



# THE PARISH NEWS



February, 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."**

"The Parish News" a monthly publication of First Lutheran, linking Church and members' homes, is mailed from Washburn, ND 58577, Bulk Postal permit #39.



As part of a recent devotions I came across this verse to a hymn out of the Lutheran Service Book:

*Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,  
And when we die,  
May we in Your mighty keeping  
All peaceful lie.  
When the last dread call shall wake us,  
Then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
But to reign in glory take us  
With You on high.*

The verse reminded me of a bedtime prayer I learned and prayed as a child.

*Jesus, Tender Shepherd hear me.  
Bless thy little lamb tonight.  
Through the darkness be thou near me.  
Keep me safe till morning light.*

What were the night time prayers that you learned as a child? Do you still say them? What night time prayers are you teaching your children or grandchildren? It's a good way to fall asleep, trusting that God will keep us through the night and will be there with us when we wake in the morning light.

Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV):

*"<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

And Ephesians 5 we read:

*"...But be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, <sup>20</sup> giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...."*

I pray that this year will be a year of prayer for all of us. I pray that we will remember to pray at night when we are going to bed. But more than that, let us remember to pray each day, throughout the day, in each situation, for each person we see or even think about.

Thank you Lord for the gift of your love. Teach us to pray always and for everything in Jesus name. Amen.

See you at worship!

*Pastor Erik Johnson*

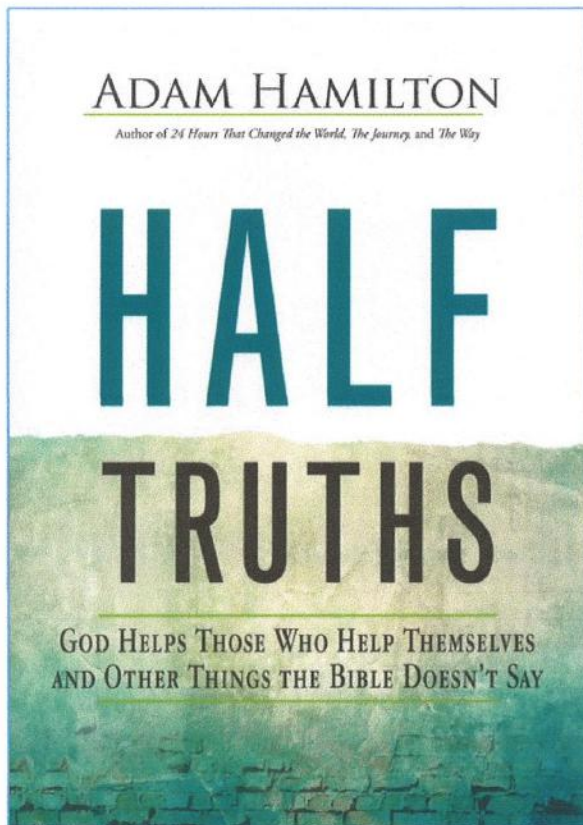
**You are invited to attend**  
**Sunday Morning Bible Study**

February 12<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup>

Before Church Service 8:30 – 9:20 am

Following Church Service 10:45 – 11:35am

**Fireside Room**



**Explore popular sayings and phrases that miss the point.**

- *"Everything happens for a reason."*
- *"God helps those who help themselves."*
- *"God won't give you more than you can handle."*
- *"God Said it, I believe it, That settles it."*
- *"Love the sinner, hate the sin."*

The phrases sound Christian - like something you might find in the Bible.

We've all heard these words. Maybe we've said them. They capture some element of truth, yet they miss the point in important ways.

Discover the whole truth by comparing common Christian clichés with the wisdom found in Scripture.

Please contact Jeannette Rost by January 31<sup>st</sup> to pre-register at 462-3775.

Hardcover Book = \$11.50

Co-Teachers – Cathy Sheldon and Sheila Link

Bring your Bible and Half Truths book to discussion each Sunday morning.



# JANUARY 17, 2017

- President Wade Boeshans called the meeting to order.
- Members Present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Wade Boeshans, Brent Petersen, Kathy Keller, Maybell Job, Brenda Suckow, Clark Pochant, Suzanne Swanson, also present was Jeanette Rost. Absent: Alyson Teigen, Donna Sommer
- Pastor Erik led in devotions about important Bible teachings people should know. He talked about #7: Christ will one day return in power to judge the living and the dead. He read from Matthew 25 and Romans 13:11-13.
- Clark/Kathy moved to approve the December minutes. Motion approved.

## TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- Suzanne/Clark moved to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of accounts as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

Checking	8,778.84
Building	59,367.76
Cemetery	592.40
Interest	1,479.48
Music	189.24
Parking Lot	28,853.12
Worship	1,544.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$112,797.80

## PASTOR'S REPORT

- Hospital Visits: 3
- Home Visits: 2
- Nursing Home Visits: 2
- Pastoral Acts:
  - \* Baptism: Laynie Huston – 12/18/2016
  - \* Baptism: Eli Schmidt – 1/01/2017
- Talked about looking ahead at special services this year

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- Kathy is going to talk to Alyson about the roof and come up with another way to try and raise the rest of the funds.

### WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

- New bulbs and a star will be bought for the Christmas tree.
- Christmas Eve candles for the kids – either new batteries or candles will be bought
- A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex in February for people willing to be a communion assistant and/or a reader.

### EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- Brenda was asked by Peggy Moran what the church was going to pay to help with camper-ships this year. Price of camp is going up this year. There is a \$100 discount if registered by February 1<sup>st</sup> and \$50 discount by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Budget is set at \$30 per child per day.

### EVANGELISM – Maybell Job

- Maybell had nothing to report.

### PROPERTY – Clark Pochant

- Estimates for the roof should be here by the annual meeting.
- Estimates for the automatic locking door came in at \$1,732.20 with the option to add on other doors. Still looking for more options.
- Still working on estimates for the brick and sign repair
- Jared worked on the snow blower
- A 4-wheel cart was purchased to help move items

### Old Business

- We have \$1,632.50 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Annual Meeting is set for January 29<sup>th</sup>. Start with meal at 11:45 am, meeting follows.
- Finalized the 2017 budget

### New Business

- Discussion on Joel Joersz Family Fundraiser being put on by the Washburn Fire Department on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Kathy will talk to Mike Goos about using Thrivent Community Impact Cards to help pay for supplies. We will also help advertise and ask for volunteers to help out.
- Went over the annual meeting agenda

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### TRANSFER REQUESTS

Transfers In:

- None

Transfers Out:

- None

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Wade adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor Erik thanked out going members Wade, Clark and Maybell for all they have done.

Jeannette Rost  
Administrative Secretary



### LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

March 1st begins the Lent season with Ash Wednesday worship services w/Holy Communion at 7:00 pm. Now is the time to sign your group up to serve a Lenten meal on Wednesday nights during Lent. Meals are served from 5:30 - 6:45 pm. Dates open are March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5. Talk to Jeannette in the church office to reserve your Wednesday before it is taken.

# STEWARDSHIP CENSE



**“Alone We Can Do So Little,  
together We Can Do So Much”**

I hereby say again what I said in my annual meeting report---I seem to have survived my first year as your Stewardship chair without too many battle scars. That being said, it has been a fast year and a very prosperous one for First Lutheran Church. Starting with only a \$10 dollar donation last January, we have raised over \$32,000 toward our new roof and if everything goes well we should be able to put our new roof on by fall. What a wonderful giving and God fearing congregation we are! We know that if God is for us, nothing will stand against us! I promise to keep you updated on the new estimates as they come in and perhaps we will be even more surprised to see if they are still about what they were and not too much higher due to our waiting until fall. Thank you again for your generous donations and memorials.

My thanks this month to my good stewards who handled Meals on Wheels for January: Orlin & Ivdell Larson, Maybell Job, Dick & Barbara Brewster, Mac & Judy Beaudry and Elmer & Arlene Schwarz. Again, proving that together we can do much.

Also by the time you read this, our annual meeting may have taken place and we will have all seen what we as a congregation have accomplished together this year. I also include our community in this as many goals were accomplished there as well. We are blessed to live in such a generous and God-filled community that understands the meaning of true stewardship. In fact, another community stewardship is upcoming on February 26<sup>th</sup>. A spaghetti feed will be held at the ambulance bay for Joel Joersz who has had an unfortunate debilitating stroke. Please be willing to help if you are called upon, especially if you are a Thrivent member.

I hope you all enjoy your Valentine's Day. It might be a good day to think about being a good steward to someone we love or care about. It is a good month 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

# FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

Happy Valentine's Day! FLY will be selling cakes and cupcakes for Valentine's Day. Orders will be taken after church on February 5th and 12th. Cakes are \$12, Cupcakes: 2 for \$3, 6 for \$8, 12 for \$15. Choose from chocolate, vanilla, spice cake, or a mix for cupcakes. All orders will be ready for pick up at the Church on Monday, February 13th.

With any luck, knock on wood, we won't have school on February 20th. IF that works out, we will either have a lock-in at the church on Sunday night OR we will POSSIBLY go stay in the yurts at Cross Ranch State Park for a camping adventure.

We will be mixing things up a little with Family Movie Night this month. We're moving the time up to 5:30 and will also be serving pizzas starting at 5:15. If we keep to the previous movie schedule, we would be showing the 3<sup>rd</sup> movie in the Chronicles of Narnia series 'The Voyage of the Dawn Treader'. Attendance has not been the greatest and if you think switching the movie would entice you and your families, I am open to changing it, we just need to make that decision ASAP! 😊

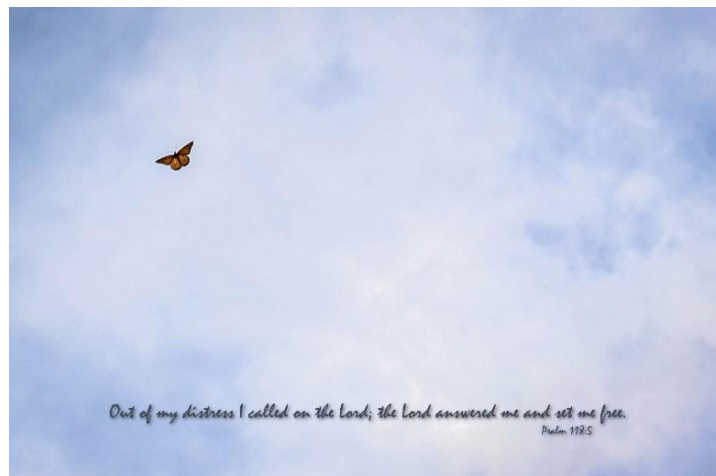
This summer FLY will be traveling to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota to team up again with Next Step Ministries for our mission trip. We will be repairing and updating homes on the reservation with other youth from around the country. Keep an eye on the bulletin and our FB page for more updates and upcoming fundraisers.

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

January Pizza Day Attendance: 28

Here are a few dates to jot down:

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|---------------|---|
| February 1st  | Pizza Day   |
| February 5th  | Valentine's Day Cakes/Cupcake orders taken after church   |
| February 12th | Valentine's Day Cakes/Cupcake orders taken after church<br>Decorating Cake/Cupcake 5:00 pm Church Kitchen |
| February 19th | POSSIBLE Lock-in or Camping trip (depends on weather)   |
| February 26th | Family Movie Night  |



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



**SPAGHETTI FEED**  
 Sunday, February 26  
 11:00 AM - ???



Washburn Ambulance Bay  
 Fundraiser for Joel Joersz Family  
 Serving Spaghetti, Garlic Toast and Salad  
 Put on by Washburn Fire Department  
 Call Mike Goos at 315-0529 if you would like to volunteer  
 with the fundraiser! Watch bulletins for more details!

An account has been set up at Dakota West Credit Union.  
 You can drop off your donation at Dakota West or mail your  
 check to: Washburn Fire Department, PO Box 105,  
 Washburn, ND 58577.



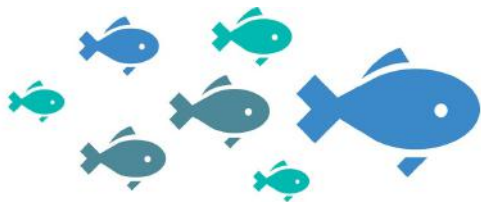
Vacation Bible School is tentatively set for May 30 - June 2. A volunteer is needed to help plan and be a co-leader for the preschool VBS. Other volunteers will be needed for help with snacks, small group leaders, game leader, etc. If you are interested in volunteering for either the preschool VBS or the elementary VBS, please call Brenda Suckow at 462-8166.



Eli Jefferson Bray Schmidt  
 Baptized January 1, 2017

Jeff, Eli, Olivia, Amanda &  
 Ava (front row) Schmidt

We welcome Eli as our newest member of  
 First Lutheran Church.



Membership of First Lutheran was divided into 12 groups that each took a month to be responsible for ushering and coffee serving. The idea was that we could encourage more fellowship and participation. That would mean that each of us only had to volunteer for one month a year. Please step up and take your turn in service for your First Lutheran community.

## Evangelism OPPORTUNITIES

The list below is the service group scheduled for **March**. The service coordinators are **John & Helen Samuelson**. *If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in March works best for you and give John or Helen a call at 462-8321. If John or Helen 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.

Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke  
 Wyatt & Carissa Klabunde  
 Duane & Marlys Knell  
 David & Jeneen Loe

Jennifer Dutoit  
 Brent & Theresa Petersen  
 Terry & Norma Petersen  
 Sylvia Thompson

Lee & Annette Weisgarber  
 Bob & Sandra Weisgarber

# FLCW NEWS

February, 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):**

Donna Gunderson

**Kitchen:**

Arlene Schwarz  
Becky Heringer  
Val Swanson  
Nancy Fuchs  
Linda Zeller

**Kuchen, Lefse, etc.:**

Sylvia Thompson  
Donna Kroll  
Ruth Borlaug

**Library:**

Sharon Chrest  
Sande Wagner  
Norma Petersen  
Arlene Schwarz

**Prayer Chain Chairmen:**

Sande Wagner  
Arlene Schwarz  
Norma Petersen

**Receptions/Bulletin Board****Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

**Service Secretary:**

Sharon Chrest  
Melissa Chrest

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with the January General Meeting. The ladies who attended enjoyed the presentations by Ruth Meiers and Hope Manor. It is such a blessing to have these agencies available in our area.

We are in need of a person for the **FLCW Growth Committee**. This committee plans the Confirmation and Graduation Teas and gives out the 3rd grade bibles. Donna Gunderson is a part of this committee. Hopefully someone will come forward to help with these activities or the events can no longer continue.

**February Events:**

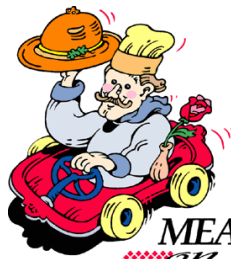
Sunday, February 5th – **Lion's Bake Sale**

Sunday, February 12th – **Secret Prayer Partner Tea** – 2:00 pm

TBA – **General Meeting** – Group 4 serves. Watch bulletin for details.

“Each work for the Lord brings us closer to the Lord of the work.” Don Lessin

Sonja Bergstedt and Cathy Sheldon, Co-Chairs



A bake sale to benefit the local Meals on Wheels program will be held in conjunction with the Washburn Lion's breakfast on Sunday, February 5th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Washburn Memorial Hall basement.

If you are interested in participating, please bring your baked items to the basement of the Memorial Hall from 9:00 am - 10:00 am on February 5th.

Prices do not need to be marked.

Please identify the item(s) if convenient.

If you are not a baker, you can support the cause by purchasing baked goods!

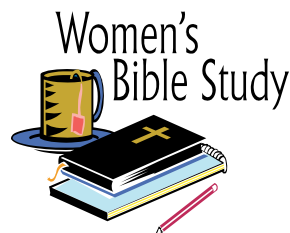
Thank you for your continued support.

**Hannah Bible Study**

February 21, 2017

2:00 PM

Mary Schulz's

**Deborah Bible Study**

February 16, 2017

9:30 AM

At the Church

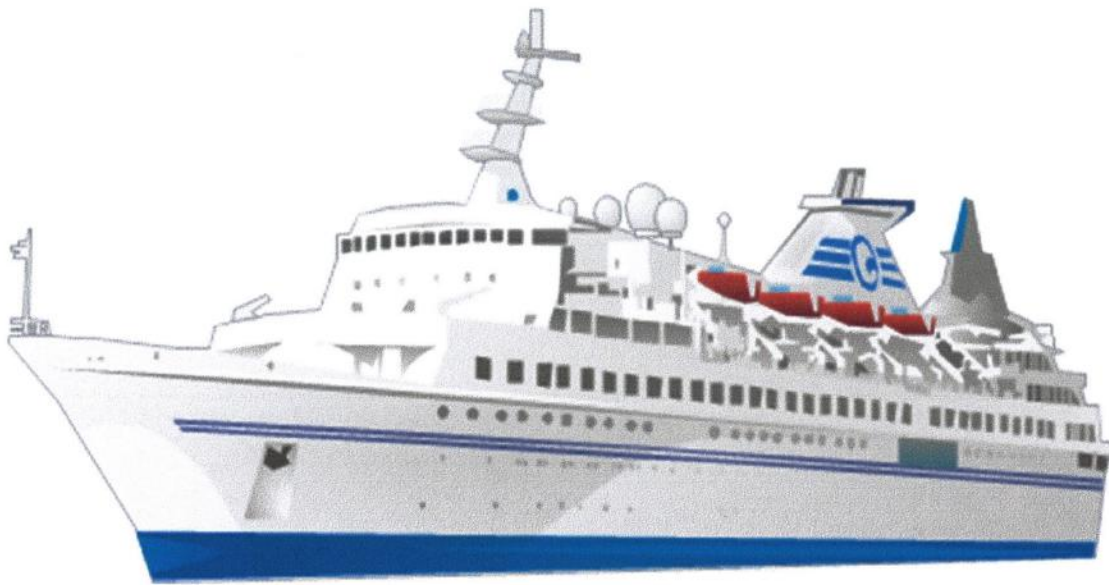
Val Swanson &

Cathy Sheldon Host

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

# ALL ABOARD THE FRIEND"SHIP"!!!

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Join us as we go cruising for new friends!



**Prayer Partner Reveal**

**February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm**

**First Lutheran Church Basement**

Call Kathy Keller 462-3534 or Donna Gunderson 462-8335  
if you would like to get on board (as a new member)  
or walk the plank (remove your name)





# CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

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)

May 1-3         Theology on the Prairie

\*\* 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 is being held on February 9th. Funds raised will go towards the capital campaign. Donations can be done online at [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com), or by check. The check must be dated February 9th and to the camp office by February 9, 2017. Donations up to \$23,000 are being matched, so what a way to double donations!!!! Camp of the Cross Ministries, PO Box 1257, Garrison, ND 58540

\*\* The Annual Meeting is 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, "THE WATER OF LIFE", has been announced via social media and email blasts! Brochures are available and will be distributed to Sunday School classes in the next few weeks. The latest date for discounts on registration fees is April 1st. Registration is also open online. Information is being gathered on what kind of assistance will be available for registration costs.

\*\* Check out the "new look" of CCM's website! [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com)

\*\* We must remember that Camp of the Cross is OUR camp. There has been emphasis the last few years towards the Capital Campaign and the new Building. Our camp is a year round facility with events going on all the time. Costs of electricity and other operating costs continue year round – so we must continue monetary support for operating expenses as well.

Thank you  
 Peggy Moran



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from January 1st thru January 22nd. 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.***

- ◆ Terri Leidholm
- ◆ Joel Joersz
- ◆ Curt Radke – Stepdad of Monte Miller
- ◆ Terry Trzpuc
- ◆ Steph Van Hoorn
- ◆ Steve Dennison & family
- ◆ Mac Beaudry
- ◆ John Wasson
- ◆ Wes Sick
- ◆ Martha Staigle
- ◆ Heidi Huber
- ◆ Don Ziegler
- ◆ Family of Deputy Colt Allery killed in the line of duty
- ◆ Millie Nordquist
- ◆ Our new president, his cabinet and staff

## FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

### SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

- 5 - Dennis & Gayle Johnson  
Boy Scouts
- 12 - Dennis & Gayle Johnson  
Ardee Kurle, Shirley Nelson
- 19 - Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen  
Cody & Robin Lorentzen
- 26 - Wade, Stacy & Tolya Boeshans  
Jeff Leidholm

### ACOLYTES

- 5 - Armani Martinez & Logan Schmitz
- 12 - Caitlin Scheresky & Ellie Schmidt
- 19 - Karly Smith & Jordan Waldren
- 26 - Tristan Allery & Karter Hansen

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 5 -
- 19 -

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

- 5 -
- 12 -
- 19 -
- 26 -

### ALTAR CARE

Donna & Noelle Kroll

### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- 5 - Dennis & Gayle Johnson
- 12 - Julie Petersen & Shirley Nelson
- 19 - Sandy, Brittany & Devan Schell
- 26 - Melanie Biesterfeld & Margaret Rasmussen

### SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen



As of January 22, 2017:  
(Please note as of the printing of this newsletter the 2017 budget has not yet been approved by the congregation.)

Our envelope giving is \$10,863.00 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00  
The plate giving is \$311.00 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00  
"Raise the Roof" balance is \$32,801.75

Thank you for your giving.

## First Lutheran February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in February. If you have a birthday in February 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
			<b>1</b> Pam Hoffer Suzy Jacobson	<b>2</b> Adam Jorgenson Abby Tweeten	<b>3</b> Kyle Smith	<b>4</b> Jameson Bickert
<b>5</b> Larry Keller Berandt Olafson Cade Richards	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Vivian Merkel	<b>8</b> Karen Rothmann Char Syverson	<b>9</b> Breah Philbrick	<b>10</b> Donna Gunderson Joan Zimmerman	<b>11</b> Madisyn Biesterfeld Willie Ziemann
<b>12</b> Nancy Fuchs Wendy Miller	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Braydon Kraft Lee Weisgarber	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Madison Sommer	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Madelynn Baumann Wendy Goehring Kenady Hansen
<b>19</b> Mary Ann Beeks	<b>20</b> Joy Hanson Steve Wollmuth	<b>21</b> Dick Olson Brianna Sayler	<b>22</b> Ivadell Larson	<b>23</b> Kevin Johnson	<b>24</b> Tera Gulstad	<b>25</b> Tammy Nordquist Morie Sailer Sherry Schmitz
<b>26</b> Hannah Chrest Matthew Pflieger	<b>27</b> Braydee Hanson Alli Sheldon	<b>28</b> Dale Schell				

# THANK YOU

☺ Thank you LaVonne Stroup and Ivadell Larson for helping fold and tape the December newsletter for mailing.

☺ Church Council & Members of First Lutheran: Thank you for the Christmas gifts of a golf certificate and other goodies of nuts, gift cards and hand soap. We appreciate all that you do for us.

Thank you and God bless you!  
Pastor Erik & Kathryn

☺ Thank you for the cards and gifts I received on my birthday. You are a blessing to me in so many ways.

Thank you!  
Pastor Erik

☺ Thank you to Rick Richard for leading worship while Pastor Erik was on vacation.

☺ Dear Members of First Lutheran Church:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Friends of Madagascar Mission (FOMM), I wish to express our thanks to you for your gift of \$375.00. Your gift will be used to support the mission and ministry programs of the Malagasy Lutheran Church.

We are watching very closely the news we are beginning to hear about drought and the subsequent famine that follows in S. W. Madagascar. Because of this frequent condition we are working to establish our Drip Irrigation Program in this region. Also our Emergency Food and Medical Fund helps to assist people who are most needy in this region. We will keep you updated on the condition. In the meantime, please remember the people and the government who provide assistance for the people who will be suffering.

We are on the "Frontlines of Mission" so your gifts will reach the people and their needs!

PEACE IN CHRIST!  
The Rev. David P. Lerseth, President

☺ Dear Friends:

We recently received your gift of \$125.00 to Lutheran World Relief. Thank you! I'd like to share a story of the great work your gift will support.

Dugar Lumbagaol is a 62-year old father of five and a coffee farmer in Indonesia. For many years he made a meager living trading rice before he decided to grow coffee instead. Even still, he didn't think coffee would provide enough income to support his family.

But because of gifts like yours, he and other farmers have found much success. Working as a cooperative, Dugar and others have participated in trainings on how to grow good quality coffee and increase their yields. They also have access to a "farmer field school" where they can observe new agricultural methods before trying them on their own farms.

This support has made a world of difference to Dugar and the farmers in his cooperative. Because of his newly acquired skills, he's improved both his coffee quality and yield and is earning more income.

That's just one example of how your gift changes lives around the world. I hope you will visit our website ([lwr.org](http://lwr.org)) or ([blog.lwr.org](http://blog.lwr.org)) to learn about more stories! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the LWR staff at 800-597-5972 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

On behalf of LWR, our partners and those we serve, please accept my thanks for your generous support and partnership. May God bless you!

Warm Regards,  
Daniel V. Speckhard  
President and CEO

The following are from Laura Gardner:

☺ Thank you to Dawson Erber for shoveling the back steps and handicap ramp. It's nice to see youth taking action without being prompted.

☺ Thank you Heather Seidler for helping with pizza day.



## Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Friday, December 30 to Sunday, January 22)



<u>Fund given to &amp; by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Fund given to &amp; by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<b><u>Altar Flower Fund</u></b> .....	\$0.00	<b><u>China Service Ventures</u></b> .....	\$0.00
<b><u>Building Fund</u></b> .....	\$0.00	<b><u>Decorating (Church)</u></b> .....	\$0.00
<b><u>Raise the Roof</u></b> .....	\$470.00	<b><u>General Fund</u></b> .....	\$65.00
Duane & Marlys Knell .....	Dalton Miller	Dick & Carla Bickert .....	Bob Mart
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz .....	Rodney Johnson	Dick & Carla Bickert .....	Charles Tjenstrom
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz .....	Vi Vrana	Howard & Elda Johnson .....	Lane Johnson
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz .....	DeWayne Moran	Elaine Carr .....	Larry Hendrikson
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz .....	Elmer Schulz	Elaine Carr .....	Joe Wagner Jr.
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz .....	Janice Lorentzen		
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times) .....	Keith Kuntz	<b><u>Global Missions, Other (Outside the U.S.)</u></b> .....	\$0.00
Willie & Janell Ziemann .....	Bob Mart	<b><u>Local/Other U.S. Missions</u></b> .....	\$0.00
Willie & Janell Ziemann .....	Jack Walcker	<b><u>Library</u></b> .....	\$0.00
Janet Carvell .....	Bob Mart	<b><u>Lutheran Social Services</u></b> .....	\$0.00
Janet Carvell .....	Bob Henne	<b><u>Lutheran World Relief</u></b> .....	\$0.00
Shirley Nelson .....	Bob Henne	<b><u>Music Fund</u></b> .....	\$45.00
Janet Carvell .....	Charles Tjenstrom	Mary Ann Beeks .....	Curtis Jorgenson
Wes Sauer .....	Charles Tjenstrom	Arden & Sande Wagner .....	Bob Mart
		Arden & Sande Wagner .....	Curtis Jorgenson
		Julie Hudson .....	Curtis Jorgenson
		<b><u>Parking Lot Fund</u></b> .....	\$0.00
		<b><u>Relief Missions</u></b> .....	\$0.00
		<b><u>Sunday School</u></b> .....	\$0.00
		<b><u>Vacation Bible School</u></b> .....	\$0.00
<b><u>Camp of The Cross</u></b> .....	\$0.00	<b><u>World Hunger</u></b> .....	\$0.00
<b><u>Camp of The Cross Building Campaign</u></b> .....	\$0.00	<b><u>Worship Fund</u></b> .....	\$0.00
<b><u>Cemetery Fund</u></b> .....	\$0.00		

The following are all IMO Curtis Jorgenson:

- Brad & Cathy Sheldon
- George & Laurie Sheldon
- Janet Carvell
- Duane & Marlys Knell
- Dick & Barbara Brewster
- Clark & Claudette Ness
- George & Val Swanson
- Tom & Vivian Merkel
- Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer
- Virgil & Deb Wisdom
- Dwight & Joy Hanson
- Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
- Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen



### Altar Flowers

A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers 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.

# FEBRUARY

# 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 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	<b>2</b> <b>Groundhog Day</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Fifth Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>8</b> 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr FLY 7:30 PM Choir	<b>9</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 5:00 PM Girl Scouts	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>Sixth Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Super Bowl</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 2:00 PM Prayer Partner Revealing 5:00 PM Jr & Sr FLY 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>13</b> 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	<b>14</b> <b>Valentine's Day</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>15</b> 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr FLY 7:30 PM Choir	<b>16</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Church Val Swanson & Cathy Sheldon Host	<b>17</b> Newsletter Deadline	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Seventh Sunday after Epiphany</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>20</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 2:00 PM Hannah Bible Study at Mary Schulz's 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting 7:00 pm Church Council	<b>22</b> 5:45 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr FLY 7:30 PM Choir	<b>23</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 5:15 PM Movie Night 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group				

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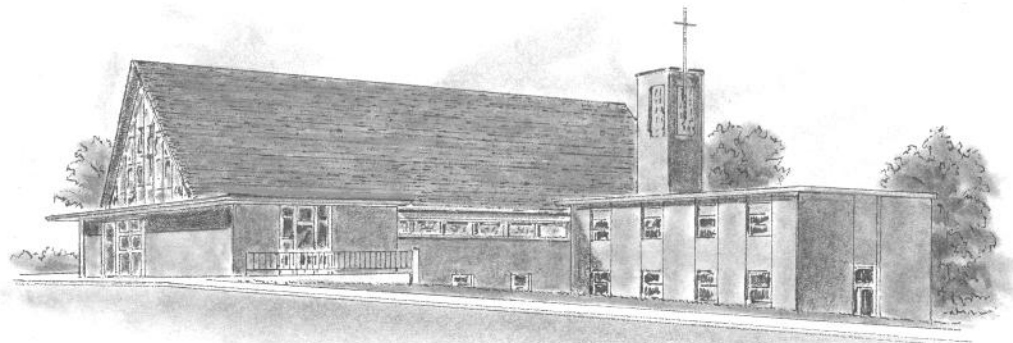
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## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Bible Study - 8:30 AM (Starting February 12)**

**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

**Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM**

**Sunday School - 10:45 AM**

**Bible Study - 10:45 AM (Starting February 12)**

**AA Meeting - 7:00 PM**