



# THE PARISH NEWS



September, 2017



## Pastor Erik's Page

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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.

I'll get back to the Psalms in the future. For now my thoughts go to children. Kathryn & I were blessed to go see and hold a new granddaughter, Cecily Faith Johnson, born to our son Justin and his wife Melissa on August 13<sup>th</sup>. They already have two daughters and we were blessed to see and hold them as well. What a blessing our children are! Psalm 127:3 says, "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord." One can't help but think as you are holding a newborn child that this is a gift from the Lord.

Thinking about children leads me to also think about the beginning of school and coming up - the beginning of our Sunday School classes. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." In Mark 10 we read the following: "And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of God."

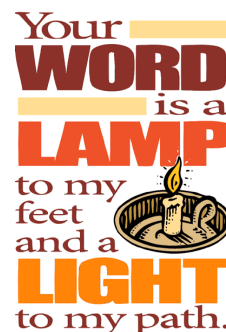
We have received a great gift from our Lord in our children and grandchildren. We have also received a great responsibility to help them grow up in relationship which not only includes family and community, but also includes a relationship to our Lord. This is what our Lord wants for all of us.

We pray and hope that some of that is happening in our Sunday School classes and our worship together. Hopefully it is also happening in your homes as you read Bible stories and pray with your children. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105) God's word is where we will find what we need to guide us through life.

May the Lord bless you and your children or grandchildren as you grow in faith and in a relationship to our Lord together!

See you at worship!

*Pastor Erik Johnson*



Psalm 119:105

# NALC News

NALC Convocation

August 9-11, 2017

## 2017 NALC Convocation focuses on Discipleship and Reformation

Nearly 700 NALC members gathered August 9-11 for the 2017 NALC Convocation in Nashville, Tenn., around the theme, "Holding Fast: Being Reformed."

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation provided a focus for the Convocation. The leaders of the largest Lutheran churches in the world were featured speakers for the worship services. The Rev. Dr. Fredrick Onael Shoo, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, was the preacher for a festival service observing the Reformation anniversary. The Rev. Yonas Yigezu, President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, preached for the opening worship of the Convocation Mission Festival.

The Rev. Dr. James Nestingen and the Rev. Dr. Nathan Yoder delivered keynote Bible study addresses on Reformation themes. The Rev. Dr. Jared Wicks addressed Martin Luther from a Roman Catholic perspective, and Carmen Fowler LaBerge addressed the Lutheran Reformation from a Reformed perspective.

The NALC's focus on discipleship featured prominently in the Convocation. Bishop John Bradosky provided a keynote address and Bible study on discipleship for the Mission Festival. Discipleship was also a focus of his report to the Convocation and of other speakers and workshops.

**The NALC Mission Festival** began the Convocation under the theme, "Renewing Congregational Life Through the Word of God." Keynote addresses were given by Bishop Bradosky, the Rev. Dr. Gemechis Buba, and the Rev. Dr. Joseph Parsalaw of the

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. Church leaders from around the world took part in a panel discussion on congregational life in their countries. Workshops addressed a variety of topics.

**Stuff the Truck for NALC Disaster Response** was a great success. So many supplies were brought for NALC Disaster Response that a larger truck needed to be obtained. Donated supplies included 400 quilts, 366 health kits, 112 school kits, 70 flood buckets, and 225 Bibles.

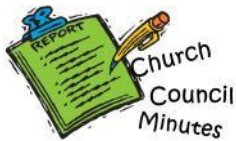
**The Bishop election process** will remain the same as proposed constitutional amendments were not approved.

**Elected to the NALC Executive Council** to four-year terms were Brian E. Sutton of Statesville, N.C., and Pastor Mark Braaten of Tyler, Texas. Pastor Jeffrey S. Greene of Brooks, Ga., and Lyle Hollander of Boyden, Iowa were elected to the Court of Adjudication. The Convocation also ratified the election of Julie Eskeland to the NALC-Canada Section Governing Board.

**2018 budgets were approved.** The Convocation approved a \$2.1 million operating budget for the NALC. Budgets were also approved for NALC designated funds: \$543,000 for the Theological Education Fund (which includes the North American Lutheran Seminary); \$165,500 for the Great Commission Fund; and \$64,000 for the Disaster Response Fund. Budgets anticipate spending some cash reserves. Delegates also approved a resolution encouraging congregations to increase their benevolence giving to the NALC by at least 1 percent of their congregational budget annually.

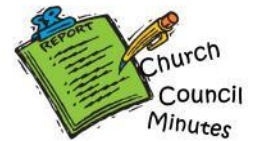
**The Braaten and Benne Lectures in Theology**, the annual theological conference which precedes the Convocation, focused on theological perspectives on the Work of Christ. The speakers were Dr. Don Collett, Dr. Gordon Isaac, Dr. Paul Hinlicky, Dr. David Luy, and Dr. David Yeago.

**Video recordings** of the NALC Convocation and the Braaten-Benne Lectures on Theology will be available for viewing online at [www.thenalc.org](http://www.thenalc.org). Documents and photos from the Convocation are also available online.



# AUGUST 15, 2017

(Please note that minutes are not approved until voted on by the council at the next month's meeting.)



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

## TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- Donna reviewed report with the council. Brenda/Kathy motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of accounts as of August 15, 2017 is as follows:

Checking	\$18,961.04
Building	14,724.56
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	1,597.46
Music	499.24
Parking Lot	36,086.11
Worship	1544.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$86,022.77</b>

## PASTOR'S REPORT

- No report in Pastor's absence.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- Kathy updated the raise the roof fund. The roof was paid in full with \$55,786.55 coming from the roof fund and \$12,613.45 borrowed out of Building Memorials as the congregation voted on.
- Kathy was wondering if we should do some kind of dedication for the new roof. She will follow up with Pastor.

### WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

- Sunday School will start September 10<sup>th</sup>. Suzanne met with Kathryn and they would like the Sunday School children to sing once per month.

- Suzanne is interested in having a kids/noisy offering during service. The council didn't see a problem with it. She will follow up with Pastor.

### EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- Rally Sunday will be held September 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be a welcome postcard mailed out to the children and a letter to the parents.
- They are still in need of a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher.
- There will be a teachers meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### EVANGELISM – Emily Retterath

- The committee is trying to find a way to involve the confirmation kids with worship services. They have to be there for confirmation anyways and the congregation enjoys it. They would like to see them involved with the reading portion. She will look further into it and talk to Pastor.

### PROPERTY – Aaron Vorland

- Aaron is waiting for a bill for the gutters.
- Carpets were cleaned last week in the church and parsonage.
- There are a few other parsonage projects that need to be addressed. Aaron will look into them.
- The fan above the choir loft makes noise and needs to be looked at. Aaron will contact Weber Electric.
- We need to get another estimate on the brick church sign. The bid we had came in at \$14,000.00. Brent questioned if there would maybe be someone who could volunteer to work on it. Aaron is going to call a few more contractors for bids. The question was brought up if we would do the same thing or consider replacing it with something new. We will check the bids and move forward from that point.

### Old Business

- We have \$1,748.81 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Kathryn Johnson has accepted the choir director position with Dick Bickert as her backup.
- LCMC delegates for the Annual Gathering in Minneapolis October 8-11 are needed. Registration is now open. Early bird ends on Sep-

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- tember 1<sup>st</sup>. Laura Gardner would like to attend and Kathy Keller will check into the dates and talk to Laura. She is interested in going.
- The yellow parking lines are covered again after the road work. Aaron will talk to the courthouse and see if they would be interested in working together to possibly save some money on the project.
  - Reformation 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is October 29<sup>th</sup>. Brent would like to do something special for worship service. The Evangelism Committee volunteered to put something together and Suzanne said the kids could possibly sing. Emily and Suzanne will look into it and get back to the council.

#### **New Business**

- Camp of the Cross needed to purchase a new garden tractor for around \$13,000. They are looking for contributions to this purchase so other projects can get done as well.
- Think about where we want 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter benevolences to be paid out in September
  - o Relief Missions - \$250
  - o World Hunger - \$125
  - o Global Mission - \$375
  - o US/Local Mission - \$375

#### **TRANSFER REQUESTS**

Transfer In:

- None

Transfer Out:

- None

Next meeting will be held Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Donna/Suzanne motioned to adjourn meeting. Motion approved.

President Brent adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Alyson Teigen  
Secretary



New and returning handbell players, join us on Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:45 pm as we begin our new season. Call Gwen Hall at 462-8629 with questions or for more information.

A graphic for a choir. At the top, the word "New" is written in a black, cursive font. Below it is a musical staff with a green treble clef and several colorful, stylized musical notes in red, blue, purple, green, and pink. To the right of the staff are two more stylized musical notes, one blue and one orange. Below the staff, the words "Choir Members Welcome!" are written in a large, bold, black serif font. Underneath that, in a smaller black serif font, it says "Choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 13th, at 7:30 pm." Further down, it says "Please join us. New members always welcome!" and at the bottom, "Thank you to Kathryn Johnson and her backup, Dick Bickert for accepting the choir director position." The entire graphic is enclosed in a black border.

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choir director position.

A graphic for a confirmation class. It features a red cross on the left, a white dove with its wings spread in the center, and an open book at the bottom. The background is a light blue gradient with faint, repeating text that says "Confirmation Class". Overlaid on the right side of the graphic is the text "Confirmation Class Starting Soon..." in a large, bold, white serif font. Below that, in a smaller white serif font, it says "8th & 9th grade Sunday School students and parents - watch your mailbox and bulletins for more information on confirmation." The entire graphic is enclosed in a black border.

Confirmation Class  
Starting Soon...

8th & 9th grade Sunday School students  
and parents - watch your mailbox and bul-  
letins for more information on confirmation.

Sunday School  
is the way  
to grow!



**Rally**  
SUNDAY

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 10  
10:45 AM**

**Come meet your teacher  
and join in the excitement!**

**Worship at 9:30 am with  
Sunday School teacher  
installation and blessing of  
backpacks!**



## S.S. Teacher Installation

During the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, September 10th, we will have:

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

Students age preschool thru college are asked to bring their backpacks to be blessed!

### **Sunday School Teachers, Subs and Music Leaders Installation**

The following have said "YES" when asked or volunteered to help out with the Sunday School program for the 2017-2018 school year.

Thank you to each and everyone of you. We couldn't have this program without you.

If you are willing to sub or volunteer, please contact Brenda Suckow at 462-8166.

#### **TEACHERS**

Preschool - Suzanne Swanson  
 Kindergarten - Sue Winter  
 Grade 1 - Julie Bentz  
 Grade 2 - Volunteers Needed  
 Grades 3 & 4 - Theresa Petersen  
 Grades 5 & 6 - Brent Petersen  
 Grade 7, 8 & 9 - Aaron Vorland

#### **SUBS**

Stacy Boeshans  
 More Volunteers Needed!!!


#### **MUSIC**

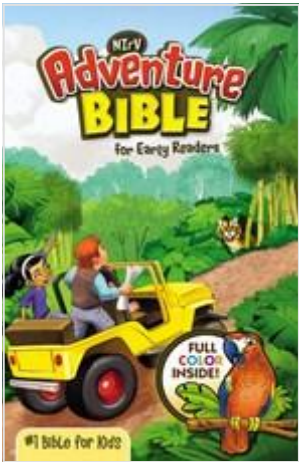
Preschool - Kindergarten - Suzanne Swanson  
 Grades 1-6 - Volunteer Needed

FOR

## Bibles

### 3rd Graders





The following third graders will receive their Bibles from the FLCW on Sunday, September 17th, during the worship service.

If a name is missed or there is one on this list that should not be here, please notify the church office immediately.

Haylie Bentz, Lily Gardner, Lily Johnson, Alyson Knox, Brooke Knutson, Berandt Olafson, Ava Schmidt, Ethan Swanson, Brooklyn Thomas, Brady Vollmuth, D.J. Winter

# FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

If you're anything like me, you're wondering where in the world summer went and how can it possibly be September already! As you're getting into the fall routine lets be purposeful in encouraging and praying for our youth. Lets get as excited about developing their faith foundation as we are their academic and athletic foundations. I don't need to tell you how these years are so formative nor do we need to tell our youth that. Let's encourage them and set great examples for them! Let us treat others the way we want to be treated. Love our neighbors as ourselves and really work to be God's hands and feet!

We will kick the new school year off with Pizza Day on Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Both youth groups will meet that night at 7. I have some ideas and plans that I'm really excited to visit with the youth about! We were blessed with a freezer full of ice cream and will have lots of fun fundraisers coming up revolving around that frozen goodness! Can anyone say Sundae Sundays?! We will also start planning our trip to the LCMC National Youth Gathering being held in Des Moines, IA next summer. We went in 2016 and it was an incredible experience. We will also be looking for chaperones for this trip. Let me know if you're interested!

Mark your calendars:

Wednesday, Sept. 6 Pizza Day! 11:50-12:30  
FLY kicks off at 7:00 (both groups)

Wednesday, Sept. 13 Jr FLY 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 20 Sr FLY 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 27 See You at the Pole TBA  
Jr FLY 7:00

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

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## Community Cupboard

of Underwood

Located at:

208 Lincoln Ave., Underwood

No referrals or pre-registration  
required.

All McLean County residents in need  
are welcome to receive food and  
household goods at no cost.

The Community Cupboard of Underwood is one of the food pantries serving Underwood, Washburn and the surrounding area. The pantry is open the first Thursday and the third Saturday of every month. In the first quarter of 2017 the pantry has served 66 families, half of which are from Washburn. With national changes in funding services the Great Plains Food Bank, which is a supplier of food and personal items to food pantries across the state, cannot offer the quantities it once did. Because of the increased use and decreased availability of food stuffs, the Community Cupboard of Underwood is in need of everything. Box, canned and dry foods are needed. Personal items, feminine products and laundry soap are also needed. Also needed are general donations to buy items and keep the Community Cupboard operational. A box will be in the narthex during the month of September for your donations.



If you would like to join the prayer chain  
or have your name taken off,  
please contact

Sande Wagner @ 462-3226  
Arlene Schwarz @ 462-3385 or  
Norma Petersen @ 462-3541.

# **PANCAKES & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

**September 10  
10:30 am - Noon**



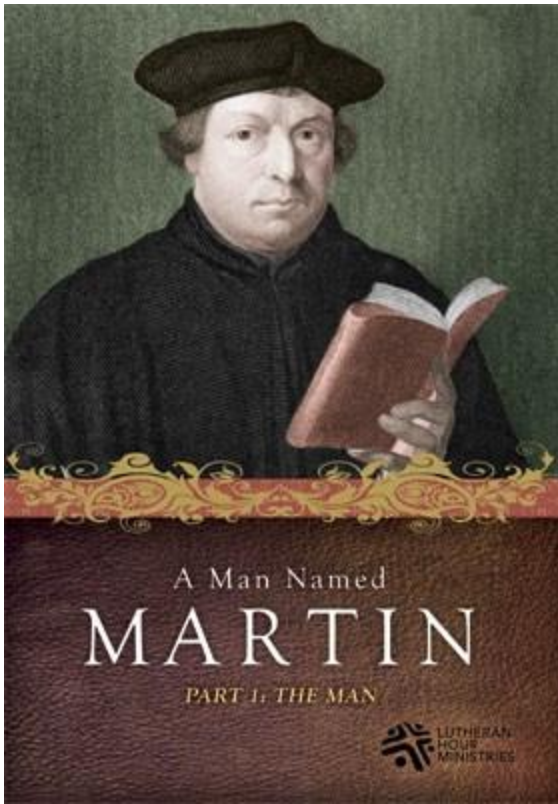
**Served by the  
First Lutheran Youth Group**



**Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit,  
Juice & Coffee**

**Freewill Offering**





## DVD based Bible Study beginning September 17

**Choose either 8:30 am or 10:45 am**

If interested in attending, please let Cathy Sheldon or Jeannette Rost (Administrative Secretary) know.

As of the printing of the newsletter we are unsure if there will be materials to buy or a cost for this study.

Encounter a 15th-century religious reformer from Germany who broke ranks with the Catholic Church. This Bible study is the first of a three-part series devoted to Martin Luther—a monk whose Spirit-inspired grasp of God's justification of sinners through faith in the Savior was the cornerstone of the Protestant Reformation.

In this five-session Bible study, Luther's life and times are examined through the lens of history, religion, and theology. Expanding on commentary from Rev. Gregory Seltz, Speaker for *The Lutheran Hour*, numerous scholars add their expertise and perspective to render an illuminating portrait of the life of this extraordinary human being.

As a forlorn sinner feeling lost and desperate before a stern and exacting Judge, Luther despaired of all hope for eternity. But as one who came to cling to the Spirit-delivered truths of justification by faith and the liberty believers experience by God's grace, he rebounded to become a triumphant ambassador for the Gospel.

The details of Luther's life—his childhood with his parents Hans and Margaret, his university pursuits, his decision to become a monk, his protestation of Catholic practices, his voluminous and erudite scholastic output, his life in hiding, and his roles as husband and father—are all considered in this study. *A Man Named Martin* offers a fresh look at an individual who, down through the centuries, has increased in importance and vitality to the Christian church.



# STEWARDSHIP CENSE



“So Peter went over to the side of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus. But when he looked around at the high waves, he was terrified and began to sink”  
Matthew 14: 29-30

A few weeks back, I thought Pastor had a great sermon. Of course, all Pastor’s sermons are good, but once in a while there’s one that particularly speaks to us. Such was the case with this one. It was on “fear”. Pastor talked about the fear the disciples often felt when they saw Jesus doing strange things. He talked about the fear Peter felt when he insisted he would not deny his Lord. Fear can be a paralyzing emotion and cause us to do things we perhaps would not do otherwise if the fear were not there.

I began to think that maybe it is our own fears that keep us back from doing or being involved in stewardship the way we should be or would like to be. Perhaps it is fear of not having enough time to help with a particular project in the church or community. Maybe it’s the fear of commitment or that we will get TOO involved and not be able to get ourselves out of such a project. It may be fear of not having enough money to see us through the month that keeps us from giving only 1% more of our monthly income to the general fund or “Raise the Roof” fund or other benevolence funds of the church. Perhaps it is when we are confronted with such fears that we really need to remember some of those fears that the disciples felt when they put themselves on the line for the Lord. Who is the

only one that took those fears away? Who is the only one that can take some of our own fears away today to be able to step out in love, kindness and stewardship? Something we all need to think and pray about, yes?

Lots of stepping out in good stewardship around in our community this past month. Construction started on our new McLean Resource Center. How many opportunities there will be for us here by next summer? Also I saw that Prince of Peace Lutheran held (by the time you read this) another Mobile Pack for Feed My Starving Children, an organization that provides meals to hungry children in more than 70 countries for only about 22 cents per meal. This is something we may want to consider in our quarterly charitable benevolences. Praise the Lord for these fine acts of stewardship!

And as always, Praise the Lord that we have our new roof and gutters installed and because of your acts of stewardship we are over the \$57,000 mark with only about another \$13,000 to be raised. Thanks to everyone who has made this project go so quickly and smoothly.

Have a blessed Labor Day! Please remember, serving others allows us to continue by His Grace to be His faithful stewards.

Yours in good stewardship,

Kathy Keller, Stewardship chair



As of August 27, 2017:

Our envelope giving is \$129,132.25 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00  
The plate giving is \$4,840.25 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00  
“Raise the Roof” balance is \$57,106.55 with approximately \$12,593.45 more needed to pay off the roof

Thank you for your giving.

# FLCW NEWS

September, 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  
Kathryn Johnson  
Cathy Sheldon

**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 women of First Lutheran enjoyed an August evening picnic lunch at the church with special music provided by LeAnn Richard and Sonja Bergstedt. Thank you to the campers who shared their experience while attending Camp of the Cross this summer. A sincere thank you to Donna Knutson, a western North Dakota teacher and artist, for helping us create our own unique painting.

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Tuesday, September 12**

5:30 PM - Executive Board Meeting

7:00 PM - Night with FLCW Quilters – Support and thank you to all of our quilters! \*Assembling Lutheran World Relief Kits (List is found in back of FLCW pink Booklets)

**Sunday, September 17**

Bibles will be given to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday School students during the worship service

**Sunday, October 8**

Area Churches Progressive Dinner - \*Tickets will be available soon

**Friday, November 17 - Lefse Making****Saturday, November 18 - Kuchen Making****Sunday, November 19 - Fall Harvest Festival Worship Service - 10:30 AM**

**Thank you** Kathy Keller and volunteers for the September delivery of Meals on Wheels!

There are three of you. There is the person you think you are.  
There is the person others think you are.  
There is the person God knows you are and can be through Christ.  
*Billy Graham*

Cathy Sheldon and Sonja Bergstedt, Co-Chairs



Quilting  
September 28, 2017  
9:00 AM

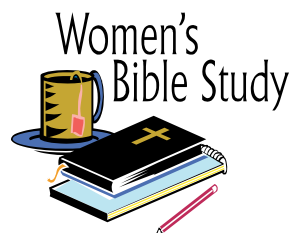
QUILTING GROUP

**Hannah Bible Study**

September 19, 2017

2:00 PM

Marlene Slagg's

**Deborah Bible Study**

September 21, 2017

9:30 AM

At the Church

Ardee Kurle and

Arlene Schwarz host

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

## Lutheran World Relief School & Personal Care Kits

Don't forget to pick up items for the LWR School & Personal Care Kits and bring them to the church. FLCW will meet on September 12th at 7:00 pm with the quilting ladies and put the kits together for shipping in October. Following are items needed for the school and personal care kits:

### School Kits:

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide or college ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 1/2" eraser

### Personal Care Kits:

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clippers, remove packaging



# THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you to Gayle Johnson & Brenda Ankenbauer for helping fold and tape the August newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thank you to Monte Carvell for all his time and talent put into building the storage closet beside the stage. Wonderful job Monte!
- ☺ Thank you to Aaron Vorland for trimming up the trees and hauling the branches away.
- ☺ Thank you to Rick Richard for filling in while Pastor Erik was away on vacation.

- ☺ Thank you First Lutheran Family for your kind words, memorials and prayers for our family. Pastor Erik's beautiful message filled us with comfort and hope. Kathryn's organ music uplifted our hearts in praise. We extend a special thank you to the FLCW Serving Group 5 for their time preparing and serving the wonderful meal. We are truly blessed to have such loving support.

God Bless!

The Sheldon's - Edie, Brad & Cathy, Tom & Kim, Justin & Tammy, Tyge & Alli, Jon & Leslie, Joe & Kellie

**FLCW - August 16, 2017**

**Was supposed to be “Artists in the Park”  
but got changed to “Artists in the Church”!**

**Led by Donna Knutson, a western North Dakota artist**



Donna Knutson - Guest Artist,  
Sonja Bergstedt & Cathy Sheldon - FLCW co-chairs



Artists at work!





Artists at work!



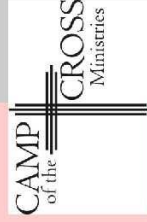
Final project. Nice job ladies!!! Looks like you had fun!

## Fall Women's Retreat

Bible Study  
Leader:  
Tara Ulrich,  
Deacon

**"A Wondrous  
Woman Is She:  
Celebrating A 'HER'story of  
Women in the Reformation."**

**September  
19th &  
20th, 2017**



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**"Camping with  
Christ...  
For Lives of Faith..."**



### Housing

Those who register early may stay in the comfort of our Retreat Center Lodge, with indoor shower facilities and bedrooms that accommodate 1-2 people. Later registrants may stay in our retreat area cabins. Bedding is not supplied. The cabins have an indoor toilet and sink. Showers are located at a nearby building.

Questions- contact the camp office at  
701-337-2246 or

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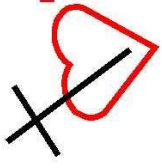
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ON LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE

# "Wondrous Women of the Reformation"



## REGISTRATION:

Please Check One.

- \$70 for Retreat Lodge
- \$60 for Retreat Cabin
- \$35 for 2 days- no lodging

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: - \_\_\_\_\_



**"What are our stories?"**

## More About Our Theme:

We hear a lot about Martin Luther, but we also know that women have had a significant part in church history. In our time together, we will uncover more about how women have been moving in the church: from the time of the reformation to 500 years later today!

Room-  
mate: \_\_\_\_\_

Check  Visa or MasterCard  
A \$25.00 non-refundable deposit is requested!

Please register by Sept. 10th!

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Card No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount to be Charged: \_\_\_\_\_



## September 19th-20th, 2017

Registration on Tuesday will be at 10AM in the dining hall.

The Retreat begins at 11:00AM.

The event will end Wednesday before 1PM.

**What to bring:** Bedding if in cabins, friend, Bible, snack to share, and silent auction or mother of the camp donation.

**HOUSING IS ON A FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS**

*(single rooms are not available!)*

Send the left side of this form along with your non-refundable \$25 deposit to:

Camp of the Cross Ministries

PO Box 1257

Garrison, ND 58540

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- St. Olaf's Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake, ND
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Turtle Lake, ND
- Our Savior Lutheran Church, Stanton, ND

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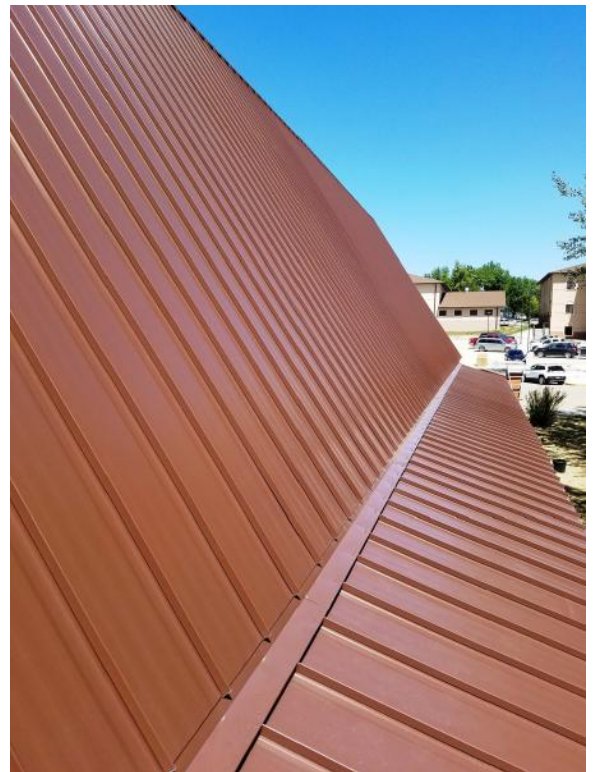


# Register On Line!





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Top picture - West side roof after; Bottom - View from front of church



# CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

September 19-20	Women's Fall Weekday Retreat
September 26-28	Harvest Your Wisdom Retreat
October 7	Blue Jeans Ball – Wilton Memorial Hall
October 7-9	7-9th Grade Bash
October 12-15	Crafting Weekend
October 27-28	4-6th Grade Bash
November 2-5	Crafting Weekend
November 18	Scandinavian Supper
November 24-26	Dickens Village Guest House
December 1-3	Dickens Village Guest House
December 8-10	Dickens Village Guest House

- \*\* Enjoy a time of fellowship and intriguing conversation with friends of new and old. Stay tuned for more information about our guest speaker. Participants are welcome to come for both days and stay overnight or come out only for the day. September 19-20, 2017 Women's Fall Weekday Retreat
- \*\* NEW! This is a retreat specifically for retired persons as they answer the big question, "What

comes next?" We are blessed to have Paul Campbell, former 12-year executive director of Spirit in the Desert in Arizona, as our guest leader. September 26-28, 2017 Harvest Your Wisdom Retreat

- \*\* NEW fundraiser! Dinner of pulled pork sandwiches and all the fixings serving from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Wilton Memorial Hall. Dance from 8:00-11:30 pm to Fat Guy DJ out of Wilton. Other activities include a live Dessert Auction, Bucket/Ticket Auction, photo booth, children's games, horse/buggy rides, fence line giving opportunity, and specialty dances. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!! October 7, 2017, BLUE JEANS BALL
- \*\* Sad – it has been decided NOT to hold the Lutefisk Supper this year due to the high cost of lutefisk.
- \* Call 701-337-2246, Camp of the Cross office, for questions. Go to [www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com) to register or for more information.

Thank you  
Peggy Moran

## Harvesting Your Life's Wisdom

### 3rd Chapter of Life Retreats


by Paul Campbell

**Sept. 26-28 at Camp of the Cross Garrison, North Dakota**

\$125 per person

*Register online at Camp of the Cross Ministries or call (701) 337-2246*

*Registration deadline is Sunday, September 10th.*



Paul Campbell

Life is full of teaching moments. Some through grand successes and others through difficult challenges, even losses. What is life's journey, marked by this transition to wise sage, inviting us to explore? How can this wisdom empower us to serve God & God's Creation in new, deeper, and exciting ways? How can this new found meaning & purpose instill well-being into our lives ... and others? How can this well-being bring joy and fulfillment?

During his more than four decades of ministry, Paul was fortunate to have a number of different kinds of ministry including serving 12 years as the Executive Director for Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center in Carefree, Arizona. Seven years ago, he began focusing on retreats for those who are retired or approaching retirement.

Paul "retired" from Spirit in the Desert in 2015 and is now "re-fired" to answer God's call to create and lead retreats focused on this age group.

The "Elder" time of life is when we come to understand that the hills and valleys of life have provided us with the gift of wisdom that is now ready for the harvest. Instead of focusing on the aspects of aging that we might consider a loss, we can turn our attitudes and vision to embrace the treasure trove of our life experiences and have the insight to ask, "What does this mean?" The process of reflecting on this question energizes us to ponder what God is calling us to be and how we can serve the greater good with the wealth of insight and wisdom that we earned in life.

Camp of the Cross Ministries'

# Blue Jeans Ball

Dinner, Drinks & Dancing

*Grab your boots & scoot on over*

*for some good ol' family fun!*

**Live Dessert Auction (7:30pm)**

**"Luck of the Draw" Auction**

**Children's Games**

**Photo Booth**

**Saturday, October 7**  
**Wilton Memorial Hall**

*Dinner | Dancing*

**6 - 8 | 8 - 11:30**

*Tickets Available at the Door*

**\$20 - Adults**

**\$10 - Children (13 and under)**

**\$5 - Dance Only after 8pm**

*Event Sponsored by:*



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INSURANCE

*RSVPs not necessary but are appreciated.*

*[www.campofthecross.com](http://www.campofthecross.com)*

*Office: 701-337-2246*

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

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

3 - Brenda Krebsbach, Claudette Ness  
 Monte & Victoria Carvell  
 10 - Melanie Beckman, Amanda Vetter  
 Kaitlynn Carlson  
 17 - Doug & Mary Haugtvedt  
 Gary & Nancy Fuchs  
 24 - Alton & Brenda Krebsbach

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3 - Duane & Marlys Knell  
 17 - Chris Samuelson & Suzanne Swanson

### ALTAR CARE

Gayle Johnson & Brenda Ankenbauer

### SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

3 - Jeff Schmidt  
 10 - Kathy Keller  
 17 - Peggy Wollmuth  
 24 -

### COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

3 - Brenda Krebsbach & Maybell Job  
 10 - FLY - Rally Breakfast  
 17 - Darrell & Stacey Scheresky  
 Wes & Pat Sick  
 24 - Darrell & Stacey Scheresky

### SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Alton & Brenda Krebsbach

Location	Date	RSVP by	Church	Address
WILLISTON	Thursday, September 7	September 1	Trinity Christian School	2419 9th Ave W
MINOT	Thursday, September 14	September 8	River of Life Church	400 22nd Ave NW
BISMARCK	Thursday, October 19	October 13	Bismarck Baptist Church	2211 E LaForest Ave
FARGO	Thursday, October 26	October 20	First Assembly Church	3401 25th St S

North Dakota  
**Adult & Teen**  
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*Your journey to HOPE and HEALING starts here.*

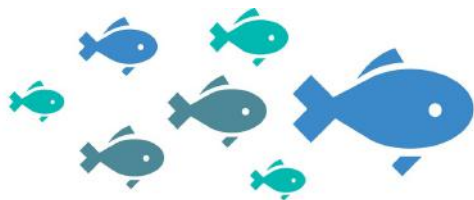
Please join us in celebrating our students' Journey to Hope!  
 Cost for each banquet is \$25.00 per person or \$180.00 for a table of 8.

#### RSVP DEADLINES:

Williston	Friday, Sept. 1
Minot	Friday, Sept. 8
Bismarck	Friday, Oct. 13
Fargo	Friday, Oct. 20

Please RSVP to Miranda at 701-667-2131 ext. 103

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
 Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m.



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 **October**. The service coordinators are **Terry & Donna Gunderson**. *If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in October works best for you and give Terry or Donna a call at 462-8335. If Terry or Donna 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.

David Beckman  
 Nadine Berger  
 Dean & Sonja Bergstedt  
 Delwin & Diane Blumhagen  
 Dan & Melissa Chrest  
 Sharon Chrest

Don Ellwein  
 Dennis & Janice Hammling  
 Byron & Kailyn Hansen  
 Nikki Jorstad  
 Aaron & Beth Knutson  
 Tana Larsen

A.J. & Kara Richards  
 Glenda Scholl  
 Justin & Tammy Sheldon  
 George & Val Swanson  
 Mike Thyberg  
 Candace Wieger



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from July 30th thru August 27th.

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.***

- ◆ Dick & Barbara Brewster
- ◆ Pastor Jack Eichhorst
- ◆ Madison Sommer
- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Tom Merkel
- ◆ Family of Marge Oberg on her death
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- ◆ Tom Hammond
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Howard Johnson
- ◆ Family of Robert Moran on his death
- ◆ Family of Larry Kerzman on his death
- ◆ Todd Sanders - Nephew to Mary Schulz
- ◆ Esther Bender
- ◆ Hurricane Harvey victims and responders



Our sympathy goes out to:

⇒ Perry Oberg and Skip & Pam Oberg and families on the death of Perry and Skip's mother, Marge Oberg

⇒ Peggy Moran and family on the death of Peggy's father-in-law, Robert Moran

May God give them comfort in this time of sorry.

## First Lutheran September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in September. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> Jerry Richards	<b>2</b> Ruth Borlaug Arlene Hoff Annie Johansen Dominique Pickell Deb Wisdom
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Keith Jacobson Orlin Larson	<b>5</b> Carla Bickert	<b>6</b> Candace Vanderwal Byron Hansen Eric Schmitz	<b>7</b> Casen Maier Faith Wasson	<b>8</b> David Borlaug Remi Solomonson Jack Zimmerman	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Aubrey Gardner Kasi Hammling Olivia Retterath	<b>11</b> Jonathan Chrest Christopher Malsam Justin Petersen	<b>12</b> Christian Gardner	<b>13</b> Ward DeMontigny Dale Klosterman Amanda Schmidt	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Nolan Teigen Amanda Vetter	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> Monte Carvell Helen Samuelson	<b>18</b> Staci Berube	<b>19</b> John Samuelson Grant Tweeten	<b>20</b> Tonya Gieser Carl Heger Carol Kuball	<b>21</b> Alton Krebsbach	<b>22</b> Keaton Kadrmas	<b>23</b> Doddie Kuntz Shauna Schauer Angel Thiel
<b>24</b> Geniel Schell	<b>25</b> Dylan Schauer Ellie Schmidt	<b>26</b> Cadence Charging Jim Kaiser	<b>27</b> John Wasson	<b>28</b> Rachel Pfeiger Mandy Schell	<b>29</b> Bently Kannianen Madilyn Knox Keith Loutzenhiser Strausser Malsam Lynn Sommer	<b>30</b> Mark Loutzenhiser Heidi Marshall Dane Petersen Lowell Rothmann Dean Schell



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**Fund given to & by whom**

**In Memory of**

**Raise the Roof (cont.)**

The following are all in memory of Ray Sheldon:

- Bill & Pat Lindell
- Dick & Kitty Tweeten
- Terry & Norma Petersen
- Ron & Nancy McLeod
- Merissa McLeod
- Jeff & Nancy Leidholm
- Darren & Ruth McLachlan
- Mary Schulz
- George & Laurie Sheldon
- Paul & Kathy Pfiefe
- Pablo & Colette Ronderos
- George & Val Swanson
- John & Lesley Phillips
- Doug & Dana Reiser
- Morris & Pandy Hummel
- Dennis, Betty & Rob Kost
- Tom & Vivian Merkel
- Russ & Terri Leidholm
- Virgil & Deb Wisdom
- Ethel Mart
- Francis & JoAnn Brunsell
- Sylvia Thompson
- Glenda, Alan & Sara Scholl
- Vivian & Troy Carlson
- Brent & Theresa Petersen
- Matt & Denise Johannes
- Matt & Sarah McLean
- Rob & Bonnie Tweeten
- Larry & Mary Haas
- Lynn & Joy Westrum
- Joe & Laura Blotske
- Kyle & Karen Gradin
- Dennis & Gayle Johnson
- Matt & Julie Broderick
- Max & Lori Miller
- Mike, Shawn & Dillon Leingang
- Doug & Jane Schulz
- Brad & Andrea Holtan
- Ron & Kay Hegvik
- Kemp & Becky Makeeff
- Max & Marge Guentner
- Lenny & Vickie Lange
- Steve & Kay Reiser
- Marilyn Cunningham
- Clinton Tweeten
- Brian & Earlene Rothmann
- Reid & Kayla Buckley
- Bob & Jill Wiese
- Louie & Karen Rothmann
- Ken & Maybell Job
- Doyle & Patsy Johannes
- Michael & Liza McLean
- Kelly & Pam Trueblood
- Lyle & Mary Lauf
- John & Renee Fransen
- Jay & Sarah Lies

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**Raise the Roof (cont.)**

The following are all in memory of Ray Sheldon:

- Bob Langren & Pat Brown
- Troy & Mandy Bradley
- Dwight & Denise Gradin Family
- Dan Hoff & Lindsey Meidinger
- Todd & Mary Goven
- Paul & Susan Schulz
- Wanda Giedd
- Nolan & Lexi Johnson
- Layton & Mavis Freeborg
- John & Jodi Sayler
- Neal & Bev Peterson
- Dan & Sandi Wicklander
- Marilyn Wagner
- Mike & Rocio Guentner
- Russell & Deloris Makeeff
- Don & Loretta Streifel
- Wayne & Jude Heringer
- Jeff & Laurie Wagner
- Wes & Pat Sick
- Ron & Linda Weisenberger
- Dave & Cheryl Isaak
- Amanda Thyberg
- Loretta Link
- Brian, Libby & Logan Barrett
- Candace Enockson
- Wayne & Carol Leidholm
- Larry & Kathy Keller
- Randy & Janet Hanson
- Glenn & Ruth Goetz
- Maythel Dierks
- Loretta & Wendy Link
- Jim & Kathy Kaiser

**General Fund..... \$50.00**  
Howard & Elda Johnson ..... Lane Johnson

**LWR..... \$15.00**  
Mary Ann Beeks..... Phyliss Falkenstein

**Music Fund..... \$10.00**  
Arden & Sande Wagner ..... Ray Sheldon

**Parking Lot Fund ..... \$70.00**  
Rick & Laura Tweeten..... Beth McAdoo  
Rick & Laura Tweeten..... Ray Sheldon  
Rick & Laura Tweeten..... Margaret Martin





# SEPTEMBER

# 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> <b>Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>Labor Day</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>6</b> 11:50 AM Pizza Day 7:00 PM Jr. & Sr. FLY 7:00 PM S.S. Teachers & Subs Meeting	<b>7</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 6:00 PM CCM Board Meeting	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Grandparents Day</b> 9:30 AM Worship S.S. Teacher Installation Blessing of Back Packs 10:30 AM Rally Sunday to Noon Breakfast 10:45 AM Rally Sunday 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>11</b> <b>Patriot Day</b> 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 5:30 PM FLCW Exec. Board Meeting 7:00 PM Night w/FLCW Quilters	<b>13</b> 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	<b>14</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 6:30 PM Girl Scout Open House 7:00 PM Church Council	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 2:00 PM Bridal Shower for Nicole Kroll
<b>17</b> <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 3rd Graders Receive Bibles 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 2:00 PM Hannah Bible Study at Marlene Slagg's 2:00 PM Home Health Group Meeting	<b>20</b> Newsletter Deadline 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	<b>21</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church - Ardee Kurle and Arlene Schwarz Host 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</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>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	<b>27</b> TBA Jr. & Sr. FLY "See You at the Pole" 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	<b>28</b> AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

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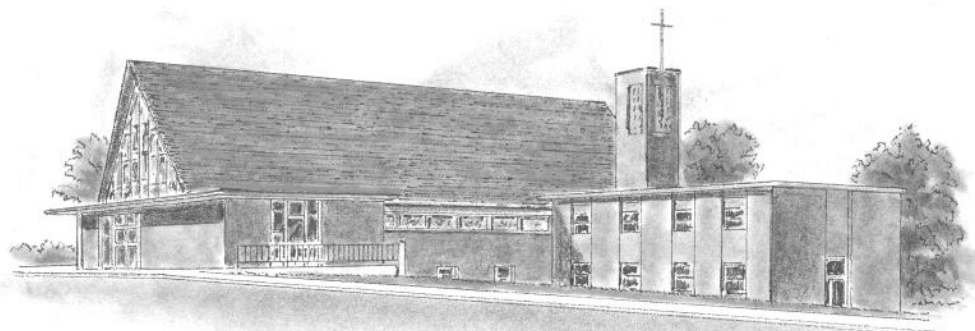
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Christ known through  
Worship, Christian  
Education, Evangelism,  
Caring Ministries, and  
Service.”*

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## **SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

**Bible Study - 8:30 AM (Beginning September 17)**

**Worship Service - 9:30 AM**

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

**Sunday School - 10:45 AM (Beginning September 10)**

**Bible Study - 10:45 AM (Beginning September 17)**

**AA Meeting - 7:00 PM**