



THE PARISH NEWS



May, 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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Pastor Erik's Page

One of the Readings for May 5 is from Acts 9:1-22. This is the story of Saul encountering Jesus on the way to Damascus where Saul was intent on persecuting those who believed in Christ. In this encounter Saul is first blinded physically so that he had to be led into town. But in this encounter Jesus also opens Saul's eyes to see the truth of what he was doing and the truth of who Jesus was – the one who died on the cross for the sins of the whole world.

Consider our lives. What blinds us to the truth our Lord wants us to see? Satan, the world and our sinful self – these are what keeps us from seeing the truth about Jesus and our lives. On the other hand, what will open our eyes to see Jesus for who He is? What will open our eyes to what our Lord wants for our lives? The Word of our Lord. This is what Saul experienced in his encounter with Jesus. The Word of our Lord will open our eyes to see what God wants us to see.

May is a busy month with many sports events, state contests, special events like Mother's Day, confirmation, graduation, just to name a few things. May we continue to be open to the Word of the Lord. May our eyes be opened to see and our ears be opened to hear His word for our lives.

See you at worship!

Pastor Erik Johnson

Thank You!

Thank you once again! Thank you for praying for me during this last surgery that I have had and during recovery. Thank for you also for all the prayers you offer for those we list every week in our bulletin and for the many you know who never get mentioned in church. Our prayers for each other are so important.

So thank you again.

Thank you also for the Easter Cards and gifts we have received!

God bless you and your families!



CONFIRMATION TEA

Saturday, May 4

7:00 PM

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 5

9:30 AM

The following youth will reaffirm their Baptism on Sunday, May 5th, during the worship service at 9:30 am.

A tea in their honor will be held on Saturday, May 4th, at 7:00 pm.

Congratulations confirmands!

Olivia Retterath
Kolten Schmidt
Skyler Rodriguez
Cassidy Sommer
Emily Westrick

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY May 12, 2019

We would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to the following Sunday School teachers, subs and music people for your time this past school year teaching our youth. You are a big part of our church family!

Kristi Jaeger, Haley Anderson, Erin Holznagel,
& Heidi Marshall – 3 & 4 year olds
Sue Winter – Kindergarten
Alexis Solomonson – Grades 1 & 2
Jeff Schmidt – Grade 3
Theresa Petersen – Grade 4
Brent Petersen – Grade 5
Aaron Vorland – Grades 7-9

Stacy Boeshans, Melanie Beckman, Dan Chrest,
Christian Gardner, Matt Gardner, Leilani Olafson,
Rick Richard & Suzanne Swanson – Subs

Sue Winter – Preschool – Kindergarten Music
Haley Anderson, Kristi Jaeger, Erin Holznagel &
Heidi Marshall – Preschool – Kindergarten Music Helpers
Jeff Schmidt – Grades 1-6 Music



Congratulations to our First Lutheran members who will be graduating from high school this year. You will be recognized during the 9:30 am worship service on Sunday, May 19. A tea in your honor will follow the service.

Thank you to those that said “yes” when asked to be a prayer warrior for our senior graduates.

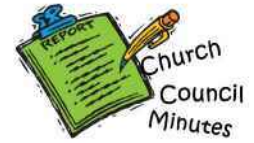
Following is a list of the seniors along with their prayer warrior:

Tolya Boeshans - Luke Retterath
Hannah Chrest - Leilani Olafson
Christian Gardner - Aaron Vorland
Cody Helmers - Devin Retterath
Matthew Pfeiger - Tyge Sheldon
Jaelyn Schauer - Emily Retterath
Emily Scheresky - Gwen Hall
Parker Schmidt - Jeff Schmidt



APRIL 15, 2019

(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, Aaron Vorland, Kathy Keller, Dick Bickert, Emily Retterath, Stacy Boeshans and Administrative Secretary, Jeannette Rost
Absent: Jeff Schmidt
- Pastor Erik lead with devotions from Portals of Prayer, Psalm 31, "Rescue Me"
- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – March 18, 2019
1st Kris Schmidt, 2nd Stacy Boeshans – Motion approved
- **Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer**
Treasurer's Report Motion to approve
1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Kris Schmidt - Motion approved
(Motion to approve future audit, and to pay any "non-budgeted bills.")

Checking	\$3,337.26
Building	282,425.55
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	97.63
Music	2,526.72
Parking Lot	43,056.11
Worship	1,959.56
<u>Morgan Stanley Smith Barney</u>	<u>11,992.40</u>
TOTAL ASSESTS	\$346,012.63

Pastors Report (since last council meeting)

Visitations:

- Home – 1
- Nursing Home – 0
- Hospital – 1

Items for your information or consideration:

- Thanks for your prayers during my recovery from surgery and for your patience. Recovery is going well.
- Events coming up:
 - Maundy Thursday Service
 - Good Friday Service
 - Easter Sunday

- Confirmation Sunday
- Honoring our Graduating Seniors

Committee Reports:

- **Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller**
- Pew fund is going super well. We have a personal donation offered in the covering of the pews that are located in the balcony. Motion was made to add the balcony pews into the refurbishment of the pews
1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Emily Retterath – Motion approved
- **Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt**
Absent, no report given
- **Education Committee – Stacy Boeshans**
- Has VBS committee and the curriculum for VBS 2019 is "Miraculous Mission"
- **Evangelism Committee – Emily Retterath**
- The committee will be handing out jelly bean prayer packs at 9:30 am Easter service
- Prayer warrior letters went out and recognition will be held on May 19, 2019
- **Property Committee – Aaron Vorland**
- New light fixture was installed by the elevator in the basement by Aaron.
- Aaron will be checking into pew estimate

Old Business:

- Thrivent dollars - Kathy Keller checked into Thrivent dollars and they can be designated to the donor's choice of fund
- Pine Ridge – palms donated to Pine Ridge were covered by Thrivent dollars
- Nativity set that was used in the basement will be donated to Pine Ridge
Motion was made, 1st Kris Schmidt, 2nd Aaron Vorland – Motion approved

New Business:

- Custodial Vacation for Sharon and Jared from July 3-7, 2019 will be covered by volunteers and cleaning will take place following

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wedding rehearsal on Friday and after wedding on Saturday.

- McLean County Sheriff's department regarding National Child Safety monies of \$75.00 will be given

1st Kris Schmidt, 2nd Stacy Boeshans – Motion approved

- Washburn School would like to utilize First Lutheran Church as an Emergency evacuation site

Motion was made 1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Donna Sommer – Motion approved

- Camp of the Cross Summer Sunday meals, options will be researched by Dick Bickert
- Lavern Johnson Trust money - a generous donation of \$250,000 was received. Information will be in the May Newsletter and a survey will be inserted in the church bulletin for two Sunday's to acquire ideas from First Lutheran members as to how they would like it to be utilized.

Transfer Requests

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

- Dakota Price and daughter, KinLee Price to Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Bismarck, ND
Motion to remove 1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Emily Retterath – Motion passed

Remove from Membership List

None

Next Council Meeting:
May 14, 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

Lavern Johnson Trust

First Lutheran Church of Washburn has been the recipient of a very generous gift from the Lavern Johnson Trust. \$250,000!

As the recipient of this gift, we want to make sure we honor Lavern's memory by thoughtfully considering our use of the money. The council felt it was important to share this decision with all of our church family.

As Christians, tithing has been a part of our financial responsibility to our church. That should apply to the whole church as well. Giving \$25,000 to worthy charities and service organizations that match our goals should be a part of the financial plan.

As members, the council wants your input on the rest of the spending. Listed below are possible uses of the money. To determine our priorities, we will be providing all members an opportunity to provide input by prioritizing your 3 top ideas for use of the money. At church on May 12th and May 19th you will have an opportunity to vote on your priorities. Before that time, thoughtfully consider what you think we should do with this generous gift.

Please feel free to talk to any council member if you have questions.

List of possible uses of money

- ⇒ Begin an endowment or invest some of the money
- ⇒ Complete the parking lot project
- ⇒ New carpet and/or tile for the sanctuary
- ⇒ Repair/replace pews
- ⇒ Update of parsonage
- ⇒ Acoustic piano for the basement
- ⇒ Replace old cordless mics
- ⇒ Replace fence around cemetery by Cenex
- ⇒ Sound proof basement ceiling
- ⇒ Basement flooring
- ⇒ Security Cameras



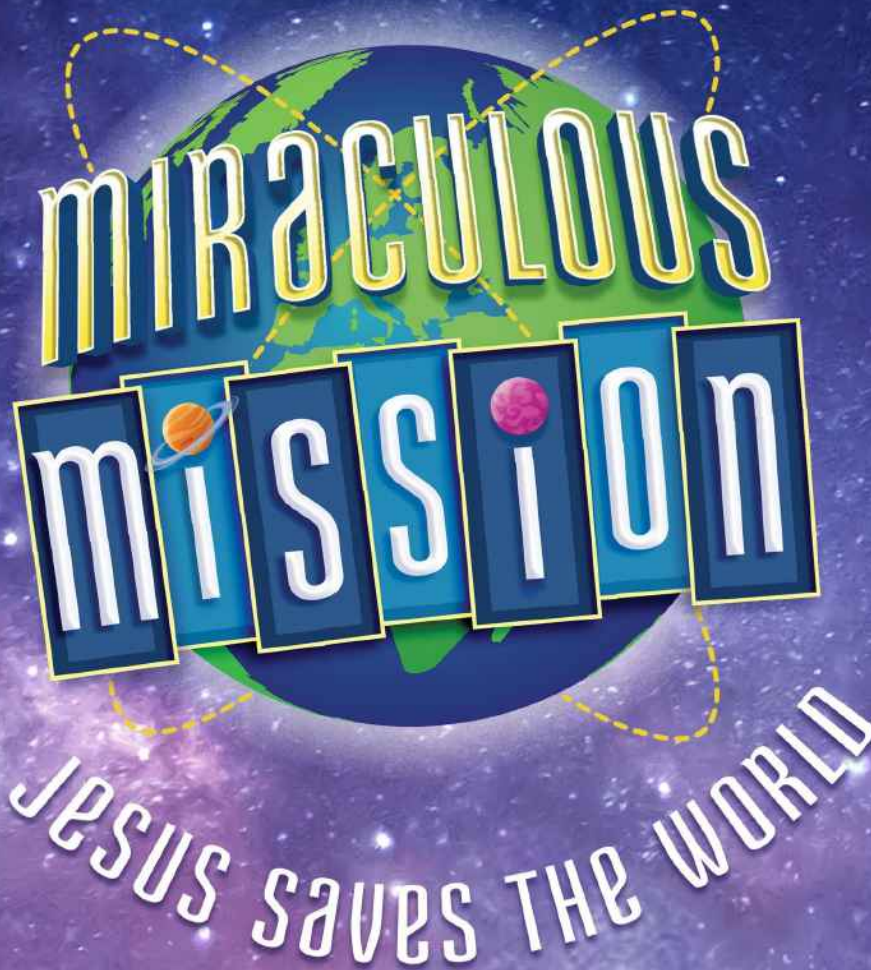
As of April 21, 2019:

Our envelope giving is \$63,091.00 with a yearly budget of \$197,000.00

The plate giving is \$2,737.55 with a yearly budget of \$8,000.00

Thank you for your giving.

Save the Date



VBS 2019

First Lutheran Church - Washburn, ND

May 28 - 31, 2019

9:30 - 10:45 AM

Age 3 to entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2019

Registration forms are on the table in the narthex at the church.

Contact Stacy Boeshans 701-240-8012 with questions.



**FIRST
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CHURCH
VBS**

Led by
Camp of the
Cross

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**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed
by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is
the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

ROMANS 12:2

May 28 - 31, 2019

6:00 - 8:30 PM

Youth Entering Grades 1-6 Fall of 2019

(A short program will be held on Friday, May 31 at 8:00 pm.)

Registration forms are on the table in the narthex at the church.



STEWARDSHIP CENSE



“OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD...”

I love this song, which we don't sing enough in the Lutheran Church but is sung often in the church my daughter attends. I felt the true impact of this song recently when Jeannette told me I could put up, not one or two pews, but NINE pews on the display board in the narthex. AND, that we were only about \$30 dollars or so away from being **half-way to our \$15,500 goal** for recovering our pews! To any of those doubters out there who thinks God does not answer prayer, this should be like a homerun! **AND** to think we accomplished almost half of our mission in just a little over **four weeks** should be even more awe-inspiring! At this Easter season, please thank the Lord every day and in every way for this marvelous answer to our prayers. **He truly IS awesome!**

For those of you wishing to know when the pews will be recovered, barring any unforeseen elements, they should be done before Rick and Laura Tweeten's daughter gets married in July. It will take them less than a week to complete their task, so try and attend church regularly. That way you can be in the congregation the first Sunday they are used!

More thanks here to my wonderful Stewardship committee for readily agreeing to serve the Stewardship Lenten meal! Thanks to your efforts and prayers, we were able to raise almost **\$1,000 towards the Pew Fund!** Many hands make light work and it certainly proved to be true that night!

I'd also like to thank my husband for helping me put the display board for the Pew Fund together and for making the little sample pew! I'm glad so many of you have commented on it and seem to approve. To Donna Gunderson and others who gave me their insight, a big thanks to you also!

One more big thank you goes out to all the Thrivent members of our congregation who have designated their Choice Dollars to First Lutheran! With these monies, we take care of some matters which we would not be able to do without your gracious contribution. Thanks to you all!

By the time you read this, we will be in May and looking forward to spring planting and seeing God's beautiful world springing forth in a plethora of color. It is my prayer that all of you will be successful with your spring planting, gardening and flowers. As a member of Washburn Study Club, I will be on the lookout for the "Yard of the Week" again this year. May also brings us another wonderful day to celebrate: Mother's Day! Proverbs 1:8 tells us: Listen, my son, to your father's instruction, and do not forsake your mother's teaching! Happy Mother's Day and God Bless Mother's everywhere!

Don't panic if you do not see a column next month. I may be gone for part of it but will see how things go! (Be sure and check anyway! HA!)

God's Blessings to you and yours!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Deacon

Above and Beyond

When 20-year-old Hunter Shamatt lost his wallet while traveling to a wedding last fall, he assumed its contents - including \$60 in cash - were gone forever. But not only did someone return the wallet and everything inside it; the good Samaritan also *added* money. "I rounded your cash up to an even \$100 so you can celebrate getting your wallet back," read a note signed with the initials TB.

Hunter's mom, who posted a photo of the note on Facebook, said her faith in humanity was restored.

The world's "not as grim as it's being made out to be," Jeannie Shamatt wrote.

Like the good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37, "TB" - who turned out to be Todd Brown of Omaha - went above and beyond in expressing kindness to a stranger. May we do likewise, bandaging one another's wounds, providing comfort, sacrificing our resources and showing mercy, all in Jesus' name.

-Stephanie Martin

MAY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

5 - Elaine Carr, Julie Bentz
Ruth Borlaug
12 - Newell & Linda Zeller
19 - Clark & Jayne Pochant
Sarah Kadrmas, Dick Bickert
26 - Dick & Carla Bickert

ACOLYTES

5 - Sierra Rodriguez & Hannah Westrick

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

5 - Confirmands
12 - Kathy Kaiser
19 - Graduates
26 - Margaret Rasmussen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5 - Jim Kaiser
19 - Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen

ALTAR CARE

Janell Ziemann & Melanie Beckman

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

5 - Dale & Julene Klosterman
12 - Leilani Olafson
19 - Graduation Tea
26 - Dick & Carla Bickert


SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Dick & Carla Bickert

JOIN US FOR A BRIDAL SHOWER HONORING

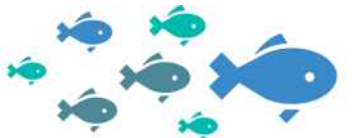
SAMANTHA TWEETEN

SUNDAY, MAY 5th FROM 2-4 PM
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH,
709 5th Ave. WASHBURN, ND 58577
HOSTED BY ABBY TWEETEN AND LEXIE SOLOMONSON
SAMANTHA IS REGISTERED
AT TARGET AND BED BATH AND BEYOND



rsup by April 21st to Abby @ (701)-737-9030

Please RSVP to Abby at
701-737-9030 ASAP
as this is being seen past
the original RSVP date.



Evangelism OPPORTUNITIES

The following list is the service group scheduled for **June**. The group coordinators are Luke & Emily Retterath. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in June works best for you and give Luke or Emily a call at 462-8686. If Luke or Emily 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.

Ryan & Tammy Dockter
Jennifer Dutoit
Dwight & Joy Hanson
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke
Wyat & Carissa Klabunde
Duane & Marlys Knell
Dennis & Donna Kroll
Jeff Leidholm
Cody & Robin Lorentzen
Brent & Theresa Petersen
Terry & Norma Petersen
Dean & Sandy Schell
George & Laurie Sheldon
Sylvia Thompson
Lee & Annette Weisgarber
Bob & Sandy Weisgarber

FLCW NEWS

May, 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

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all Mothers and Grandmothers! God's blessings to you!

A big Thank You to Kim and Brenda Ankenbauer for putting the metal label holders on the kitchen cabinets. They spent many hours doing this and they look wonderful! Thanks to Val Rae Swanson for making the labels!

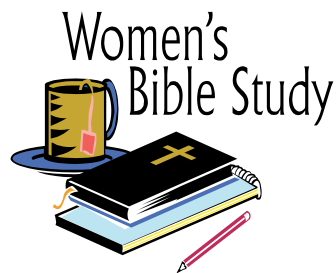
The **Lenten meal** on April 10th was well attended and we thank everyone who supported "Hotdish Heaven".

First Lutheran will be delivering **Meals on Wheels** for the month of May. Kathy Keller is the Chairperson.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- May 4 Confirmation Tea – 7:00 pm – Growth Committee
Work Group 4 serves
- May 19 Graduation Tea – Following Worship – Growth Committee
Work Group 5 serves
- May 23 Quilting – 9:00 am
- June 8 Riverboat Days Pie & Ice Cream – All Work Groups serve
- June 15 Camp of the Cross Quilt Auction
- June 27 Quilting – 9:00 am

LeAnn Richard and Val Rae Swanson Co-Chairs



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

Deborah Bible Study
May 16, 2019
9:30 AM
At Norma Petersen's



QUILTING GROUP

May 23, 2019
9:00 AM

March 31, 2019 - Marylee Interiors



First Lutheran Church Women Executive Board April 7, 2019

Members Present: LeAnn Richard, Val Swanson, Donna Gunderson, Kathryn Johnson, Kathy Keller, Peggy Moran, Sylvia Thompson, Marlys Knell, Jackie Olson

Val opened our meeting with prayer.

Secretarial minutes as published in "The Parish News." No corrections.

Treasurer's Report – FLCW bank balance of \$2,559.71.

Committee Reports –

– Camp of Cross – See April 2019 "The Parish News" for additional details.

In summary – 6 students have signed up for camp this summer. Benefit for the camp, "Blue Jeans Ball", is scheduled for May 4th in Wilton. Kitchen equipment is being installed in the new building. There are numerous kitchen items needed. Motion made and seconded that \$50 be forwarded to the camp to help buy kitchen equipment needed. Motion carried. Prairie Lake Festival quilt auction is June 15th.

– Action/Quilting – Quilting will be held twice in April.

– Community – First Lutheran will be delivering

Meals on Wheels in May. It was mentioned that almost \$1,000 was raised at the Stewardship Lenten meal for the pew fund. Discussion held on the FLCW contributing to the pew fund. A motion was made and seconded that the FLCW buy the covering for one pew. Motion carried.

– Growth – Confirmation Tea and Graduation Teas will be held in May.

Old Business –

Cabinet and drawer labels have been installed

New Business –

FLCW Executive Board will serve the last Lenten Meal on April 10.

Mother's Day Tea featuring Roxane and Elizabeth Romanick is scheduled for April 28. Work group 3 will provide refreshments.

Discussion held on the possibility of holding a fund raiser to replace the bake sale this fall. Lefse will still be made and sold.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,
Marlys Knell
FLCW Secretary



Have you dropped your landline phone and gone to just your cell phone?



If so, have you given First Lutheran your cell phone number yet? If not, we would appreciate it so we can get ahold of you when needed. FLCW work group co-chairs need your number too!

Call 462-3775 or email flc@westriv.com with your cell number.
Thank You!



Community Meal

Sunday
April 19, 2019

First Lutheran Church

4:30 - 6:30 PM

BBQ Beef & Pork
Salads
Desserts



WILL WE HAVE ENOUGH PASTORS? WILL OUR PASTORS BE WELL-GROUNDED IN GOD'S WORD AND THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS? WILL THEY BE ABLE TO TEACH AND EQUIP DISCIPLES AT ALL AGES AND STAGES OF LIFE?

The NALS will continue to answer "YES" to these questions with your help during North American Lutheran Seminary Month.

The North American Lutheran Seminary needs both your prayers and generous financial support to continue our mission of preparing competent, evangelical, and confessional pastors who will faithfully and eagerly serve in the decades to come.

Here are some startling facts illustrating the urgent need for growing the Seminary of the North American Lutheran Church:

- Approximately nine out of 10 NALC pastors are over the age of 40.
- 75 percent of pastors are over the age of 60.
- Since 2010, the NALC has grown to more than 420 congregations and is still growing.

As a result, the Seminary's student body, faculty, and staff are already growing and preparing to grow even more at our residential campus in Ambridge as well as at extension sites and through relationships with undergraduate institutions across North America. Join us this May to observe North American Lutheran Seminary Month. With your prayers and generous donations, you are supporting the NALS and providing for the future of the North American Lutheran Church.

Gifts for this year's North American Lutheran Seminary Month may be remitted to:

North American Lutheran Church
PO Box 860565
Minneapolis, MN 55486-0565

*Checks should be payable to North American Lutheran Church or NALC.
Use the memo line to indicate North American Lutheran Seminary or NALS.*



Image courtesy of Rih's Photography

Help Southern tornado and Midwestern flood victims

When disaster strikes, Thrivent members, like you, often look for opportunities to help those in need beyond your church's outreach efforts. Here are some ways to do so:

Lead a Thrivent Action Team

Invite your friends, family and coworkers to help raise funds or lead a disaster relief activity by forming a Thrivent Action Team. Use promo codes "South Tornadoes 2019" or "MW Flooding 2019," and receive a Thrivent Action Kit containing promotional materials, T-shirts and \$250 in seed money to help launch your efforts. You'll receive the kit five to seven business days after approval.

Donate funds; Thrivent will boost it

Donate online to specific organizations assisting with the recovery efforts. For every \$2 you donate on Thrivent.com, Thrivent will add \$1.* Thrivent will also pay all processing fees to ensure 100% of your donation goes directly to help those in need.** Eligible members can also direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®.

Get more information at Thrivent.com/disasterresponse.

Questions? Contact the Member Connection Center at 800-847-4836. Or email@thrivent.com.

*Thrivent will pay up to \$250,000 towards the 2019 Midwest Flooding and Southern Tornadoes disaster response. The opportunity will end when the \$250,000 cap is met or June 1, 2019, whichever is first.

**Thrivent will pay processing fees for personal donations made through InFaith Community Foundation, up to \$100,000 per calendar year.

Thrivent member activities, such as Thrivent Action Teams, Habitat for Humanity and Thrivent partnership and Thrivent Choice, engage Thrivent members and Thrivent Member Networks in charitable activities, furthering Thrivent's mission and its purposes under state law. You should never purchase or retain any insurance or annuity products simply to be able to participate. Participation is subject to applicable Terms and Conditions.

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

I know it's past Easter but, He has risen! Much like the lingering warm fuzzy Christmas brings, I feel the same way about Easter! This year, I feel like my family got a very special, and well pretty much a 2 weekend Easter Celebration. Over Palm Sunday weekend, Aaron Vorland, Matt, our three daughters, and I (Christian had Drill) traveled to Pine Ridge with a ridiculous amount of beautifully decorated eggs, compliments of our youth, and the palm branches our church so generously donated all in tow. We went down to help our dear friend Ruby host her first ever Easter service and Dinner. There was a scheduling hiccup which turned out to be a blessing and put the Easter Service in a 100+ year old church! Several of Ruby's good friends traveled from neighboring communities to come and help lead the service. It was really something! All the hymns were sung in Lakota, there was a marriage of a sweet couple, 2 young girls were baptized, and many people were prayed over. It was beautiful. After the service we served upwards of 250 people at the Easter Dinner! There was even an Easter Egg hunt for the little people in attendance! We made new friends and got to see several friends we made on previous visits there. With all the hopelessness and sadness on the reservation, God's presence and love shines through and it was so exciting to see Him moving and working in Pine Ridge. The people there are beautiful, so loving, and very welcoming. I cannot wait to bring our youth to Pine Ridge! I feel like we are doing exactly what God wants us to do by returning there this summer. Please pray that our youth and the people we will be serving will be impacted by this and will see God more clearly than ever before! My prayer is this trip will help strengthen their faith foundation and their capacity to love others fiercely like Jesus does!

Well unfortunately the city is moving up the citywide rummage sale a weekend. This is the same weekend as confirmation and a weekend I am out of town. At this time we are unsure when or if we will be hosting our Variety Market. We'll update you via the bulletin on our plans for this fundraiser. If you haven't already, you will be receiving a letter in the mail about our Shareholders Campaign. This of course is a fundraiser for our trip to Pine Ridge. We are asking for our church family to buy a 'share' in our trip. Shares are \$10. Anyone who contributes will get an invitation to our Shareholders Dinner in which we will serve a delicious meal and every member of our trip will talk about their experience on the mission trip. Watch for more details on this dinner in the bulletin and newsletter!

Pizza Day. Yup, I know you are getting tired of hearing about it! 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. On the upside, with it being May, you'll get a short reprieve! ☺ In all seriousness, this meal serves as an important tool. It is the only event that we do that we do not take any funds in. We rely solely on excess funds from other fundraisers and your generosity to encourage any and all youth to enter the church.

Here's a few dates to jot down:

April 27th Meatball Feed

May 1st Pizza Day

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

Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Scott & Jill Senftner and family on the death of Scott's father, Richard Senftner.
- ⇒ Family of Earl Peterson on his death. Earl was a cousin to Barbara Brewster.
- ⇒ Wes Sauer & Audrey Pauling and family on the death of Audrey's brothers, Rodney Doepke and Kenny Doepke.
- ⇒ Mike & Sharon Nelson and family on the death of Mike's brother Darryl Johnson.

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



THANK YOU

☺ Thank you Nancy Fuchs & Barbara Brewster for helping fold and tape the April newsletter for mailing.



☺ Thank you to Brent Petersen and Rick Richard for filling in while Pastor Erik was recovering from surgery.

☺ Thank you to FLY and FLCW Executive Committee for serving the Lenten meals during April. Also to everyone that came and supported them.

☺ Thank you to the following for being a part of the drama series during the Wednesday night Lenten services in April: Rick Richard, Brent & Theresa Petersen, Mike Nelson, John Samuelson, Arden Wagner, Mike Aull & Kris Schmidt.

☺ Thank you to everyone who furnished Lilies and Hydrangeas to decorate the church this Easter.

☺ Thank you to FLY for serving the Easter Breakfast!

☺ Thank you to the following for being part of the instrumental ensemble on Easter morning: Caden Albers, Cameron Albers, Kole Albers, Preston Beckman, Brent Petersen, Drew Petersen, Justin Petersen, Rick Richard, and Emily Scheresky. Also to the choir for their special music, Kathryn Johnson for directing both. Along with our organists Theresa Petersen and LeAnn Richard.

☺ Thank you to Ali Sheldon for organizing "Goodies From the Heart" and everyone that brought food, helped package and deliver.

The following is from Laura Gardner:

☺ Thank you Heather Seidler & Jeannette Rost for helping with pizza day.

Joys of Motherhood

- A hug for no reason.
- Belly laughs.
- The light-bulb moment when your child understands something you've been trying to teach them.
- Smiles and giggles.
- Mud pies.
- Arms raised in the air after a big accomplishment.
- Hearing Scripture and prayer from your child's lips.
- Quiet moments on the couch.
- Reading aloud together.
- A family meal filled with conversation and laughter.
- Watching your child be kind to another.
- Recognizing a moment you'd like to freeze in time.
- A child's look of surprise and joy.
- A quiet conversation that heals a wounded heart.
- The words "I love you" - and a sticky kiss.

-Unknown



Floating on Faith

As a man and his young daughter were boating one day, their vessel sprang a leak. The father knew he'd have to swim to shore but couldn't with the child in tow. She hadn't gotten far in swimming lessons but could float on her back, so he told her to do so and promised to return.

Coast Guard personnel were skeptical that a child could survive so long in the water. But hours later, as the sun set and they considered halting the search, someone spied a red dress amid the waves. The girl, still floating, was singing a hymn. Astounded, rescuers asked how she held on so long. "My daddy said he'd come back for me," she said, "and he never breaks his promises."

Prayer rests on just such trust. We can't know when God will answer or act, but we know he promises never to abandon us and that God keeps his promises. So we can lie back and float - on faith.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

May 4	Blue Jeans Ball
May 19	"Kitchen Shower"
June 2 – August 4	Summer Sundays
June 15	Prairie Lake Festival
July 6	5K Run/Walk
August 2	Night with the Larks
August 6	Prairie Masters Golf Scramble
November 16 or 23	Scandinavian Supper

*** BLUE JEANS BALL is Saturday, May 4, 2019, at the Wilton Memorial Hall. Dinner is 6:00-8:00 pm, Dancing is 8:00-11:00 pm, with Live Dessert Auction at 7:30 pm, as well as a Silent Auction during the evening. Good 'ol family fun! \$20 (ADULT), \$10 (CHILDREN 13 AND UNDER), \$5 (DANCE ONLY AFTER 8 pm).

*** With the installation of kitchen equipment in the New Fellowship Center, Lutheran Church of the Cross from Bismarck is sponsoring a "kitchen shower" May 19 at 2:30 pm at the Camp. Thank you to the First Lutheran Church Women for the monetary donation for the shower. There is a general gift registry if others would be interested in making a purchase for the new kitchen. You may contact Peggy Moran for more information or see poster in this newsletter.

*** There is a plastic tub in the Narthex for the annual MOTHER THE CAMP donations. A list of food items, kitchen supplies, housekeeping, office supplies, craft items and program needs is on the tub, with lists tacked on the bulletin board for the taking. Any donations help to reduce the operating costs of the camp. Donations can be collected until Saturday, May 18 and then will be packed up for delivery to the Camp.

*** Keep in mind, "Summer Sunday" worship and lunch at the camp from June 2 through August 4.

*** PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL plans are in the works for June 15, 2019 – be thinking of items

that you would like to donate and above all – put it on your calendars to ATTEND! Donated items are due at the Camp Office by May 31. Besides the Live Auction, there are concessions, Kuchen, Silent Auction items, a table of items for immediate sale for \$10 or so, and a table of quilts that can be purchased and donated for camp counselor gifts or other worthy causes. As quilts are received, they are photographed and pictures will be on the website for viewing. Live viewing will be from 8:00-9:30 am with Live Auction beginning at 10:00 am. The Festival is held at the Garrison High School Gymnasium. The annual quilt and fine arts auction is the largest fundraiser for the Camp.

*** "TRANSFORMED COMMUNITY, GOD'S AGENT OF C.H.A.N.G.E." The 2019 summer program planning is underway. It is time to visit with friends to plan a time to go to camp this summer. Registration is open online. I am happy to announce that FLC campers will once again this year have all their summer camp registration fees covered. As of this writing, we have a dozen or so campers registered. Please let Peggy Moran know as soon as campers are registered (462-3919). THANK YOU TO THE FLCW, EVANGELISM COMMITTEE, FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH and ANONYMOUS DONOR for covering the FLC campers' registration fees entirely. What a way to spread God's word to children from our congregation!

*** Stay tuned for more information on the 2019 Prairie Masters Golf Scramble later in the summer!

Thank you
Peggy Moran



Your congregation is invited to participate in a

Kitchen Shower

For Camp of the Cross!



*Thank you for your
support of Camp of the
Cross Ministries!*

*Party Date/Time
Sunday, May 19th
2:30pm at
Camp of the Cross*

*Their brand new kitchen is almost complete, so now is the time to stock it!
If we all come together, we can supply them with items they need before summer camp starts.*

Their wish list can be found at:

MyRegistry.com

Search for "Camp of the Cross"

-Hosted by the Ladies of Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bismarck

For questions or to help with the shower, please contact: Robin Johnson 701-391-1082
theriver@midconetwork.com



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, March 31 to Sunday, April 21)



Fund given to & by whom **In Memory of**

Building Fund\$0.00

Camp of the Cross.....\$20.00

Howard & Elda Johnson Edie Sheldon

Howard & Elda Johnson Delores Bengtson

Camp of the Cross Scholarships\$10.00

Dick & Barbara BrewsterMarlyn Rothmann

Decorating (Church).....\$0.00

General Fund\$150.00

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Jim & LaVonne Stroup..... Edie Sheldon

Steve & Sue Richards Edie Sheldon

Elaine Carr Kenny Doepke

Global Missions \$0.00

Lutheran Social Services \$0.00

LWR \$0.00

Music \$15.00

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth Mildred Arnts

Arden & Sande Wagner..... Darryl Johnson

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Pews..... \$1,769.00

Dewey & Wanda Oster Marlyn Rothmann

Wayne & Julie Petersen Edie Sheldon

Larry & Kathy Keller..... Dean Gunderson

Sharon Chrest Dean Gunderson

Wes Sauer..... Harold & Erna Sauer

Ken & Maybell Job.....Gottfried & Lean Horn

Luther & Lillie Adams

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth Kenny Doepke

Mary Ann BeeksBill Beeks

Dewey & Wanda Oster Howard Trueblood

Dewey & Wanda Oster Doris Martin

Fund given to & by whom

In Memory of

Pews (cont.)

Dewey & Wanda OsterAlbert Bauman

Dewey & Wanda OsterKenny Doepke

The following are all in memory of Edie Sheldon:

Jim & Jan Stoppler

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Marlene Slagg

Mary Schulz

Paul & Kathy Pfiefl

Larry & Peggy Hoge

Pam Lyson

Francis & JoAnn Brunsell

Jim & Kathy Kaiser

Erv & Diane Binstock

Pablo & Colette Ronderos

George & Laurie Sheldon

George & Val Swanson

Matt & Marissa Welton

The following are all in memory of Darryl Johnson:

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth

John & Helen Samuelson

Sharon Chrest

Rick & LeAnn Richard

Relief Missions \$0.00

Sunday School..... \$0.00

US/Local Missions..... \$0.00

World Hunger..... \$0.00

Worship..... \$15.00

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth Dean Gunderson





The following people were prayed for by request at worship from March 31 thru April 21. If we missed you or your loved ones, or your prayer requests, please accept our apologies.

- ◆ Mina & Darryl Johnson - Darryl is a Brother to Mike Nelson
- ◆ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ◆ Carol Kuball
- ◆ Shirley Nelson
- ◆ Dick Tweeten
- ◆ Bob Miller
- ◆ Vivian Merkel
- ◆ Tom Sheldon
- ◆ Rodney Jaeger
- ◆ All families grieving the loss of death
- ◆ Kenny Doepke
- ◆ Mary Schulz
- ◆ Family of Richard Senftner on his death
- ◆ Family of Earl Peterson on his death
- ◆ Family of Rodney Doepke on his death
- ◆ Family of Kenny Doepke on his death
- ◆ Family of Darryl Johnson on his death

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.

- ◆ Karen Bakken - Aunt to Alyson Teigen
- ◆ Don Bellerud - Brother to Jackie Olson
- ◆ Paul Sigurdson - Friend of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
- ◆ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth

First Lutheran May Birthdays



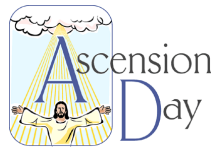
Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in May. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish 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 Dennis Johnson Taylor Sheldon	2 Sylvia Thompson	3 Twila Beasley	4 Brooke Knutson
5 Brent Petersen Sue Winter	6 Jaden Erickson	7 John Nelson	8 Brandon Lazier Chelsey Lazier	9 Mia Klabunde Julie Petersen Alice Richard Caitlin Scheresky Allison Weisgarber	10 Kristi Olson	11 Cierra Philbrick
12 Cody Kinnischtzke Justin Scheresky	13 Parker Pochant Patrick Pochant Seth Sackman	14 Arnie Link	15 Brenda Ankenbauer Darin Rasmussen Shawn Sondrol Kacey Winkler	16 Ashton Block Ember Block Kevin Borner Sue Richards Jeff Schafer	17 Nadine Berger	18 Dacia Pickell Elle Williams
19 Karson Wolf	20 Clark Pochant A.J. Richards	21 Cassie Binsfeld	22 Gerald Hoff Steve Richards	23 Shelly Charging Dwight Hanson Richard Lorentzen Andy Philbrick Zack Vollmuth	24 Joe Kaiser Greg Stomp Hannah Westrick	25 Natasha Peterson Orrin Sheldon
26 NaKya Booth Taylor Gardner	27 Erin Fitzgerald Arden Wagner	28 Brian Anderson Kara Bender Chuck Kaiser Skylar Schauer Pat Sick	29 Gary Fuchs	30 Noah Jaeger Noelle Kroll Andrew Lillejord Michelle Lorentzen Hunter Oberlander Jan Olson Justin Sheldon	31	

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 11:50 AM Pizza Day 7:00 PM FLY	2 ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER	3	4 7:00 PM Confirmation Tea
5 Third Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Confirmation Sunday 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 2:00 PM Bridal Shower for Sam Tweeten 7:00 PM AA Meeting	6	7 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 3:00 PM CCM Executive Board Meeting	8 7:00 PM FLY	Drop off LWR Quilts & Kits at Midwest Motor Express in Bismarck		9 10 11
12 Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Baptism Mother's Day 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Last Day of Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	13 10:00 AM Chat & Sew	14 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 7:00 PM Church Council	15 7:00 PM FLY	16 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at Norma Petersen's	17	18  ★ARMED FORCES DAY★
19 Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion Holy Baptism High School Senior Recognition 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Graduation Tea 4:30 - 6:30 PM Community Meal 7:00 PM AA Meeting	20 Newsletter Deadline	21 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	22 7:00 PM FLY	23 9:00 AM Quilting	24	25
26 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 4 - 7 PM Emily Scheresky Graduation Open House 7:00 PM AA Meeting	27 MEMORIAL DAY 	28 AM Pastor Erik at Text Study	29	30  Ascension Day	31	
VBS May 28 - 31 9:30 - 10:45 AM - Ages 3 to entering Kindergarten Fall of 2019 6:00 - 8:30 PM - Entering Grades 1-6 Fall of 2019						

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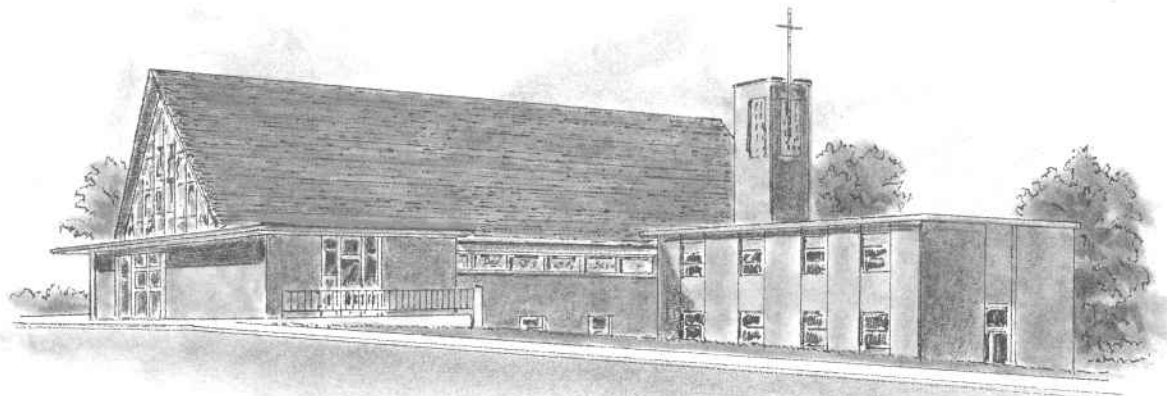
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Christ known through
Worship, Christian
Education, Evangelism,
Caring Ministries, and
Service.”*

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM
Sunday School - 10:45 AM
(May 12 - Last Day of Sunday School Until Fall)
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM