There will be a list of needed cleaning jobs and you can also come at any time and pick a job and complete it at your convenience. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, May 14:

**Kitchen Cleaning @ 5pm**

Board meeting @ 6:30, Devotions: Sandy

### BIBLE STUDY

First Tuesday of the month in the Joy Room

*Author Christa von Zychilin uses stories of Miriam, Anna & Simeon, as well as the miracle feeding of the 5,000 to show God uniquely shares wisdom among the generations and how our lives are enriched in community with all ages.*

Monthly Bible Study found in "Gather" magazine.

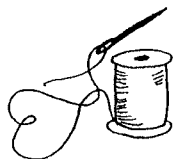
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### CHRISTIAN MISSION SOCIETY LOVE DAY

Thursday, May 2nd, 1 PM

Thursday, May 16th, 1 PM



### PRISCILLA CLUB

Tuesday, May 14th, 1 PM Hostess:



Tuesday, May 28th, 1 PM Hostess: Tedda Gleissner

BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTION RECEIVED

????????? Did Solomon have 500 wives ??????????

Check Out: I Kings chapter 11, especially verse 3

# May 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 1-3 (*time change) Merry Makers @ All Seasons Comm-Cntr 6:00 Worship 6:30 Last Confirmation 7:00 Sr.Choir	<b>2</b> 1:00 Christian Mission Society Love Day 7:00 AA	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:00 Worship* <i>Kid's Choir</i> 10:00 LAST DAY OF SUN. SCHOOL 10:00 Coffee 4--6 Youth Event: <i>Skateville/            Burnsville</i> 7:00 AA	<b>6</b> 1--3:30 Spiritual Directions Group	<b>7</b> 9:30 Morning Circle Bible Study	<b>8</b> 6:00 Worship 7:00 Sr.Choir	<b>9</b> 6:30 Worship & Evang. 6:30 Scouts 7:00 AA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:00 Worship— <i>Senior            Recognition</i> 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA  <i>Happy            Mother's Day</i>	<b>13</b> 1:30 Literary Guild 5:30 Propty & Mngmt	<b>14</b> 1:00 Priscilla Club 5:00 KITCHEN CLEANING 6:30 FLCW Board	<b>15</b> 6:00 Worship 7:00 Sr.Choir 8:00 Baccalaureate	<b>16</b> 1:00 Christian Mission Society Love Day 6-8 Sons of Norway 7:00 AA	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:00 Worship 10:15 EdYouth Comm 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 10:00 GCntyCourt Services	<b>22</b> 6:00 Worship 7:00 Sr. Choir 8:00 Church Council	<b>23</b> 11:30 Round Table 7:00 AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 9:00 Worship 10:00 Coffee 7:00 AA	<b>27</b> OFFICES CLOSED <i>Memorial            Day</i> 	<b>28</b> 1:00 Priscilla Club 7:00 Internship Committee	<b>29</b> 6:00 Worship	<b>30</b> 7:00 AA	<b>31</b> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>← SYNOD ASSEMBLY →</p> <p>May 31 - June 1</p> </div>	

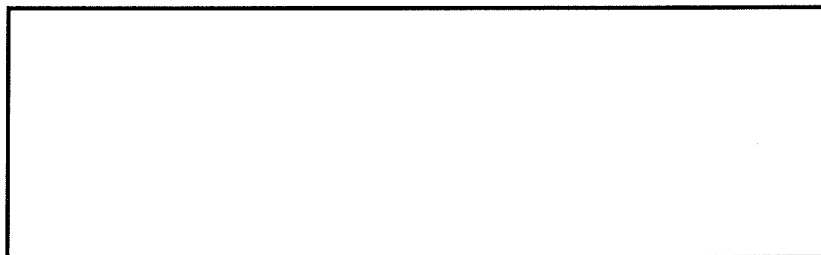
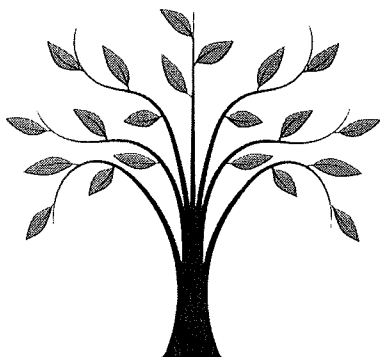
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David Schreiber  
Russ Foss  
Mel Kirchhoff  
John Lange  
Jeff Traxler  
Ryan Ugland

### ALTAR CARE

Kaia Lehman  
Lois Estrem  
Candy Herrlich

### COMMUNION SET-UP

5/5: Harris & Heidi Haugen  
5/12: Kaia Lehman &  
Pat Schreiber  
5/19: Wayne & Marie Spidahl  
5/26: Larry & Carolyn Walker

### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS. COFFEE. ACOLYTES

#### MAY 5

READ Sue Fogelson  
GREET Tim & Ellen Sackett  
COMM Harris & Heidi Haugen,  
Sue Fogelson  
COFF Tim & Ellen Sackett  
ACOL Jacob Kirchmann

#### MAY 12

READ Seniors  
GREET Seniors  
COMM Seniors  
COFFEE Ed & Tammy Fletcher  
ACOL Dakota Temple  
Norah Rehtzigel

#### MAY 19

READ Rhana Olson  
GREET Bev Nesseth,  
Maurine Olson  
COMM Dan & Shari Quam,  
Rhana Olson  
COFF John & Lois Estrem,  
Lynn Cole-Clark  
ACOL William VanEpps,  
Leah Berg

#### MAY 26

READ Carol Lozon  
GREET Colleen Estrem,  
Audrey Nesseth  
COMM Kevin & Emmy Kruger  
Doug Henke  
COFF Paul & Sharon Rehtzigel  
ACOL Emma Paulson  
Ashley Rehtzigel

**PLEASE JOIN US**  
**May 15 - 5 P.M.**  
**for general cleaning**  
**of Church Kitchen**  
**ALL ARE WELCOMED!**

