



THE PARISH NEWS



January, 2020

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**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION/
ARTICLES DEADLINE is 20th of each
month.**

**Our Mission. . . "Working hand in hand to
know Christ and make Christ known through
Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism,
Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service."**

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FROM PASTOR CURT HANSON

A Suggested Devotion (Written by Mother Teresa)

People are often unreasonable, illogical,
and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, People may accuse you
of selfish, ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some
false friends and some true enemies.
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
people may cheat you;
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone
could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
they may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
people will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
and it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
it is between you and God;
it was never between you and them anyway.

I was hungry, you gave me food.
I was thirsty, you gave me drink.
I was a stranger, you welcomed me.
I was naked, you clothed me.
I was ill, you cared for me.
I was in prison, you visited me.

Matthew 25-35

Three Days of

Prayer

January 7-9, 2020



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Day One - January 7

This is a day focused on confession.

Day Two - January 8

This is a day of petition

Day Three - January 9

This is a day for vision

There will be papers for you to use on the table in the narthex by January 7th.
The church will be open all three days from 9 am – 7 pm for anyone that wishes to come in for private prayer.



December 9, 2019

(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: Kris Schmidt, Donna Sommer, Aaron Vorland, Dick Bickert, Leilani Olafson, Emily Retterath, Stacy Boeshans, Kathy Keller & Jeff Schmidt
Administrative Secretary - Jeannette Rost

Guest: Call Committee member – Matt Gardner
-Matt provided results with congregational survey. Call committee was pleased with the results of returned surveys, along with many positive comments.

- Jeff Schmidt led with devotions from Ecclesiastes 2:22-26
- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – November 4, 2019
1st Donna Sommer, 2nd Aaron Vorland – Motion carried

• Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer

(Motion to approve future audit, and to pay any "non-budgeted bills.")
1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Jeff Schmidt – Minutes approved

CD's	\$200,000.00
Checking	\$23,780.78
Building	72,031.22
Cemetery	617.40
Interest	504.02
Music	2,478.60
Parking Lot	44,836.11
Worship	2,029.56
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	11,992.40
TOTAL ASSETS	\$358,270.09

• Pastors Report – Curt Hanson, Interim

-Nursing Home Visits – 2

Pastors Report – Richard Smith

-Nursing Home and/or Home Visits - 4

Committee Reports:

• Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller

-Planning on Newsletter article

• Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt

-Finishing on filling January and currently working on filling schedule for February readers

-Received an approximate price for a new portable piano for \$1900.00. This purchase will be tabled for future discussion

• Education Committee – Stacy Boeshans

-Cookie trays for the classrooms is going well
-A new projector is looking to be donated and will also need a remote clicker
-Sunday School Christmas program will be 12/15/19

• Evangelism Committee – Emily Retterath

-Need someone to volunteer for Service Group Coordinator
-Is working on Welcome letter for new members
-Discussed improvements to the cry room but tabled for later discussion

• Property Committee – Aaron Vorland

-Leaf guards for gutters is still being looked into
-Trimmed some trees at the Parsonage
-Will check on parsonage to make sure furnace is working properly and do a walk through to make sure everything is good

Old Business

- We have \$959.77 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Lavern Johnson Trust money
- Annual meeting – January 19th, 2020 – Soup & Bread Meal at 11:45 a.m. followed by meeting
- LCMC Three Days of Prayer is January 7-9, 2020. Kathy Keller & Emily Retterath will co-chair event.
- Benevolences
 - 1.) Relief Missions - \$250 to Days for Girls
 - 2.) World Hunger - \$125 to Food for the Poor
 - 3.) Global Missions - \$375 to Our Daily Bread
 - 4.) US/Local Missions - \$375 Lutheran Military and Family MinistriesMotion to Approve – 1st Jeff Schmidt, 2nd Emily Retterath – Motion carried

New Business

- Looked over the proposed 2020 budget. Motion to approve for annual meeting – 1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Kathy Keller – Motion carried
- FLC paid \$116 for Shoebox shipping a motion was made to cover this cost with Thrivent dollars Motion to approve 1st Jeff Schmidt, 2nd Stacy Boeshans – Motion carried

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- Committee Reports for Annual Meeting booklets are due January 7, 2020.
- Computer Program was presented by Leilani for upgrading a computer system for tracking in regards to tithing, attendance, communion
- Card Tables – a motion was made to use Thrivent dollars to purchase card tables up to \$100. Motion to approve – 1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Stacy Boeshans – Motion carried
- OSI – Weed Control offered discount if pre-paid for 2020
Motion to approve – 1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Kathy Keller – Motion carried

Transfer Requests:

Transfers In

Paul & Susann Krueger from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND
Motion to approve 1st Emily Retterath, 2nd Jeff Schmidt – Motion carried

Transfers Out

None

By Affirmation of Faith

None

Remove from Membership List:

None

Next Council Meeting:
January 13, 2020 at 7pm

Adjourn meeting
1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Emily Retterath - Motion carried
Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Leilani Olafson
Church Council Secretary

CALL COMMITTEE REPORT

Matt Gardner – Call Committee Co-Chair

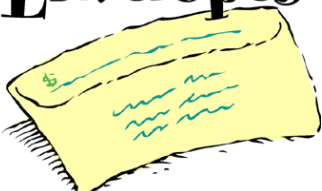
Your Call Committee has been working hard over the last several months laying down solid ground-work towards the call for a new pastor. Finding a new pastor is something the Committee is taking very seriously. It is important to the Committee that this is a Christ led process that involves the congregation.

Along with the work of the Committee, the congregation is also playing an important part in the call process. Although the Committee selected by the congregation is a diverse group, it is important to hear the voice of the congregation. In order to get input from the congregation on the future of the church, the call committee developed and initiated a survey. The survey went out to around 360 church member households through the newsletter, were given to Sunday school students to take home and were also available in the church. With your strong participation we have statistically accurate survey results, with a confidence level of 95%, to use in our search for a new pastor.

The next step for the Committee is to use the information collected from the survey and other congregational information to complete a congregational profile. The congregational profile will be sent to the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) to be posted on their respective websites. Once posted, prospective Pastors will be able to learn about First Lutheran, decide if this is where God is calling them to serve and reach out to the call committee. Our goal is to have the congregational profiles complete and posted before the Annual Meeting on January 19.

Thank you for your participation in the survey and support of this important step for our Church.

Offering Envelopes



The 2020 offering envelopes are ready to pickup and in the narthex. Please stop and get yours to use in 2020 if you have not already done so.

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 the administrative secretary if you use your envelopes.

We need to have a record of your giving and communion registration in order to be a qualified voting member of First Lutheran Church.

2020 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 19, 2020

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

Annual meeting follows the meal!

Soup
and bread
meal



If you are a confirmed and giving 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 2019 and forward to 2020
- ⇒ Discuss the Lavern Johnson Trust
- ⇒ Adopt a 2020 Budget
- ⇒ Elect new representatives to serve on the council
- ⇒ Thank those leaving the council
- ⇒ Welcome new council members

A group of approximately 15 children, mostly young girls, are standing in a line on a wooden stage. They are dressed in formal attire, including dresses, skirts, and blouses. The children are looking towards the right side of the frame. The background features a red door with a sign that reads "NO JACKIES" and a blue door with a small decorative object hanging on it. The scene is lit with warm stage lights.

A group of children in costumes performing on stage. Some children are wearing red headbands and holding papers, while others are wearing bunny ears and holding papers. They are standing in rows on a stage with a brick wall in the background.

A group of children in white robes and adults kneeling in prayer during a church service. The scene is set in a church with a brick wall and a large wooden cross. A Christmas tree is visible in the background.





STEWARDSHIP



"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." Acts 10:43

Back in my teaching days, (which seem further and further away), every once in a while, the teachers would give their students a chance for a "Do-Over". They were loved by the kids because it gave them a chance to have their sloppiness of the moments forgiven. They caught on right away that "Do-Overs" were a great idea! I wonder if it doesn't take adults a bit longer to warm up to the idea that each one of us gets a "Do-Over" every day! That is, Christ will forgive our sins each and every day if

we believe! It's a wonderful "Do-Over" and a fabulous promise and it's ours! As we go into a new year, let's remember that God promises each of us a clean heart and a fresh start. Happy New Year everybody!

Please remember that "Three Days of Prayer" is January 7-9, 2020. Look for more information in this newsletter! Once again, Happy New Year and have a blessed 2020!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

Happy New Year! We are excited to see what the new year brings! With that, we are excited to announce that we are going to Milwaukee this summer for our mission trip through Next Step! We don't have the specifics of what our work week will look like but will share when we have more information.

Valentine's Day is right around the corner. Our youth will be channeling their inner Betty Crocker again for our annual Valentine's Day Cupcake fundraiser. We will be taking orders after church on Sunday, February 2nd and 9th. All orders will be ready and available for pick up on Thursday morning, February 13th. We will be making chocolate, vanilla, and spice cupcakes. You can order any combination of flavors. 2 cupcakes for \$3, 6 cupcakes for \$8, and a dozen for \$12.

Some dates to jot down:

January 8 th	Pizza Day (served over lunchbreak in the church basement)
February 2 nd & 9 th	We will be taking orders after church for our annual Valentine's Day Cupcake Fundraiser
February 12 th	Decorating Cupcakes
February 13 th	Cupcakes will be ready for pick up

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



As of December 22, 2019:

Our envelope giving is \$196,104.80 with a yearly budget of \$197,000.00

The plate giving is \$9,225.10 with a yearly budget of \$8,000.00

Thank you for your giving.

FLC Cantata - "Love Made a Way"
December 22, 2019



IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR A SERVICE GROUP COORDINATOR

Do you like calling on the phone and talking to people?

If you answered "yes" then we have the perfect job for you! Be a service group coordinator for First Lutheran Church. No interviews required. You are hired on the spot!!! Depending on how the rotation falls, it would involve calling one or two months a year to find ushers and coffee people. A list of people and their phone numbers would be provided for you. Pay would be your satisfaction of knowing you are helping your church plus maybe getting to know people you don't know or would like to get to know better! If you see it in your heart to take on this position, please talk to Emily Retterath ASAP!



Please have all committee reports for the annual meeting booklet to the church office by noon on January 7, 2020.

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 12, 2020 to look over before the annual meeting on January 19, 2020.

FLCW NEWS

January, 2019

Executive Board:

LeAnn Richard
Donna Gunderson

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

Wendy Miller

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Gwen DeMontigny
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):

Janet Hanson
Margaret Rasmussen

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Kathy Keller
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



Thank you to all those who attended our Advent Breakfast. It was a wonderful way to begin preparing for our Lord's Birthday! Thank you to Work Group 5 for the delicious brunch!

Thank you to Work Group 3 for serving goodies following the Choir Cantata.

A big thank you to Val Swanson for co-chairing our Women's Group! You did an outstanding job! And thank you to Donna Gunderson for agreeing to serve as a co-chair.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

January	Meals on Wheels – Kathy Keller chairperson
January 7-9	Three Days of Prayer – Kathy Keller & Emily Retterath co-chairs
January 23 & 24	Quilting - 9:00 am - Noon

February 2	Lions Bake Sale – Kathy Keller chairperson
February 9	Secret Prayer Partner Tea – 2:00 pm
	Work Group 2 serves
February 27	Quilting
TBA	Executive Board meeting

LeAnn Richard & Donna Gunderson Co-Chairs

<div data-bbox="446 1438 803 1732">An illustration for Women's Bible Study featuring a yellow mug with a red tea bag, a black Bible with a gold cross, and a pink pencil.</div> <div data-bbox="500 1438 803 1575"><h2>Women's Bible Study</h2></div> <div data-bbox="828 1491 1128 1648"><h3>Deborah Bible Study</h3><p>January 16, 2020 9:30 AM at the Church</p></div> <div data-bbox="479 1753 1128 1837"><p>Please let your hostess know whether or not you will be attending each month.</p></div>	<div data-bbox="1177 1428 1510 1617">An illustration of two hands working on a quilt with blue and yellow fabric.</div> <div data-bbox="1177 1617 1510 1659"><h2>QUILTING GROUP</h2></div> <div data-bbox="1193 1711 1502 1795"><p>January 23 & 24, 2020 9:00 AM - Noon</p></div>
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ADVENT BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 7, 2019



CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

January 24-26 Men's Retreat

February 5-9 Crafting Retreat

February 13 Giving Hearts Day

February 23 CCM Annual Meeting

March 11-15 Crafting Retreat

March 20-21 7th – 9th Grade Spring Bash

** THANK YOU to those who contributed to the TWICED BLESSED CAMPAIGN. All donations for every project at the camp are very, very appreciated. We need to keep remembering Camp of the Cross Ministries is OUR camp!

** MEN'S RETREAT – come for a weekend full of worship, adventure, service, discussion, and fellowship with some other guys trying to live out their own faith.

** CRAFTING RETREAT – if you're a scrapbooker, a stamper, a quilter, a miniature painter, a knitter or a rosemal painter. If you want to tackle that unfinished project, we have an event for you! Share projects, ideas, devotions and lots of FUN! The food is homemade and delicious, and great memories are created each day.

** GIVING HEARTS DAY is on February 13. Mark your calendars! Funds raised at this event will be used towards the new Fellowship Center.

** The Annual Meeting will be Sunday, February 23. 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.

** 2020 Summer Camp registration is open! Early bird registration deadlines: February 1 and April 1, 2020. "FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION" is the 2020 theme.

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

** Call 701-337-2246, Camp of the Cross office, for questions. Go to www.campofthecross.com to register or for more information.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Peggy Moran

Instruments of Praise

Some innovative musicians play instruments that actually melt at their fingertips. Their ice creations - everything from drums and a pipe organ to harps and didgeridoos — make awe-inspiring sounds (search online to hear for yourself).

The unique challenges posed by dissolving instruments seem to increase their impact. "ICEstruments" sculptor Tim Linhart says concertgoers, whose bodies also are largely composed of water, often feel a "spiritual connection" to the music.

Although people don't melt, our physical bodies eventually return to ashes and dust. Despite that impermanence, God created us as wonderful instruments to make joyful noises for him: "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" (Psalm 150:6).

-adapted from *The Wired Work*

At Home With God

Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings. ... In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

-A.W. Tozer



JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

5 - Diane Blumhagen, Maybell Job
Glenda Scholl, Sara Scholl
12 - David Beckman, Sharon Chrest
Dennis & Janice Hammling
19 - Mike Thyberg, David Beckman
Nadine Berger, Jeff Leidholm
26 - George & Val Swanson
Mac & Judy Beaudry

ACOLYTES

5 - Justin Scheresky & Jake Dahl
12 - Connor Erber & Hannah Westrick
19 - Emma Hanson & Sierra Rodriguez
26 - Sydney Schmit & Sierra Rodriguez

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5 - George Swanson
19 - Dwight Rasmussen

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

5 - Wendy Miller
12 - Sheila Link
19 - Dwight Rasmussen
26 - Amanda Schmidt

ALTAR CARE

Brenda Suckow

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

5 - Glenda Scholl & Sara Scholl
12 - Sharon Chrest & Donna Gunderson
19 - Jeneen Loe & Nadine Berger
26 - George & Val Swanson

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Terry & Donna Gunderson

“The Wise Men”

Oh, we have learnt to peer and pore
On tortured puzzles from our youth,
We know all labyrinthine lore,
We are the tree wise men of yore,
And we know all things but the truth. ...

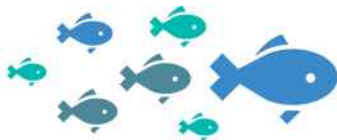
Go humbly, humble are the skies,
And low and large and fierce the star;
So very near the manger lies
That we may travel far.

Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes
To roar to the resounding plain.
And the whole heaven shouts and shakes,
For God himself is born again. ...

Begin anew

Every morning lean thine arms awhile
Upon the windowsill of heaven
And gaze upon thy Lord.
Then, with the vision in thy heart,
Turn strong to meet thy day.

-Thomas Blake



E v a n g e l i s m

OPPORTUNITIES

The following list is the service group scheduled for **February**. The group coordinators are Dick & Carla Bickert. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in February works best for you and give Dick or Carla call at 460-0128. If Dick or Carla 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.

Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer
Julie Bentz
David & Ruth Borlaug
Don & Teri Brewster
Elaine Carr
Gwen DeMontigny
Neil & Sarah Kadmas
Dale & Julene Klosterman
Kelli Murrey
Eric & Leilani Olafson
Clark & Jayne Pochant
Steve & Sue Richards
Lynn & Donna Sommer
Doug & Robyn Thomas
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Newell & Linda Zeller

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you Brenda Ankenbauer & Linda Zeller for helping fold and tape the December newsletter for mailing.



- ☺ Thank you Maybell Job for going through the pew cards and pencils.
- ☺ First Lutheran Friends:

Words don't express the wonderful congregation we have at First Lutheran. Your outpouring of prayers, hugs, cards and memorials at the loss of my mother, Luella Meyer, is unbelievable! I am glad to be part of this family. Mom is now another angel with my dad, sister and all the other angels in heaven leading a new life with her memory back and in no more pain. Thank you all!

Gene & Jeannette Rost and family

- ☺ We want to thank everyone at First Lutheran Church for your prayers and encouragement this past year.

LeRoy & Arlene Bender

- ☺ Thank you to the Men's Bible Study for putting up the nativity in front of the church.



- ☺ Thank you to Jeff Schmidt and Leilani Olafson for putting up and decorating the Christmas tree.
- ☺ 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 Pastor Erik & Kathryn Johnson for everything you did at First Lutheran.
- ☺ Thank you to Pastor Curt Hanson for filling in as our Interim Pastor.
- ☺ Thank you to Pastor Richard Smith for filling in and doing visitations in the Bismarck area.
- ☺ Thank you to the preschool thru sixth graders for their presentation of the birth of Jesus.
- ☺ Thank you to the choir for their presentation of "Love Made a Way". Also for all your special music throughout the year. Also to Randy Hall and 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.

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- ☺ Thank you to Ardee Kurle 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 Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer.
- ☺ 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, Theresa Petersen and Kathryn Johnson.
- ☺ Thank you to our money counters: Arden Wagner, Deb Wisdom, Sharon Chrest and Mary Ann Beeks.
- ☺ 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 are from Ardee Kurle:

- ☺ Thanks to Elmer and Arlene Schwarz for helping me with our part of the Christmas decorating this year!
- ☺ Thanks also to Dawson Erber for his help with the outdoor greenery!

The following are from Stacy Boeshans:

As the year draws to a close, I would like to extend my gratitude to the following:

- ☺ The teaching crew for all their hard work and dedication this year.
- ☺ Melissa Rothe for putting our Christmas program together.
- ☺ Don Winter for helping out with set design and costumes.
- ☺ Wade Boeshans for building the stable.
- ☺ The kitchen help for accommodating us with cookies for the classrooms.
- ☺ Jeannette for putting together the beautiful bulletins for the program.
- ☺ Erin Holznagel for walking kids to church for practice.

The following are from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you Margaret Rasmussen, Maybell Job, Pastor Curt and Heather Seidler for helping with pizza day!
- ☺ Thank you Judy Beaudry for helping with FLY's brunch!



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, December 1 to Sunday, December 22)



<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Building Fund	\$0.00
Camp of the Cross	\$0.00
Decorating (Church)	\$0.00
General Fund	\$1,480.00
Kris & Melanie Beckman.....	Luella Meyer
Terry & Donna Gunderson.....	Bev Doyle
Terry & Donna Gunderson.....	Jackie Rush
Howard & Elda Johnson (2 times) ...	Lane Johnson
Elaine Carr	Clay Carr
Randy & Janet Hanson.....	Bev Doyle
Larry & Kathy Keller.....	Luella Meyer
Wes Sauer.....	Luella Meyer
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach	Todd DeMontigny
Millie Leidholm.....	Jackie Rush
Al & Anna Rall	Luella Meyer
Dean & Sonja Bergstedt	Luella Meyer
Leif & Rosalind Ravnass.....	Rothmann's, Freidigs, & Scholl's
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Stan Goehring
Bob & Sandra Weisgarber	Stan Goehring
Wes Sauer.....	Jackie Rush
Wes Sauer.....	Bev Doyle
Wes Sauer.....	Wayne Balliet
Global Missions	\$0.00
Lutheran Social Services	\$0.00
LWR	\$10.00
Mary Ann Beeks	Lois Olson

<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Music	\$55.00
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Bev Doyle
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Jackie Rush
George & Val Swanson	Luella Meyer
Parking Lot Fund	425.00
Jeneen Loe.....	Luella Meyer
Mary Ann Beeks	Jackie Rush
Mary Ann Beeks	Bev Doyle
Arnie & Sheila Link	Luella Meyer
AJ & Doddie Kuntz (3 times).....	Keith Kuntz
AJ & Doddie Kuntz	Lloyd Unser
Larry & Kathy Keller.....	Bev Doyle
Pam Hoffer	Todd DeMontigny
Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Bev Doyle
Willie & Janell Ziemann	Luella Meyer
Mary Ann Beeks	Bill Beeks
Relief Missions	\$0.00
Sunday School	\$0.00
US/Local Missions	\$0.00
World Hunger	\$45.00
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Todd Berget
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Bev Doyle
Dewey & Wanda Oster	Luella Meyer
Worship	\$0.00



Our sympathy goes out to:

⇒ Karen Goehring and family on the death of her husband, Stan Goehring

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



Altar Flowers

A sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers from January 5 thru April 26.

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.



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from December 1 thru December 22. 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.

- ♦ Taylor Gardner
- ♦ LeRoy Bender
- ♦ Melisa Chrest
- ♦ Aaron Klain
- ♦ Ruby in Pine Ridge
- ♦ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz
- ♦ Derek Laning
- ♦ Jimmy Johnson - Great Nephew to Norma Petersen
- ♦ Harold Holtz
- ♦ Jacklyn Carlson

- ♦ Kim Biel - Friend of Sharon Nelson
- ♦ Charlotte Kite
- ♦ Amber Selken - Sister to Wendy Miller
- ♦ Billy Gardner - Father to Matt Gardner
- ♦ Jessica King
- ♦ Kelly Breidenbach
- ♦ George Buckholz
- ♦ Mary Schulz
- ♦ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ♦ Shirley Nelson
- ♦ Bob Miller
- ♦ Vivian Merkel
- ♦ Rodney Jaeger
- ♦ Carol Ann Watson - Cousin to Mike Nelson
- ♦ Harlow Tatum - Daughter of Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum
- ♦ Carol Leidholm
- ♦ Robert Henke - Son-in-law to Audrey Pauling
- ♦ Family of Stan Goehring on his death
- ♦ Matthew Richard
- ♦ Fred Boger - Father to Ardee Kurle
- ♦ Alice - Aunt to Donna Kroll

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 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 Scholl	6 Bob Frank Noah Holznagel Alyssa Kadrmas Emily Scheresky	7 Erik Johnson	8 Preston Hinson Rhonda Johnson Hollyn Murrey	9 Shannon Helm Alex Retterath	10	11 Joel Joersz
12 Candace Wieger	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 Cameron Albers 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	3	4
5 Second Sunday after Christmas Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM - Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	6 Epiphany	7 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group Noon Committee Reports Due for Annual Report	8 11:50 AM Pizza Day 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	9	10	11
LCMC Three Days of Prayer						
12 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 6:00 PM Call Committee Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	13 10:00 AM Chat & Sew 7:00 PM Council Meeting	14 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	15 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	16 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church	17	18
19 Second Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 11:45 AM Soup & Bread Meal followed by Annual Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Newsletter Deadline	21 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	22 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	23 9:00 AM - Noon Quilting 6:00 PM CCM Board Meeting	24 9:00 AM - Noon Quilting	25
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/ Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School 7:00 PM AA Meeting	27	28 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	29	30	31	

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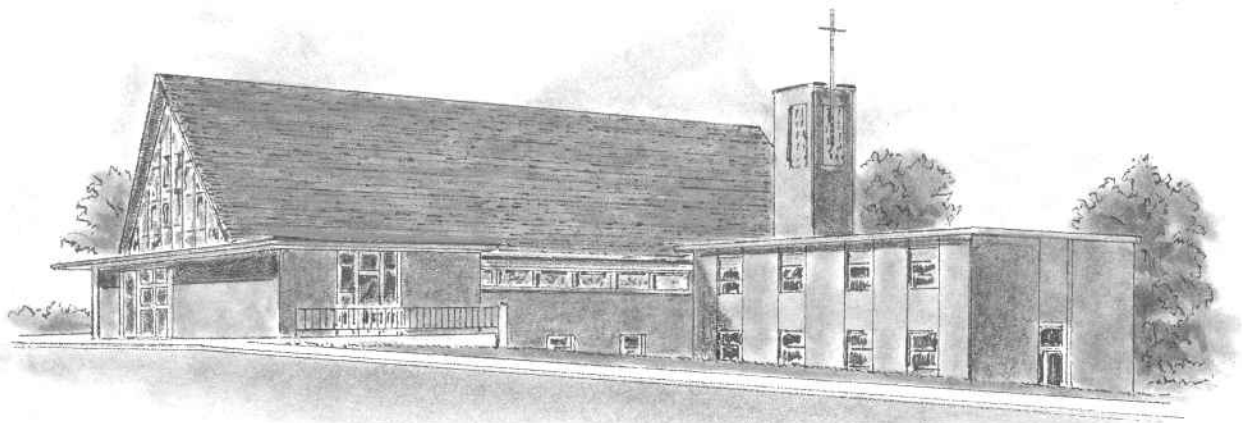
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Happy New Year to:

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Fellowship/Coffee Hour - 10:30 AM

Sunday School - 10:45 AM

AA Meeting - 7:00 PM