



ESTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

July 2024 Newsletter

"Knowing Christ – Making Christ Known Through Faith, Hope and Love."

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Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS at Esther a success!

Thank you to the parents for bringing your children to hear about the word of God, and thank you to the children for a fun week!



PASTORAL CARE - While we are in transition at Esther, visits to our members will be covered by the Caring Ministry Team. If you or someone you know of would like a visit please contact the church office at 218-338-2171 or secretay@estherlutheran.net.

FOR EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE please contact the church phone number, 218-338-2171, and Mandy Arvidson will notify the pastor on emergency call at that time, which rotates between Pastor Ben Dyrhaug and Deacon Sharon Bridges.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Colleen Burquest

Georgia Hart

Mike Heiser

Dick Thom

Eleanor Thompson

Gary Borst – friend of the Andersons

Barb Burns – sister of Jerry Anderson

Tom Egan – friend of the Townsends

Judy Flemming – mother of Laurie Ratajesak

Ty Hawes – friend of the McDaniels

Woody Hoiseth – friend of the Thoms

Tom Lorine – father of Mandy Arvidson

Ivy McKane – friend of Hagens and Guenthers

Jamison Pogose – nephew of Chuck Pogose

Cindy Rachuy - sister of Dawn Kreidler

Jason Wehking – friend of Esther members

Family and Friends of: Cindy Skoglund, Mary Durling,

Lee Wesolowski, Jen Wintheiser, Merl Farber, Barb

Tvedt, Ernie Hart

Kristy Fyhrie

Scott Hart

Al Pederson

Luella Thom

Ralph Townsend



WORSHIP BY THE WATER will be at Rodney Peterson's home on **Sunday, July 14th**. Worship will begin at 10 am with a potluck

following. A potluck sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Be sure to invite friends, family and neighbors to this annual fun event! There **will not** be worship at Esther this day. Rodney's address is: **13335 County Road 42, Parkers Prairie.**



Caring Ministry will meet on Monday, July 22, at 6 pm at Luella Thom's home. All are welcome – please bring ideas and concerns you may have to help serve our congregation and community.



THANK YOU to the ESTHER YOUTH
for leading our worship on June 30!
A wonderful job with a beautiful message!
Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!
Your congregation loves you and appreciates you!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

07/01 Isaac Grabow	07/01 Carl Moyle
07/03 Axel Vik	07/05 Stan Sanvik
07/07 Amy Jewell	07/09 Rick Arvidson
07/09 Nolan Lenzen	07/13 Abby Burquest
07/13 Deb Koep	07/13 Angie Steele
07/14 Sarah Bunde	07/14 Brian Steele
07/16 Gary Kreidler	07/18 Becky Arvidson
07/18 Nora Stanley	07/18 Katlyn Velde
07/20 Vicky Arvidson	07/20 Kristy Fyhrie
07/21 Cole Steele	07/21 Jon Velde
07/25 Linda Arvidson	07/25 Mike Heiser
07/25 Kad Wehking	07/27 Laura Hagel
07/27 JoAnna Krueger	07/29 Hadlee Sanvik
07/29 Hank Sanvik	07/30 Linda Klimek

SERVING IN JULY

Pastor:

July 7 – Dennis Preston

July 14 – Ken Thiele – Worship by the Water

July 21 – Greg Billberg

July 28 – Lay Led

Organists: Marcia Guenther, Brad Lambrecht

Altar Care: Deb Koep

Communion Assistant: Anna Hagen

Lay Reader: Anna Hagen

Ushers: Mike Lage


Acolyte: NEED VOLUNTEER

Birthday Card Sender: Anna Hagen

Tech Team: Mandy Arvidson, Nancy Bunde, Mike Lage, Jewel Townsend

Birthday Fellowship: Hunter & Kat McDaniel, Bill & Karin Wagner

Faith Lutheran of Miltona and
 Esther Lutheran of Rural Parkers Prairie
 invite you to their



“Pork Chop Dinner”

Friday, July 19th, 2024
 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Faith Lutheran Church
 5500 County Road 14 NE
 Miltona, MN 53654

Adults: \$12.00
 Children: 5 - 10 \$6.00
 Children Under 5: Free

Hot dogs are available for the kids upon request

Community Fellowship Sponsored by:
 Faith Lutheran of Miltona and Esther Lutheran of Parkers Prairie

The joint PORK CHOP FEED is on Friday, July 19, 4:30 to 7:30 pm at Faith Lutheran in Miltona. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table for workers and for making pans of bars for the event. There are also flyers available - please take a few and hang up around the community when you are out and about.



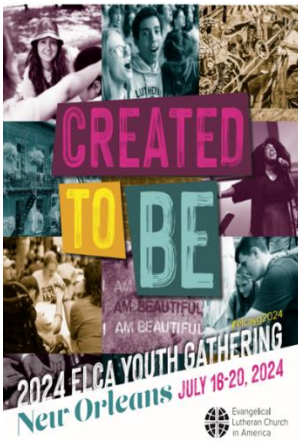
**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 & SERVICE**

Homemade ice cream, pies
 & crafts for sale!!

SUNDAY, JULY 28
 Esther Lutheran Church
 11019 625th Ave • Rural Parkers Prairie
 (9 Miles east of Parkers Prairie, 3 miles north of Rose City)

Church Service: 11am
 (Service moved from 10am to 11am)

Ice Cream Social: 12-5pm



THERE'S STILL TIME TO BE A STOCKHOLDER TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH MEMBERS AND CHAPERONES GOING TO THE ELCA NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING!

Attending the Youth Gathering this year are:

Emma Arvidson	Taya Arvidson
Wyatt Asleson	McKinnely Bosl
Arewen Dobratz	Elora Wagner

Chaperones:

Brady Arvidson	Joan Burquest
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We are needing roughly \$2,000 more to help cover last minute costs. The group is responsible for finding and paying for their own meals while at the gathering, which is their most uncertain cost. If you'd like to support them, the best way to do it is being a stockholder!

Donating \$10+ could get you exclusive Facebook group access through the duration of the trip, a personalized post card from the youth while they are on the trip AND an invitation to the stockholders event after the trip. The youth and chaperones will host a, 1 time only, stockholders event after their return to share their experiences and favorite parts of the trip!

Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to help cover the funds for this once in a lifetime experience for our Youth!

Please be sure to join us for a special blessing for these National Youth Gathering participants at the Worship by the Water service on July 14!

BUILDING OUR FAITH EVENT

Esther Youth ages 7th – 12th grade are invited for an afternoon and evening of FUN at Esther on Wednesday, July 17, 4-8 pm, chaperoned by Anna Hagen and Larry Doll



2024 Proposed Budget	\$124,376.00
Contributions needed per month	\$10,364.67
Contributions needed per week	\$2,391.84
Contributions YTD as of 6/30/24	\$50,522.64
Budget needed YTD	\$62,188.00
YTD Actual Contributions vs.	-\$11,665.36



ESTHER WELCA REPORT July 2024

June 9, 2024, 8:30 am

Call to Order: Luella

Devotions: Luella

Mission: To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Our Purpose: As a community of women, created in the image of God, Called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world.

Secretaries Report: Lana

Treasurers Report: Bev

Savings Account: last time \$ 7,534.21

Checking account: \$ 1,414.37

Ice Cream Social and Country Store: July 28th

Ruth Circle will Make the Ice Cream

Naomi Circle will serve

Martha Circle will do advertising

September 20-21 at Christ the King in Moorhead.. will need voting member to attend. Information received for Annual Convention October 8th Fall Conference Meeting at First Lutheran at Parkers Prairie.

OLD BUSINESS

- Jewel suggested a quarterly project ... 8 x 12 plexi... taped & painted ... still a bunch to be done???
- Donna volunteered to be the Sunshine Committee ... need to let her know if someone in the hospital, sick, or needs a pickmeup etc. She will send out a card.
- Donation to Synod for monies to women studying ministry ... fund created 2 years ago. First \$300 just going out 2023 .. Esther gave. Tabled til later in the year. Another \$675 donated the end of the year. \$975 donated for 4 women \$ 230.40 each received.
- AED is here \$ 2765 for the unit. WELCA paid .. money transfer from savings to checking. We

pledged \$1,000, have other donations of \$600.
Asked congregation for the \$ 1,065 needed yet.
Training will be done after installed.

- Council asked Quilt group to make a quilt for Pastor Scott and Jackey for a farewell gift with the last service being May 26th. We opted to do a quilted wall hanging. Donna had one started she said we could have. Kathy took it and finished it and did hand sewing for the quilting.
- Cups ... for kitchen ... we are taking them ... but unsure how many there are as of yet.
- Water bottles for the family for funeral... we will supply in the future
- Need new Reserved signs ... for family at funerals. Lana ordered and they are here
- Donations by church to Synod.. we have been giving for years \$25 assessment and \$25 for offering to conference gatherings. It was voted to change to \$50 for each going forward.
- Mary Magdalene awards –
- I brought hearts from Conf 6 meeting. Donna looking into how to do them so we can copy for Valentines Day or Easter.
- Voted to only do one time in the Senior Prospective for advertising Ice Cream Social to help with costs.
- Voted to leave prices of Ice Cream social the same as last year.
- We decided to do a couple baskets for the Silent Auction at the Convention in September. Themes will be LAKE & COFFEE BAR. Please bring items to add to the basket.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Look at new design or the ice cream social that Lana had her people design.
- Circles should meet to get started on Ice Cream Social. Cream needs to be ordered early!! Walmart has been the cheapest in the past few years.
- Advertising suggestions
- Anyone have items for the Country Store.. Yvonne has been busy making salsa, towels etc...

OTHER BUSINESS

No meeting in July as we have Worship by the Water, Pork Chop Dinner, & Ice Cream Social with Country Store.

Special notes: Voting member to Annual Convention 2020 is when circles were last moved around ... do again in 2025

- Also have been asked by the WELCA of Faith, if we wanted to participate in the bake sale they are doing during the pork chop dinner. I said I would

send out notice to everyone at Esther and let them know. The profits from this event will go to the Food Shelves, in both Parkers Prairie and Alexandria. They would like someone to help sell as well. If you are interested, will you please let me know ASAP so I can get back to the Faith WELCA group.

Luella Thom, WELCA President

Esther L.C.W. Custard for Ice Cream Recipe

6 eggs, beat lightly in a glass bowl.

Mix in a separate bowl:

2 cups sugar

½ teaspoon salt

3 Tablespoons flour

4 cups milk

****NOTE:** if we all use whole milk, all batches will be the same. Crystallization can happen without enough fat content in the milk.

Added at the church:

1 1/3-quart whipping cream 1 Tablespoon vanilla (we use Mexican vanilla)

Beat 6 eggs lightly with a whisk in a large glass bowl.

Add the sugar/flour mixture alternatively with the milk and eggs whisking together well. Place the glass bowl in the microwave. Set minutes for 15. Whisk every 2-3 minutes until the mixture coats a spoon or becomes the consistency of pudding. (May take more/less than 15 minutes depending on the microwave.

CHILL!!

Circle making ice cream will purchase and add the cream & vanilla. (Take the chilled custard to church at this point.) Mix the chilled custard with 1 1/3 quarts of whipping cream and vanilla. Churn/freeze in an ice cream maker. Serve with toppings. Freeze in freezer containers .



**FLOWERS MAY STAY ON THE GRAVES
AT ESTHER UNTIL JULY 31.**



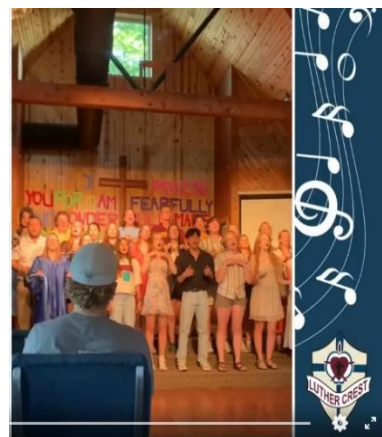
LOOKING AHEAD...

Confirmation Class will start up again with a Meet & Greet Potluck on September 11, for all students and their parents. We are inviting anyone, 7th grade through adult, who would like to be a part of the class, whether you have already had Confirmation instruction or not. If you are interested in having your child or yourself in class, please contact Larry Doll or Jewel Townsend.



Join us for Luther Crest Summer Fest! The purchase of a \$20 ticket will gain you entry to so many camp favorites such as zip lining, lunch in the dining hall, swimming at our staffed beach, arts and crafts, camp tours, and of course access to our live auction! All proceeds from this event, including ticket sales, will go toward our Campership program which ensures all campers can attend a week of camp without worry of financial constraints. Join Luther Crest in making summer camp accessible to all!

Visit <https://event.auctria.com/0061f50a-6d10-421a-93ae.../> to purchase tickets, register to bid, and more!



The Luther Crest Staff Musical is every Thursday (through Aug. 8) at 7 pm in the Chapel. Open to the public, free of charge. Enjoy an evening filled with a fun story, great songs and lots of energy!

Luther Crest Golf Scramble

Monday August 5th, 2024

Golf to support the camp you love!
Registration is now open for Luther Crest's 23rd annual Golf Scramble at the Lake Miltona Golf Club.

Individual Ticket: \$125 / Foursome: \$500

Ticket includes: Sack lunch, Dinner, Cart, 18 holes of golf, Donation, and Games and Prizes!

Schedule of Events

- 11:30 AM Check In/ Sack Lunch/ Purchase Raffle and Mulligans
- 12:30 PM Prayer and Announcements
- 1:00 PM Shotgun Start
- 5:00 PM Dinner/ Prizes/ Awards



Scan the QR code to visit charitygolftoday.com/luthercrest to register, purchase sponsorships, raffles, and mulligans, and more! Email maureenw@luthercrest.org with questions.

If you would like to be added to our email list, please contact secretary@estherlutheran.net

Visit our website at estherlutheran.com

Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/estherlutheran/

We encourage you to keep up on the happenings of our synod and the ELCA, along with our partner ministries, by going to our website www.estherlutheran.com and clicking on the "Faith Formation Resources" tab to find many great resources waiting for you to explore, including our synod newsletter "Northern Lights".

SPECIAL THANK YOU

We want to send out a special "thank you" to everyone that helped for Ernie's funeral. We had a record number of helpers, and with the large number of guests and the extra tables to set up and take down outside and by the offices, the extra help was greatly needed and appreciated. Thank you to everyone who helped set up ahead of time, to all who provided cakes and bars, to those who came early to prepare the food, to all who served during the meal, and to everyone who was able to stay and help clean up. The special time of fellowship as we serve together to honor those who have passed, by serving and caring for their families and guests, is sacred time in the body of Christ.



**Ernest
"Ernie" G.
Hart**
**April 9, 1939 —
June 29, 2024**

Ernest G. "Ernie" Hart, age 85, of Parkers Prairie, passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 29, 2024, at his home following a short illness.

Funeral services are 11 a.m., Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Esther Lutheran Church in Eastern Township, rural Parkers Prairie with Rev. Stephen Streed officiating. Music is provided by Marcia Guenther. Interment will take place at the church cemetery.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m., on Monday, July 1, at Lind Family Funeral Home in Alexandria and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church.

Ernest Gottlieb Hart was born on April 9, 1939, to Henry and Esther (Brockopp) Hart in Parkers Prairie. He was baptized and confirmed at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Parkers Prairie. Ernie attended Country school through the eighth grade and attended Alexandria Public School for ninth grade. Following his education, Ernie farmed with his family and at the age of 17, began his professional career driving semi-trucks and transporting livestock. Later, he purchased his own Can Milk Trucks and began hauling milk for the Rose City Creamery. Ernie met his future bride, Georgia Davis, while dancing at the Clarissa Ballroom. They were united in marriage on April 15, 1961, at Salem Lutheran Church in North Minneapolis. Following their marriage, they purchased and lived on the Hart family farm. They later relocated to the Twin Cities where Ernie worked for SuperValu, while visiting and working the farm on weekends. Ernie and Georgia returned home to the farm after five years, and he continued his job at SuperValu for a time. He then began working for Dahlen Trucking, hauling gasoline and for Midland Coop. Ernie worked for Utopia Tours as a driver for 25 years and in 2009, he, Georgia, and their son, Ricky started their own business, Hart Travel. They traveled throughout the United States and Canada, driving until he was 78 years old. The only state he missed driving to was Hawaii, and only because there

wasn't a bridge. He was a member of Esther Lutheran Church, Prairie Eagle Saddle Club, American Dairy Association, and American Milk Producers Inc., where he served on the board. Ernie was known for roasting hogs for many events and also for friends and family. He enjoyed playing Santa Claus at Christmas, time spent at the cabin on Lake Miltona, in his younger years square dancing, and was a big 4-H and FFA supporter.

He was preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother; and brother, Donovan.

Ernie is survived by his wife of 63 years, Georgia; four children, Lisa (Todd) Wunderlich of Parkers Prairie, Scott (Christy) Hart of Eagle Bend, Ricky (Jill Klimek) Hart of Parkers Prairie, and Shelly (John) Hoppe of Miltona; 12 grandchildren, Alicia (Brandon) Kruse, Michael (Rachel) Wunderlich, Nancy (Tanner) Reinhardt, Nolan (Kirstin) Hart, Susan Hart, Orran Hart, Mercedes (Jon) Doucette, Nick Klimek, Chelsey (Jordan) Petron, Samantha Hoppe, Bobby Hoppe, and Joseph Hoppe; seven great-grandchildren, Thea and Cord Reinhardt, Wesley Kruse, Kolton and baby girl Wunderlich, Henry and Brooke Doucette; sister, Marie (John) Schultz of Miltona; sister-in-law, Shirley Hart of Miltona; five nephews and one niece.



ST. WILLIAM'S

**TIPS FOR
PLANNING AHEAD
AS YOU AGE!**

July 30, 2024

10:00AM

First Lutheran
309 S. Otter Ave Parker Prairie .

☒ Independent Living

☒ Assisted Living

☒ Senior Housing

☒ Long Term Care

☒ Health Care Directives

☒ Power of Attorney



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 4-8 pm – Visitation for Ernie Hart at Lind's in Alex	2 11 am – Ernie Hart Funeral 6:30 pm – Council meets w/Bishop Tesch	3	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship before and after worship 10 am - Worship w/Communion 2 pm - Worship at St. Williams	8	9 6:30 pm – Call Committee meets	10 6 pm - Choir practice at Rodney Peterson's home	11	12	13
14 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost 10 am - Worship by the Water at Rodney Peterson's home Potluck after worship (there will not be service at Esther) 2 pm - Worship at St. Williams	15	16	17 4-8 pm – Building Our Faith Event for Esther Youth at church	18	19 4:30-7:30 pm Pork Chop Feed	20
21 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost Fellowship before and after worship 10 am - Worship w/Communion Coffee Fellowship after worship 2 pm - Worship at St. Williams	22 6 pm – Caring Ministry meets at Luella Thom's home	23	24	25	26	27
28 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost 11 am – Worship 12-5 pm – Ice Cream Social and Country Store 2 pm - Worship at St. Williams	29	30	31 Newsletter articles due to the church office			

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