**Why we sing** *Crashing Waters at Creation* is to remember that God's Spirit moves through the waters of Scripture as a force of creation, liberation, and new life. Sylvia Dunstan draws on three biblical moments: the Spirit moving over the waters at creation, the waters of the Red Sea parting to free Israel from slavery, and the waters of Jesus' baptism revealing the presence of the Holy Spirit. The final stanza turns to the promise of "living water" that God offers to quench our thirst and make us whole. The stanza is inspired by the work of Miriam Therese Winter. As we sing, we remember that the God who brought life from the waters of creation and freedom through the waters of the sea continues to work through the Spirit, leading us from bondage toward new life.

**GriefShare is** held on Monday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:45 pm at the Ecumen Meadows. You are welcome to join at any time.

**CHOIR ANTHEM: Make My Life a Living Prayer (Aaron David Miller; Augsburg)**
*Make my life a living prayer.*
*May I flourish in your sight.*
*Make my life a living prayer.*
*Where there is truth and wisdom, there is love.*
*I am known to you in times of sickness.*
*I am known to you in times of feebleness.*
*I am known to you in times of darkness.*
*I am known to you in times of loneliness.*
*You are endless truth, endless wisdom, Love beyond all fear.*

**Pancake & Omelets Breakfast**
**Sunday, October 4th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**
**Worthington Fire Hall – 830 2nd Ave., Worthington**
Freewill Donation, Open to Everyone!
This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy a great breakfast, and support the Worthington Fire Department.

***First Lutheran Church* – ELCA**
**1200 4th Avenue - Worthington, MN 56187**
Ministers: All baptized members – Jeanette McCormick, Pastor
**Web Site:** felcwgtn.org & **Email:** felcwgtn@gmail.com
**October 4, 2026** – Rescue at the Sea (* = please stand)

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*GATHERING SONG — ELW 455, "Crashing Waters at Creation"
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PSALM 114 (Red Bible p. 491)
CHILDREN'S SERMON
BIBLE BLESSING/PRESENTATION
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p. 142) — "Alleluia"
*GOSPEL: Matthew 2:13-15 (Red Bible p. 784)
SERMON — Pastor Jeannette
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## SUNDAY SERVANTS

**ASSISTING MINISTER/LECTOR** Lonnie Myrom
**ACOLYTE:** Kinsley Neugebauer
**SOUND:** Pat Demuth
**POWERPOINT:** Pam Fleming
**PIANIST:** Eric Parrish
**CHOIR DIRECTOR:** Eric Parrish
**VAN DRIVERS:** 10-4 Matt Russell (360-5835)
10-11 Daren Bauman (360-9275)
**GREETER:** Lonnie & Nancy Myrom
**LIVESTREAM:** Debbie Koob
**COFFEE:** Doug & Julie Christensen & Diane Sletten

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Attendance

Attendance Last Sunday: 65 Attendance a year ago: 91
Attendance Last Wednesday: 20 Livestream: 367

**Members**: Gary Frodermann, Ardys Jacobson, Grace McGaughey, Laura Christensen, Bob Benson, Linda Towne, Mike Vosburgh, Logan Waldner, Shirley Frisch, Erin Schutte-Wadzinski, Wadzinski Family, Leroy Merkel, Alvin Kuehl, Dennis Zierke, Kathy Summers, Glenda Lais, Val Veen, Zach Kempema, Gayle Huehn, JoAnn Kruse, Charlene Wachter, Marilyn Frisch, Julie & Denny Christensen
**Members in Nursing Homes:** Joan Tofteland
**Members in Care Facilities**: Jean Black, Rosann Boots, Karen Lewis, Jean Bender
**Family Members & Friends:** Gordy Moore, Brad Milbrath (son of Vickie Milbrath), Bishop Charles Anderson, Mikeayla Engidaw, Connie Ness (friend of Vickie Milbrath), David King (friend of Kevin & Pam Fleming), Verna Hill, (mother of Mary Ingenthron), Avrey Smith (brother of Austin Peters-Smith), Aaron & Amy Koob (nephew of Dale & Debbie Koob), Rita Knutson, Wendy Frodermann (family of Eric & Lisa Milbrath), Rachael Felske (granddaughter of Karen Buchman), Suzy Wilson (cousin of Gayle Huehn), Ken Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing and Nancy Hellstrom), Vickie Bierman (sister of Lisa Waldner), Darlene Vaala (grandmother of Tiffany Neugebauer), Debbie Schannaw (daughter of Gayle Huehn), Rick Nunes (brother of Pat Elsing & Nancy Hellstrom), Kelly Reeves & family (Friend of Lisa Waldner), Maghan Fleming (Daughter-in-law of Kevin & Pam Fleming, Mark Richards, Joe Christensen (son of Nora Leinen & Gene Christensen), Butch Zeiner (Valerie Veen's brother), Josh Hansen (Mary Ingenthron's son)
**Our service men and women and Love INC**

## FELC SCHEDULE FOR October 5-11, 2026

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| Monday – 5 | 9:00AM | Bulletin Deadline |
| | 3:15-4:45PM | GriefShare @ Ecumen Meadows |
| Tuesday – 6 | 7:30AM | Early Risers Bible Study |
| Wednesday – 7 | 4:00-5:15PM | KFC (Kids for Christ) |
| | 5:15PM | Meal |
| | 6:00PM | Worship |
| | 6:30PM | Property Team |
| | 6:30-8:15PM | Confirmation |
| | 6:30PM | Sanctuary Choir |
| | 7:15PM | Youth Group |
| Thursday – 8 | | |
| Friday – 9 | | Pastor's Sabbath Day |
| Saturday – 10 | | |
| Sunday – 11 | 8:00AM | Grace Lutheran Worship |
| | 8:45AM | Sunday School |
| | 9:30AM | Worship – Covenant & Commandments |

**Radio Broadcast Sponsor:** In honor of Pat & Lynette's Anniversary.
(Service time is 8:00 am on the radio 104.3 FM.)

**Join us Wednesdays** at 6 pm in the sanctuary for "The Psalms: Hope for Real People." We'll gather around the words of the Psalms and discover the joys, questions, struggles, and everyday moments of life, with our *Peace of the Prairie* liturgy.

**ATTENTION**: There are sign-up sheets in Centennial Hall to help in different ministries of the worship service. If you are interested in assisting with being coffee servers, greeters, computer assistant, assisting minister/lector, sound, Livestream, van driver or ushering, please sign on the sheets as to which ministries you are able to assist with. If you are currently serving, please sign up again so we know that you are still interested in serving. Thank You!

## Evangelism Team Projects

**Christian Growth Goal:** *We see ourselves as missionaries and our church as an evangelical congregation. In an effort to meet our Christian Growth Goal, the Evangelism Team is leading the following projects.*

**Operation Christmas Child Boxes:** Shoeboxes are an expression of God's love to a child and are sent throughout the world. Boxes are packed with school supplies, personal care items and new toys. This is an ongoing project and several items have been collected. The following are items still needed to fill boxes to meet our goal of 50 boxes to be packed on Sunday, November 8. socks

- stuffed animals
- pencils
- toy cars
- small toys: yo-yo, slinky, puzzles, balls, games
- reusable dinner ware: plates, cutlery, glasses, water bottles
- Wow items: dolls, soccer ball with pump, friction vehicles
- Cash: shipping postage and Gospel Booklet, $10/box

**The Coat Closet:** The Coat Closet opens on October 1. Winter coats and warm boots are an ongoing need in our community. We are prepared to meet those needs due to abundant donations received since March of this year. However, we anticipate a need for additional men's small coats and youth coats sizes 8-16. With a storeroom available, donations will be accepted throughout the season, and we will be prepared when the temperature drops and the snow arrives.

**MN West Student Food Cupboard:** MN West College had established a food cupboard located by the Administrative Offices, Worthington Campus. The purpose is to provide easy to prepare food items for MN West students. We have donated a portion of our March Food Drive to this effort. As students return, the cupboard needs to be frequently restocked. We will be collecting the following items during October to support the college students' needs.

- mac and cheese
- pasta kits
- instant potatoes
- can vegetables
- canned fruit
- protein bars
- tuna
- breads
- other nutritious snacks and easy prep meals