



THE PARISH NEWS



January, 2017

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**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION/
ARTICLES DEADLINE is 20th of each month.**

Our Mission. . . "Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."

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Happy New Year!

As we begin a new year I am drawn once again to passages in God's Word that talk about "new things". Passages like this one from Isaiah 43:19, "*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?*" And also this one from Revelation 21:5, "*And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."*

Though we may not like to admit it, the fact is we all have areas in our lives that could have some newness infused into it, even if no one else sees it or knows it. Perhaps it is our health, or jobs, or family life. Perhaps it is our relationship to our Lord. Perhaps it is in our personal lives. Now sometimes we make a quest for something new in our lives into a "New Year's Resolution." This is something that most often requires will power, maybe even extreme will power on our part. And most of the time we honestly don't do very well with New Year's resolutions.

What the above verses are suggesting is that we take those areas in our lives that need something new in them and lay them at the feet of our Lord. If we really want something to be new we can't rely on ourselves. But our Lord does have the power to changes things for the better in our lives. So let's look to him.

Then, when we realize that something has changed what we can do as Psalm 98:1 says. "*Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!*" Hopefully, prayerfully that will become a refrain throughout the New Year.

May God bless the New Year for you!

See you at worship!

Pastor Erik Johnson



2017 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

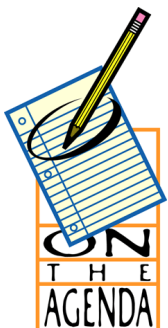
11:45 AM

Soup, Bread, Salad, Fruit & Bars
(Served by the Church Council)

Annual meeting follows the meal



If you are a confirmed member of First Lutheran, you are considered a voting member and encouraged to attend this meeting to show your support of your church.



- We will look back at 2016 and forward into 2017
- Adopt a 2017 Budget
- Elect new representatives to serve on the council
- Thank those leaving the council
- Welcome new council members



DECEMBER 12, 2016

- President Wade Boeshans called the meeting to order.
- Members Present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Wade Boeshans, Brent Petersen, Kathy Keller, Maybell Job, Brenda Suckow, also present was Jeannette Rost. Absent: Alyson Teigen, Clark Pochant, Donna Sommer, Suzanne Swanson
- Pastor Erik led in devotions about important Bible teachings people should know.
- Kathy/Brent moved to approve the November minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- Maybell/Brenda moved to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of accounts as of December 12, 2016 is as follows:

Checking	12,442.49
Building	57,942.76
Cemetery	1,067.40
Interest	1,423.46
Music	640.00
Parking Lot	28,843.12
Worship	1,649.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$116,001.19

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Hospital Visits: 1
- Home Visits: 2
- Pastoral Acts:
 - * Funeral for Dalton Miller – 11/26/2016
 - * Baptism: Jayden Sheldon – 12/04/2016
- Vacation Sunday – January 8th – Rick Richard will fill in

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- Raise the Roof balance: \$30,614.75
- Wade suggested taking down the roof with numbers and going with some other approach to raise the rest of the roof money. Kathy will talk to Alyson.

WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

- No report in Suzanne's absence

EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- Brenda had nothing to report

EVANGELISM – Maybell Job

- The committee met last week
- Candy canes will be handed out after the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services.
- They are going to donate \$140 to the youth group for pizza day.
- They would like to do a pay-it-forward and pay for someone's laundry at the K&D laundry mat one day a month. Would like to have some kid's books there to read to the kids that day if there are any there.
- Sheila Link will head 3 Days of Prayer to be held on January 3-5. Sheila will meet with Pastor Erik and plan the event.

PROPERTY – Clark Pochant

- In Clark's absence Wade reported that Clark is working on getting updated quotes for the roof.

Old Business

- We have \$1,475.50 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Annual Meeting will be held January 29th. Start with meal at 11:45 am, meeting follows. All reports for the annual meeting booklet need to be in the church office no later than January 13.
- Maybell/Brent moved to send 4th quarter benevolences to the following. Motion approved.
 1. Relief Missions - \$250 to Disaster Response Fund of the NALC
 2. World Hunger - \$125 to Kids Against Hunger
 3. Global Missions - \$375 to Friends of Madagascar Mission
 4. US/Local Missions - \$375 to Salvation Army
- The nominating committee has all positions filled.

New Business

- Budget

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TRANSFER REQUESTS

Transfers In:

- None

Transfers Out:

- None

Next meeting will be held Thursday, January 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Brent/Kathy moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Jeannette Rost
Administrative Secretary



Please have all committee reports for the annual meeting booklet to the church office by noon on January 13, 2017.

Drop them off at the office or email them to flc@westriv.com. Email is preferred.

Annual booklets will be ready to pickup by January 22, 2017 to look over before the annual meeting on January 29, 2017.



Jayden Jonathan Sheldon
Baptized December 4, 2016

Leslie, Jonathan & Jayden Sheldon



Laynie Rayee Huston
Baptized December 18, 2016

Tonya Price, Jerrad & Laynie Huston

Friendly Reminder

Reverse Advent Calendar baskets are to be brought to the church by January 6, 2017 (12th day of Christmas) to be delivered to McLean Family Resource Center.

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

“No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us.” Philippians 3:13-14 Living Bible. What a great verse for the New Year! Let us really focus on what lies ahead in 2017 and push hard to show the love of God to everyone in hopes that they will know Him and receive His eternal reward as well!

Thank you, thank you, thank you to those who have contributed to Pizza Day. We greatly appreciate your donation. The weather kept us from holding Pizza Day on the first Wednesday. Even doing it the Wednesday before Christmas Break we had 28 youth attend! During the winter months we have decided that anytime the weather is below 5°, with or without wind chill, we will push Pizza Day to the following Wednesday.

This summer FLY will be traveling to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to team up again with Next Step Ministries for our mission trip. We will be repairing and updating homes on the reservation with other youth from around the country. We will have a parent meeting on Sunday, January 8th at 7:00 pm. Registration will close the end of January/early February. That leaves plenty of time for FLY members to earn more attendance points to help bring down their registration fees. For information on the point system, please check out our FB page or call Laura 315-0212.

We still have calendars available! Just ask any FLY member or Laura!

Here's a few dates to jot down:

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| January 4 th | Pizza Day |
| January 8 th | Parent/Student Mission trip meeting 7:00 pm |
| January 13 th | Lock-in 9:00 pm |



FLY members busy preparing brunch for after the Sunday School Christmas Program.

- If we don't teach our youth to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to. -



During the LCMC Three Days of Prayer event, each member of the First Lutheran Church congregation is invited and encouraged to dedicate time for prayer.

Our attitude toward prayer has often been characterized by saying, *“well, all we can do now is pray!”* Prayer is not the hopeless act of desperation. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to her parents sharing concerns, victories, defeats and every part of life. It is an opportunity to express the deepest heartache and the greatest joy. Prayer is a conversation between the Creator and the created...and the conversation began with God, for us, in Christ Jesus.

The 2017 theme for FLC’s Three Days of Prayer is **“SEEK MY FACE.”**

“SEEK MY FACE” is a reference to Psalm 27:8 where the Psalmist wrote, ***“You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, Lord, do I seek.”*** (as written in the ESV Bible Translation)

A brochure and additional prayer resources will be provided at Sunday morning worship on January 1st. **This year you will establish your own quiet time and place for prayer.** No special meetings or other prayer-day events are scheduled in the church. However, if you prefer to come to the church to pray, doors will be open throughout the day until about 5:30 in the evening.

“The Bible is full of exhortations for us to be seeking the face of God. God loves to spend the time with us, and we need the time with Him. Misconceptions and faulty thinking are realigned in the power of His face. A Christian is never distant from joy in their lives when they have spent regular time looking at God’s face. Take time now and seek His face.”

...Prayer Coach, Kevin Shorter <http://prayer-coach.com>

TWENTY GUIDELINES FOR EFFECTIVE PRAYER

*From Prayer Changes Everything
by Bennie Mostert, Carpe Diem Publishers*

1. Persevere in prayer (Luke 18:1)
2. Pray with confidence (Hebrews 4:16)
3. Resist the Devil (James 4:7)
4. Allow God to work (Psalm 37:5)
5. Pray specifically (Phil. 4:19 and 4:6)
6. Pray in Jesus name (John 4:13-14)
7. Pray in faith (Mark 11:22-24)
8. Pray according to God's promises (2 Corinthians 1:20)
9. Don't dictate to God (Isaiah 55:8-9)
10. God is almighty (Ephesians 1:19-21)
11. Pray according to God's will (1 John 5:14-15)
12. Pray with expectation (Jeremiah 33:3)
13. Praise and thank God for answers (Psalm 11)
14. Obey God and live a holy Life (1 John 3:21-22)
15. Confess – Part from all conscious and un-confessed Sin (Proverbs 28:9,13)
16. Pray fervently - earnestly (James 5:16)
17. Pray from your position of authority in Christ (Ephesians 2:6)
18. Saturate your prayers in praise and worship (Romans 11:33-36)
19. Wait upon the Lord so that He can answer you (Isa. 40:31; Psalm 145:15)
20. Be honest with God in your prayers; do not try to hide things or misrepresent things to God (Psalm 139:23-34)

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”
...Martin Luther

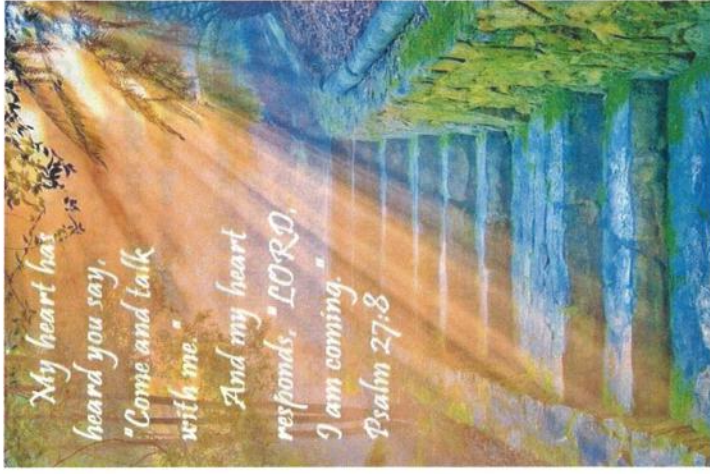
OBSTACLES TO PRAYER

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Listed below are a few reasons your prayer life may be hindered or may feel unproductive:

1. Conscious unconfessed sins (Psalm 66:18; Isaiah 59:1-2)
2. Idolatry – occult involvement (Ezekiel 14:3)
3. Stingy and covetous (Proverbs 21:13; 1 Timothy 6:10)
4. Unbelief and doubt (John 16:9; James 1:6-8)
5. Unforgiveness and bitterness (Matthew 6:14-15)
6. A wrong attitude toward your spouse (1 Peter 3:7)
7. Haughtiness and pride (James 4:6)
8. Selfish motives in prayer (James 4:3)
9. A critical spirit (Matthew 7:1; Romans 14:10)
10. Ingratitude (1 Thessalonians 5:18)
11. When you neglect to make restitution (Leviticus 6:4-5)
12. Love for the world and worldliness (1 John 2:15)
13. When you do not pray in Jesus' name (John 14:14)
14. When you do not pray according to the will of God (1 John 5:14)

*“Seek My Face” materials were adapted from information provided on Jericho Walls International Prayer Network.
www.jwipn.com*



SEEK MY FACE

3 Days of Prayer

January 3 - 5, 2017

First Lutheran Church

Tuesday, January 3

DAY OF CONFESSION

SEEK HIS FACE through calling on the name of the LORD

Prayerfully review Bible references:

- The God, the Source of all steadfastness and encouragement (Romans 15:5)
- Compassionate and merciful God (Exodus 34:6)
- El-Shaddai - the All-sufficient; Satisfier (Genesis 17:1)
- Yahweh-Jireh - God shall provide;
- Yahweh-Ropheka - the Lord who heals you (Exodus 15:26)
- Yahweh-Shalom - the Lord gives rest; the Lord is peace (Psalm 35:27)
- The Lord of the whole world (Micah 4:13)
- Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life (John 14:6)
- Christ the Power and Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24)
- The Lamb that was slain (Rev. 5:12)
- Christ the Hope of glory (Col. 1:26)
- The Spirit of: Liberty, Insight, Counsel and Strength, Knowledge and Fear of the LORD (Isaiah 11:2)

SEEK HIS FACE by praying for personal revival and renewal

Prayerfully consider these questions:

- Have I been giving thanks and praise in all things?
- Is there any un-confessed sin in my life?
- Do I harbor un-forgiveness or bitterness?
- Are there any doubtful practices or activities in my life?
- Am I obeying the Holy Spirit promptly in all things?
- Am I confessing Jesus name unashamedly?

Wednesday, January 4

DAY OF PETITION

SEEK HIS FACE for unsaved families, friends or individuals

Identify specific individuals by name:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

Pray for their salvation. Ask God to bless them (spiritually, socially, and emotionally). Then pray for their felt needs.

SEEK HIS FACE for His glory to be revealed in and for the church

Identify specific needs of our church:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

For churches and congregations:

- to be restored as houses of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7, Matthew 21:13)
- to fulfill the Great Commission – taking the gospel to all nations (Matt. 28:19-20)
- to fulfill the Great Commandment – reaching out in acts of love to their communities (Matt. 22:37-40)
- to be faithful to His WORD
- to restore relationships and create unity within/between churches

SEEK HIS FACE through watching, listening, and by praying the Word

Ask the LORD:

- to reveal the things He wants you to notice and pay attention to
- to reveal His will, strategies and plans
- to reveal what to focus on and pray for
- to speak to you through the scripture you read every day

Thursday, January 5

DAY OF VISION

SEEK HIS FACE for His intervention and guidance for global challenges

- Health pandemics, immorality, sexual perversion and prostitution
- Poor and needy people, injustices, harmful acts and deeds
- Corruption on all levels
- The persecuted church in many nations
- Wars, bloodshed, ethnic violence, refugees, and the lost (unbelievers)
- The abuse and exploitation of women, children, and abortion
- Racism, radical hatred, and ethnic pride
- Witchcraft, idolatry and Satan's influence

SEEK HIS FACE for other nations

Identify specific nations:

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____

- for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on their churches
- for a missions awakening in local churches, reaching the unreached with the Gospel (Mark 16:15-19)
- for many more committed disciples
- for the coming of God's peace and glory to countries and nations; that God will bless and heal them
- for governments and leaders to submit to the Lordship of Jesus as the King of Kings (Isaiah 49:7)

SEEK HIS FACE

- for Washburn's churches and pastors
- for the youth and their teachers
- for our economy, employers, & workers

FLCW NEWS

January, 2017

Executive Board:

Sonja Bergstedt
Cathy Sheldon

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Sylvia Thompson

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Arlene Schwarz
Sylvia Thompson

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Kathy Keller
Norma Petersen

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Community:

Kathy Keller (Meals on Wheels)
Alli Sheldon (Goodies From
the Heart)

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks
Mary Schulz

**Growth (Confirmation &
Graduation Tea and 3rd
Grade Bibles):**

Kathryn Johnson
Donna Gunderson

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Deb Wisdom
Nancy Fuchs
Linda Zeller

Kuchen, Lefse, etc.:

Sylvia Thompson
Donna Kroll
Ruth Borlaug

Library:

Sharon Chrest
Sande Wagner
Sheila Link
Norma Petersen
Arlene Schwarz
Vivian Merkel

Prayer Chain Chairmen:

Sande Wagner
Arlene Schwarz
Norma Petersen

Receptions/Bulletin Board**Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

Service Secretary:

Sharon Chrest

Thank you to Sande Wagner for her many years as co-chairperson for the FLCW! She has always dedicated herself to all of the activities and projects for the women of our church. She will be missed as co-chair but we know she will still be involved in many ways.

And **welcome to Cathy Sheldon** as the new co-chairperson for FLCW! Cathy has so much to offer in this position – so we are excited that she has accepted this calling to serve our church women.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **Advent Breakfast** in December. It was an enjoyable Advent program preparing us for the Christmas season.

January Events:

- * **Meals On Wheels** – Kathy Keller, chairperson
- * Tuesday, January 17th – 7:00 pm - **General Meeting** with a presentation by Hope Manor and the Ruth Meiers Home. Group 3 will serve.
- * Sunday, January 29th – **Executive Meeting** immediately following church.

2017 Booklets will be in your mailboxes soon. Make sure to check them out since we are making some changes with the work group names.

“In Jesus we have the greatest joy....the sweetest peace....the highest hope.”
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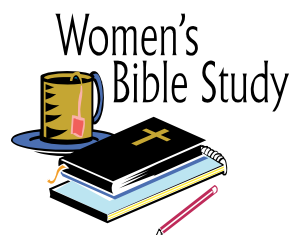
Sonja Bergstedt and Cathy Sheldon, Co-Chairs

Hannah Bible Study

January 17, 2016

2:00 PM

Marlene Slagg's

**Deborah Bible Study**

January 19, 2017

9:30 AM

At the Church

Mary Ann Beeks &
Helen Samuelson Host

Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.

FLCW GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2017
7:00 PM

Presentations by Hope Manor & Ruth Meiers Home

Welcome home, to the place where your story will begin. It is the primary and only mission of Hope Manor to provide a secure and stable place for the recovering alcoholic/addict to get sober. Our message speaks to the power of recovery to change lives, and we offer evidence that suffering can be eliminated and life can be full of purpose and meaning. The foundation of our new life in recovery is rigid honesty, service to others and personal responsibility. At Hope Manor we freely share the tools and methods of our common success, living life sober one day at a time.



Please join us and bring a friend to hear their stories!

ADVENT BREAKFAST 12-3-2016



Thank you to everyone that helped out with the program, Donna Gunderson for decorating, work group 2 for serving the brunch and everyone one that came.

STEWARDSHIP CENSE



“ See that you also excel in this grace of giving”

This verse from 2 Corinthians 8:7 lets us know that giving is rooted in the love of God. We have just come through a tumultuous month of December with all its storms and missed school days and missed appointments. I wonder sometimes if God thinks perhaps we need such days to remind us that He remains in control. It maybe gives us more of a chance to think on the importance of the birth of His son and what His coming to earth means for us all.

Even with all the delays and confusion, I read about two remarkable gifts of true stewardship, i.e. selfless giving. In Tennessee, a remarkable lady by the name of Dolly Parton, took it upon herself to give a \$1,000 check to each family affected by the terrible fires that took many homes and their family members. I ask myself why, and the answer becomes clear - she truly understands the meaning of true stewardship. Her giving is rooted in her love of the Lord!

On a more local level, a Washburn boy saw a need in one of our classrooms. He immediately wanted to fill it by giving of his own hard earned money to help a child get milk for the month. In the process he inspired others to raise enough money to pay for milk for this child and others for the rest of the year. Such selfless giving is surely the true mean-

ing of stewardship in God’s eyes and another example of giving being rooted in the love of God.

Now we come to the third example of true stewardship, which is your generous and selfless giving to our Raise the Roof campaign. To have given over half of what will be needed for our roof in the span of one year, is again an act of true stewardship, i.e. that giving which is rooted in the love of our Lord!

How many more of these gracious acts will we see in the new year? I know there will be many! Let’s all watch for them and thank our Lord for putting these wonderful people in our lives! Please thank them if you can and pray for them to continue their selfless love of giving!

As of this month, because we are more than aware that all giving is truly rooted in the love of God, we are at \$31,474.75 in our raise the roof campaign. God be Praised!

I wish for you all a blessed and happy new year. As always, remember to keep in mind to always use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace.

Yours in good stewardship
Kathy Keller
Stewardship Trustee

As of December 25, 2016:

Our envelope giving is \$191,916.00 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00.

The plate giving is \$6,857.99 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00.

“Raise the Roof” balance is \$31,474.75

Thank you for your giving.



JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

1 - Brad Sheldon Family
8 - Tom Sheldon, Tyge Sheldon
15 -
22 -
29 - Brad & Cathy Sheldon

ACOLYTES

1 - Ellie Schmidt & Caitlin Scheresky
8 - Preston Hinson & Armani Martinez
15 - Tristan Allery & Dawson Erber
22 - Preston Beckman & Karter Hansen
29 - Preston Hinson & Braydon Kraft

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

1 - Dean Bergstedt
15 - Kristi Jaeger

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

1 - Sonja Bergstedt
8 - Suzanne Swanson
15 - Sharon Nelson
22 - Sharon Nelson
29 - Aaron Vorland

ALTAR CARE

Brent & Theresa Petersen

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

1 - Becky Heringer & Ardee Kurler or
Donna Gunderson
8 -
15 -
22 -
29 -

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

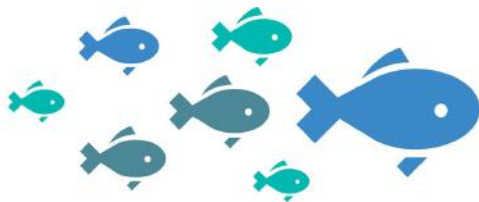
Mac & Judy Beaudry



Have you picked up your 2017 offering envelopes yet? If not, please stop in the narthex and take yours for using during the year. There should be one for all member families.

If you do not find a set for yourself and would like one, please talk to Jeannette in the church office. It makes it easier on the money counters and administrative secretary if you use your envelopes.

Remember to also check you mailbox in the narthex. Yours is the one under your name. If you are a member of First Lutheran and do not find one for yourself, please see Jeannette in the church office.



E v a n g e l i s m OPPORTUNITIES

The list below is the service group scheduled for **February**. The service coordinators are **Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in February works best for you and give Dwight or Margaret a call at 462-8245. If Dwight or Margaret calls you, please prayerfully consider how you can help.*** If you don't see your name on this list, your month is coming. Please say yes, when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship service.

Melanie Biesterfeld
Wade & Stacy Boeshans
Edith Bower
Dennis & Gayle Johnson

Ardee Kurler
Brian & Janet Lazier
Jeff Leidholm
Cody & Robin Lorentzen

Shirley Nelson
Wayne & Julie Petersen
Dean & Sandy Schell
George & Laurie Sheldon



Sunday School Christmas Program - December 11, 2016



First Lutheran Church Choir presented "Together for Christmas" on December 18, 2016.

THANK YOU

☺ Thank you Sharon Chrest and Mary Ann Beeks for helping fold and tape the December newsletter for mailing.

☺ Thank you Nancy Fuchs for going through the pew cards and pencils.

☺ Thank you to Sharon Chrest for going through the pew cards and pencils and taking the WOV hymnals out of the pews for Christmas.

☺ First Lutheran Church,

Thanks so much for your Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts. Blessings to you!

Grace Point Operation Christmas Child Team

☺ The family of DeWayne Moran would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the McLean County Sheriff's Department, Washburn Ambulance Service, Nathan and Paul with Goetz Funeral Homes, Rev. Erik and Kathryn Johnson, Washburn American Legion Post #12 and Auxiliary, the community of Washburn, friends and family for all the flowers, plants, cards, food and kind words. Also thanks to the First Lutheran Church Women for serving the lunch after DeWayne's memorial service. The attendance at the memorial service and the concern shown to us reflects how good it is to live in the community of Washburn.

Peggy Moran, Ben and Danika Smith, Camden and Jenna Moran

☺ Happy New Year!

How blessed we are to be here and serve the Lord with you. Thank you so much for the cards, pictures, gifts and personal greetings that we have received from you during this past year and at Christmas. Thank you to the Church Council and members of First Lutheran for the gift certificate to Painted Woods Golf Course. Thank you for your prayers and friendship.

God bless you all,

Pastor Erik and Kathryn Johnson

☺ Thank you to Pastor Erik & Kathryn for everything you do at First Lutheran.

☺ Thank you to Suzanne Swanson for making sure the Christmas tree was put up and decorated.

☺ Thank you to Dick & Carla Bickert for putting up and taking care of the Poinsettia tree and everyone that bought a Poinsettia for the tree.

☺ Thank you to everyone that donated money for the outside greenery.

☺ Thank you to the preschool thru sixth graders for their presentation of the birth of Jesus. Thank you also to Kathryn Johnson for directing the program and all the teachers and parents that helped out.

☺ Thank you to the choir for their presentation of "Together for Christmas". Also for all your special music throughout the year and to Randy Hall for directing the choir.

☺ Thank you to the bell choir for their special music throughout the year and to Gwen Hall for directing them.

☺ Thank you to Laura Gardner for leading our youth and helping Pastor Erik with confirmation.

☺ Thank you to Ardee Kurle and her helpers for decorating the church throughout the year.

☺ Thank you to Donna Gunderson for decorating for special events for the FLCW.

☺ Thank you to Kenady Hansen and the Brent Petersen family for providing special music during the Christmas Eve services. Also to everyone else that provided special music throughout the year.

☺ Thank you to Kim & Joan Zimmerman and family for all the work you did at the church.

☺ Thank you to Jared & Sharon Hendrikson for all the work you do at the church.

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- ☺ Thank you to Mary Ann Beeks for baking the communion bread.
- ☺ Thank you to the church council for all you do to lead the church.
- ☺ Thank you to Sheila Link and Cathy Sheldon for leading the Sunday morning bible studies.
- ☺ Thank you to Maybell Job, Donna Gunderson, Brenda Suckow, Ruth Borlaug, Kathy Keller and Gayle Johnson for taking care of the flowers by the church.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that served coffee, was a communion assistant, read scriptures, ushered, acolyte, help with altar care, and also to everyone that was or is in charge of finding these people.
- ☺ Thank you to the Sunday school teachers, subs, music people, and those that helped with VBS.
- ☺ Thank you to the FLCW that served funerals, potlucks, etc.
- ☺ Thank you to the women that served on FLCW committees.

- ☺ Thank you to our FLCW quilters.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that supplied flowers for the altar throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you to our organists: LeAnn Richard, Kathryn Johnson and Theresa Petersen.
- ☺ Thank you to our money counters: Arden Wagner, Deb Wisdom, Sharon Chrest, Mary Ann Beeks, Wes Sauer and LeAnn Richard.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that helped Jeannette out in one way or another this past year.
- ☺ Thank you to anyone that was missed or does not want to be recognized for their services at First Lutheran. If someone was missed that should be listed, please let Jeannette know.

The following are from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you Kathy Key, Aaron Vorland and Matt Gardner for helping with FLY's brunch.
- ☺ Thank you Jeannette Rost and Kathryn Johnson for helping with pizza day.
- ☺ Thank you to those who donated for pizza day.

First Lutheran January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in January. If you have a birthday in January and your name does not appear on this list, that means either the church office does not have a record of it or you have requested that it not be published. If you would like it published, please get the information to the church office.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Maythel Dierks Kara Richards Ashlyn Schmitz	2	3 Michael Fee Wayne Leidholm	4 Sharon Hoff Sherry Kinnischtzke Tanner Lundby Bryan Thiel	5 Alyson Knox Nikki Sackman Brittany Schell	6 Bob Frank Noah Holznagel Alyssa Kadrmass Emily Scheresky	7 Erik Johnson Edie Sheldon
8 Preston Hinson Rhonda Johnson	9 Shannon Helm Alex Retterath	10	11 Joel Joersz	12 Candace Wieger	13 Jaemeson Havig Jill Senftner	14 Gene Rost
15 Braden Ficklin Cameron Hall Karly Smith	16	17 Bowen Gutknecht Arianne Salaj	18	19 Sonja Bergstedt Ethan Courtemanche Sue Thiel	20	21 Drew Petersen
22 Linda Heger	23 Ryan Dockter Shane Joersz Kithe Malsam	24 Kimberlie Price Mary Schulz	25 Claudette Ness	26	27 Colt Biesterfeld	28 Devin Retterath
29 Jordan Waldren	30 Bradley Hanson Lukas Smith	31 Tana Larsen Ryan Leidholm				

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

January 14 Winter Work Day
 January 19-22 Crafting Weekend
 January 21 Winter Work Day
 January 27-29 Men's Retreat

February 2-5 Crafting Weekend
 February 9 Giving Hearts Day
 February 25 Snow Fest (families, youth and individuals)
 February 26 CCM Annual Meeting, Sunne Lutheran Church, Wilton

March 23-26 Crafting Weekend

April 7-8 7th-9th Grade Bash
 April 21-22 4th-6th Grade Bash
 April 28-30 Women's L.I.F.E. Weekend (Living in Faith Everyday)

* Winter Work Days are set for Saturday January 14th and 21st. Come from 10 am – 4 pm to help with winter projects. Call or email the office to let them know you are coming so they have lunch available for you!

* Mark your calendars for "Giving Hearts Day!"

CCM will be participating in this ND and MN giving day for the first time this year. It will be held on Tuesday, February 9th.

* The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 26th at 3 pm, at Sunne Lutheran Church, rural Wilton. For voting purposes, each congregation shall designate THREE representatives and their rostered leader. Please consider being a delegate and let Peggy Moran know if you will plan to attend the meeting to represent First Lutheran Church.

* The 2017 summer program has been announced via social media and Email blasts! The brochure will be out in January and registration will open in early January. Look for new dates and early bird discounts this year. They are going to be different than years past.

* CCM is in the process of updating the website. Check it out, www.campofthecross.com.

Thank you
 Peggy Moran



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from December 4th thru December 25th. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

Please let the church office know before you enter the hospital for planned surgeries, during any hospitalization, or about your illnesses and any special needs that we may pray for you.

- ◆ Terry Trzpuc
- ◆ Steph Van Hoorn
- ◆ Steve Dennison & family
- ◆ Addilyn Lunstad
- ◆ Clyde Johnson
- ◆ Joel Joersz
- ◆ Curt Radke – Stepdad of Monte Miller
- ◆ Curtis Jorgenson
- ◆ Family of Bernhard Piatz on his death
- ◆ Terri Leidholm
- ◆ Family of Curtis Jorgenson on his death
- ◆ Family of Gayle Martinson on her death

Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Morie & Kari Sailer & family on the death of Kari's father, Bernhard Piatz
- ⇒ Dick & Carla Bickert & family on the death of Carla's father, Curtis Jorgenson

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.





Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, December 4 to Sunday, December 25)



<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<u>Altar Flower Fund</u>	\$0.00	<u>China Service Ventures</u>	\$0.00
<u>Building Fund</u>	\$0.00	<u>Decorating (Church)</u>	\$0.00
<u>Raise the Roof</u>	\$645.00	<u>General Fund</u>	\$85.00
Sharon Chrest	Bernhard Platz	Howard & Elda Johnson (2 times)	Lane Johnson
Kris & Melanie Beckman	Dalton Miller	Bob & Sandra Weisgarber	Claire Skjold
Dick & Carla Bickert	Vi Vrana	<u>Global Missions, Other (Outside the U.S.)</u>	\$0.00
Dick & Karla Bickert	Larry Hendrikson	<u>Local/Other U.S. Missions</u>	\$0.00
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach	Elmer Schulz	<u>Library</u>	\$0.00
Willie & Janell Ziemann	Bernard Platz	<u>Lutheran Social Services</u>	\$0.00
Willie & Janell Ziemann	Elmer Schulz	<u>Lutheran World Relief</u>	\$0.00
Anonymous	In Honor & Thankfulness of Pastor Erik & Kathryn Johnson	<u>Music Fund</u>	\$40.00
Mary Ann Beeks	Bill Beeks	Terry & Norma Petersen	Curtis Jorgenson
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Jim & Vi Vrana	John & Helen Samuelson	Curtis Jorgenson
Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Vi Vrana	<u>Parking Lot Fund</u>	\$10.00
Brad & Cathy Sheldon	DeWayne Moran	Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Dalton Miller
Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Dalton Miller	<u>Relief Missions</u>	\$0.00
Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Janice Lorentzen	<u>Sunday School</u>	\$20.00
Dick & Jackie Olson	Bernard Platz	Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke	Dalton Miller
Dick & Jackie Olson	Janice Klayson	<u>Vacation Bible School</u>	\$0.00
Dick & Jackie Olson	Loved Ones	<u>World Hunger</u>	\$0.00
Sharon Chrest	Curtis Jorgenson	<u>Worship Fund</u>	\$0.00
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Elmer Schulz		
David & Ruth Borlaug	Curtis Jorgenson		
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt	Curtis Jorgenson		
Wes Sauer	Edward Boehm		
Rick & LeAnn Richard	Curtis Jorgenson		
<u>Camp of The Cross</u>	\$0.00		
<u>Camp of The Cross Building Campaign</u>	\$0.00		
<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	\$0.00		



Altar Flowers

A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers from January 8 thru April 30. Sign up for the Sunday you wish for before it is taken.

Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.

January

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday of Christmas New Year's Day Holy Communion Holy Baptism 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	2	3	4 11:50 AM 7-12 Grade Pizza 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr FLY 7:30 PM Choir	5	6 Epiphany	7 Happy Birthday Pastor Erik!
Three Days of Prayer						
8 First Sunday after Epiphany Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM FLY Parent/ Student Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	9 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	10 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study	11 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr FLY 7:30 PM Choir	12 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 7:00 pm Church Council	13 Committee Reports for Annual Report Due by Noon 9:00 PM FLY Lock-in	14
15 Second Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 2:00 PM Hannah Bible Study at Marlene Slagg's 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting	18 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr FLY 7:30 PM Choir	19 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Church Mary Ann Beeks & Helen Samuelson Host	20 Newsletter Deadline	21
22 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	23	24 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study	25 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr FLY 7:30 PM Choir	26 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	27	28
29 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour FLCW Executive Board Meeting 10:45 AM Sunday School 11:45 AM Meal followed by Annual Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	30	31 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study				

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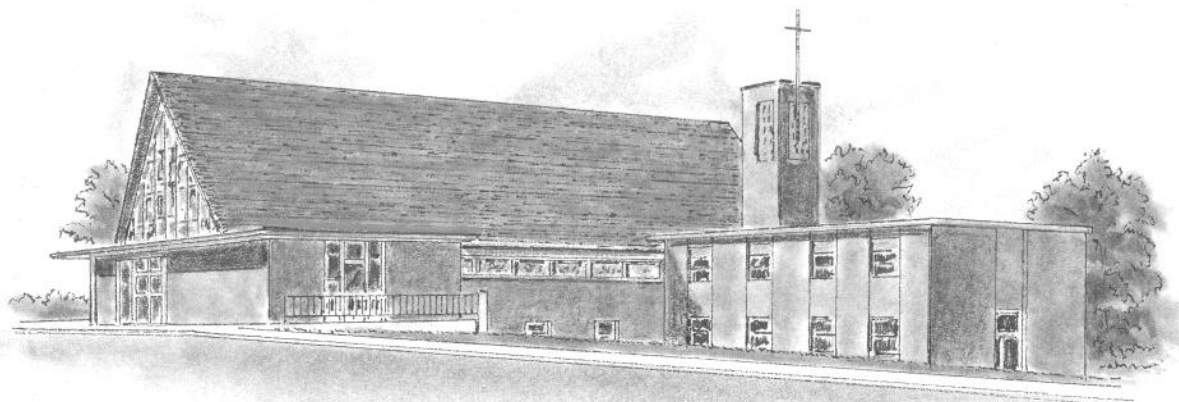
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Christ known through
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Caring Ministries, and
Service.”*

Happy New Year to:

January, 2017 Newsletter



SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM
Sunday School - 10:45 AM
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM