



THE MESSENGER

First English Lutheran Church

September, 2018

A Message from Pastor Michael

Special points of interest:

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Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This last Sunday, (August 26th) the Old Testament reading is from the book of Joshua. In this reading is maybe the only verse people know from the book of Joshua. Here he is instructing the people as they are settling into the Promised Land challenging them to choose the god they are willing to follow. He ends his challenge with this statement: *'But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'* Which got me to thinking of what gods or idols distract us and keep us from following Jesus.

One of the distractions which came to mind this week is all the stuff we tend to accumulate. Debbie and I have friends who are getting ready to make a move as such they are purging, cleaning and downsizing all their stuff. The result is Debbie and I have been looking around at all the stuff in our house and have begun some purging and cleaning around our house as well. We, like many people, have accumulated a lot of stuff over the years. How many of us continue to push more and more in to our houses or build or rent storage units to hold our stuff. Which raises the question: 'How often does our 'stuff' become the focus of our attention, the idols in our lives? Idols do not have to be stuff, they can be activities and as well as others in our lives. They can be sporting events of our kids or grandkids, the college or professional teams we follow or the hobbies we have which distract and keep us from doing that which is most important.

This struggle was even more evident this last week watching the news after all the flooding which took place in and around Madison. To see the reports of the devastation from the flooding but even more to see all the 'stuff' people discarded after it got water soaked and damaged by the flood waters. It is sad when that happens but the effect it has on the lives of the people is very real. It is after all just stuff yet it the pursuit of that stuff that gets in the way of remaining faithful, to following our Savior and serving others in His name.

This is the very thing Joshua was warning the people of Israel about as they went to inhabit the Promised Land. He reminded them of all the great and mighty things which the Lord their God had done for them which brought them to this point in their lives. Joshua also understood the people will be distracted and enticed to follow other gods, the gods of the land of Egypt, the gods of the land they were about to inhabit, the idols of wealth or power or stuff. As such Joshua tells them directly, be aware of the allure of other gods or idols and chose whom you will follow. Because he understood if you do not choose your god or remain dedicated to your choice, you will not stay faithful and will be turned away to serve other gods or idols.

So I invite you to be aware of all the distractions in your life. To consider what activities, what hobbies, what stuff gets in your way of following the Lord your God who continues to do mighty acts in your lives. To consider what choices you have made and continue to make about whom you will serve this day and all the days of your life.

Pr Michael

“As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 25:15

September, 2018

CHAPTER A DAY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Psalm 147
2 Psalm 148	3 Psalm 149-150	4 Proverbs 1	5 Proverbs 2	6 Proverbs 3	7 Proverbs 4	8 Proverbs 5
9 Proverbs 6	10 Proverbs 7	11 Proverbs 8	12 Proverbs 9	13 Proverbs 10	14 Proverbs 11	15 Proverbs 12
16 Proverbs 13	17 Proverbs 14	18 Proverbs 15	19 Proverbs 16	20 Proverbs 17	21 Proverbs 18	22 Proverbs 19
23 Proverbs 20	24 Proverbs 21	25 Proverbs 22	26 Proverbs 23	27 Proverbs 24	28 Proverbs 25	29 Proverbs 26
30 Proverbs 27						

BLOOD DRIVE

Mississippi Valley
REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER

Monday October 1
3-6pm
First English Lutheran Church

To donate or volunteer contact:
Nancy Hammermeister
348-8655 / nncyhmrmstr@centurytel.net

www.bloodcenter.org
Est before donating • Bring photo ID

FELC COUNCIL SUMMARY

No council meeting in August.
Next meeting will be on September 11th @ 6:30pm

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Kathy Doyle has retired and has left her position on Wednesdays as of the end of August. Kathy's responsibilities will be done by Susan McLimans during her regular work hours. Susan is not able to cover Wednesdays as that is her day to take care of her grandchildren.

As a result, we have invited a couple volunteers to help with answering the phone and greeting people as they come in the office on Wednesdays. Pam Stark and Barb McVay will begin volunteering in the office starting on September 5th working from approximately 9:00am to 1:00pm. We may add additional volunteers to cover the office duties as dictated by our needs. Thank you for understanding as we make these changes and determine how to best serve the needs of the church.

Handchime Workshop - Anyone who likes the sounds of the chimes and would like to try playing them please come on Wednesday, September 5th at 5:30. Learn some basic techniques and have fun. High schoolers to age ? welcome.

A MESSAGE FROM VICAR JONATHAN

“Law” and “Gospel”: Still Core to Being a Lutheran Christian in the 21st Century

The “Law” is a hammer of judgment. We, as human beings engage in a continual struggle to earn God’s favor, even though the “Gospel” tells us we cannot earn God’s favor. This shows us that the “Law” is a mirror of our existence. That is, through the examples of our failures, we begin to understand just how desperately our need for God’s grace, mercy and forgiveness truly is. **When you hear the words: should, must, ought, able, can/cannot, do etc., think words of “Law.”**

The “Gospel” is the free gift of forgiveness. It is the realization that the Triune God is not an Angry Judge, but a Merciful Father. We need not burden ourselves with earning God’s favor by climbing to heaven. God in Jesus Christ came down to us, lived like us, felt like us and chose to die for us. A suffering and death that reconciled us back to the Father! Our guilt brought on by the “Law” that we cannot keep, has been laid upon Christ. Through the power of the resurrection, Christ says to us, your sins are forgiven! As Paul says, “Where O Death is your sting, the grave is my victory!” **When you hear the words: *because of Jesus/Christ, hope, promise, abundant life, grace, mercy, forgiveness, etc.*, think words of “Gospel.”**

Where do we see “Law” and “Gospel” play out? Hopefully, throughout the liturgy. In Confession (Law – “we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves”) and Forgiveness (Gospel – “God, who is rich in *mercy, loved us* even when we were dead to sin). In the Nicene Creed (Gospel – “for us and *for our salvation* he came down from heaven”) and (Law – “under Pontius Pilate [*really by our hands*] he suffered death and was buried”). In the Eucharistic Prayers (Gospel – “You so *loved the world* that you gave your only Son”) and (Law – “we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able”).

My favorite example of “Law” and “Gospel” is from our funeral liturgy. It is the Commendation Prayer that is said while we place a hand on the casket/urn of the one who died. We pray, “Into your hands, O *merciful Savior* (Gospel), we commend your servant ... Acknowledge (Law), we humbly beseech (Law) you, a sheep of your own *fold* (Gospel), a lamb of your own *flock* (Gospel), a sinner (Law) of *your own redeeming* (Gospel). Receive them into the arms of *your mercy* (Gospel), into the blessed rest of *everlasting peace* (Gospel), and into the glorious company of the *saints in light* (Gospel). Amen.

Lutheran Campus Ministry – ALL are Welcome

Classes have now begun! It is time to open up our hands and hearts once again to the college students who will begin attending the worship services and using church space for other functions! LCM is a faithful extension of God’s mission by providing students with an opportunity to grow in their faith with their peers! Consider being a part of LCM’s activities, such as: **Table Talks at 5:30 pm on Wednesday nights (beginning on Sept. 12)** that have a free meal accompanied by conversations about God in our everyday lives; or maybe you might be interested in joining us in the **Cafeteria for Noodles on Tuesday**; certainly of course, there is **worship on Sundays at 8 and 10:30 am** and **adult education class in between services**; If mission trips are your thing we are planning on taking two, a **weekend to Milwaukee Nov. 2-4** and a **weeklong trip over January term!**

Come check us out! Vicar Jonathan Dolan is willing to meet you, where you are on your faith journey! He will be on Campus, at Church or in Platteville for much of the work day on Tuesday – Friday (Mondays are his day off).

SCRIP ORDERS WILL BE COLLECTED on September 2nd.
Thank you for supporting Campus Ministry.

Sunday School 2018-19 is about to BEGIN!

Seeds of Faith:

We Plant the Seed—God Makes It Grow

Joins us on Rally Sunday—**Sunday, September 16**—as we kick off another year of Sunday School for our children, ages 3-6th grade. Sunday School meets in the lower level at **9:15-10:15am**.

Rally Sunday activities will involve working as a whole group alongside parents and adult members of the congregation. As part of *God's Work Our Hands* we will pack school kits and personal care kits. We encourage families to stay for the 10:30 worship service and join in the **congregation picnic at 11:30** which is being organized by the Hospitality Committee. Gary Engelke will man the grill and provide brats and hot dogs. Families should bring a side dish or dessert to share and their own plates/utensils. We will eat outside (weather permitting). They have also planned some picnic games and general fun. All are welcome!

Information letters have been sent to returning Sunday School families. If you have not received a letter and registration form, or if you have any questions, contact Nancy Hammermeister, Sunday School Coordinator, felcsundayschool@gmail.com / 608-778-5218.

Youth News

The youth who participated in the mission trips this past summer sold pizzas to help raise funds to cover the expenses from their trips. They sold 440 pizzas during July and came together on Aug. 11th for a morning of fun to assemble and deliver the pizzas.

Thanks to all who purchased the pizzas and for the support you offered the youth of the congregation. They are looking forward to a new year with plans for monthly activities and a mission trip to serve others next summer.

Confirmation youth and families

Confirmation classes are for youth in the 7th and 8th grade. During the year we will be discussing the Bible and its stories of the early followers of Jesus. We will use Luther's Small Catechism as a resource as we learn about our faith and what it means to be a Lutheran Christian in our world today.

Class will begin on September 19th at 6:30pm in the Love Room. This first night is for parents and youth to discuss the program and expectations for the year. There will be a calendar for the year of classes and activities being planned. You should have received a postcard in the mail. If you have a child in the 7th or 8th grades, please join me on Sept 19th as we start off this new year. Thank you for your support.

Pr Michael

Attn: Parents

As you send your sons and daughters off to school (college/university) would you please give the church office either their mailing address or email so that we can send them the monthly newsletter.

Two of our youth have enlisted in the military and are going through basic training before being assigned to their base. If anyone would like to send a card or letter to Katherine or Holly here are their addresses:

AB Kasper, Katherine F
324 TRS/FLT 682 (Dorm B8)
1320 Truemper St, Unit 362919
JBSA—Lackland, TX 78236-6411

Pvt. Rath, Holly
Delta Co. 31st EN BN
1st ENG BDE
6221 Iowa Ave
Fort Leonardwood, MO 65473

Diakonia classes will be held on Thursday evenings from 6-9 pm beginning September 6th, downstairs in the Love Room.

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

	8:00	10:30
<u>September 2</u>		
Greeters	Dawn Williams, Bruna Addison	Chris & Mark Schlueter
Ushers	Ken & Mary Jo Kramer	Lisa & Alex Hartz
Readers	Jerry Schewe	John Urness
Coffee Hour	Volunteer	
Acolytes	Volunteer	Volunteer
Organist	Ellen Acierno	
<u>September 9</u>		
Greeters	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	Nancy Weigel, Joyce Jones
Ushers	Dick & Mary Doeringsfeld	Pat & Candy Flynn
Readers	Cheryl Schober	Barry Ellis
Communion Assts	Chelle Calvert, Cheryl Schober	Barry Ellis, Curt Kettler
Communion Care	Kathy Udelhofen, Diana Blindert	
Coffee Hour	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	Pat & Candy Flynn
Bread Baker	Cheri Oftedal	
Acolytes	Mary Doeringsfeld	
Organist	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Terri Ellis	
<u>September 16</u>		
Greeters	Bruna Addison, Diana Blindert	Brooke & Joci Grinde
Ushers	John Pulkrabek, Jeff Kliebenstein	Cheri Oftedal, Joyce Jones
Readers	Maxine Lane	Jane Harrison
Communion Assts	Maxine Lane, Louise Brockman	J Harrison, Daniel Swenson
Communion Care	Debbie Short	Dan & Pauline Smith
Coffee Hour	Kathy Udelhofen	Cheri Oftedal, Joyce Jones
Bread Baker	Gary & Eileen Engelke	
Acolytes	Gary Engelke	
Organist	Daniel Wells	Volunteer
	Rebecca Swenson	
<u>September 23</u>		
Greeters	Louise Brockman, Brenda Dalecki	Ken & Jessie Kilian
Ushers	Wayne & Anita Carns	Cheri Oftedal
Readers	Dan Sedgwick	James Swenson
Communion Assts	Chelle Calvert, Pam Stark	Nancy Weigel, Lois Davies
Communion Care	Chris & Wayne Jentz	Amy Barraclough
Coffee Hour	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	Barraclough Family
Bread Baker	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	
Acolytes	Carol Sedgwick, Chelle Calvert	
Organist	Pam Stark, Terry Benn	
	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Terri Ellis	
<u>September 30</u>		
Greeters	Dennis & Suzanne Neuser	Chuck Witz
Ushers	Dale & Cindy Wills	John & Jan Popple
Readers	Dan Sedgwick	Karland Kilian
Communion Assts	Dan Sedgwick, Carol Sedgwick	Debbie Short
Communion Care	S Saager-Bourret, Louise Brockman	Greg & Mary Sieckman
Coffee Hour	Dale & Cindy Wills	John & Jan Popple
Bread Baker	Cindy Martens, Naomi Wells	
Acolytes	Stephanie Saager-Bourret	
Organist	Volunteer	Volunteer
	Mary Baehler	

ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPTEMBER: Chelle Calvert, Melissa Kilian & Kathy Udelhofen

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR

September, 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 10px;"> <p>SCHOOL IS BACK IN SESSION</p>  <p>DRIVE SAFELY</p> </div>				1
<p>2 SCRIP ORDERS DUE</p> <p>8:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship</p>	<p>3 OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 - WMM 9:00 - Cover Girls 4:00 - Busy Hands 5:30—Handchime Workshop 6:30—Choir</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p>	<p>7</p> <p>2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Traci Larson Wedding</p> 
<p>9</p> <p>8:00 - Worship 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30—Book Club 6:30— Children's Choir</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p> <p>6:30—Council & LCW Board Meetings 7:00 - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:00 - Busy Hands 5:30—Chimes 6:30—Choir</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p> <p>6-9 pm— Diakonia Class</p> <p>6:30—Bible Study @ Debbie Short's</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30—Bible Study @ Jessie Kilian's 2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 RALLY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship 11:30— Congregation Picnic</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30—Women's Issues 6:30— Children's Choir</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p> <p>6:30—LCW Bible Study Retreat</p> <p>7:00 - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 - WMM 9:00 - Cover Girls 4:00 - Busy Hands 5:30—Chimes 6:30—Choir/ Confirmation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p> <p>6-9 pm— Diakonia Class</p>	<p>21</p> <p>2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Bill Willis/ Kathy Brockman Wedding</p> 
<p>23</p> <p>8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30— Children's Choir</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p> <p>7:00 - Boy Scouts</p>	<p>26</p> <p>4:00 - Busy Hands 5:30—Chimes 6:30—Choir/ Confirmation</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00— Exercise</p> <p>6-9 pm— Diakonia Class</p>	<p>28</p> <p>2:00 - Muslim Prayer Service</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Klaas Wedding</p> 
<p>30</p> <p>8:00 - Worship 9:15—Sunday School 10:00 - WPVL 10:30 - Worship</p>						

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

LCW Bible Study from Gather Magazine -September Issue
 Turn, turn, turn: A time for faithful repentance
 Session one: Turning to God, time after time

This fall's Bible study focuses on the theme of repentance. What does it mean to repent, and why is repentance important in the life of Christian faith? Over the next three months we will ponder how repentance shapes our relationship with God (September), our relationship with others (October) and how we as a church relate with the world (November). Come and be a part of this meaningful study. The evening group welcomes you on Thursday, September 13th meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Debbie Short's home at 1230 Stans Court or join the morning group on Friday, September 14th at 9:30 a.m. in Jessie Kilian's sewing room at 745 S. Court Street. If you need a ride please call Debbie or Jessie.

There will be a **LCW Evening Retreat** on Tuesday evening, September 18th featuring our Let Us Pray Bible study from June, July and August issues of Gather magazine. **All are welcome!** We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. in the upstairs Fellowship Hall for desserts and beverages. Please come and enjoy sharing these sessions on the paradoxes, the practices and the expressions of prayer. Don't miss this evening of fellowship and learning.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Monday, September 17th--6:30 p.m.
 Jane Harrison's home
 955 Hillcrest Circle.

Our year of study will begin with a potluck at Jane Harrison's home, 955 Hillcrest Circle. After eating we will continue our study of the book "Fierce: Women of the Bible and Their stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation" by Pastor Alice Connor. This month we will be reading "*Song of Song: The Sexy, Sexy bible*" pg. 89-95.

Pastor Connor invites us to view these women as fierce foremothers of the faith. These women's stories are messy, challenging, and beautiful. Plans are to finish the second half of the book this year. Anyone is welcome to join us for fellowship and discussion. Books are still available for purchase. We welcome new members. **If you have any questions, contact Jane at 330-0368. Also call Jane and let her know if you are coming.**



BOOK CLUB

In September we will be discussing Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. It is a memoir about a child born of a white father and black mother in South Africa. His mother always knowing that she could face prison time for up to five years because of having relations with a white man kept Trevor in the house for the first five years of his life. He tells of his life growing up with his mother and grandmother during apartheid and how he was treated differently than other children because of his color. Trevor is a now the *Daily Show Host* using some of his humor in describing his childhood.

The book club will meet on Monday evening in the nursery room at 6:30 on September 10th. Anyone is welcome to attend.

THANK YOU FIRST ENGLISH

I wish to thank all of the parishioners at First English for their kindness, helpfulness and your genuine friendship to me during my 11+-year tenure here as your administrative secretary. It is with a heavy heart that I leave to take care of my grandson as he starts pre-K already and will need someone to get him on the bus each day and be there when he and his sister get off the bus after school. The years seem to go by so fast, so I want to be part of my grandchildren's lives before they move on. I have so enjoyed working here and will miss you all but hope to continue to come to your Holiday Bazaar, Pasty Dinner and whatever else might come up. Continue your good works and God Bless.
 —Kathy Doyle

LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN

LISTENING FOR GOD - WALKING WITH JESUS RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 22

A synod-wide even will be held on Saturday at New Life Lutheran Church, 7564 Cottage Grove Road in Madison. Come spend a day with your sisters in Christ. Free childcare is provided.

Registration with refreshments begins at 8:30. The program starts at 9:30 featuring Carla Stanton, a certified spiritual director trained by the Franciscans in La Crosse. We will learn how to spend time listening to God. Please join us in this restful setting with a labyrinth, prayer garden and walking trails in a country setting.

Registration forms are available on the desk in front of the office or on the bulletin board. They are to be mailed by September 10th. The cost including a box lunch is \$20.00. Make checks payable to Women of the ELCA.

There will be time in the afternoon to go to one workshop. Choices include:

- Prayer Practices and Creative Expression (lead by Deacon Judy Nolde chaplain of Triangle Community Ministry),
- Worshiping through Dance and Movement (Dekorra Lutheran, Poynette piano teacher) or
- Walking, Strength and Balance Activities for Health (led by Ann Ward who has a PhD in exercise physiology and served on the faculty at University of Massachusetts Medical School and University of Wisconsin concentrating on how physical activity improves health).

As an incentive to participate, the LCW pays half the registration fee and also mileage. For more information, and to have a ride, please contact Jane Harrison at 330-0368.

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday, October 21st, as part of the birthday celebration luncheon, Katie Luther will be joining us to talk about life with Martin and the family and share insights on family life 500 years ago. All women are encouraged to join us.

EQUAL EXCHANGE PRODUCTS

The farmers who produce the products thank you for purchasing coffee, tea, cocoa and candy bars. By using this brand you help farmers with low cost loans for improvements and the communities where they live.

We will be ordering again in September and would appreciate your input. Is there a coffee or tea we've missed that you like? Would you be interested in healthy snack bars for your children? Is there a particular candy bar that you prefer (we try to stock more of those). Just drop a note on the secretary's desk with your request. No name necessary. Thanks again for your support of this project.



WHAT'S WORKING IN WISCONSIN

On October 6th the Synod Care for God's Creation team is presenting an event at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Raymond Road in Madison.

The keynote speaker is Joe Parisi, Dane County Supervisor. It will begin at 9:30 a.m and conclude before noon. There will also be a panel discussion with representatives from small businesses, schools, churches, solar homes and others who share their experiences with projects that help the environment.

More information will be in the October newsletter.



Family Promise[®]
of Grant County

The family that we hosted in July graduated from the program on August 1st! At their graduation party, they expressed how thankful they are for Family Promise and all the work that we do. Your work is inspiring to many around us and it is wonderful to know that we are making a difference in the lives of families within our community.

Mark your calendars for our next host week, October 21st-28th and Family Promise's annual fundraiser, "10 Grand in Your Hand" on Thursday, Nov. 15th! Each \$100 ticket gets you dinner for 2 and one entry into the raffle with a 1/10 chance at winning a prize and a 1/250 chance of winning \$10,000! There will be games, a silent auction, and a live pie auction!

Family Promise is an organization that provides support and shelter to families experiencing homelessness in our community. If you would like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Fern Nall (348-5332, f_nall@hotmail.com) or Joci Grinde (608-763-2060, jocigrinde@yahoo.com).

UPDATED FELC WISH LIST

The following is a list of items the council with input from the Infrastructure Team and the LCW along with other individuals. This is not meant to be a complete list but a list which changes to help meet the needs and forward the mission of FELC.

Short term / quick items

- Hymnals (30 @ \$25 each)
- Pew Bibles (75 @ \$15 each)
- High top tables (3 or 4 for upstairs gathering area)
- White boards for Sunday school rooms
- Banners for sanctuary
- Music & mallots for chimes
- Handicapped toilet for the old bathroom

Intermediate term / replacement or prevention items

- Replace Zone furnace & A/C units (3)
- Replace A/C unit for sanctuary
- Sanctuary ceiling fans (3)
- Electronic sign in front of church
- Updating Brides (Love) room
- Updating sound board in Sanctuary
- Video equipment to video services
- Automatic (handicapped) door openers for fellowship hall doors
- Install handicapped toilets in all bathrooms

Long term / capital improvement items

- Covered drop off entry for members
- Shingling pitched roof over Gathering space
- Replace carpeting – starting in high traffic areas (tile, wood, carpet squares?)
- Purchase of solar panels for church
- Remodel south (back parking lot) entrance
- Remodel west end of rental house for storage area
- Columbarium for cremains

September Birthdays



Jenkins, Collins	9/1
Helker, Kay	9/2
Smith, Dan	9/2
Jentz, Wayne	9/3
Kase, Teegan	9/3
Kramer, Kenny	9/4
Andersen, Lauren	9/5
Klinger, Mary Lou	9/5
Sabatos, Katelyn	9/5
Weis, Brandon	9/5
Wills, Darin	9/5
Droessler, Andrea	9/6
Blevins, Sarah	9/7
Kieler, Eric	9/10
Evanoff, Makyla	9/11
Carns, Brenna	9/12
Sieling, Wayne	9/12
Kramer, Logan	9/15
Leyh, Betty	9/15
Mueller, Jason	9/15
Droessler, Caleb	9/16
Moen, Troy	9/17
Schute, Austin	9/17
Schute, Bryce	9/17
Udelhofen, Brandon	9/17
Carns, Wayne	9/18
Pick, Christina	9/20
Puls, Megan	9/20
Sedgwick, Roger	9/20
Oftedal, Katelyn	9/22
Jones, Joyce	9/25
McVay, Barb	9/25
Smith, Ashley	9/26
Smith, Pauline	9/26
Williams, Dawn	9/26
Chace, Susan	9/28
Pick, Emaleigh	9/28



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Mission Statement of FELC

*Called by God, we are Christians
gathered and sent to serve our
church, community and the world in
the name of Christ."*

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Company's Coming

My recipe file box contains several apple cake recipes, but I generally choose to make one of two favorites that I have shared in the past (German Apple Cake--9/12, and Alice's Madrigal Dessert--10/15). When I first read this Apple-Oatmeal Cake recipe in the 2018 Entertain and Celebrate AUTUMN magazine, I marked it as a possibility. A month later I was in the mood for fall baking and decided it was worth a try. Though I will still make my old stand-bys, this is a new favorite. It stands alone with a cup of coffee or as an after school snack, but like anything with apples, it shines with a scoop of vanilla ice cream and a drizzle of caramel sauce, either homemade or from a purchased jar. Another option is to sprinkle the top with cinnamon sugar before baking or to frost with a caramel glaze. With fall in the air and apples for sale everywhere, bake up something yummy for friends and family.

Tastefully yours,
Mary D.

Apple-Oatmeal Cake

1 cup quick-cooking oatmeal
1 cup hot water
½ cup butter or margarine, melted
3 large eggs
1 cup finely chopped Granny Smith apple, peeled or unpeeled
2 cups flour
1 cup white sugar
1 cup packed dark brown sugar
1 tsp baking soda
¼ tsp salt
1 tsp cinnamon
1 cup chopped walnuts
¾ cup finely chopped golden raisins (I prefer Craisins)

In a small bowl, stir together oatmeal, hot water, and melted butter. Allow to stand for 10 minutes. Then in a large bowl, beat oat mixture, eggs, and chopped apple until combined. Combine flour and remaining dry ingredients; gradually add to oat mixture, beating until well combined. Stir in walnuts and raisins/Craisins. Spread batter in a sprayed 9X13 baking pan. Bake for 30-35 minutes in a preheated 350 degree oven. (The cake can also be baked in a bundt pan for approximately 60 minutes; then cool 15 minutes before removing from pan.)