



THE PARISH NEWS



March, 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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Pastor Erik's Lenten Message



As we begin the month of March we also begin the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 1st. There are many ways to look at Lent. Some see Lent as a time for self-denial – giving up something that is normally an important part of life. Some denominations recognize Lent, some do not. We can also think of Lent as a time to focus on prayer – a time to repent – a time to focus on what God has done for us in the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

One of the readings that is used on Ash Wednesday is Psalm 51. It is a Psalm of repentance, written/sung by King David after he had sinned against God and other people.

As we use the Psalm ourselves, we see that in the 1st part of the Psalm we confess our sins to God. We admit that we have "sinned" or "made a mess of our lives" or however you want to put it. We ask God to forgive and cleanse us from all our sin.

We use part of the Psalm as our offering response during many worship services. *"Create in me a clean heart, O God and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."* This is what we want and need from God that we cannot do for ourselves – a new heart.

Paul reminds us that "if anyone is in Christ, the old has passed away, the new has come."

Certainly Lent is not the only time we can do this. But it certainly is a time when we can focus on it together as God's people. We hope that you will join us as we meet together each week to look at some of the words and themes that come to mind during the season of Lent: Confession, Betrayal, Judgment, Compassion, Declaration, Obedience.

Create in all of us clean hearts O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Amen.

See you at worship!

Pastor Erik Johnson

*Create in me a
clean heart,
O God;
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right spirit
within
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2017 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2017

Please note that these minutes need to be approved at the 2018 annual meeting.

- President Wade Boeshans called the meeting to order.
- Pastor Erik led in opening devotions.
- LeAnn Richard/Donna Sommer motioned to approve the minutes from last year. Motion carried.
- 61 present

PASTOR'S REPORT

- See Annual Report
- Thanked Kathryn, Jeannette, Laura, Council and Committees. Thanked Wade, Maybell, and Clark for their service on the council. Thanked those who filled in for him, music teachers, Sunday school helpers and our congregation.
- Reviewed Summary of Membership Changes in 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- See Annual Report
- Donna thanked the congregation for their generosity, offering counters and Jeannette Rost.
- Mike Nelson representing the Financial Compliance Review Committee said they met January 12th and the books had been checked and everything is in good shape.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

- See Annual Report
- Wade thanked the congregation and council members with a special thanks to the outgoing council members for their time and efforts.
- Wade discussed two long term strategic plan items – focusing on youth programs and reinvesting in our facilities. One year after the kick off of Raise the Roof we are half way to hitting our goal. He feels we are sitting very well where we are right now. What we are doing makes a difference and he is looking forward to handing it off to someone with new ideas to bring. Thanked everyone for this rewarding experience.

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- See Annual Report
- Raise the Roof fund is now at \$32,800
- Thanked the Council, President, Jeannette, Clark, Alyson, Janet and Sherry.
- The Raise the Roof board will be coming down and replaced with a thermometer to show our progress.

WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

- See Annual Report
- In the beginning of February there will be a sign up sheet in Narthex to help with communion and reading scriptures.
- Thanked the council members, Jeannette and music department.

EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- See Annual Report
- Thanked the teachers and parents.

EVANGELISM – Maybell Job

- See Annual Report
- Thanked her committee for all of their help through the year.

PROPERTY – Clark Pochant

- See Annual Report
- The parsonage roof was replaced this year.
- We replaced our last air conditioner this year. Thanked Keith Due for his help on this.
- We replaced the sound system this year.
- We have a hot water heater project going on now.
- Noted that snow removal was a problem this year.
- Noted we lost our flag pole and brick sign – we will be replacing these this spring.
- Clark will have an updated roof estimate Monday.
- We have estimates on automated door locks. They run around \$1,700 with the capability of adding one or two more in time. There are cheaper ones you can install yourself but it has to be run through your phone and limited to only one door.
- Long term – downstairs windows will need to be replaced, gutters need to be replaced with covers or we will need to cut some trees down.

Marlys Knell - FLCW

- See Annual Report

Laura Gardner– Youth Program

- Thanked congregation, Pastor, Jeannette, friends and family.
- We have a trip to SD coming up.

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Budget

- See Annual Report
- Motion to approve Budget Arden Wagner, Duane Knell. Motion carried.

New Business

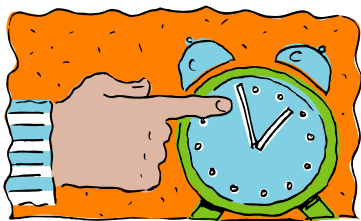
Barbara Brewster representing the Nominating Committee stated the committee has secured the approval of the following individuals to have their names presented for consideration for the open positions on the church council.

- Vice President – Dick Bickert
- Property – Aaron Vorland
- Evangelism – Emily Retterath
- Passed out ballots
- LeAnn Richards and Gwen Hall motioned to cease nominations and accept new members. Motion carried.
 - o 57 votes quorum
- Brent Peterson – presented outgoing council members with a thank you card.

President Wade adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Alyson Teigen
Secretary



SET YOUR CLOCKS
Ahead!

Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on March 11th or you may be late for church that Sunday!



FEBRUARY 21, 2017

- President Brent Petersen called the meeting to order.
- Members Present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Brent Petersen, Dick Bickert, Kathy Keller, Alyson Teigen, Brenda Suckow, Donna Sommer, Aaron Vorland, Emily Retterath also present was Jeannette Rost. Members Absent: Suzanne Swanson
- Pastor Erik led in devotions.
- Donna/Brenda motioned to approve the January minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- Kathy/Aaron motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of accounts as of February 21, 2017 is as follows:

Checking	27,147.34
Building	66,177.76
Cemetery	592.40
Interest	1,479.48
Music	259.24
Parking Lot	30,983.60
Worship	1544.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	140,176.78

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor welcomed our new members
- Pastor will be taking Sunday, February 26th as a vacation Sunday. Brent Petersen will lead service.
- Lenten Services – We will be using a series called “At the Crossroads”
 - o Themes are Confession, Betrayal, Judgment, Compassion, Declaration, and Obedience
 - o During Holy Week themes include Suffering, Forgiveness, Death and Life
- On March 9 & 10 Pastor is hosting the Pastors Meeting of the Minkota Mission District (NALC).
- April 2, we have the option of having “Special Delivery” come and lead the worship service. Do we want to do this? The Council agreed we should.
- Pastor let the council know K&D was here two different days working on the furnace.
- Hospital Visits:
- Home Visits: 2
- Nursing Home Visits: 3
- Other Events:
 - o 2/10/2017 – Wedding of Craig Winn & Patricia Omlid
 - o 2/19/2017 – Baptism of Charlee May Sheldon

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- Raise the Roof – April 5th Stewardship will host the Lenten Service – Hot Dog Bash
- Sunday – Joel Joersz fundraiser – baked goods are needed
- Kathy would like to order a Stewardship book at the cost of \$85.00. Council was fine with this purchase.

WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- Received contract for Camp of Cross – the cost went from \$14.00 to \$28.00 per child
- Last year we had 25-30 kids
- Camp will be held the week after Memorial Day – Tuesday through Friday (May 30 – June 2)
- This would take most of our budget
- Alyson and Emily volunteered to help out with whatever needed

EVANGELISM – Emily Retterath

- March 22 - Evangelism will be doing Lenten meal – potato bar
- Emily needs the most recent list of new members that were recognized
- Emily needs a list of seniors for prayer warriors
- Emily will find out how much they are giving per camper and let Peggy Moran know

PROPERTY – Aaron Vorland

- Jared has had problems with the vacuum cleaner. We have spent approximately \$200.00 on repairs.
- Dick/Alyson motioned to purchase new vacuum. Motion approved.
- The new hot water heater is in.
- Aaron asked about the handicap exit light. He will call Weber and get this replaced.

Old Business

- We have \$1,650.50 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Raise the Roof – with the cost of everything going up we may need to look into borrowing from other funds to lock in a price. Aaron will try and get new quotes for the next meeting.
- Joel Joersz benefit
 - o Baked goods needed

New Business

- Service Groups
 - o Ushers, coffee servers –they are having troubles filling these
 - o Council agreed to reduce our groups from twelve to nine
 - o Non communion weeks – only having one family and they can ask others at church to help them out. This will be a good way to get others involved.
 - o We would like new time and talent sheets – Emily will work on these
- Council member duties and committees
 - o Brent gave the council a copy of the By-laws and suggested us to look them over and look at what your committees should be doing. Remember to start your meetings with prayer. Pastor would like us to look them over and make changes if needed. Bring them back and we can make them if the council approves them.
- Start thinking about where to send 1st quarter benevolences next month:
 - o Relief Missions - \$250
 - o World Hunger - \$125
 - o Global Mission - \$375
 - o US/Local Mission - \$375

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Transfer In:

- Mike Aull from Washburn United Methodist
- Kathy/Emily motioned to approve the transfer. Motion approved.

Transfer Out:

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Next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Aaron/Dick motioned to adjourn meeting. Motion approved.

President Brent adjourned the meeting.

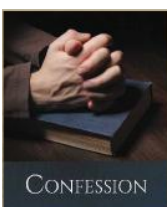
Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Alyson Teigen
Secretary



A Series of Services for the Season of Lent by Rev. Ted Schroeder
Join us for Lenten worship services at 7:00 pm each Wednesday.

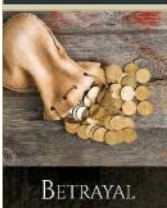
Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads helps us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross help us to decide which path is in line with God's will for us.



March 1 - Ash Wednesday - Confession
Worship w/Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Psalm 32:1-5

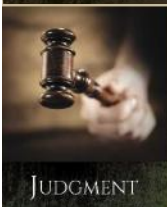
As a model for us, the psalmist David reaches the crossroads of confession and confesses his sins to the Lord. We are called to confess our sins to the Son of David and find forgiveness in him.



March 8 - Betrayal

John 13:21-30

When Judas Iscariot comes to the point where he must either listen to Jesus or listen to the devil, he chooses to betray Jesus. When we are tempted by Satan to betray our Lord, we must gain strength from our Savior to say, "No" to the devil.



March 15 - Judgment

Matthew 27:11-26

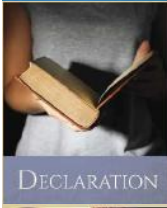
When Pontius Pilate is called upon by the crowds to make a judgment call about Jesus, his decision not to decide results in the death of Christ. We look to the cross of Christ to make definitive judgment calls in our lives.



March 22 - Compassion

Luke 22:47-51

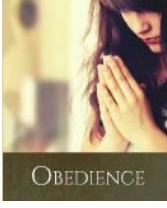
When Jesus is taken into custody, he chooses to show compassion to a wounded participant in the arrest. We are called to show compassion, not anger, even to those in our midst whom we might consider our enemies.



March 29 - Declaration

Luke 22:54-62

When Peter is asked to declare whether or not he knows Jesus, he decides to deny his Savior. When questioned about our Lord, we are called to boldly declare our faith in Christ.



April 5 - Obedience

Matthew 26:36-46

When Jesus nears the time when he must die for our sins, he asks his Father if the cup might pass from him. But when the time comes, he obeys his Father's will. When we are called upon to follow God's will, we must obey.



Quilting

March 23, 2017
9:00 AM

QUILTING GROUP

LCMC NEWS

2016 Annual Gathering Videos are Now Available!

Video content from the 16th Annual Gathering, which took place in Denver last October, is now available for streaming online (lcmc.net) and in LCMC's mobile app. Additionally, they have recently released two new video workshop series: *Church Planting 101* and *Pete the Planner*.

The next Annual Gathering takes place October 8-11, 2017 in Minneapolis, MN. Stay tuned for further details, and be sure to sign up for Annual Gathering push notifications in LCMC's mobile app to receive realtime updates when new information becomes available!

T. H. I. N. K.

By LCMC Ministry Board - February 17, 2017

Dear Members and Friends of LCMC:

Social media platforms can provide instant communication to large numbers of people and the capacity for messages to go "viral", connecting with millions within a short period of time. This is both an amazing opportunity for the gospel to spread and a *deep responsibility*, especially for Christ-followers who are called to be positive and winsome witnesses to our Lord.

The members of the Ministry Board of LCMC often find ourselves discussing the challenges faced by pastors and congregations and the occasional conflict that arises. In many of these situations, people take to social media to share or ventilate their feelings. In a recent meeting we decided to share some of our thinking with the hope it may help each of us THINK more carefully about our use of social media.

When we talk with others, either privately or publicly, our expectation is that the people of faith will be above reproach in their communications in all forms. In each of our online interactions we would do well to be mindful of James 1:19:

*be quick to listen, slow to speak,
slow to become angry.*

All public or private confrontation should be guided by James 3, Matthew 18, along with Luther's explanation of the 8th commandment to not bear false witness.

A helpful acronym for discerning appropriateness of our online interactions is T.H.I.N.K.:

Is it **T** rue?
Is it **H** elpful?
Is it **I** nspiring?
Is it **N** ecessary?
Is it **K** ind?

Below we've also provided some helpful and thoughtful links to online articles written especially for Pastors.

Yours in Christ,

The Ministry Board of LCMC

Jeremey King, Ebassa Berhanu, Steve Lien, Linda Krei, Sandy Miller, Nathan Hanson, Steve Turnbull, Paul Owens

RESOURCES:

<https://catalystconference.com/read/5-warnings-for-pastors-on-social-media/>

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/edstetzer/2015/november/five-mistakes-pastors-make-on-social-media.html>

<http://thomrainer.com/2016/03/ten-commandments-for-pastors-politics-and-social-media/>



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

“Am I Being Unfair to You?”

Join us as we pray for the people of the Philippines as well as others around the world as they struggle to maintain Christianity in their countries. We hope to have other prayers and music as well. This will be a short program. Please stay for a light lunch afterwards.

March 3, 2017

Noon

First Lutheran Church

STEWARDSHIP CENSE



“We make a living by what we get,
but we make a life by what we give”

The above quote is from a very famous man, Mr. Winston Churchill. He was not only very famous but, I believe very smart as well. It is well that we all should want to make a decent living to feed and clothe our families, but our greatest enjoyment usually comes from what we contribute to society as a whole. One such example was shown to all the gals who attended our Prayer Partner “Cruise” on February 12th. You could certainly tell that our speaker, Sarah Gratton, Mrs. North Dakota for 2016, enjoyed giving of herself by telling her story. You could tell she enjoyed sharing her talents with her beautiful alto voice. You could tell she loved people by the way she went out of her way to sit and chat and just have a great time with all of us. What a great steward she is! I hope many other churches and groups will be able to hear her wonderful message. She truly makes her life by what she gives to others. Thank you Sarah for being a wonderful steward of God and thanks for a wonderful day!

Unfortunately, I have some rather sad news to report. It was decided at our meeting for World Day of Prayer that the other churches did not want to participate this year. That is not to say that we will not join churches next year but as of now we are the only church that is willing to participate. Knowing this we are making some changes this year. The date will remain the same, March 3rd. However, the time has changed to 12 noon. It is an open prayer meeting and quick lunch for anyone wishing to attend. It will be a much abbreviated version. We

will be praying for the people of the Philippines as well as others around the world as they struggle to maintain Christianity in their countries. We hope to have other prayers and music as well, so I hope you will try to join us on that date.

If you have any suggestions on how you think we should continue with World Day of Prayer in the future, please don't hesitate to call me at 462-3534. We will continue to contemplate suggestions.

As you may have noticed, our roof in the narthex has come down and will be (or has been) replaced by a humongous thermometer to remind of us of where we are at in our “Raise the Roof” campaign. As you read this we should just be tipping the scales of just under \$40,000! Praise and thanks to God for being so merciful and kind to us! Our roof should be on this fall barring any large expenses that are unforeseen as of now. However, our campaign continues on and our fundraising does also. Our next big fundraiser will be April 5 on the last Wednesday of Lent with our “Hot Dog” bash! I hope to see you there!

Have a great St. Patrick's Day! I'm sure St. Patrick would have us keep in mind that we should always use whatever gifts we have received to serve others as we continue to be his faithful stewards of His grace.

Yours in good stewardship
Kathy Keller
Stewardship Trustee

As of February 19, 2017:

Our envelope giving is \$35,999.00 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00
The plate giving is \$551.00 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00
“Raise the Roof” balance is \$38,849.75

Thank you for your giving.



FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

Thank you to everyone who supported our Valentine's Day cupcake fundraiser. We had so much fun filling all your orders! We are jumping from one fundraiser to another, be sure to come visit our booth at the Lion's Carnival. Our youth will be putting their culinary skills to work during Lent season for 2 meals and mark your calendars for April 30th for our Meatball Dinner. We'll be serving meatballs with gravy and mashed potatoes, meatballs with spaghetti, meatball sandwiches. Watch the newsletter and bulletin for updates! ☺

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: 14

Here's a few dates to jot down:

- March 1st Pizza Day
- March 5th 7:00 pm Mission Trip Planning Meeting
- March 15th & 29th Serving Lenten Meal
- March 18th Lion's Carnival



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

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

5 - Duane & Marlys Knell
Dick & Barbara Brewster
12 - Arden & Sande Wagner
John & Helen Samuelson
19 - Brent & Theresa Petersen
John & Helen Samuelson
26 - Duane & Marlys Knell
Wyat & Carissa Klabunde

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

Cindy Thiel & Nancy Fuchs
Cindy Thiel & Brenda Ankenbauer - March 1

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

5 - Dick & Barbara Brewster
12 - Sherry Kinnischtzke
19 - Howard & Elda Johnson
26 - Sylvia Thompson & Helen Samuelson

ASH WEDNESDAY - March 1

USHERS/GREETERS

Duane & Marlys Knell
John & Helen Samuelson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

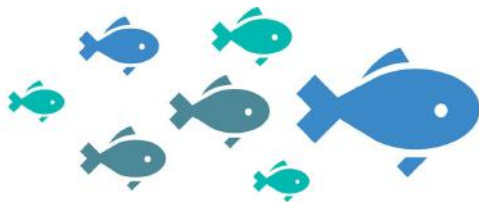
WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

USHERS/GREETERS

8 - Brent & Theresa Petersen
15 - Duane & Marlys Knell
22 - John & Helen Samuelson
29 - Brent & Theresa Petersen

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

John & Helen Samuelson



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.

E v a n g e l i s m **OPPORTUNITIES**

The list below is the service group scheduled for **April**. The service coordinators are **Dick & Carla Bickert**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in April works best for you and give Dick or Carla a call at 462-3629. If Dick or Carla 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.

Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer
Neil & Sarah Kadrmaz
Dale & Julene Klosterman
Mike & Sharon Nelson

Eric & Leilani Olafson
Clark & Jayne Pochant
Kris & Ranie Schmidt
Lynn & Donna Sommer

Doug & Robyn Thomas
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Newell & Linda Zeller

FLCW NEWS

March, 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

The **FLCW Secret Prayer Partners** were welcomed aboard God's Friend"ship" cruise on Sunday, February 12th. Shipmates were treated to a galley table of Tropical Delights. Onboard entertainment was 2016 Mrs. North Dakota, Sarah Gratton! Secret prayer partners were revealed while sailing! Thanks and praise to our "Captain God" as well as Lieutenant - Kathy Keller, First Mate - Donna Gunderson and crewmates - LaVonne Stroup and Gayle Johnson.

Lenten season is upon us and it will be FLCW's pleasure to be serving a Lenten meal on **Wednesday, March 8th**. The five work groups will prepare the meal and two members of each work group will serve the meal.

*Work Group 1 - Breads

*Work Group 2 - Bars & Coffee

*Work Groups 3, 4, 5 - Soups

March 15th the FLCW Executive Board will meet at 5:30 pm in the Fireside room.

Thank you to Laura Gartner, Sonja Bergstedt, and Arlene Schwarz for cleaning and defrosting the freezer in the furnace room!

REMINDERS

- * The freezer in the furnace room is to be used for the FLC Communion Bread and the FLY.
- * Please take your refrigerated items home with you after serving unless it is **MARKED** for another group to use. It is difficult to know for whom these items need to be saved and the refrigerator becomes quite full of leftovers.
- * Please check your mailboxes in the Narthex for your **2017 FLCW Booklets**.
- * Once again we pray that someone's heart would be so moved as to volunteer to be on the **FLCW Growth Committee** to plan our **Confirmation and Graduation Teas**. Contact: Sonja, Cathy or Jeannette
- * FLCW will lead a **World Day of Prayer at First Lutheran** for our church family, **Friday March 3rd** at noon. Join us in prayer and a light lunch to follow.

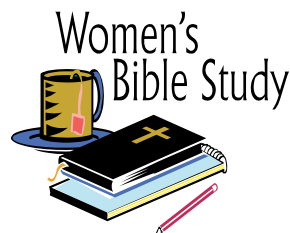
Cathy Sheldon and Sonja Bergstedt, Co-Chairs

Hannah Bible Study

March 21, 2017

2:00 PM

Kathy Keller's

**Deborah Bible Study**

February 16, 2017

9:30 AM

At the Church

Potluck

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

PRAYER PARTNER REAVELING TEA



Ahoy Mates!
Welcome Aboard God's
Friend"ship"





Wednesday, March 8, 2017

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Free-will Offering

Served by the First Lutheran Church Women

Proceeds will go to help pay camperships for First Lutheran youth going to Camp of the Cross this summer.



Chili Supper

MARCH 15, 2017

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Chili, Bread & Bars

Served by FLY

Free-will offering

Proceeds will be used for activities by the youth!

BAKED POTATO SUPPER



Wednesday, March 22, 2017
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Baked Potato w/Toppings
Salad, Bars, Juice & Coffee

Freewill Offering
Served by the Evangelism Committee

Proceeds will go to help pay camperships for First Lutheran youth going to Camp of the Cross this summer.

TACOS, CHIPS,



**BARS, JUICE &
COFFEE**

March 29, 2017

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm

Freewill Offering

Served by FLY (First Lutheran Youth)



Proceeds will be used for
activities by the youth.



The North Dakota Dementia Care Services Project Presents

The Basics: Memory Loss, Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease

Class Description

The Basics workshop is for anyone who would like to know more about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Staff and community both welcome.

Through this workshop you will discover the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia; how Alzheimer's affects the brain; risk factors; diagnosis; stages of the disease; treatment; and hope for the future. **Please register by calling 701.258.4933.**



Upcoming Class

When: Thursday, March 30
4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Where: First Lutheran Church
709 5th Ave
Washburn, ND 58577

To Register, contact Nikki Wegner nwegner@alz.org or 701.258.4933

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

March 23-26 Crafting Weekend

April 7-8 7th-9th Grade Bash
 April 21-22 4th-6th Grade Bash
 April 22 2017 S'mores and Much More Gala
 April 28-30 Women's L.I.F.E. Weekend
 (Living In Faith Everyday)

May 1-3 Theology on the Prairie
 June 17 2017 Prairie Lake Festival

*** "Giving Hearts Day!" was a success – over \$100,000.00 was raised for the new Fellowship Center!!! Thank you to everyone who participated in that event!

*** The Camp of the Cross Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 26th. More information to follow.

*** The 2017 summer program, "THE WATER OF

LIFE", is now open for registration. Those who have been to camp may have already received brochures at home, and they will also be distributed at the Sunday School classes soon. Through the generosity of groups and individuals from First Lutheran Church, the registration fees will be fully covered this year for our members. To help with keeping costs down for our church sponsors, it would be helpful to take advantage of the early bird discount by registering by April 1, 2017. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 15th if you are sending in registrations for the summer sessions.

*** The S'Mores and Much More Gala fundraiser will be Saturday, April 22, 2017 – stay tuned for further details.

Thank you
 Peggy Moran

First Lutheran March Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in March. If you have a birthday in March 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	2 Jane Gutknecht	3 Karen Goehring Wyat Klabunde Laden Lauf	4 Aaron Knutson Alisha Price Al Rall
5 Ardeth Denault Ruth Goetz Cody Kroll Kollin Syverson	6 Chad Bengtson Ever Kugler	7 Reese Adams	8 Robyn Thomas	9 Tyge Sheldon	10 Gwen Hall Neil Kadrmars	11 Maddie Jaeger Rani Schmidt
12 Clay Price Lynn Westrum	13 Tim Thiel	14 Haylie Bentz Jeannette Rost Kris Schmidt	15 Diane Blumhagen Andrew Kaiser Shirley Nelson Myla Vetter	16	17 Kailyn Hansen Kathryn Johnson Sierra Rodriguez Erica Schmitz	18
19 Brenda Borner Bill Lindell Kari Williams	20 Kaylene Klosterman	21 Torie Reinhart Noah Wollmuth	22 Kayle Borner Bella Ficklin Dale Kadrmars	23 Kyle Hegre Samantha Schell	24 Cole Helmers Emily Kannianen	25 LeRoy Bender Sarah Courtemanche Kristi Jaeger Dave Lindell
26	27 Jamie Hanson Alex Merkel Tiffany Schmitz	28 Dean Bergstedt	29 Newell Zeller	31 Libby Baker	31 Tyler Cowan Barry Kinnischtzke	

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you to Dennis & Gayle Johnson and Jeneen Loe for helping fold and tape the February newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thanks to all who prayed, sent cards and messages during treatment and surgery. We still have a long journey ahead, but pray with God's help we will be taken care of.

God Bless each and all of you.

David & Jeneen Loe

- ☺ Thank you for all the prayers, memorials and kind words you have given Dick and I these last few months. We appreciate your thoughts and know your prayers worked. Our First Lutheran family is so special. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Dick & Carla Bickert

The following are from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you Sarah Kadrmaz, Heather Seidler and Jeannette Rost for helping with Pizza Day.
- ☺ Thank you to Cierra Philbrick and Matt Gardner for helping with the lock-in.



Charlee May Sheldon
Baptized February 19, 2017

Joe, Kellie & Charlee Sheldon

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



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from January 29th thru February 19th. 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.

- ◆ Millie Nordquist
- ◆ Don Ziegler
- ◆ Martha Staigle
- ◆ Heidi Huber
- ◆ Wes Sick
- ◆ Mac Beaudry
- ◆ Joel Joersz
- ◆ Curt Radke – Stepdad of Monte Miller
- ◆ Laura Gardner
- ◆ Virgil Wisdom
- ◆ Jack Beyer - Grandson of Arden & Sande Wagner
- ◆ Monte Miller
- ◆ Mona Jorgenson
- ◆ Family of Bill Bickert on his death
- ◆ Family of Judith Hetletved on her death
- ◆ Josephine Kruckenberg - Sister of Mary Ann Beeks
- ◆ Paul Beeks - Brother-in-law of Mary Ann Beeks
- ◆ Anita Beeks - Sister-in-law of Mary Ann Beeks
- ◆ James Tolbert
- ◆ Keira Knell - Granddaughter of Duane & Marlyns Knell



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, January 29 to Sunday, February 19)



<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>Camp of The Cross</u>	\$0.00
<u>Building Fund</u>	\$0.00	<u>Camp of The Cross Building Campaign</u>	\$0.00
<u>Raise the Roof</u>	\$815.00	<u>Cemetery Fund</u>	\$0.00
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (3 times)	Keith Kuntz	<u>China Service Ventures</u>	\$0.00
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Loren Schwalbe	<u>Decorating (Church)</u>	\$0.00
Janet Carvell	Bette Bergeson	<u>General Fund</u>	\$140.00
Janet Carvell	Lenora Schulz	Bob & Sandra Weisgarber	Jim McCone
David & Jeneen Loe	Bob Mart	Howard & Elda Johnson (3 times)	Lane Johnson
David & Jeneen Loe	Charles Tjenstrom	Elaine Carr	Bill Bickert
David & Jeneen Loe	Joe Wagner Jr.	Mac & Judy Beaudry	Curtis Jorgenson
David & Jeneen Loe	Bobbie Taylor	Mac & Judy Beaudry	Bill Bickert
David & Jeneen Loe	Myron Birkeland		
John & Helen Samuelson	Judith Hetletved	<u>Global Missions, Other (Outside the U.S.)</u>	\$0.00
Wes Sauer	Bob Henne	<u>Local/Other U.S. Missions</u>	\$0.00
Wes Sauer	Judith Hetletved	<u>Library</u>	\$0.00
Janet Carvell	Gretchen Kost	<u>Lutheran Social Services</u>	\$0.00
Larry & Kathy Keller	Judith Hetletved	<u>Lutheran World Relief</u>	\$0.00
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Millie Portz	<u>Music Fund</u>	\$25.00
		Arden & Sande Wagner	Bill Bickert
		Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Bill Bickert
		<u>Parking Lot Fund</u>	\$0.00
		<u>Relief Missions</u>	\$0.00
		<u>Sunday School</u>	\$0.00
		<u>Vacation Bible School</u>	\$0.00
		<u>World Hunger</u>	\$0.00
		<u>Worship Fund</u>	\$0.00

The following are all IMO Curtis Jorgenson:

- Randy & Gwen Hall
- Randy & Janet Hanson
- Dennis & Gayle Johnson
- Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer
- Terry & Donna Gunderson
- Jim & Kathy Kaiser
- Peggy Moran
- Dick & Kitty Tweeten
- Brent & Theresa Petersen
- Dick & Carla Bickert

The following are all IMO Bill Bickert:

- Peggy Moran
- Rick & LeAnn Richard
- Brad & Cathy Sheldon
- Duane & Marlys Knell
- John & Helen Samuelson
- Dean & Sonja Bergstedt
- Virgil & Deb Wisdom
- Sharon Chrest
- Tom & Vivian Merkel
- Larry & Kathy Keller

Our sympathy goes out to:

- ◆ Dick & Carla Bickert and family on the death of Dick's brother, Bill Bickert.
- ◆ Dale & Geniel Schell and family on the death of Geniel's mother, Judith Hetletved.

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Ash Wednesday 11:50 AM 7-12 Grade Pizza 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion 8:00 PM Sr FLY 8:00 PM Choir	2 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	3 Noon World Day of Prayer at First Lutheran	4
5 First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion Holy Baptism 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 FLY Mission Trip Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	8 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by FLCW 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Jr FLY	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> Minkota Mission District Pastors Meeting </div>		11 Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed tonight!
12 Second Sunday in Lent 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	13 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 7:00 PM Church Council	15 5:30 PM FLCW Executive Board Meeting 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by FLY 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Sr FLY	16 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Church - Potluck 4:00 PM Girl Scouts	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 FLY has a booth at the Lion's Carnival
19 Third Sunday in Lent Holy Communion 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	20	21 Newsletter Deadline 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 Kathy Keller's 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting	22 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by Evangelism Committee 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Jr FLY	23 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting	24	25
26 Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	27	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	29 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by FLY 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM Sr FLY	30 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 4:00 PM Alzheimer's Class	31	

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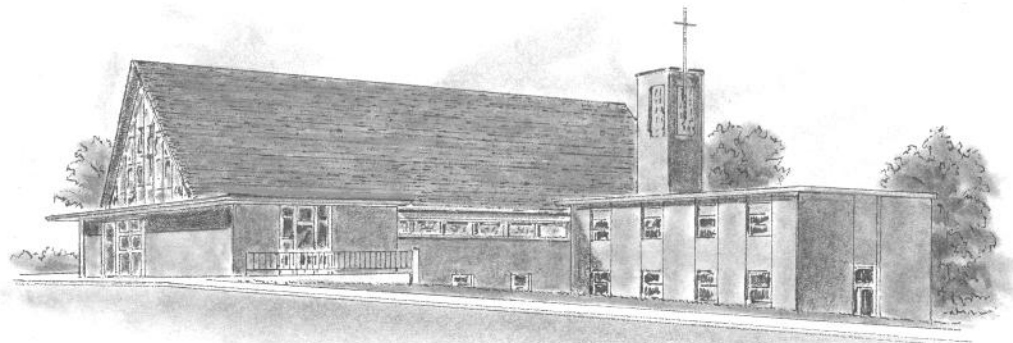
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Bible Study - 8:30 AM
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM
Sunday School - 10:45 AM
Bible Study - 10:45 AM
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM