



THE PARISH NEWS



December, 2017

*First Lutheran Church
PO Box 218, 709 5th Ave
Washburn, ND 58577-0218*

Pastor: Rev. Erik Johnson

*Phone:
701-462-3775 Church
701-462-3774 Parsonage
701-315-0255 Cell Phone
701-462-3785 Fax
E-mail address:
flc@westriv.com
Web-site address:
www.flcwashburn.com*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

OFFICE & NEWSLETTER EDITORIAL STAFF:

Jeannette Rost, Administrative Secretary

CUSTODIANS:

Jared & Sharon Hendrikson

YOUTH DIRECTOR:

Laura Gardner

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Rev. Erik Johnson, Pastor
Brent Petersen, President
Dick Bickert, Vice President
Alyson Teigen, Secretary
Donna Sommer, Treasurer
Aaron Vorland, Property Trustee
Suzanne Swanson, Worship Deacon
Brenda Suckow, Education Chair
Emily Retterath, Evangelism Deacon
Kathy Keller, Stewardship Trustee

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.



What does Christmas mean to you?

The Christmas season, which for most of us can mean all of December, can mean many things to us. It can mean the gathering of family together for fellowship, meals and opening of presents. Christmas can mean programs and concerts that our children perform in, at school and at church. The time before Christmas can mean being busy with trying to get decorations out and finding presents for all the people who are important to us. There is also a time for parties and gatherings connected with our jobs.

The Christmas season hopefully is also a time when we think about others – Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes, Helping hands, and a host of other projects that become close to our hearts.

What does Christmas mean to you?

One of the Scripture readings for Christmas is from Titus 2:11-14
"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."

Hopefully, Christmas also means to us that the Grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all. Jesus gave himself for us to redeem us. Now that all perhaps sounds like the message of Easter, and certainly is that. It is the message of the whole of Scriptures. We remember at Christmas that the gift of God that means our redemption begins the birth of Jesus Christ.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:11-12)

That's it! That's at the heart of what Christmas means! It all comes down to a Savior – for us!

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

A blessed Christmas to all of you!

Pastor Erik & Kathryn Johnson



LEFSE MAKING



Thank you to Donna Kroll for heading the lefse making and Sylvia Thompson for heading the kuchen making.



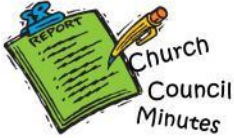
Thank you to everyone that came and helped with the lefse and kuchen making. Without your help this could not be done. Donna & Sylvia sure do appreciate your help!



Thank you also to everyone that came and bought lefse and kuchen. All was sold!

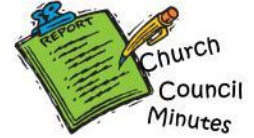


No pictures were taken during the kuchen making. Sorry ladies!



NOVEMBER 13, 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: Pastor Erik Johnson, Brent Petersen, Suzanne Swanson, Aaron Vorland, Dick Bickert, Alyson Teigen, Brenda Suckow, Donna Sommer, Emily Retterath also present was Jeannette Rost. Absent: Kathy Keller
- Pastor Erik led in devotions.
- Emily/Donna motioned to approve the October minutes. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Donna Sommer

- Alyson/Aaron motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried. The balance of accounts as of November 13, 2017 is as follows:

Checking	16,075.25
Building	20,704.70
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	1,637.70
Music	619.24
Parking Lot	36,241.11
Worship	1,544.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$89,432.36

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastoral Acts
 - Memorial Service: 10/26/2017 Paul Meyer
 - Baptism: 10/29/2017 Maddox George Baker
 - Funeral: 11/10/2017 Art Bender
- Visitation
 - Home – 2
 - Nursing Home – 1
 - Hospital – 7
- Haley Anderson – adult confirmation on December 3rd along with Baptism of daughter Sarah and reception by transfer of husband Brandon and older daughter Paula.
- We will also recognize other members who have transferred into the congregation during the last year on December 3rd.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- N/A

WORSHIP – Suzanne Swanson

- Suzanne bought a new star and new gold bulbs for the Christmas tree.
- Poinsettia tree will be up by December 3rd.
- Suzanne will have Sunday School students make some ornaments to take to Pine Ridge.

EDUCATION – Brenda Suckow

- Brenda has been looking for advent calendars for Sunday School.
- Sunday School program will be December 10th at 10:30 am. Dress rehearsal will be at 9:30 am. There will be no Sunday School after the program until January 7th.

EVANGELISM – Emily Retterath

- December 3rd – goodie bags for new members.
- Emily is working on finding December ushers and coffee servers.

PROPERTY – Aaron Vorland

- Aaron talked to Weber about the light on the sign and flag. He also visited with him about the middle fan. It is loud and needs to be fixed or replaced. If the middle fan needs replacing we will replace all three as they are all getting old.
- The elevator has been fixed but may need an adjustment.

Old Business

- We have \$868.13 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.
- Fall church cleanup – Dick has the list of items and will start working on it.

New Business

- Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Shipping Cost – They are asking \$9.00 per box this year. Do we want to use Thrivent money to pay for the boxes that people didn't put money in for shipping? Dick/Emily motioned to approve the Thrivent dollars. Motion approved.
- Three Days of Prayer 2018 – January 2-4
 - FLCW possibly head up – will know after their meeting tomorrow
- Sidewalk snow removal – Brent Barnick does the bulk snow removal but we need to have

(Continued on next page)

(Continued from previous page)

someone responsible for the sidewalks. Jared said he would look at the snow blower to fix the shoot. Alyson will talk to Brent and see if he has something to clean the sidewalk better than what is done now. We will ask Jared or Preston to see if they are interested. Aaron will work on it. If they are not interested we will put something in the bulletin.

- Annual meeting will be January 21st
 - Lunch will be soup, breads and salads served by council.
- Pine Ridge – Aaron asked if we could put a box out for donations. He will be going there December 17.
- Think about where we want 4th quarter benevolences to be paid out in December
 1. Relief Missions - \$250
 2. World Hunger - \$125
 3. Global Missions - \$375
 4. US/Local Missions - \$375

TRANSFER REQUESTS

Transfer In:

- Brandon Anderson and daughter Paula from Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead, MN. Aaron/Suzanne motioned to approve the transfer. Motion approved.

Transfer Out:

- none

Next meeting will be held Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

Budget meeting will be held Monday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m.

Donna/Dick motioned to adjourn meeting. Motion approved.

President Brent adjourned the meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Alyson Teigen
Secretary



December 2

9:30 AM - FLCW Advent Breakfast

December 3 - First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Worship w/Holy Communion

Holy Baptism

Confirmation

New Member Sunday

10:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour

Sundae Sunday

10:45 AM - Sunday School

December 10 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour

10:30 AM - Sunday School Christmas

Program followed by Christmas Brunch and

Craft Sale by FLY

Please note change in time of Sunday School, Fellowship/Coffee Hour and Worship (Sunday School Christmas Program).

December 17 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour

2:30 PM - Cantata

Followed by Coffee & Cookies

December 24 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

No morning worship

Christmas Eve

4:30 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship
w/Holy Communion

December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 AM - Christmas Celebration Worship
w/Holy Communion

Merry Christmas

Over 900 Attend LCMC 17th Annual Gathering

By Kristy Thomas - LCMC - October 16, 2017

A total of 903 people attended our 17th Annual Gathering in Minneapolis, Minnesota from October 8-11, 2017.

The theme of this year's event was "We Confess Our Faith" and featured keynote presentations focusing on three of the fundamental teachings of the Reformation: Justification, The Doctrine of the Two Kingdoms, and the Priesthood of All Believers.

The gathering kicked off with dinner and an opening worship service preached by **Pastor Julie Samuelson** on Sunday morning. Our worship leader this year was **Mr. Eric McIntyre** of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN.

Seminarians and church planters had an opportunity to meet up on Sunday evening for dessert and fellowship.



Monday's program began with worship, prayer, and Bible study, followed by a keynote panel featuring **Pastor Steve Turnbull, Rev. Enrique Estrada, Rev. Tom LoVan, and Pastor Ingrid Aderhold**.

After table discussions, a networking session, and lunch, LCMC Service Coordinator Rev. Mark Vander Tuig gave an update on the association.

The day wrapped up with a fellowship dinner, where participants had the option to get connected with a fellowship group in LCMC or simply join a general group of people for dinner at the convention center, followed by meetings for the various geographic and non-geographic districts within the association.

Tuesday opened with worship, prayer, and Bible study followed by a dramatic portrayal of Martin Luther and his wife Katarina performed by **Rev. Johan and Sonja Hinderlie**. (For more information about their ministry, check out section 5 of this year's [Annual Gathering book](#)).



Tuesday morning also included a keynote panel on the concept of two kingdoms featuring **Dr. Ken Jones, Pastor John Kline, Rev. Dr. Pêri Rasolondraibe, and Pastor Siimon Haamer**, followed by a table discussion.

On Tuesday afternoon, LCMC staff members Mark Vander Tuig and Dan Clites recognized district leaders, certifiers, new congregations, pastors, seminarians, military chaplains, and those who were celebrating significant anniversaries of ordination.



Throughout the day, LCMC partnered with Days for Girls to learn about their ministry and help assemble sustainable and reusable hygiene kits for women and girls in need around the globe.

In the evening, attendees had the option of attending a global worship service at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, viewing the movie commissioned by *Thrivent Martin Luther, The Idea That Changed the World*, taking part in a pop-up worship

(Continued on next page)

(Continued from previous page)

session, or taking part in one of several different meet and greet sessions.

After worship, prayer, and Bible study on Wednesday morning, LCMC Board of Trustees Chair Rev. Sean Kelly thanked pastors **Martha Uecker Nelson** and **Christopher Miller** for their service on the board and announced that pastors **Sue Gunderson** (Area 4) and **John Fauerbach** (Area 2) were newly elected.

Current Board of Trustees officers for LCMC consist of pastors Sean Kelly (Chair), Brodie Taphorn (Vice Chair), Darrin Vick (Secretary), and Mrs. Laurel Swanson (Treasurer).



The event concluded with a keynote panel featuring **Rev. Julie Smith**, **Mrs. Jennifer Desarmo**, **Rev. Bill Moberly**, and **Dr. Kyle Fever**, followed by a closing worship service preached by **Rev. Dave Wollan**.

Videos of the speakers from this year's event will be available on our website and in our mobile app in winter 2018. We will make an announcement via e-newsletter, blog, and mobile app when our videos have been posted, so stay tuned!

Our next Annual Gathering will take place October 7-10, 2018 in Des Moines, IA.

Report of LCMC Annual Gathering

from Pastor Erik Johnson

As you can see from the report about, the LCMC Annual Gathering was a busy time attending meetings, listening to excellent speakers, discussing issues that were important to us and worshipping together.

For me, one of the highlights of attending a meeting such as this is reconnecting with people from around the country that I have gotten to know either at seminary or during other national gatherings. It also means meeting new people and hearing their stories. I meet a couple of Pastors from Madagascar who knew my father when he was missionary out there and also reconnected with a couple of missionary kids that I grew up with.

Since we celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, those things that were associated with that were also a highlight.

If you ever get an opportunity to attend one of these gatherings I would certainly recommend the experience.

It was a time of refreshment in the Lord. Thank you for giving me the time to attend this gathering.



Adam, Maddox, Ashley & Libby Baker

Maddox George Baker
Baptized October 29, 2017

We welcome Maddox as our
newest member of
First Lutheran.

Silent Night: *A Christmas Eve with Martin Luther*

A Children's Christmas Program

by
the Rev. Craig Nehring



Sunday
December 10th
10:30 AM

(Sunday School Rehearsal at 9:30 am)

First Lutheran Church, Washburn

Brunch and Craft Show by FLY follows

LCMC's Sixth Annual

THREE DAYS OF PRAYER

January 2-4, 2018

www.lcmc.net/three-days-of-prayer



Watch bulletins for further information!



The following have become members of First Lutheran since our last new member recognition.

We will recognize them on Sunday, December 3rd, during the worship service. Welcome to First Lutheran!

Mike Aull
Kathy Farstad
Alvin & Carolyn Aaseth
Brandon & Haley Anderson and children, Paula & Sarah



The following took part in the Rite of First Communion on November 26, 2017.

Pictured: Pastor Erik Johnson, Alex Seidler, Ryleigh Schmidt, Alexis Berube, Sienna Berube
Not pictured: Bella Ficklin, Braden Ficklin

Save this
Date in
January



Annual Congregational Meeting

January 21, 2018

11:45 AM

Soup, Bread, Salad and Bars

Meeting follows

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner



I hope this finds you in great spirits and full of Christmas Joy! We are very excited and have a few things brewing this Christmas Season. First, we'd like your help in collecting gifts and supplies for our friends living on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Winter hats and gloves, beads, craft wire, leather, board games, small toys, bath and body toiletry sets, etc. Aaron, our Junior and Senior High Sunday School teacher will deliver all the supplies and presents just in time for Christmas!

We hope you will join us on Sunday, December 10th as we are hosting brunch again this year following the Sunday School Christmas Program. In addition to brunch we will also be having a small craft show with a few Youth Group made items, as well as Threads of Hope Bracelets and Champs Chicken vouchers.

Pizza Day has again been a big success. It costs roughly \$140 a month to host this event and I do feel it's become a very important tool. We have had multiple youth who come from atheist homes or either never been or haven't darkened the doorway of church since they were little, coming faithfully the 1st Wednesday of every month. This year we are routinely serving between 20-25 youth every month. It's truly my favorite day of the month! If you are interested in donating please contact Laura, 315-0212.

Here's a few dates to jot down:

- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| December 3 rd | Sunday Sundae
The Reason (Concert w/Jeremy Camp and Micah Tyler) TBA |
| December 6 th | Pizza Day |
| December 10 th | Christmas Brunch & Craft Show |

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

We would love to send some Christmas cheer to our friends in Pine Ridge. Aaron Vorland has graciously offered to deliver all items collected!

There are 24 people ranging from 45-90 years old living in the nursing home that we would like to love on. Gifts for them can range from socks, slippers, toiletries, sudoku, crossword books, to puzzles.

For the younger members of the tribe (adults and children), we would like to send: beads, crafting wire and leather, art pads/notebooks, colored pencils, crayons, coloring books, puzzles, board games, books, basketballs, play-dough, etc.

Gifts do not need to be confined to what's on this list! Feel free to donate what you feel led to do! A box will be in the narthex for your donations!

Christmas Brunch - Free-will Offering & Craft Sale

December 10

Following Sunday School Christmas Program

Served by the First Lutheran Youth Group



Egg Bake



Fruit



Orange Juice &
Coffee



Hope!

A Gospel Christmas Celebration

Composed & Arranged by Joel Raney

Orchestrated by Ed Hogan

Sunday, December 17th
2:30 PM

First Lutheran Church
Washburn

Coffee & Cookies to follow



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from October 29th thru November 26th. 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.

- ◆ Aaron Vorland
- ◆ James Tolbert
- ◆ David Loe
- ◆ Glenn Goetz
- ◆ Dave Aldinger
- ◆ Ralph LiPelt - Friend of Wendy Miller
- ◆ Rick Drown - Father of Wendy Miller
- ◆ Rusty Elvrum
- ◆ Howard Johnson
- ◆ Alice Richard
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Geraldine Aslakson - Mother to Kathryn Johnson

- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- ◆ Family of Dave Aldinger on his death
- ◆ Family of Deb Ness on her death
- ◆ Art Bender
- ◆ Joe Flath
- ◆ Gertrude Boger - Mother of Ardee Kurle
- ◆ Laurie Sauer - Daughter-in-law to Wes Sauer
- ◆ Family of Art Bender on his death
- ◆ Family of Joe Flath on his death
- ◆ Kait Dullum - Granddaughter of Ken & Maybell Job
- ◆ Chris & Brooklyn Schann family on the death of Chris's dad
- ◆ The Holznagel family
- ◆ Sheila Miller
- ◆ Family of Alice Chmielewski on her death
- ◆ Family of Russell Elvrum Jr. on his death
- ◆ Verna Ballard - Sister to Ivadell Larson
- ◆ Family of Geraldine Aslakson on her death
- ◆ Stan, Karen & Jeremy Goehring
- ◆ J.R. - Brother-in-law to Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
- ◆ Bob Miller
- ◆ Gay Larsen - Sister to Gayle Johnson
- ◆ Jason Beutler



PLEASE HELP FIRST LUTHERAN DECORATE OUR SANCTUARY AND PURCHASE THE OUTDOOR GREENERY

This year First Lutheran is filling the Poinsettia Tree with Poinsettias purchased from Java Rose. We are asking that you fill out this form, bring it to the church office and pay \$15.00 each to purchase a Poinsettia on the tree. There are a total of 30 Poinsettias to purchase. We can get 40 on the tree. This way we will have enough of the correct size to fill the tree and will save you a trip to the store to buy one. After Christmas, if you purchased a Poinsettia, you are welcome to take one off the tree to take home with you. You are welcome to purchase one from some other place and fill out this form. That Poinsettia will then be setting someplace else throughout the church.

In order to have your gift recognized in the bulletin, we need to have the form and money or your own poinsettia or floral gift to the church **by NOON on Tuesday, December 19th.**

_____ Plant(s) or Floral Gift
(number of)

_____ Outdoor Greenery Donation - \$ Amount

Donor/Giver(s): _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

() **To the Glory of God**

FLCW NEWS

December, 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
Marlys Knell

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 make lefse and kuchen for the Fall Harvest Festival. Also, thanks to everyone who participated in the worship service!

The **Community Progressive Dinner** in October brought in \$688 which was given to the McLean County Resource Center.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, December 2nd at 9:30 a.m. - **Advent Breakfast**, Group 5 serves.

Sunday, December 3rd - **Round table meeting** immediately after the church service with the FLCW Executive Board and the Labor of Love group.

January 2,3,4 - **Three Days of Prayer**

Sonja Bergstedt and Cathy Sheldon, Co-Chairs

**Prayer Chain Chairmen:**

Sande Wagner
Arlene Schwarz
Norma Petersen

Receptions/Bulletin Board**Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

Service Secretary:

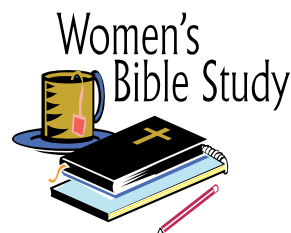
Sharon Chrest
Melissa Chrest

Hannah Bible Study

December 19, 2017

2:00 PM

Kathy Keller's

**Deborah Bible Study**

December 21, 2017

9:30 AM

Kathryn Johnson's

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

Advent
Breakfast

with

Martin Luther



And Company

Saturday, December 2

9:30 AM

First Lutheran Church



STEWARDSHIP CENSE



A BIG HOLIDAY THANK YOU!!!

I have been ill with the crazy flu that has been going around so I didn't know if I would be able to get my column in the newsletter, but it looks like Jeannette will let me get in a few words of thanks anyway. Thanks once again, Jeannette!

Labor of Love community group in Washburn, just had their annual turkey thanksgiving dinner. It was again well attended and served much the same numbers as last year, (around 250). I was privileged to be able to obtain the Thrivent grant of \$250 for the group this year, to buy supplies, etc. The credit card and materials always come in a nice, Christmas size box with lots of other goodies for the **"Thrivent Action Team"** to use as they see fit. Looking at some of the items I found in the box, I was inspired by a few Thrivent labels and ads, that I thought might serve well as a starting point to my thank you to **ALL** of you who have given so generously to **"Raise the Roof"** this year with only a little over \$5,000 left to pay off our beautiful new roof! Here are just a few of those thoughts:

You planted seeds of hope around a cause you care about.

You stepped up, and challenged others to take action.

You all together, as a congregation, made a positive change for our church.

For all these things and more, I thank you for sharing your God-given gifts to make our church a better place. You, as a congregation, are not only awesome, but awe-inspiring!

You are truly a blessing to your family, your friends and to the people (especially me!) you have touched in this congregation due to your generosity. May the Lord bless and keep you now and through the holiday season. I hope you have a blessed Christmas and a blessed and beautiful new year!

Looking forward to continuing as your Stewardship chair in 2018! **Thank you again and God Bless You All!**

"And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe, lying in the manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and peace, **good will** toward men."

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair



As of November 26, 2017:

Our envelope giving is \$173,473.25 with a yearly budget of \$180,000.00
The plate giving is \$6,402.20 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00
"Raise the Roof" balance is \$64,301.69 with \$5,048.31 more needed to pay off the roof

Thank you for your giving.



DECEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

- 3 - Alyson & Nolan Teigen
Luke & Emily Retterath Family
- 10 - S.S. Christmas Program at 10:30 am
8th Grade Sunday School
- 17 - Rodney & Kristi Jaeger Family
- 24 - No 9:30 am Worship
- 31 - Brenda Suckow, Ardee Kurl
Luke & Emily Retterath Family

ACOLYTES

- 3 - Preston Hinson & Braydon Kraft
- 10 - Armani Martinez & Kolten Schmidt
- 17 - Olivia Retterath & Emily Westrick
- 31 - Cassidy Sommer & Skyler Rodriguez

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 3 - Suzanne Swanson
- 17 - Emily Retterath

ALTAR CARE

- 3, 10, 17, & 31 - Theresa Petersen
Stacey Scheresky
- 24 - 4:30 PM - Theresa Petersen
Stacey Scheresky
- 24 - 10:00 PM - Brent & Theresa Petersen
- 25 - Claudette Ness

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

- 3 - Donna Sommer
- 17 - Aaron Vorland
- 31 - Suzanne Swanson

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- 3 - Ann & Alyssa Kadrmas
- 10 - Coffee Hour at 9:30 am
Arnie & Sheila Link
- 17 - Luke & Emily Retterath
- 31 - Jeff & Amanda Schmidt

CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:30 PM

USHERS

- Mike & Sharon Nelson
- Duane & Marlys Knell

READER

- Suzanne Swanson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- Samuelson Family

CHRISTMAS EVE - 10:00 PM

USHERS

- Newell & Linda Zeller
- Luke & Emily Retterath Family

READER

- Brent Petersen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- Brent Petersen Family

CHRISTMAS DAY - 10:00 AM

USHERS

- Luke & Emily Retterath Family

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

- Evangelism Committee



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Rick & LeAnn Richard and family on the death of LeAnn's dad, Art Bender
- ⇒ Gary & Nancy Fuchs and family on the death of Gary's mother, Alice Chmielewski
- ⇒ Pastor Erik & Kathryn Johnson and family on the death of Kathryn's mother, Geraldine Aslakson

May God give them comfort in this time of sorry.



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.

The list below is the service group scheduled for **January**. The service coordinators are **Mac & Judy Beaudry**. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in January works best for you and give Mac or Judy a call at 462-3433. If Mac or Judy 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.

Bob & Marlene Frank
Neil & Becky Heringer
Cindy Kuntz
Heidi Marshall
Cody Meadows

Pat Nelson
Clay & Ranie Price
Brad & Cathy Sheldon
Jon Sheldon
Tom Sheldon

Aaron & Alexis Solomonson
Dick & Kitty Tweeten
Rick & Laura Tweeten

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

December 1-3 Dickens Village Guest House
December 8-10 Dickens Village Guest House

January 13 Snowfest
January 18-21 Crafting Weekend
January 26-27 Men's Retreat

February 1-4 Crafting Weekend
February 25 CCM Annual Meeting

** THANK YOU to those who contributed to our Harvest for the Camp! All donations are much appreciated!

** The SCANDINAVIAN SUPPER was a success – served approximately 80 guests and about 15 volunteers. Was delicious as usual.

** DICKENS VILLAGE GUEST HOUSE. The English market, street vendors, home tours, parade, musical entertainment and so much more. Plus, you don't want to miss the highlight of the festival: The Dicken's Play! (Rumor has it that Washburn local Steve Reiser is gracing the stage in Garrison this year!) Take in all the festival attractions in nearby Garrison, and stay overnight at Camp of the Cross. Our staff will welcome you each evening with dessert, while you relax before the fire in the cozy comfort of our Retreat Lodge.

** SNOWFEST is for families, youth, and individuals for this fun winter event! There is sledding, skiing, a snowman building contest, hot cocoa, snacks, indoor games, and so much more on January 13, 2018.

**LET'S TRY THIS ONE MORE TIME!" CAMPAIGN – Can we help one more time with the fellowship center capital campaign? Over \$2.8 million has been raised and we have \$800,000 to go. The Endowment Board has sent a letter to Constituent Congregations stating if at least \$500,000 could be raised by February 1, 2018, discussion and a vote could be held at the CCM annual meeting about loaning against a portion of the Endowment Fund to help complete the campaign fund drive. The completed new facility/dining hall will provide more programs and improve the current programs at CCM. This would also allow more revenue and/or more contributions to the Endowment Fund for future needs of the camp. A grant of \$100,000 has been awarded from the North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, but needs to be matched. As soon as \$50,000 is raised, they will give the camp \$50,000, and then same with the other \$50,000. CCM is hoping for a very good response with the GIVING HEARTS program in February 2018 to help with the match. In 2017, \$100,000 was raised in that ONE day of giving. CCM is looking at any and all possibilities for grants, so if anyone has some tips to pass on – we'd be glad to hear them!!



Thank you
Peggy Moran

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you to Maybell Job & Brenda Ankenbauer for helping fold and tape the November newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Community Cupboard of Underwood. Below is what was collected in our community.



- ☺ Thank you to everyone that donated money for Military BibleSticks. We collected a total of \$740.00.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that helped with the Fall Harvest Festival Worship service. Also to the women that served the potluck afterwards.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. We filled a total of 69 boxes.
- ☺ Thank you to Carla Bickert for making the Martin Luther Emblem and Donna Gunderson for donating the old door to attach the 95 Theses for Reformation Sunday.



- ☺ Our heartfelt thanks for all the caring acts of kindness extended to us at the time of Marlin Paul's passing. Special thanks to Pastor Johnson for the comforting message, Theresa Petersen for the beautiful music and the circle for the lovely lunch served.

God's richest blessing to all,
Marian Meyer & Family

The following is from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you Heather Seidler, Pastor Erik, Jeanette Rost and Sarah Kadrmas for helping with Pizza Day!

☺ THANK YOU!!

The family of Geraldine Aslakson (Kathryn's Mom) says "Thank You" to all for your kind expressions of sympathy through cards, memorials, food, hugs, visits and prayers. Thank you to our First Lutheran family for the beautiful flowers. It is such a blessing to have the support of all of you during a time like this. God bless you for all your kindness.

- ☺ Thank you to Brent & Theresa Petersen, Dick Bickert and Dale & Brenda Suckow for helping with First Lutheran's float for Washburn's Parade of Lights. Thank you also to Chris Samuelson for providing the generator.





Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, October 29 to Sunday, November 26)



Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

BibleStick.....\$100.00
Elaine CarrClay Carr

Raise the Roof\$1,150.00
Fred & Donna Jefferis..... Ray Sheldon
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times)..... Keith Kuntz
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth.... Praise & Thanksgiving
for Pastor Erik & Kathryn
Brad & Cathy Sheldon Vince Rittmiller

The following are all in memory of John Holznagel:
Gary & Nancy Fuchs
Paul & Kathy Pfielfe
George & Val Swanson
Mardella Aanderud

The following are all in memory of Debbie Ness:
Sylvia Thompson
Elaine Carr
Kris & Melanie Beckman
David & Jeneen Loe
Dick & Carla Bickert

The following are all in memory of Duane Kisse:
Terry & Norma Petersen
Virgil & Deb Wisdom
Mary Ann Beeks
John & Helen Samuelson
Sharon Chrest
David & Jeneen Loe

The following are all in memory of
Marlin Paul Meyer:
Mary Ann Beeks
John & Helen Samuelson
Sharon Chrest
David & Jeneen Loe
Marian Meyer & family
Gene & Dana Bischke
Brad & Cathy Sheldon

The following are all in memory of
Alice Chmielewski:
John & Helen Samuelson
Dick & Carla Bickert
Duane & Marlys Knell

Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

Raise the Roof (cont.)
Terry & Norma Petersen
Brad & Cathy Sheldon
Randy & Janet Hanson
Peggy Moran

The following are all in memory of Art Bender:
Dick & Carla Bickert
David & Jeneen Loe
Shirley Nelson
John & Helen Samuelson
Randy & Janet Hanson
Sharon Chrest
Duane & Marlys Knell
Sylvia Thompson
Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen
Mary Ann Beeks
Dick & Barbara Brewster
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz
Peggy Moran
George & Laura Sheldon
Larry & Kathy Keller
Gene & Dana Bischke
Brad & Cathy Sheldon
George & Val Swanson
Mary Schulz

The following are all in memory of
Geraldine Aslakson:
Tom & Vivian Merkel
John & Helen Samuelson
Sylvia Thompson
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz
Peggy Moran

General Fund\$120.00
Dick & Carla Bickert.....Dorothy Kitterman
Dick & Carla Bickert.....Marlin Paul Meyer
David & Ruth Borlaug Art Bender
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth Art Bender
Steve & Peggy WollmuthHonoring Veterans
Mac & Judy Beaudry Art Bender
Mac & Judy BeaudryAlice Chmielewski
Mac & Judy Beaudry Geraldine Aslakson

(Continued on next page)

(Continued from previous page)

Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

Music..... **\$235.00**
 Arden & Sande Wagner.....Marlin Paul Meyer

The following are all in memory of
 Alice Chmielewski:
 Arden & Sande Wagner
 Dick & Barbara Brewster
 Dean & Sonja Bergstedt

The following are all in memory of Art Bender:
 Terry & Norma Petersen
 Arden & Sande Wagner
 Ardee Kurle
 Dean & Sonja Bergstedt
 Ken & Maybell Job
 Virgil & Deb Wisdom

The following are all in memory of
 Geraldine Aslakson:
 Dick & Barbara Brewster
 Randy & Janet Hanson
 Duane & Marlys Knell
 Arden & Sande Wagner
 Ardee Kurle

Parking Lot Fund..... **\$120.00**
 Elmer & Arlene Schwarz..... Art Bender
 Alton & Brenda Krebsbach Art Bender
 Rick & Laura Tweeten John Holznel
 Dick & Kitty Tweeten John Holznel
 Elmer & Arlene Schwarz.....Alice Chmielewski

First Lutheran December Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in December. 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
					1 Alvin Aaseth Jack Carvell Devin Hanson Anthony Schauer Lynsey Schirado Misty Stockert	2 Alexis Berube Sienna Berube Melanie Malsam Seth Teigen
3 Taiton Carlson	4 Darrell Kinnischtzke	5	6	7 Paisley Lorentzen Zach Schenfisch	8 James Nordquist Jaelyn Schauer Sande Wagner	9 Julie Bentz
10 Kathy Keller	11 Nicolette Borlaug	12 Jordan Swanson	13 Sage Philbrick Liam Solomonson	14 Sharon Chrest Donna Kroll Kirk Vollmuth Korey Winkler	15 David Nodsle	16 Jeff Leidholm
17 Carter Knutson	18 Cody Maier McKenzie Miller	19	20 Ted Doe	21 Theresa Petersen	22 Aubrey Holznel Grant Wisdom	23 Vickie Lange
24 Stephanie Maier Laura Tweeten	25	26 Carol Doe Carson Richards	27 Kathy Kaiser Doug Thomas Pat Wolf	28 Garver Malsam	29 James Chrest Emily Westrick	30 Howard Johnson
31 Jonathan Melvard						

December

2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 9:30 AM FLCW Advent Breakfast
3 First Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Holy Baptism Confirmation Recognition of New Members 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour Sundae Sunday 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	4	5 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	6 11:50 AM Pizza Day 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	7 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	8	9 1:00 PM Private Baby Shower for Kelli Murrey
10 Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Sunday School Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Sunday School Christmas Program followed by Brunch & Craft Sale by FLY 7:00 PM AA Meeting	11 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	12 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	13 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	14 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 3:30 PM Girl Scouts	15	16
17 Third Sunday of Advent Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 2:30 PM Cantata followed by Christmas Goodies 7:00 PM AA Meeting	18 6:30 PM Budget Meeting 7:00 PM Council Meeting	19 Noon - Poinsettia Deadline 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	20 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	21 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Kathryn Johnson's	22	23
24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve 4:30 & 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion 7:00 PM AA Meeting	25 Christmas Day 10:00 AM Christmas Day Celebration Worship w/Holy Communion	26	27	28 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	29	30
31 New Year's Eve First Sunday of Christmas 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	January 2 - 4, 2018 Three Days of Prayer					

First Lutheran Church
709 5th Ave.
P.O. Box 218
Washburn, ND 58577-0218

Phone: 701-462-3775
Fax: 701-462-3785
Email: flc@westriv.com

Presorted
Standard
US Postage Paid
Washburn, ND
Permit No. 39

Address Service Requested

*“Working hand in hand to
know Christ and make
Christ known through
Worship, Christian
Education, Evangelism,
Caring Ministries, and
Service.”*

December, 2017 Newsletter

Merry Christmas to:

and
suddenly
there was with
the angel
a multitude of
the heavenly host
praising God
and saying
Glory to God
in the highest, and on earth,
peace, goodwill towards
men
Luke 2
13-14

We pray God's richest blessings
for you this Christmas as we
celebrate together God's gift of a
Savior for the world.



Pastor Erik & Kathryn Johnson