



THE PARISH NEWS



January, 2019

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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.”

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In the church year we have already started a New Year at the beginning of Advent. Now we are starting a new calendar year - 2019. What is your New Year’s Resolution? We wonder – sometimes aloud and sometimes to ourselves – where did 2018 go? As we begin a new year, we have the opportunity to look back and see what has happened. For me, some of the year was spent recovering from back surgery. So one of my resolutions has to do with trying to live a healthier lifestyle. As I look back on that time of recovery, I see there are some things that I could have done differently. As I look at our church family, many have also had struggles with health issues during the last year. We have had some tragedy as well as some really good things. We know God has been with us through all of it.

We wonder also what this new year will bring. What changes will there be? What challenges will God give us. What blessings will he shower on us?

The thing is, we can’t know what the future will bring no matter how much we plan for it. We do know that our Lord will be with us always. The Gospel of Matthew begins and ends with that promise. In Matthew 1:23 the angel tells Joseph, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” which means, God with us.” And then at the end of Matthew – the very last verse, the last thing that Jesus tells His disciples is this, “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

As we think about our lives from day to day, year to year, maybe even minute to minute, we have these words from Proverbs 3:5-6. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make straight your paths.”

Through all of the unknowns that there will be in the future, the Lord invites us to trust Him in everything. He is the one that can and will guide us and give us strength and wisdom.

As we begin this new year, we do so acknowledging our Lord, and we trust in His mercy and grace.

A Blessed New Year to you all! See you at worship!

Pastor Erik Johnson





December 9 Cantata - "Joy to the World"



Sunday School Christmas Program - December 16

Top picture - Preschool - Kindergarten - "God's Gift"

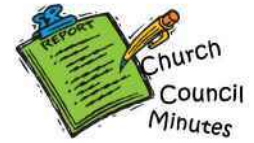
Bottom picture - Grades 1-6 - "Come, Let Us Adore Him"





DECEMBER 4, 2018

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



- Vice-President Kris Schmidt called the meeting to order
- Members present: Pastor Erik Johnson, Kris Schmidt, Leilani Olafson, Donna Sommer, Aaron Vorland, Kathy Keller, Dick Bickert, and Administrative Secretary, Jeannette Rost
Absent: Emily Retterath, Brenda Suckow and Jeff Schmidt
- Pastor Erik lead with devotions from Revelations 7:10, Joy and hope
- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – November 5, 2018 - Motion to approve:
1st Donna Sommer, 2nd Aaron Vorland – Motion passed

Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer

- Transferred Interest monies of \$1,814.98. The November interest will be coming on January's monthly report.
Motion to approve: 1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Aaron Vorland. Motion approved.
- The balance of accounts as of November 5, 2018 is as follows:

Checking	\$3,769.20
Building	23,415.35
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	0.00
Music	2809.24
Parking Lot	41,931.11
Worship	1,849.56
<u>Morgan Stanley Smith Barney</u>	<u>11,992.40</u>
TOTAL ASSESTS	\$86,384.26

Pastors Report

- Vacation coming on 12/30/18 - Rick Richard will be filling in.
- **Visitations:**
Home – 1
Nursing Home – 1
Hospital – 2

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller

- Reminding the congregation to be mindful of giving in their life and in the upcoming year.

Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt

- Jeff was absent, but sent a message to thank everyone for their participation and to wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Education Committee – Brenda Suckow

- Brenda was absent - no report

Evangelism Committee – Emily Retterath

- Emily was absent - no report

Property Committee – Aaron Vorland

- Estimate on pews is coming soon. Looking at upholstering the back rest and seats which is estimated at costing 2/3 less. The process of revitalizing the pews will have a crew at the church, instead of needing to send out the pews to be completed

Old Business:

- We have \$508.13 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- December 16, 2018 will be the Sunday School program. Sunday School will be at 9:30 am and worship at 10:30 am, followed by brunch served by FLY.
- Aaron will be traveling to Pine Ridge in December
Donation item ideas:
Stuffed Animals, Blankets, Gift Cards.

New Business:

- Benevolences:
 1. Relief Missions - \$250 - \$125 to LCMC Disaster Relief and \$125 to NALC Disaster Relief
 2. World Hunger - \$125 to Pine Ridge
 3. Global Mission - \$375 to Blessman International
 4. US/Local Mission - \$375 to Pine Ridge
Motion to approve: 1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Kathy Keller. Motion passed
- Annual meeting set for January 20, 2019. Soup and bread at 11:45 am followed by meeting.

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Transfer Requests:

Transfers In

- Linda Wohlk from Zion Lutheran Church in Beulah, ND
Motion to approve: 1st Donna Sommer, 2nd Aaron Vorland. Motion Passed

Transfers Out

- None

Remove from Membership List:

- None

Next Council Meeting:
January 10, 2019 at 7 pm

Meeting to adjourn – 1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Kathy Keller. Motion approved.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Leilani Olafson
Council Secretary



Please have all committee reports for the annual meeting booklet to the church office by noon on January 9, 2019.

Drop them off at the office or email them to flc@westriv.com. Email is preferred.

Annual booklets will be ready to pickup by January 13, 2019 to look over before the annual meeting on January 20, 2019.



Have you picked up your 2019 offering envelopes yet? If not, please stop in the narthex and take yours for using during the year. There should be one for all member families.

If you do not find a set for yourself and would like one, please talk to Jeannette in the church office. It makes it easier on the money counters and administrative secretary if you use your envelopes.

Remember to also check your mailbox in the narthex. **Your mailbox is the one under your name.** If you are a member of First Lutheran and do not find one for yourself, please see Jeannette in the church office.



Altar Flowers

A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers from January 6 thru April 28. Sign up for the Sunday you wish for before it is taken.

Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.



Are you attending First Lutheran and not 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!

Don't miss our
**2019 ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

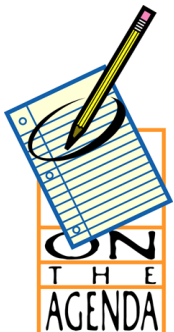
Sunday, January 20, 2019



Soup, Bread, Salad, Fruit & Bars
11:45 AM
(Served by the Church Council)

Annual meeting follows the meal.

If you are a confirmed member of First Lutheran, you are considered a voting member and encouraged to attend this meeting to show your support of your church.



- We will look back at 2018 and forward into 2019
- Adopt a 2019 Budget
- Elect new representatives to serve on the council
- Thank those leaving the council
- Welcome new council members

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

Happy New Year! New, adjective. 1. Not existing before; made, introduced, or discovered recently or now for the first time. 2. Already existing but seen, experienced or acquired recently or now for the first time. Kind of an interesting definition huh?! As I read the definition I couldn't help but draw a connection between the definition and what it means to follow Christ. It's exciting to think of having a regular clean slate to start fresh with His forgiveness, grace, and guidance. I don't know about you but that makes me even more excited and grateful for the New Year!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated fleece, clothing, food, etc., for Pine Ridge! Our church family never disappoints or ceases to amaze me! I can only imagine the impact your donations will have on the people of Pine Ridge not to mention the great example you are setting for our Youth!

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 roughly go through 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 date to jot down:
January 2nd Pizza Day



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



**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 8:00 am - 8:00 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 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.

Our attitude toward prayer has often been characterized by saying, *“well, all we can do now is pray!”*. Prayer is not the hopeless act of desperation. Prayer is a gift that God has given to us as a means to approach the throne of grace with confidence—like that of a child coming to her parents sharing concerns, victories, defeats and every part of life. It is an opportunity to express the deepest heartache and the greatest joy. Prayer is a conversation between the Creator and the created...and the conversation began with God, for us, in Christ Jesus.

Day One: January 1

This is a day focused on **confession**. We have made our lives, our relationships—and even the church—in our own image. We confess that the church belongs to Jesus and not to us. We gather to lay down our pride, our sin and our agenda and ask the Lord of the church for forgiveness, which He gives freely and with mercy.

Day Two: January 2

This is a day of **petition**. Pray for your congregation, for the pastor, for the leaders, for those who carry out ministries, for the Sunday School teachers, for the Confirmation leaders, for those leading adult Bible studies and for those leading small groups. Pray for those in hospital and nursing home ministries. Pray for all those connected to your church that they might know God’s redeeming love for all in Christ.

Day Three: January 3

This is a day for **vision**. Pray that the Holy Spirit will again move through the hearts and minds of leaders and pastors that God’s vision for His church might be revealed and fulfilled. This is a time of prayer for renewal, revival and encouragement. Pray for God’s vision.

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

FLCW NEWS

January, 2019

Executive Board:

Val Swanson
LeAnn Richard

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Sylvia Thompson

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Sylvia Thompson

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Mary Ann Beeks

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
Kathryn Johnson

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Kathy Keller
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

Many area First Lutheran women and friends enjoyed an **Advent Breakfast** on the first Saturday in December. This year's theme focused on the meaning of "The Snowflake". We were entertained by **Suzy Snowflake** (aka - Eden Reinhart). Christmas musical selections were sung with the accompaniment of LeAnn Richard. Guests shared some of their favorite snowflake decorations and ornaments. Everyone was treated to a delicious "Blizzard Breakfast" by Work Group 5 and "Snowflake" rosettes by Gwen DeMontigny. Our beautiful decorations were done by Donna Gunderson. Thank you to all who made this FLCW event a meaningful way to start our Christmas Season.

THANK YOU to Work Group 5 for serving the Christmas Cantata.

REMINDERS:

- * Please check your church mailbox for you 2019 Church Women Booklets
- * Check the kitchen for dishes, bowls, roasters, that belong to you



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Meals on Wheels
- * January 1-3 Three Days of Prayer:
Check the bulletin for daily prayer suggestions
Thursday, January 3 12 Hours of Prayer - Sanctuary open 8 am – 8 pm
- * January 24 Quilting - 9:00 am
- * January 27 - 3:00 pm - **Create a Card Workshop.** All interested women welcome!
(Supplies Furnished)
- * February 3 – Lions Bake Sale
- * February 10 - Secret Prayer Partner Tea – 2 pm - Work Group 1 serves

MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL
JOY & PEACE
as you TRUST in Him,
so that you may **OVERFLOW**
♥♥♥ WITH HOPE BY THE
POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ROMANS 15:13

Val Rae Swanson and LeAnn Richard Co-chairs

 <p>Women's Bible Study</p> <p>Deborah Bible Study January 17, 2019 9:30 AM Watch Bulletin for More Information!</p> <p>Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.</p>	 <p>QUILTING GROUP</p> <p>January 24, 2019 9:00 AM</p>
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CREATE A CARD WORKSHOP

Sunday, January 27, 2019
3:00 PM
First Lutheran Church

Supplies Furnished!
All interested
women welcome!



**Create
YOUR
OWN
Card!**



STEWARDSHIP CENSE



**“START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!
TAKE TIME TO PRAY AND
GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR BLESSINGS!”**

First things first! Let me express my extreme thanks and gratefulness for all the kind words of sympathy on the death of my brother, Verne. Also for all your generous donations and memorials to First Lutheran in his memory. You reminded me how thankful I am to belong to such a beautiful Christian family. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and God bless each and every one of you.

Now onto the new year! A few weeks ago a dear friend passed away and the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi was written on the back of the obituary and church bulletin. As I was reading it over, the thought struck me that this would make a GREAT set of New Year’s Resolutions! I decided then and there to make them mine and just in case you haven’t seen the prayer in quite a while, I’m going to reprint it here for you and see if you don’t agree with me and decide to make them your resolutions also.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Have a great New Year 2019 everyone and don’t forget the annual meeting on January 20 at 11:45 am with soup and bread followed by the meeting. God Bless!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair



As of December 16, 2018:

Our envelope giving is \$180,435.40 with a yearly budget of \$190,000.00

The plate giving is \$12,221.83 with a yearly budget of \$7,000.00

Thank you for your giving.



Kane Zacchaeus Austin
Baptized December 16, 2018

Andre, Courtney & Kane Austin

We welcome Kane as our newest member of First Lutheran.



 DVD-Based Study

The Tabernacle

- Explore a life-sized model of the tabernacle
- Learn the pattern of worship in the Old Testament
- Gain better understanding of Jesus and the New Testament

Through these six sessions you will:

- Discover how the priests' activities in the tabernacle foreshadowed the coming Messiah.
- Understand the New Testament better when you learn what sacrifice, holiness, and worship meant in the Old Testament.
- Find new gratitude for Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
- Recognize that at the heart of the tabernacle is God's love, making a way for sinful people to have a relationship with a holy God.

The six sessions are:

1. *Dwell:*
The Tabernacle
2. *Sacrifice:*
The Altar of Burnt Offering
3. *Clean:*
The Bronze Laver
4. *Illuminate:*
The Lampstand
5. *Presence:*
The Table of Bread and the Altar of Incense
6. *Separated, Exposed, and Covered:*
The Veil, Ark, and Mercy Seat

Bible Study begins on February 3, 2019.

8:30 & 10:45 AM

This is a six week session.

Books will be ordered on January 18, so please let Jeannette know by January 17 if you plan to attend and need a book.

Cost will be between \$6.00 - \$10.00, depending on sales at the time of ordering.


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JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

6 - Gary & Nancy Fuchs
 Claudette Ness
 13 - Darrell & Stacey Scheresky Family
 20 - Mike & Sharon Nelson

 27 - Melanie Beckman & Amanda Vetter

Acolytes

6 - Emma Hanson & Sierra Rodriguez
 13 - Olivia Retterath & Cassidy Sommer
 20 - Jake Dahl & Kolten Schmidt
 27 - Hannah Westrick & Emily Westrick

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6 - Dick Brewster
 20 - Dick Brewster

ALTAR CARE

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

6 - Barbara Brewster
 13 -
 20 - Dean Bergstedt
 27 - Don Winter

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

6 - Brenda Krebsbach
 13 - Wes & Pat Sick
 Darrell & Stacey Scheresky
 20 - Brenda Krebsbach & Maybell Job
 27 - Jim Kaiser & Alton Krebsbach

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Alton & Brenda Krebsbach

Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Steve & Sue Richards and family on the death of Steve's father, Gerald Richards
- ⇒ Larry & Kathy Keller and family on the death of Kathy's brother, Verne Heisler
- ⇒ Mike & Sharon Nelson and family on the death of their nephew, Ken Richard
- ⇒ Elaine Carr and family on the death of Elaine's brother-in-law, Charles Berget

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



The following list is the service group scheduled for **February**. The group coordinators are Randy & Janet Hanson. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in February works best for you and give Randy or Janet a call at 462-8475. If Randy or Janet 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.

Mary Ann Beeks
 Dick & Barbara Brewster
 Kathy Key
 Monte & Wendy Miller
 Jan Olson
 Kristi Olson
 Brent & Theresa Petersen
 Wes Sauer
 Dale & Geniel Schell
 Elmer & Arlene Schwarz
 Marlene Slagg
 Elray & Lynette Sondrol
 Arden & Sande Wagner
 Don & Sue Winter
 Virgil & Deb Wisdom
 Willie & Janell Ziemann

Advent Breakfast



CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

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

February 14 Giving Hearts Day
February 24 CCM Annual Meeting

March 14-17 Crafting Weekend

Check out the CCM website for more information on these retreats. www.campofthecross.com
Facebook: facebook.com/campofthecross
Twitter: [@campofthecross](https://twitter.com/campofthecross)
Instagram: [campofthecross](https://instagram.com/campofthecross)

*** GIVING HEARTS DAY is February 14th! Mark your calendars! Plans are to use those funds for updating the row cabins.

*** The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 24th at 3 p.m. Place to be announced. For voting purposes, each congregation shall designate THREE representatives and their rostered leader. Please consider being a delegate and let Peggy Moran know if you will plan to attend the meeting to represent First Lutheran Church.

*** Time to hire summer staff. If you know of anyone – please let CCM know so they can be in contact with them.

*** CCM staff continues to help with the shortage of pastors in that with the board's approval, CCM is in partnership with the Congregational, UCC Congregation in Garrison by leading Sunday Worship Services and helping in other areas of the congregation's life. It is another way in which our ministry is helping others who are in need.

On the back of this page is a "Camp of the Cross Ministries Annual Report to its Constituent Congregations" from Rev. Janis Sloka, III, Executive Director. It is a review the 2018 year.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THIS BEAUTIFUL AND FAITH-FILLED PLACE!

Peggy Moran

LCMC Annual Gathering Videos Now Available for Streaming

Videos from the LCMC 18th Annual Gathering and Convention, which took place October 7-10, 2018 in De Moines, IA, are now available for streaming!

To watch from their mobile app using your smartphone or tablet, simply tap on the "Media" tab, then select "2018 Annual Gathering" from the list of options. As a reminder, the LCMC App is compatible with Apple TV and Google Chromecast, allowing you to use it to stream content directly to your TV screen.

If you prefer to watch online, video content can also be found on their website www.lcmc.net under Events > Media.

The next Annual Gathering will be September 29 - October 2, 2019 in Omaha, Nebraska. Now's the time to start thinking about being a delegate for First Lutheran.

Help Needed

Standing Stones Conference & Retreat Center, Wickenburg, AZ, the home of the Shepherd's Canyon Retreat ministry, is in need of a person or couple to manage the retreat center. This is not "hard work". If you feel led to even ask questions, please call Barbara Anderson at 480-550-4414. www.StandingStonesAZ.org





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Camp of the Cross Ministries Annual Report to its Constituent Congregations

Camp of the Cross Ministries would not be the place and ministry it is without you and your generous support through prayer, campers, retreaters and financial support! Thank you!

The year 2018 in review...

Summer Season

We had another successful summer ministry at CCM! Registration and participation were up in numbers from last summer. Our busiest weeks are the specialty camp weeks and "Christmas in July". We added 2 new Day Camps to our schedule and continued with the 15 others that we already had partnerships with. We were blessed to host the ND National Guard Youth Camp; the Fort Berthold Youth Diabetes Camp and Trinity Youth Camp of the Bismarck Diocese. We were thankful again for another great summer staff who faithfully worked long hours to serve our children, youth and young adults! It was a wonderful summer. The children and youth had a blast!

Fellowship Center Update

The time has finally arrived! The wait is over! Our hard work together has paid off! We are going to be moving into the Fellowship Center sometime in the spring of 2019!

Yes, that is correct! Contracts have been re-signed and contractors are working in the building. It is a very exciting time at CCM! We will keep you updated on our web site and social media pages with the exact date when we can move in. And of course, there will be a grand opening.

Thank you to everyone who made the final effort to provide funds to be able to do this. It won't be finished, but it will be useable for events and retreats. The unfinished projects are not necessary for us to use the building.

Thanks for your hard work and dedication to CCM! We did it!

The Annual Budget

Many thanks to donors, organizations and congregations for your financial support. It was a tough year working with our income vs. expenses. Donations were coming in for the capital campaign but not always for our operating needs. Please help us finish out the year in the black!

Retreat Ministries

Our retreat ministries continue to grow each year. It never ceases to amaze me that folks around Western ND are not always aware of the gem we have all year-round here at CCM! We provide wonderful weekends of fun and faith changing moments. Pass the word and join us for a weekend retreat this upcoming year!

Thank you again for another great year!

New Year's Blessings!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janis".

Rev. Janis Sloka, III
Executive Director

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Lives of Faith!



THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you to LeAnn Richard and Lenny & Vickie Lange for helping fold and tape the December newsletter for mailing.



- ☺ Thank you to everyone that donated money for poinsettias and greenery this year. Also to Theresa Petersen for taking care of the poinsettia tree.



- ☺ Thank you to Brent Petersen for organizing and pulling the float through Washburn's Parade of Lights. Also to Donna Gunderson for donating the light up nativity characters. Mark Petersen for building the manger and Terry & Brent Petersen for building the stable. Also to Jeff Schmidt and children for passing out candy.



- ☺ Thank you to Pastor Erik & Kathryn for everything you do at First Lutheran.

- ☺ Thank you to Jeff Schmidt and family for putting up and decorating the Christmas tree.
- ☺ Thank you to the Men's Bible Study for putting up the nativity in front of the church.

- ☺ Thank you to the preschool thru sixth graders for their presentation of the birth of Jesus. Thank you also to Sue Winter and Jeff Schmidt for directing the program and all the teachers and parents that helped out.



- ☺ Thank you to the choir for their presentation of "Joy to the World". Also for all your special music throughout the year and to Kathryn Johnson for directing the choir.

- ☺ Thank you to the bell choir for their special music throughout the year and to Gwen Hall for directing them.

- ☺ Thank you to Laura Gardner for all you do for our youth and helping Pastor Erik with confirmation.

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- ☺ Thank you to Ardee Kurlle and her helpers for decorating the church throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you to Donna Gunderson for decorating for special events for the FLCW.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that provided special music throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you to Jared & Sharon Hendrikson for all the work you do at the church.
- ☺ Thank you to Mary Ann Beeks for baking the communion bread.
- ☺ Thank you to the church council for all you do to lead the church.
- ☺ Thank you to Cathy Sheldon for leading the Sunday morning bible studies.
- ☺ Thank you to Donna Gunderson for heading up the planting and care of the outside flowers. Also to the following who helped with the care of the flowers: Ruth Borlaug, Val Swanson, Mike Aull, Willie & Janell Ziemann, and Joy Hanson.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that served coffee, was a communion assistant, read scriptures, ushered, acolytes, help with altar care, and also to everyone that was or is in charge of finding these people.

- ☺ Thank you to the Sunday school teachers, subs, music people, and those that helped with VBS.
- ☺ Thank you to the FLCW that served funerals, potlucks, etc.
- ☺ Thank you to the women that served on FLCW committees.
- ☺ Thank you to our FLCW quilters.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that supplied flowers for the altar throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you to our organists: LeAnn Richard, Kathryn Johnson and Theresa Petersen.
- ☺ Thank you to our money counters: Arden Wagner, Deb Wisdom, Sharon Chrest, Mary Ann Beeks, Wes Sauer and Arlene Schwarz.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that helped Jeannette out in one way or another this past year.
- ☺ Thank you to anyone that was missed or does not want to be recognized for their services at First Lutheran. If someone was missed that should be listed, please let Jeannette know.

The following is from Laura Gardner:

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

Ten Commandments for a Happy Church

1. Speak to people. Speak to everyone, especially to those whom you don't know. There is nothing quite so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it! It doesn't cost a thing!!
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to any person's ears is the sound of his or her own name. If you don't know the person's name, introduce yourself and likely the person will respond with his or her name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you want friends, learn to be a friend. Everyone needs them. No one has too many.
5. Be cordial. Try to speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. Try to like everybody and everybody will like you. Do not limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likable people about you.
7. Be generous with praise. And be just as sparing with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Usually, there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's, and the right one. Try to see them all.
9. Be alert to give service. What we do for others counts most in life. Try giving yourself away. It's fun!
10. Develop a sense of humor. To this good sense of humor, add a generous dose of patience and a dash of humility. Then get ready to receive many blessings. They're sure to come!



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, November 25 to Sunday, December 16)

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Worship..... \$0.00



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from November 25 thru December 16. 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.

- ◆ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ◆ Carl Nelson
- ◆ Mary Schulz
- ◆ Ronald & Joann Lagge
- ◆ Wesley Watke - Great Nephew to Barbara Brewster
- ◆ Maythel Dierks
- ◆ Verne Heisler - Brother to Kathy Keller
- ◆ Carol Kuball
- ◆ Shawn Kirsh - Grandson-in-Law to Lenny & Vickie Lange

- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz
- ◆ Caroline Kuntz - Mother to A.J. Kuntz
- ◆ Dick Tweeten
- ◆ Bob & Sheila Miller
- ◆ Jack & Judy Eichhorst
- ◆ Weldon Wagner - Brother to Arden Wagner
- ◆ Vivian Merkel
- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Rodney Jaeger
- ◆ Curtis Yunker - Father to Cathy Bonsness
- ◆ Family of Gerald Richards on his death
- ◆ Family of Verne Heisler on his death
- ◆ Family of Peggy Wicklander on her death
- ◆ Family of Ken Richard on his death
- ◆ Matthew Richard
- ◆ Joan Love - Sister to Orlin Larson
- ◆ Rhonda Reinhardt - Sister to Sue Richards
- ◆ Marlene Slagg
- ◆ Family of Charles Berget on his death
- ◆ Teresa Johnson
- ◆ Sandy Folk - Mother to Kelli Murrey

First Lutheran January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in January. 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 Maythel Dierks Kara Richards Ashlyn Schmitz	2	3 Michael Fee Wayne Leidholm Eli Schmidt	4 Sharon Hoff Sherry Kinnischtzke Tanner Lundby Karen Roper Bryan Thiel	5 Alyson Knox Nikki Sackman Brittany Schell
6 Bob Frank Noah Holznagel Alyssa Kadrmas Emily Scheresky	7 Erik Johnson Edie Sheldon	8 Preston Hinson Rhonda Johnson Hollyn Murrey	9 Shannon Helm Alex Retterath	10	11 Joel Joersz	12 Candace Law
13 Jaemeson Havig Jill Senftner	14 Gene Rost Jason Ziemann	15 Braden Ficklin Cameron Hall Karly Smith	16	17 Bowen Gutknecht Arianne Salaj	18 Mike Aull	19 Sonja Bergstedt Ethan Courtemanche Sue Thiel
20	21 Drew Petersen	22 Linda Heger	23 Ryan Dockter Shane Joersz Kithe Malsam	24 Kimberlie Price Mary Schulz	25 Claudette Ness	26
27 Colt Biesterfeld	28 Devin Retterath	29 Jordan Waldren	30 Bradley Hanson Lukas Smith	31 Tana Larsen Ryan Leidholm		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day	2 11:50 AM Pizza Day	3	4	5
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 0 auto; width: fit-content;"> <p>January 1 - 3, 2019 Three Days of Prayer</p> </div>						
6 Epiphany Holy Communion Holy Baptism 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	7	8 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	9 Noon Committee Reports Due for Annual Report 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	10 7:00 PM Council Meeting	11	12
13 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	14 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	15 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	16 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	17 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study - Watch Bulletin for More Information	18 Noon Newsletter Deadline	19
20 Epiphany 2 Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 11:45 AM Soup & Bread Followed by Annual Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	22 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	23 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	24 9:00 AM Quilting 6:30 PM Infant Support Group	25	26
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It's three snowballs round
He is reminding you
That in God, Three in One is found
The bottom reminds us of
God the Father
He's our strong rock and foundation
Creator of all living things,
People, tribes and nations
The middle shows us God the Son
With His arms spread open wide
Who died on the Cross for each of us
Our sins Jesus' blood did hide
The head reminds us of
God the Holy Spirit
Who is our counselor and friend
He speaks to our hearts and minds
Transforming us into the
likeness of Him
So in the mist of wintertime fun a
snowman you do see
It is a loving reminder
of the Blessed Trinity

