



THE PARISH NEWS



December, 2018

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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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When we think of the story of the birth of Jesus in the Bible, the Christmas story, we usually first think of Luke 2. *"And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn."* (Luke 2.7). After that we think of the story that Matthew tells, more from the viewpoint of Joseph. *"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."* (Matthew 1.20-21)

We don't usually think of the Gospel of John when we think of the Christmas story, but there is one there. John begins like this: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* (John 1.1-5) Then we have the proclamation that tells of Jesus coming into the world. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth."* (John 1.14)

Jesus, God's Word, was born into our world to save us from our sins. Jesus is "Immanuel" – "God with us."

A favorite Christmas Carol for all of us ends with this verse. It is our prayer at Christmas and all the year through.

*O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in Be born to us today
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel!*

See you at worship!

Pastor Erik Johnson

*We pray God's richest blessings for you this Christmas as
we celebrate together God's gift of a Savior for the world.
Merry Christmas!
Pastor Erik & Kathryn Johnson*



A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS

Arranged by Jay Althouse

FLC CANTATA

(During the Worship Service)

Sunday, December 9

9:30 AM

Fellowship/Coffee Hour Follows



NOVEMBER 5, 2018

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



- President Dick Bickert called the meeting to order
- Members present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Kris Schmidt, Leilani Olafson, Donna Sommer, Jeff Schmidt, Brenda Suckow, Aaron Vorland, Kathy Keller, Dick Bickert, Emily Retterath and Administrative Secretary, Jeannette Rost

- Pastor Erik lead with devotions from Mark 4:27

- Laura Gardner gave an update on FLY
 - They will be going to Pine Ridge, SD next summer. They will pick dates sometime around Thanksgiving.
 - They are going to make fleece blankets to take along to Pine Ridge. So are asking for donations of fleece for this project.
 - A Christmas supply gift drive is being done for Pine Ridge also.
 - They will be doing an egg bake brunch following the Sunday School program on December 16th.
 - A lock-in is being planned.
 - October pizza day served 40 youth.

- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – October 15, 2018 - Motion to approve: 1st Kris Schmidt, 2nd Donna Sommer – Motion passed

- **Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer**
There was discussion about the low balance in the checking account and bills need to be paid. Kris Schmidt moved and Donna Sommer second to transfer up to \$6,000.00 from the building fund in the month of November as needed. Motion passed

Motion to approve: 1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Brenda Suckow. Motion approved. The balance of accounts as of November 5, 2018 is as follows:

Checking	\$178.83
Building	23,400.35
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	1,814.98
Music	2,714.24
Parking Lot	41,651.11
Worship	1,829.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$84,198.87

- **Pastors Report**
11/2/2018 – Funeral of Kimberly Janz

Visitations:
Home – 2
Nursing Home – 1
Hospital – 0

Committee Reports:

- **Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller**
Label holders for the church kitchen cabinets will be placed on the cupboards.

- **Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt**
There was a board put up for readers, he had great interaction with the congregation. November is filled for readers and December is almost filled.

- **Education Committee – Brenda Suckow**
December 16, 2018 will be the Children's Christmas program at 10:30 am.

- **Evangelism Committee – Emily Retterath**
Kathy and Larry Keller and Sonya and Dean Bergstedt will be taking the service groups that had no coordinators.

- **Property Committee – Aaron Vorland**
Looking to patch damage after the leak was fixed between the elevator and stage in the basement.
Vacuum cleaner is a Windsor brand, valued at \$636.80 plus tax. Motion to approve 1st Emily Retterath and 2nd Jeff Schmidt. Motion approved

- **Old Business:**
We have \$508.13 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

- **New Business:**
Parade of lights was discussed with options on 2018 display. The women's group will be creating this year's float.

There will be no Christmas Day Worship this year.

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Budget meeting set for December 4, 2018 at 5 pm

Annual meeting set for January 20, 2019 at 11:45 am

• **Transfer Requests:**

Transfers In

Cathy Bonsness from St. Paul Lutheran Church of Center, ND

Transfers Out

None

Remove from Membership List:

None

Next Council Meeting: December 4, 2018 at 7 pm

Meeting to adjourn – 1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd – Emily Retterath. Motion approved.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Leilani Olafson
First Lutheran Church Secretary

BECOME A

MEMBER

JOIN TODAY!

Are you attending First Lutheran and not yet a member? Would you like to become a member? If so, please talk to Pastor Erik with your wishes. We would love to have you as a member!



December 1

9:30 AM - FLCW Advent Breakfast

December 2 - First Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Worship w/Holy Communion

10:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour

10:45 AM - Sunday School

December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Worship w/Cantata

Followed by Coffee & Cookies

December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Sunday School

9:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour

10:30 AM - Sunday School Christmas

Program followed by

Brunch by FLY

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

December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM - Worship

10:30 AM - Fellowship/Coffee Hour

December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:30 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

w/Holy Communion

December 25 - Christmas Day

No Worship Service

Merry Christmas

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner



Man, I've been waiting all year to be able to say that! I hope this finds you well and in great holiday spirit. We are going to be sending some Christmas spirit down to Pine Ridge again this year. We are taking donations of clothing of all sizes, winter gear, blankets, craft and art supplies, toys, books, and anything you would be happy to receive. Donations can be left under the balcony staircase in the narthex.

We will be serving brunch after the Sunday School's Christmas program. We hope you can join us for our fabulous egg bake, fruit, and toast. Not only will you get some delicious food served by some amazing kids but you will be helping them raise funds for our upcoming mission trip to Pine Ridge this summer!

I know, I know, you are getting really sick of seeing this same paragraph about Pizza Day. Here's the thing, if we didn't need the donations for it, I wouldn't be asking for your help on this monthly project. The impact is great and it's been an amazing ice breaker to get kids in the door and comfortable in a church. Every dollar, package of cheese or even donation of dough helps out immensely! I can't say thank you enough to those who have donated or came and helped. I know the youth greatly appreciate it too! On average we go through roughly 16 packets of pizza dough, two jars of pizza sauce, one can of alfredo, two packages of pepperonis, one package of Canadian bacon, one can of chicken, one package of bacon bits, one can of mushrooms, one jar of olives, one can of black olives, a package of cherry tomatoes, four large packages of mozzarella cheese, one package of cheddar cheese, four 2 liters of pop, chips, ice cream, cookies, napkins, paper plates, and plastic spoons. Things vary a little from month to month but these are our staples.

Here's a few dates to jot down:

Dec. 5th Pizza Day

Dec. 16th Brunch after the Sunday School Program

Dec. 19th Donations for Pine Ridge due

Our youth group joined forces with our local churches and collected an impressive amount of food for the Resource Center!



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



STEWARDSHIP CENSE



“For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty...”

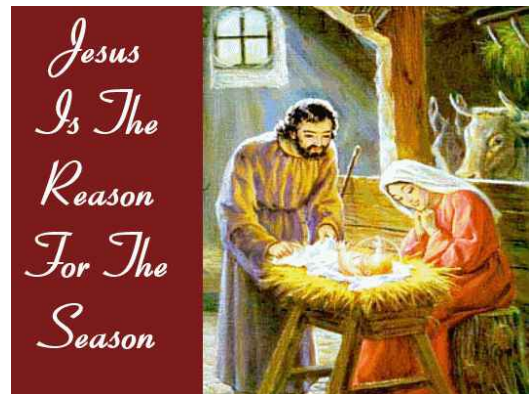
If you weren't in church on Veteran's Day, you missed a great stewardship sermon. The first reading was from 1 Kings where God sends Elijah to Zarephath to be fed by a woman who only has enough food for her own family and fears she will die as she has nothing else. Elijah tells her not to fear, that the Lord will provide and of course that is exactly what happens. How do you suppose the woman's faith increased when she and her household ate for many days? And then there was the Gospel reading from Mark with which we are more familiar. Jesus tells us here to beware of those who boast and give out of their abundance and laud their riches over everyone. But rather look to the poor widow who gave out of her poverty and put in everything she had and all she had to live on. I guess I've said this before in this column, but I think it bears repeating. Be careful of the "why" when we are giving. Sacrificial giving is not necessarily the way to earn God's love and our salvation unless we are doing it for the right reasons. How does the children's song go? **“We love because He first loved us.”** We need to "give" because he first loved us also. In our weekly devotional on the back of our bulletin we find Hebrews 9:26 which

says all that we need to know about giving. **“Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.”**

This Christmas season how will you look at your giving? Will you give so that others may see you or will your giving be a true sacrifice because of his sacrifice for us?

In closing, have a beautiful Christmas and Holiday Season....and always remember: **He is the reason for the season!** See you in the new year!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair



As of November 18, 2018:

Our envelope giving is \$164,710.40 with a yearly budget of \$190,000.00

The plate giving is \$6,002.83 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00

Thank you for your giving.



Annual Congregational Meeting

January 20, 2019

11:45 AM

Soup, Bread, Salad and Bars

Meeting follows



Community Meal
No Community Meal
in December

COME, LET US ADORE HIM

A Christmas Program Built Around the Familiar Carol:

'O Come, All Ye Faithful'

Written by the Rev. Craig Nehring

Sunday, December 16

10:30 AM

(Sunday School Rehearsal at 9:30 am)

First Lutheran Church

Brunch follows served by FLY



BRUNCH

December 16

Following Sunday School Christmas Program

Freewill Offering for Mission Trip to Pine Ridge

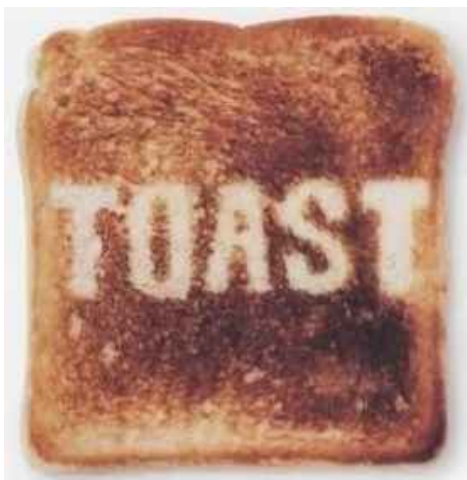
Served by First Lutheran Youth Group



Egg Bake



Fruit



Orange Juice & Coffee

FLCW NEWS

December, 2018



Merry Christmas

Executive Board:

Cathy Sheldon
Val Swanson

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Sylvia Thompson

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Sylvia Thompson

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Kathy Keller
Norma Petersen

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Community:

Kathy Keller
Meals on Wheels
Lions Bake Sale
Alli Sheldon
Goodies From the Heart

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks

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

Donna Gunderson

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Becky Heringer
Nancy Fuchs
Linda Zeller

Kuchen, Lefse, Cards, etc.:

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

November was another busy month for our FLCW!

A **big thank** you is due to all who came to make lefse on November 16th, and also to those who donated money to help buy the supplies. Also, thanks to all of the members that provided baked items on November 18th. The bake sale and card and napkin sale were a huge success! We will have funds to make some generous donations at the end of 2018.

Kudos to all who participated in some way at our Harvest Festival Service. We so appreciated Jessie Veeder's special message and music! The freewill donations to the LCMC hurricane fund will be put to good use. The potluck was delicious as usual!

We have ordered and received small **label holders** to be placed on the kitchen cabinets. This should help when serving events and keep our kitchen well organized.

We are looking forward to our annual **Advent Breakfast** on Saturday, December 1 at 9:30 am. **Please bring a friend** and a favorite snowflake ornament or decoration to share if you have one.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

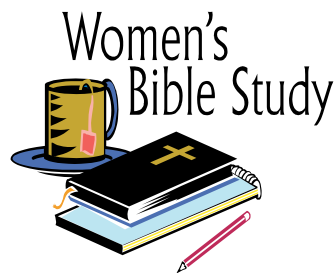
December 1 Advent Breakfast - 9:30 am - Work Group 4 serves
December 9 Choir Cantata - 9:30 am – Work Group 5 serves

January Meals on Wheels
January 1 - 3 Three Days of Prayer
January 27 Create a Card Workshop - 3:00 pm

*A generous person will prosper;
Whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Proverbs 11:25

Val Rae Swanson and Cathy Sheldon Co-chairs



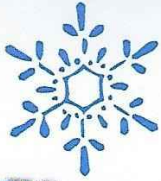
Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.

Deborah Bible Study
December 20, 2018
9:30 AM
at Kathryn Johnson's



QUILTING GROUP

No quilting in December.
See you in January!



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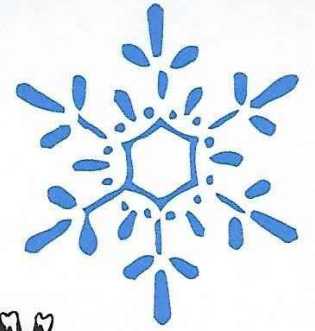
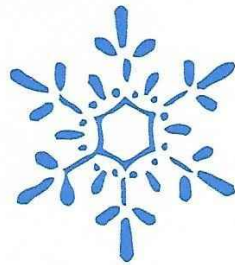
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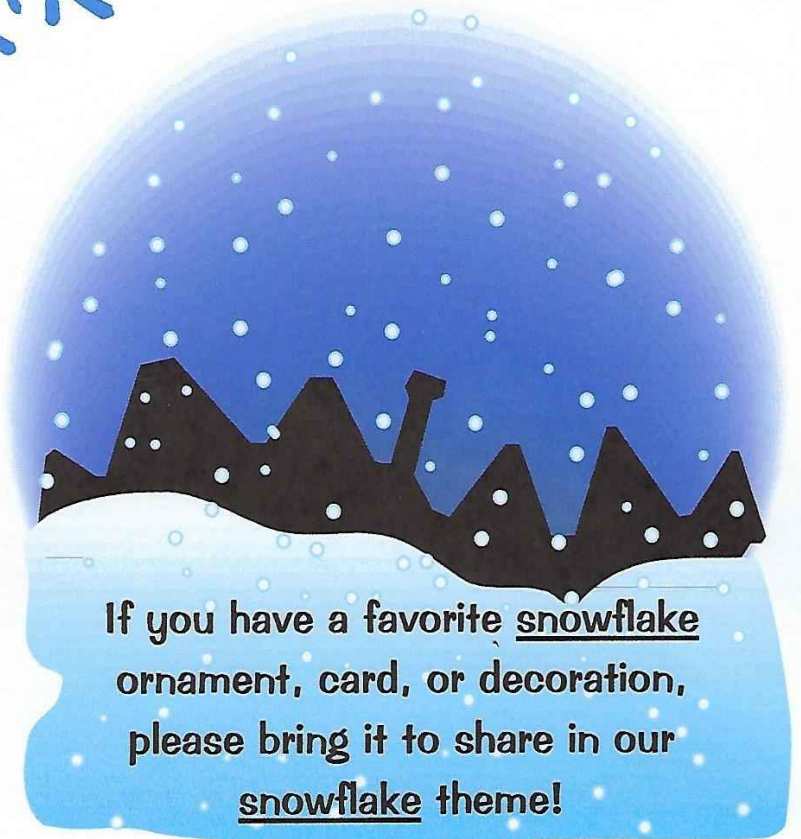
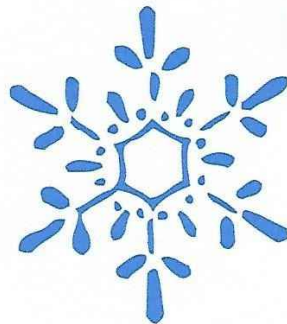
FLCW

Advent Breakfast

Saturday,

December 1st.

9:30 am



If you have a favorite snowflake ornament, card, or decoration, please bring it to share in our snowflake theme!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WOMEN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 4, 2018

Attending: Arlene Schwarz, Cathy Sheldon, Donna Gunderson, Kathryn Johnson, Kathy Keller, LeAnn Richard, Marlys Knell, Peggy Moran, Sylvia Thompson and Val Swanson

Opening devotions were led by Cathy.

Minutes approved as written and posted in "The Parish News".

Treasurer's Report - \$3,218.28. Discussion held on funds available. A committee was formed to review budgeted items and other possible donations. Kathy Keller will audit the books.

Discussion centered upon the following:

1. Committee Reports –
 - a. Community –
 - i. The next Meals on Wheels delivery will be January.
 - b. Quilting –
 - i. Quilting will be done on November 14th. Sent to Lutheran World Relief in October were 57 quilts, 129 school kits/bags, 60 layettes and 50 health kits. Thank you Larry and Kathy for delivering these to Bismarck.
 - c. Kitchen –
 - i. Cabinet label holders have been received.
 - d. Growth –
 - i. 25 Bibles have been ordered for distribution to third graders.

2. Camp of the Cross –
 - i. November 17th is the Scandinavian supper.
 - ii. Donations are being taken for "Harvest for the Camp." Items will be picked up November 16th to be taken to the camp.
3. Old Business and Upcoming Events discussion –
 - a. Lefse will be made on Friday, November 16th.
 - b. Bake sale – All Work group members will be asked to donate one baked item for the bake sale which is replacing the kuchen sale. Items are to be brought to church Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning.
 - c. Harvest Festival Service – Council has agreed to pay half of Jessie Veeder's fee. Jessie is a musician, writer and columnist. A freewill offering will be taken for the LCMC fund for hurricane relief. Work group 3 will serve the potluck following the church service.
4. New Business –
 - a. Review and updating of 2019 booklet.
 - b. Advent Breakfast – Saturday, December 1st at 9:30 a.m. Work group 4 serves.
 - c. Choir Cantata – Sunday, December 9th. Work group 5 serves.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Marlys Knell
FLCW Secretary



Fall Harvest Festival Worship

November 18, 2018

Jessie Veeder
Special Guest

Tables full of baked goods and
lelse that was for sale!



DECEMBER WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

2 - John Samuelson, Rick Richard
George Swanson, Jordan Swanson
9 - Keith & Suzy Jacobson
16 - S.S. Christmas Program at 10:30 am
Wade, Stacy & Tolya Boeshans
Lee Kugler
23 - Peggy Moran, Rick & LeAnn Richard
30 -

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

2 - Sharon Nelson

ALTAR CARE

Theresa Petersen & Char Syverson

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

2 - Randy Hall
23 - Alexis Solomonson
30 - Kathy Keller, Aaron Vorland, Leilani Olafson

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

2 - Sheila Miller & Jeanette Leingang
9 - FLCW Group #5
16 - Coffee Hour at 9:30 am
Ken & Maybell Job
23 - Amber Bengtson
30 - Ken & Maybell Job

CHRISTMAS EVE - 4:30 PM

USHERS

Eric & Sherry Schmitz
Joe Sheldon

READER

Brad Sheldon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Brad Sheldon Family

CHRISTMAS EVE - 10:00 PM

USHERS

Rick Richard, Matthew Richard

READER

Arden Wagner

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Arden & Sande Wagner

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Rick & LeAnn Richard



The following list is the service group scheduled for **January**. The group coordinators are Alton & Brenda Krebsbach. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in January works best for you and give Alton or Brenda a call at 462-8326. If Alton or Brenda calls you, please prayerfully consider how you can help.*** If you don't see your name on this list, your month is coming. Please say yes, when called. Thank you for doing your part and participating in our worship service.

Melanie Beckman
Taiton & Kaitlynn Carlson
Gary & Nancy Fuchs
Jane Gutknecht
Doug & Mary Haugtvedt
Dallas & Chance Havig
Pam Hoffer
Jim & Kathy Kaiser
Aaron & Beth Knutson
Mike & Sharon Nelson
Claudette Ness
Darrell & Stacey Scheresky
Wes & Pat Sick
Kollin & Char Syverson
Amanda Vetter

**Every Congregation.
Every Member.
Every Pastor.**

THREE DAYS OF PRAYER
January 1-3, 2019

First Lutheran would like our church family to use the sanctuary to pray anytime that fits your day on Thursday, January 3, 2019.

The church will be open from 9:00 am - 7:00 pm.

The Lutheran Book of Worship (green hymnal), pages 42-53 offer many prayers as well as the Psalms found on pages 215-289.

On the back of this page are suggestions for prayers every hour from 8:00 am - 8:00 pm for each of the Three Days of Prayer.



**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 \$16.00 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 elsewhere 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 18th.**

_____ 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

Tuesday, January 1

Prayer for Ourselves

8am - Praise: for a new day and a new day with Jesus

9am - Work/School: thank God for your job/opportunity to learn, pray for your co-workers/classmates

10am - Spiritual Growth: that you would grow in love, joy, peace, patience, etc

11am - Guidance: for the little decisions and the big ones

12pm - Repentance: ask forgiveness for your sins and make plans to change with God's help

1pm - Finances: for wisdom, generosity, blessing, contentment

2pm - Family: spouse, kids, parents, siblings, other relatives

3pm - Friends: thank God for your friends, ask Him to bless them, and for you to be a good friend

4pm - Health: thanksgiving for your body, protection for illness, healing

5pm - Activities: that God would work in you and through you in your hobbies, volunteering, and other activities

6pm - Learning: that you would grow in knowledge of God's Word and His world

7pm - Hope and Vision: a strong sense that God is with you and that He has plans for your life

8pm - Rest: for good rhythms of work and rest, a good night's sleep

Wednesday, January 2

Prayer for Our Church

8am - FLC Sunday School: the children, their families, the teachers, the leadership team

9am - FLC Volunteers: readers, communion help, ushers, greeters, etc.

10am - FLC Confirmation Ministries: the students, their families

11am - FLC Staff: for joy and wisdom in their serving

12pm - Local and Global Missions: that God would use us to bless others and help them know Jesus

1pm - FLC Bible Studies: participants and leaders

2pm - FLC Women: for joy and wisdom in serving

3pm - FLC Council: for wisdom, vision and guidance

4pm - FLC Worship Ministries: for all parts of worship to bring glory to God and transformation to His people

5pm - FLC Finances: for faithful, generous, and cheerful giving

6pm - FLC Youth Ministry: the students, their families, and the leadership team

7pm - FLC Visitors: for hope in the gospel

8pm - Our FLC Family Members: for transformation, protection, guidance, health

Thursday, January 3

Prayer for Our World

8am - Thanksgiving: for God's plan of salvation, sending Jesus & the Holy Spirit

9am - The Nations: those who suffer from poverty, injustice, oppression, war, and disease

10am - Government: our President, Congress, Supreme Court, Governor, state legislature, local leaders

11am - Military and Civil Servants: all branches of armed forces, fire fighters, law enforcement, paramedics, etc.

12pm - Disaster Relief: all those affected by hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, wildfires, etc.

1pm - Bible Camps: their funding needs, events, staff positions

2pm - The Persecuted Church: strength, courage, faithful witness, protection

3pm - The Worldwide Church: more missionaries, obedience to God's mission, faithfulness to God's Word

4pm - Missionaries: to proclaim the gospel clearly, follow the Spirit's leading, protection; emotional, physical, and spiritual health; integrity, joy, provision

5pm - Mission Partners: LCMC, NALC, Minkota Mission District, CCM, LWR, LSS, China Service Ventures, Tartu Academy of Theology, etc.

6pm - Schools: the students, their families, teachers, administration

7pm - Marriages and Families: for strong, healthy, Christ-centered relationships

8pm - Our community: for transformation, health, freedom, blessing

2018 CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The 2018 church directories are here. As of the printing of this newsletter the following families have not picked up their directories. Some of you have pictures to pick up also.

See Jeannette in the church office to get yours today!

Alvin & Carolyn Aaseth
Chad Bengtson
Paul & Diane Bengtson
Melanie Biesterfeld
Wade & Stacy Boeshans
Dan & Melisa Chrest
Brian & Sandi Erber
Nathan Grubb
Jane Gutknecht

Dennis & Janice Hammling
Doug & Mary Haugvedt
Dallas & Chance Havig
Rodney & Kristi Jaeger
Dale & Ann Kadrmas
Neil & Sarah Kadrmas
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke
Wyat & Carissa Klabunde
Lee Kugler

Cody & Robin Lorentzen
Jan Olson
Kristi Olson
Steve & Sue Richards
Chris Samuelson & Suzanne Swanson
Dean & Sandy Schell
Justin & Tammy Sheldon

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

November 23 – Dickens Village Guest House
December 9

January 17-20 Crafting Weekend
January 25-27 Men's Retreat
January 31 – Crafting Weekend
February 3

February 24 CCM Annual Meeting

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

** THANK YOU to those who attended the "LAST" SCANDINAVIAN SUPPER in the "old" building. There were close to 90 in attendance for the wonderfully delicious meal once again! Next year it will be FANTASTIC in the new fellowship center!

** 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! 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 desert, while you relax before the fire in the cozy comfort of our Retreat Lodge.

** SUMMER 2019 Registration is open online! TRANSFORMED COMMUNITY – GOD'S AGENT OF C.H.A.N.G.E. It's time to register for the summer of 2019 at Camp of the Cross

Ministries. We have so much to offer this summer and can't wait to have you be a part of it. Check out our different weeks of camps and "new" camps being offered! Call or email the office with questions! Discounts as follows – REGISTER before December 25th and receive HALF OFF of the registration cost! (Yes, ½ off!); REGISTER before February 1st and receive \$50 off a full week, \$25 off a 3-day camp; REGISTER before April 1st and receive \$25 off a full week and \$15 off a 3-day camp.

** Other fundraising opportunities: Thrivent members – "Choice Dollars" may be designated to CCM projects such as paint, cabin upkeep, etc. Contact Janis with your own ideas! Another option is that "PayPal" is sponsoring a program from November 27 – December 31. "Donate this holiday season and make your gift go even further. From November 27 through December 31, PayPal Giving Fund will add 1% to all donations made through paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/154592."

** GIVING HEARTS DAY 2019 plans are to use those funds for updating the row cabins.

** The PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL Committee is already making plans for the 2019 Prairie Lake Festival in June. Stay tuned for new events/activities for that fun day!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Thank you
Peggy Moran

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you to Sande Wager and Nancy Fuchs for helping fold and tape the November newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that donated to ND Adult & Teen Challenge. We collected a total of \$743.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that donated money for Military BibleSticks. We collected a total of \$692.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that filled a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child or gave money for postage. We filled a total of 79 boxes.
- ☺ Thank you to Kathy Keller for going through the pew cards and pencils.
- ☺ 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 helped make lefse.

The following is from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you Heather Seidler, Pastor Erik and Matt Gardner for helping with pizza day.



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Making



Mac & Judy Beaudry along with Judy's sister and brother-in-law, Bev & Dick after receiving the tablecloth with greetings from FLC.



Day



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, October 28 to Sunday, November 18)

<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>Building Fund</u>	\$15.00	<u>Music</u>	\$135.00
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Ida Knell	Virgil & Deb Wisdom	Ida Knell
<u>Camp of the Cross</u>	\$0.00	Arden & Sande Wagner.....	Ida Knell
<u>Decorating (Church)</u>	\$0.00	Arden & Sande Wagner.....	Verna Hoffer
<u>General Fund</u>	\$345.00	Terry & Norma Petersen.....	Ida Knell
Wes Sauer.....	Irma Keller	Arden & Sande Wagner.....	Kim Janz
Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Irma Keller	Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Elda Baisch
David & Ruth Borlaug	Elda Baisch	Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer	Elda Baisch
David & Ruth Borlaug	Verna Hoffer	Dean & Sonja Bergstedt	Elda Baisch
Elaine Carr	Clay Carr	Virgil & Deb Wisdom	Hilmer Nueberger
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach	Arnold Quale	<u>Parking Lot Fund</u>	\$140.00
The following are all in memory of Ida Knell:		Rick & LeAnn Richard	Ida Knell
Wes Sauer		Mary Ann Beeks	Ida Knell
Dale & Carol Kuball		A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times).....	Keith Kuntz
Gary & Nancy Fuchs		John & Helen Samuelson	Irma Keller
Orlin & Ivadell Larson		Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Ida Knell
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach		John & Helen Samuelson	Hilmer Nueberger
Sharon Chrest		Peggy Moran.....	Ida Knell
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt		Duane & Marlys Knell	Hilmer Nueberger
Howard & Elda Johnson		<u>Relief Missions</u>	\$0.00
<u>Global Missions</u>	\$0.00	<u>Sunday School</u>	\$0.00
<u>Lutheran Social Services</u>	\$0.00	<u>US/Local Missions</u>	\$0.00
<u>LWR</u>	\$45.00	<u>World Hunger</u>	\$0.00
Dick & Barbara Brewster	Ida Knell	<u>Worship</u>	\$95.00
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Ida Knell	Ardee Kurlle	Ida Knell
John & Helen Samuelson	Ida Knell	Ardee Kurlle	Irma Keller
		Claudette Ness.....	Ida Knell
		Dick & Kitty Tweeten	Ida Knell
		Leon Guenther	Ida Knell

Our sympathy goes out to:



- ⇒ Marlene Slagg and family on the death of her sister-in-law, Elda Baisch
- ⇒ A.J. & Doddie Kuntz and family on the death of A.J.'s cousin, Bernie Kuntz
- ⇒ Elmer & Arlene Schwarz and family on the death of their brother-in-law, Hilmer Nueberger
- ⇒ Lynn & Donna Sommer and family on the death of Donna's father, Lloyd Keidel
- ⇒ Tom & Vivian Merkel and family on the death of Vivian's sister, Olivia Singer

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from October 28 thru November 18. 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.

- ◆ Family of Irma Keller on her death
- ◆ Family of Ida Knell on her death
- ◆ Maythel Dierks
- ◆ Verne Heisler - Brother to Kathy Keller
- ◆ Carol Kuball
- ◆ Bud Anderson - Grandfather of Brandon Anderson
- ◆ Shawn Kirsh - Grandson-in-Law to Lenny & Vickie Lange
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz

- ◆ Caroline Kuntz - Mother to A.J. Kuntz
- ◆ Kim Janz
- ◆ Dick Tweeten
- ◆ Bob & Sheila Miller
- ◆ Jack & Judy Eichhorst
- ◆ Weldon Wagner - Brother to Arden Wagner
- ◆ Vivian Merkel
- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Rodney Jaeger
- ◆ Family of Kim Janz on her death
- ◆ Family of Elda Baisch on her death
- ◆ Family of Bernie Kuntz on his death
- ◆ Wesley Watke - Great Nephew to Barbara Brewster
- ◆ Bill Scott
- ◆ Mary Schulz
- ◆ Ronald & Joann Lagge
- ◆ Carl Nelson
- ◆ Arlo Omoth
- ◆ Family of Lloyd Keidel on his death
- ◆ Family of Olivia Singer on her death
- ◆ Family of Alberta Pankow on her death
- ◆ Jordan & Brittney Beutler and baby Watson

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 Kröll 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 Holznagel 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

2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:30 AM FLCW Advent Breakfast
2 Advent 1 Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	3	4 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 5:00 PM Budget Meeting 7:00 PM Church Council	5 11:50 AM Pizza Day 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8
9 Advent 2 9:30 AM Worship Cantata 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	10 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	11 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	12 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Jr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	13	14 Noon Newsletter Deadline	15
16 Advent 3 9:30 AM Sunday School Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:30 AM Sunday School Program Followed by Brunch served by FLY 7:00 PM AA Meeting	17	18 Noon - Poinsettia Deadline 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	19 Pine Ridge Donations Due 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Sr. FLY 7:30 PM Choir	20 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Kathryn Johnson's	21	22
23 Advent 4 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	24 Christmas Eve 4:30 & 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship w/Holy Communion	25 Christmas Day	26 No scheduled activities	27 6:30 PM Infant Support Group	28	29
30 First Sunday of Christmas 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 7:00 PM AA Meeting	31 New Year's Eve	January 1 - 3, 2019 Three Days of Prayer				

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

Merry Christmas to:

December 2018 Newsletter

**Santa
May be coming
But remember who was first
Two thousand years ago, a virgin did
Give birth. Santa rides his sleigh, across the
Open skies, Jesus answers prayers, and hears your
Children’s cries. Santa brings you presents that someday
Break or rust, Jesus gives you treasures that never turn to dust.
Santa puts a smile in the hearts of girls and boys, Jesus gives salvation
And all of heavens joys. Santa may be special, but remember this advice.**

**When
Santa
Has a
Problem
He prays
To Jesus**

Christ