

THE PARISH NEWS

January, 2021

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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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"³¹ But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." ~ Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

Grace, mercy and peace be with you from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ as we enter the new year. Many people find themselves reflecting on the past year and make new resolutions as they look to the year ahead. The year 2020 has been quite a year that has stretched many in every avenue of their life, with much pain, sorrow and suffering as we have run through this past year. First Lutheran Church has continued to worship and faithfully execute our mission and find new ways to join together in one voice to worship the incarnate Lord who has come to save us. We have grown together and have joined together in prayer over these last months, not only for the resolution of COVID but that the Lord will set our path as we look to plans for the future. Thank you to everyone who has helped make the ministries possible at FLC in the last year.

First Lutheran's mission statement is "Working hand in hand to know Christ and make Christ known through Worship, Christian Education, Evangelism, Fellowship, Caring Ministries, and Service." FLC has done an amazing job at faithfully trying to reach the lost and disciple its members. We are so happy to be continuing with you in this mission into the new year. We will continue to gather and surround ourselves in this mission to know Christ and also to share this gift with all we meet.

The opening verse from Isaiah, can help center us in the Word of God as through the Word, we are renewed and strengthened. When we come and worship together our strength is renewed. The context of this passage reminds us of the need for each generation to be taught and reminded of the promises of Scripture and appealed to listen, see and know again these promises. When this happens all believers are strengthened, they can soar like on the wings of eagles nor will they grow weary. Yet, it is not a human hand or voice that is able to open the hearts and ears, but it is the Holy Spirit who creates a saving faith. We can be sustained by the voice of God and we must continue to call upon His Holy name as we continue in the season of Christmas and Epiphany.

There are many ideas that are being planned for 2021 in the new year, so please watch for updates in future bulletins or newsletters to stay most up-to-date and find more opportunities and ways to get involved in the ministry of FLC. One simple way that everyone can get involved at the start of the new year is join in on the 3 days of prayer. There is an article on the LCMC 3-days of Prayer that we will be participating in again this year with more information. There will be a prayer service on January 7, 2021 at 7:00 PM for all who would like to join together, worship and pray.

The staff and the whole FLC family wish you a Merry Christmas and a

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Happy New Year! We are glad you are with us and are excited to see what God has in store for us this coming year! Let us pray for 2021 to be a year of growth for all the ministries of FLC and relief for all who are suffering from COVID, illness or difficulties. We continue to remember the birth and incarnation of our Lord and Savior and the Epiphany of who He was, is and will always be for us, his people!

In Christ,

Pastor Chuck



Annual Church Meeting

2021 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**Sunday, January 24, 2021
Following the
Worship Service
In the Sanctuary**

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 2020 and forward to 2021
- ⇒ Adopt a 2021 Budget
- ⇒ Elect new representatives to serve on the council
- ⇒ Thank those leaving the council
- ⇒ Welcome new council members

FIRST LUTHERAN YOUTH

By Laura Gardner

Thank you! It feels a little insignificant to just say that. Words can not express how grateful we are for all your donations for Pine Ridge. Your generosity NEVER ceases to amaze us! I think one of the most exciting parts is that you've helped start a fire that started with our church family and has now spread to our high school, our Resource Center, and our community! How exciting is it that donations ranging from clothes, baby gear, craft items, board games, monster trucks, toys, blankets and so much more came from other sources outside of our church because of YOU! Man, isn't it amazing to see God at work? Who would have thought that our mission trip to Pine Ridge just three years ago would evolve into such a deep connection and love for Ruby and the people of Pine Ridge.

Our first donation delivery run in the beginning of December was extremely eye opening. One of our eighth grade Sunday School and Confirmation students, Kole, held a sock drive as a FFA project. He collected hundreds of socks and divided his loot among a few charities and sent two boxes with Aaron and I to give to Ruby. When Ruby opened the first box she was so excited to have NEW socks to hand out. She clutched a package and cried over socks. Socks. Tears over socks. I had never seen someone get emotional over socks. Prior to this moment, I had never gotten emotional over socks. I don't know about you but I've never had to worry about socks, maybe having matching ones, but never if I have socks let alone new ones. Every sock, tooth brush, clothing item, book, every piece donated has so much value to them. Our friends in Pine Ridge are truly the 'least of these'. Thank you for being God's hands and feet. Thank you for loving them and in turn showing them love through these donations and prayers!

Upcoming Events:

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| Jan. 6 | 6:15 Confirmation
7:15 FLY |
| Jan. 13 | 6:15 Confirmation
7:15 FLY |
| Jan. 20 | 6:15 Confirmation
7:15 FLY |
| Jan. 27 | 6:15 Confirmation
7:15 FLY |

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



DECEMBER 8 2020 COUNCIL MEETING

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



- President Kris Schmidt called the meeting to order
- Members present: Pastor Chuck, Kris Schmidt, Matt Gardner, Kathy Keller, Leilani Olafson, Stacy Boeshans, Jeff Schmidt, Melanie Beckman, Donna Sommer
Absent: Aaron Vorland
Administrative Secretary - Jeannette Rost

- Pastor Chuck led with devotions from "For All the Saints Prayer Book" and reading from Matthew 22:34-46

- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – November 12, 2020
1st Matt Gardner, 2nd Kathy Keller – Motion carried

- **Treasurer's Report – Donna Sommer**
(Motion to approve future audit, and to pay any "non-budgeted bills.")
1st Jeff Schmidt, 2nd Stacy Boeshans – Treasurer's Report approved

1st Matt Gardner, 2nd Jeff Schmidt to allow Lavern Johnson CD interest revenue to be put in the savings interest and used as ordinary revenue as needed. Motion carried

CD's	\$150,000.00
Checking	\$86,760.53
Building	\$60,694.53
Cemetery	\$617.40
Interest	\$790.90
Music	\$1,555.80
Parking Lot	\$0.00
Worship	\$26,710.90
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	\$11,992.40
Total Assets	\$339,122.46

- **Pastors Report – Pastor Chuck**
 - Two baptisms scheduled for December 5 were delayed due to COVID – Waiting for early 2021
 - Working on information for family wanting to transfer in

Visitation

- Meet with staff and council
- Other member visits (8)
- Visits/Phone visits: 3 and Attempted: 5

Other

- Private Communion: 1 family
- 1 Coffee Hour Fellowship on December 6

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller

- Would like to get a plaque for Vivian Merkel Memorial.

Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt

- Looking for readers for January.
- Wants to visit with Pastor about the worship committee.

Education Committee – Stacy Boeshans

- Sunday School Christmas program will be on December 13th. Pre-K thru 2nd grade will be during the 10:30 am worship service. Grades 3 thru 6 will do a play at 1:00 pm. Would like to keep the numbers down during the programs because of the pandemic. 5th & 6th grade will practice after school on December 9th.
- Will be doing Share the Spirit Campaign to send to shut-in's once a month for the next 5 months.

Evangelism Committee – Melanie Beckman

- Has bags ready for the youth after the Sunday School program on December 13th.

Property Committee – Aaron Vorland

- Cost of repairing the lift – Operator alone is \$2,490.00 approved last month. Total repair for operator, freight, travel time and sales tax is \$3,417.80 (3 month warranty).
1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Melanie Beckman to repair the elevator up to \$3,500.00. Motion carried

OLD BUSINESS

- We have \$926.77 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- COVID update – No change to policy or protocol now.
- Christmas Eve services will be at 4:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. If mask mandate is extended will stick with congregation singing one hymn. If mask mandate is lifted then will open up more singing for Christmas Eve.
- Tricorne Audio – Vivian Merkel Memorial Money – A check will be mailed on December 9th so equipment can be ordered. Looking to hopefully

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have completed by end of January.

- Lavern Johnson Trust Money
 - Security Cameras – Matt has 2 quotes. Need congregational approval at the 2021 Annual Budget meeting.
- Mutual Ministry Committee – 6 people interested, looking for 1 more person. If interested talk to Matt Gardner.
- NALC Ratification – A summary will be in the annual report. The NALC constitution proposed amendments to be voted on can be found on the NALC website.
- LCMC Three Days of Prayer is January 5-7, 2021. There will be handouts available ahead of time. Pastor Chuck would like to have a Prayer Service on January 7th at 7 pm.
- Technology Special Committee – Pastor Chuck is working on getting members.
- Where do we want 4th quarter benevolences to go?
 1. Relief Missions - \$250 – Our Daily Bread
 2. World Hunger - \$125 – World Vision
 3. US/Local Missions - \$375 – Salvation Army
 4. Global Missions - \$375 – MIVO Foundation1st Matt Gardner, 2nd Donna Sommer to give 4th quarter benevolences to the above four places. Motion carried

New Business

- Annual meeting will be January 24, 2021 in the sanctuary following the worship service.
- Laura Gardner would like to take FLY to Pine Ridge, leaving December 18th and coming back December 19th. They would stay in a hotel. Discussion about trip and helping out with expenses. 1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Jeff Schmidt to allow Laura Gardner to take FLY to Pine Ridge, with parental permission, and help pay for expenses from youth ministry budget line money.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – Steph Mann would like to have people help crochet or knit a prayer shawl or donate yarn. There would be a bin for

yarn and finished projects. Each shawl would include a prayer. People could pick up a shawl and prayer card for someone who is sick or needing comfort. Watch for more information in bulletins and newsletter.

- Leader News will be doing a Christmas Song Book and is asking for Ad donations. Ad deadline is December 11th and song book will be put in the December 24th paper.
1st Matt Gardner, 2nd Stacy Boeshans to buy a ½ page Ad for \$200 for the Christmas Song Book using Thrivent money. Motion carried
- Kris Schmidt went over the 2021 Budget.
1st Kathy Keller, 2nd Melanie Beckman to approve the 2021 budget to present at the annual meeting on January 24, 2021.

Transfer Requests:

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

None

By Affirmation of Faith

None

Remove from Membership List:

None

Next Council Meeting:

January 12, 2021 at 7pm

Adjourn meeting

1st Matt Gardner, 2nd Kathy Keller - Motion carried

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeannette Rost

Administrative Secretary

NALC Ratification

At the most recent NALC Convocation, they voted to amend the organization's constitution. As a congregation of The NALC we have been asked to vote "yes" or "no" on the two amendments at our next called congregational meeting on Sunday, January, 24, 2021. The full article will be available for anyone to review at the church and at the annual meeting. A summary will be included in the annual report that can be read ahead of time.

The two constitutional amendments that we will be voting on involve how the NALC 1) apportions lay delegates (giving more flexibility to the Executive Council) 2) changing requirement of Annual Convocations to Biennial Convocations (cost savings).

If you have questions or would like to see the documents ahead of time, please contact the church office or pastor Chuck.



LCMC's 9th Annual **THREE DAYS OF PRAYER**

January 5-7, 2021 | First Lutheran Church | #LCMC3DOP | www.lcmc.net/three-days-of-prayer

We would like to invite everyone to join us in the **LCMC 9th Annual Three Days of Prayer** that will take place on January 5, 6, 7, 2021. 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 concern, victories, defeats and every part of life.

The focus of this year's prayer will be the following:

January 5

This day is focused on *Confession*

January 6

This day is focused on *Petition*

January 7

This day is focused *Vision*

We will be encouraging all those who participate to pray wherever they are and set aside some time each day (whether 15 minutes or more) or short time each hour throughout the day. The church will also be open from 9 am to 3 pm for private prayer. There will be a booklet available in the Narthex for anyone who would like to use a prayer resource by December 24.

There will be a prayer service offered on Thursday, January, 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the church and online for us to join together as the Church and pray with our LCMC brothers and sisters in Christ.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH UPDATES REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AS OF NOVEMBER 17, 2020

UPDATE regarding **Orders from ND Governor's Office and ND Dept. of Health:**

As a religious organization, the FLC executive committee has reviewed the subject COVID 19 related materials, and in prayerful consideration we are moving forward with the following guidelines:

Church Services- in-person

- Facemasks will be required in accordance with the Governor's/State Health Officer's orders
 - Masks must be worn when *entering* or *exiting* the sanctuary. Please bring your own mask if able, if you do not have one available, the church will continue to provide disposable masks barring any supply/availability issues.
 - This does not apply to those who are exempt from ND health order, such as those with medical conditions, children 4 years old and under (children under 2 years old should never wear face coverings), etc.
- Social distancing will be observed, by family unit (maintaining six feet apart).
 - Pews will remain in usual position to allow for the most space per family unit
- Circumstances where mandatory face coverings may be temporarily removed (from state health officer order part 6) that are applicable to our services
 - Pastor Chuck (or others using mics up front) while socially distant in leading the service
 - Musicians to play instruments (as long as they are able to be socially distance)
 - While a family unit is sitting in the pew during the service when social distancing is possible
- After the service has finished, please fellowship outside for adequate space for social distancing.

Sunday School/Confirmation/Other small group activities held at the church

- All small groups are still welcome to meet
- Facemasks will be required when attending any of these activities at the church
- To accommodate more families to come see the Sunday School Christmas Program safely, we will be splitting the program into two separate programs with 20 minutes in-between, more information on this coming soon!

All previous guidelines remain in place:

- Every family is encouraged to attend church, Sunday school, or other activities in the manner that they feel most comfortable (whether on-line or in person)
- Hand sanitizer is available at multiple locations within the church.
- No food is to be prepared in the kitchen at this time, and there will be no coffee hour.
- The FLC website (www.flcwashburn.com) and Facebook will be updated as we continue to monitor the situation and any new developments. Please check these sites for updates or concerns. If you do not see an answer to your concern, please feel free to reach out to Pastor Chuck or Jeannette.
- If you are joining online and would like the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Chuck.

“May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26

In Christ,

First Lutheran Church

FLCW NEWS

January, 2021

Executive Board:

Donna Gunderson
Judy Beaudry

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

LeAnn Richard

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Gwen DeMontigny
Marlys Knell

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

Lefse, Cards, etc.:

Donna Kroll
Marlys Knell

Library:

Sharon Chrest
Sande Wagner
Norma Petersen
Arlene Schwarz

Prayer Chain Chairmen:

First Lutheran Church
Pastor Chuck Mann
Jeannette Rost

Receptions/Bulletin Board**Decorating:**

Donna Gunderson

Service Secretary:

Sharon Chrest
Melissa Chrest



May God bless and keep you, now and throughout the year!

January - **Meals on Wheels** month chaired by Kathy Keller.

January 5-7 - **Three Days of Prayer**

January 19 - Movie Night (Chick Flick) - 7:00 PM - Watch for more details

January 28 & 29- **Quilting Days** - 9:00 am

2021 FLCW Books are in your mailbox at the church. Please stop and take your book home with you so you know what FLCW is doing during the year.

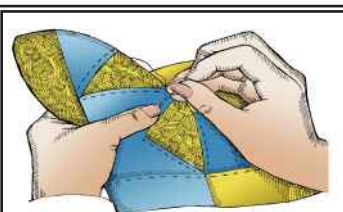
We are still looking for **2 co-chairs** for work group 2. If anyone would like to be a co-chair (even if you are in another group) please let us know. Thank you!

Up coming events for February (Contingent on Covid)

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| 7 | Lions Bake Sale - Kathy Keller Chairperson |
| 14 | Secret Prayer Partner Tea - 2:00 pm - Judy Beaudry Chair |
| | Work group 2 serves |
| 24 | Lenten Meal - All Work Groups Serve |
| | Group 2, 3 & 5 - Soup; Group 4 - Bars; Group 1 - Bread & Crackers |
| 25 & 26 | Quilting - 9:00 am |

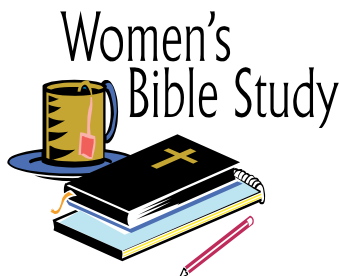


Donna Gunderson and Judy Beaudry Co-chairs



QUILTING GROUP

January 28 & 29
9:00 AM



Women's Bible Study

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

Deborah Bible Study

January 21, 2021

9:30 AM

at the church

Mary Ann Beeks &
Sharon Chrest Host



Education Report

Stacy Boeshans

The Christmas Programs were loads of fun this year! The kids had a great time getting ready for them, and we hope you enjoyed watching.

THANK YOU to all who made it happen –

- Teachers – For planning, organizing and getting the kids ready for their performances.
- Sue Winter – For organizing the preK-2nd grade program.
- Jeff Schmidt and Melissa Rothe – For providing music during the performances.
- Jeannette – For making our flyers and programs.
- Pastor – For attending all our practices and always offering a helping hand.
- Church Council – For supporting our efforts in planning a Christmas program amid Covid restrictions.
- Matt Gardner – For getting the Christmas programs on Facebook live.
- Parents – For being flexible in time changes and getting kids to practices.
- Kids – For all your hard work learning songs and memorizing lines. And for your excellent attitudes about sharing the message of Christmas.

Christmas Break

- Sunday School resumes January 3rd.

Looking Ahead

- **NO** Sunday School January 24th due to the Annual Meeting.

Thank You.

Stacy Boeshans





STEWARDSHIP



**"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."
Romans 15:13**

Upon returning from a wonderful quick Christmas getaway to see Larry's brother in Kimble, Nebraska, I remembered something we had talked about in our late night discussions which were filled with much love and laughter! Hopes and Dreams! With a new year comes a **clean slate and a fresh start** which is sorely needed after the year we have all been through! It is the perfect time to renew a **"right spirit within us"** and not be afraid to set new goals, hopes and dreams, not only for yourself but others as well. And I include all our First Lutheran congregants in those hopes and dreams! Our new hope and dream for our new sound and video system by the end of January is certainly one of those dreams! God is good! His hope endures forever!

If any of you received **"The Joys of Christmas"** by Guideposts this year, you may have seen this poem by Howard Thurman which he wrote at the beginning of the last century: (Reprinted with permission) When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and the princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the real work of Christmas begins! To find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people and make music and keep hope in the heart.

Happy New Year everybody! See you at the annual meeting!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair

6 WEEK BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 14, 2021 8:30 AM

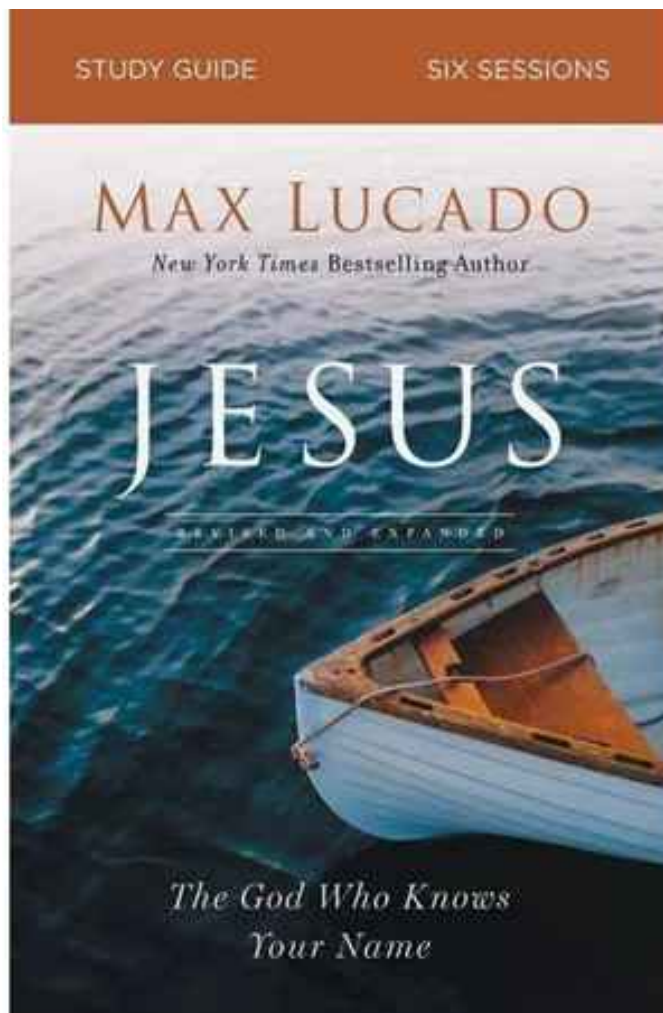
Books can be picked up in the church office.
\$3.75 a book.

For more than three decades, pastor and bestselling author Max Lucado has shown us Jesus. In this capstone book, he takes us further on the journey to know the life and character of the Savior.

FOR THIRTY-THREE YEARS Jesus felt everything you and I have ever felt. Weakness. Weariness. Sadness. Rejection. His feet got tired. And his head ached. He was tempted and his strength was tested. To think of Jesus in such a light seems almost irreverent, doesn't it? It is much easier to keep the humanity out of the incarnation. Clean the manure from around the manger. There is something about keeping Jesus divine that keeps him distant, packaged, predictable.

But it's only when we let him into the muck and mire of our world that he can pull us out. In becoming human, Jesus made it possible for us to see God. His tears, God's tears. His voice, God's voice. Want to know what matters to God? Find out what matters to Jesus. Want to know what in the world God is doing? Ponder the words and life of Jesus.

God wants you to know him. As you read these pages, may the Hero of all history talk to you personally, and may you find in him the answer to your deepest needs.



JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

3 - Brad & Cathy Sheldon
10 - Aaron & Alexis Solomonson
17 - Mac & Judy Beaudry
24 - Jon Sheldon & Dean Bergstedt
31 - Dean & Sonja Bergstedt

ACOLYTES

3 - Maddie Jaeger
10 - Aaron Blumhagen
17 - James Chrest & Alex Retterath
24 - Ashlyn Schmitz
31 - Kole Albers, Carter Knutson

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

3 - Kathy Keller
17 - Aaron Vorland

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

3 - Kathy Keller
10 - Aaron Vorland
17 - Aaron Vorland
24 - Kathy Keller
31 - Sunday School

ALTAR CARE

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

Will find people once we resume coffee hour.

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Dean & Sonja Bergstedt



Please have all committee reports for the annual meeting booklet to the church office by noon on January 12, 2021.

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

Annual booklets will be ready to pickup on January 17th, one week before the annual meeting which is scheduled for January 24th following the worship service.



The 2021 offering envelopes are ready! They are on the cart in the narthex. Pick yours up today to use for the year 2021.


If you don't find one for yourself and would like a set, please talk to Jeannette during office hours.



The following list is the service group scheduled for **February**. The group coordinators are The Evangelism Committee. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in February works best for you and give Melanie Beckman a call at 462-3291. If Melanie 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.

Jeff & Amanda Schmidt
Aaron Vorland
Ardee Kurle
Kevin & Brenda Borner
Stephanie Gieser
Rodney & Kristi Jaeger
Dale & Ann Kadrmas
Josh & Sarah Kraft
Arnie & Sheila Link
Emily & Luke Retterath
Tyge & Alli Sheldon
Don Sommer
Dale & Brenda Suckow
Kirk & Shanna Vollmuth
Joe & Aimee Schmit

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen for helping fold and tape the December newsletter for mailing. 
- ☺ Thank you Kathy Farstad, Claudette Ness, Sue Winter, Rick & LeAnn Richard, Arden Wagner, Orlin Larson, Bell Choir, Choir, Brent & Theresa Petersen, Gwen DeMontigny, Peggy Moran, Wendy Miller and Jeff, Ava & Olivia Schmidt for your special music this past month.
- ☺ Thank you Matt Gardner for taking on the responsibility of making sure we have Facebook Live every Sunday and other special services. Also for filling in while Pastor Chuck was in quarantine.
- ☺ Thank you to John, Chris & Scott Samuelson for storing and restoring the stable used for the nativity. Thank you also to the Men's Bible Study for setting up the nativity in front of the church.



- ☺ Thank you Brent Petersen for pulling the float through the Parade of Lights.



- ☺ I would like to thank Elmer & Arlene Schwarz for helping with our part in decorating the church for Christmas. Your willingness and help is so appreciated!

Ardee Kurle

- ☺ Thanks so much for the caring, prayers and just checking in on Joel's behalf. Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Joel Joersz Family

- ☺ Thank you to everyone that purchased a poinsettia for the tree and donated towards the outdoor greenery. All poinsettias were purchased and greenery paid in full. Thank you also to Theresa Petersen for taking care of the poinsettias.



- ☺ Thank you Jeff Schmidt and his helpers for making sure the Christmas tree got put up.
- ☺ Thank you Pastor Curt Hanson for filling in as our Interim Pastor.
- ☺ Thank you Pastor Richard Smith for filling in and doing visitations in the Bismarck area.
- ☺ Thank you Pastor Chuck Mann & Steph for all you have and are doing for FLC since you accepted the call here.
- ☺ Thank you choir for your presentation of "The Silence and the Sound" along with all your special music throughout the year. Also Randy Hall for directing the choir and Theresa Petersen for playing piano for them.
- ☺ Thank you bell choir for your special music throughout the year. Also to Gwen Hall for directing them.
- ☺ Thank you Sunday school for your Christmas program presentation and to Stacy Boeshans for getting it organized.
- ☺ Thank you Laura Gardner for all you do for our youth.
- ☺ Thank you Ardee Kurle and your helpers for decorating the church throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you Donna Gunderson for decorating for special events for the FLCW.

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- ☺ Thank you everyone that provided special music throughout the year. This was definitely a year where more people were needed.
- ☺ Thank you to Jared & Sharon Hendrikson and Jeff Schmidt for keeping the church clean.
- ☺ Thank you to Mary Ann Beeks for baking the communion bread the first part of the year.
- ☺ Thank you church council for all you do to lead the church. You had a tough year with the pandemic.
- ☺ Thank you Cathy Sheldon and Alexis Solomonson for leading the Bible studies.
- ☺ Thank you Donna Gunderson for heading up the planting and care of the outside flowers and all who helped with the watering.
- ☺ Thank you everyone that read scriptures, ushered, acolytes, helped with altar care, was a communion assistant, and everyone in charge of finding these people.
- ☺ Thank you Sunday school teachers, subs and music people.
- ☺ Thank you to the women that served on FLCW committees.
- ☺ Thank you FLCW quilters.
- ☺ Thank you everyone that supplied flowers for the altar throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you to our organists: LeAnn Richard and Theresa Petersen.
- ☺ Thank you to our money counters: Arden Wagner, Deb Wisdom, Sharon Chrest and Mary Ann Beeks.
- ☺ Thank you 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 FLC. If someone was missed that should be listed, please let Jeannette know.

The following are from Laura Gardner:

- ☺ Thank you Peggy Moran for letting us use your trailer to haul all the donations to Pine Ridge!
- ☺ Thank you Aaron Vorland, Steph & Isaack Mann and Aubrey, Lily and Taylor Gardner for helping load and transporting all the donations to Pine Ridge! Also Pastor Chuck & Bella Mann and Matt Gardner for helping load the donations.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

January 9	Adult Art Day
January 20-24	Crafting Retreat
January 29-31	Men's Retreat
February 3-7	Crafting Retreat
February 11	Giving Hearts Day
February 28	Annual Meeting
	Location and Format TBD
March 10-14	Crafting Retreat
March 19-20	Spring Youth Bash – Grades 4-6
March 26-27	Spring Youth Bash – Grades 7-9
April 14-18	Crafting Retreat

New – ADULT ART DAY – Local art educator, Tawnya Iglehart, leads a workshop learning about mosaics! The informative class will cover how to design imagery, gluing down material, and grouting. You will be able to choose various surfaces to work on including picture frames, plant pots, or you can bring something from home.

CRAFTING RETREATS – are popular, but are limited in numbers, so register early to get in on all the fun – quilting, scrapbooking, making cards, needlepoint, paint, knit, crochet, whatever your craft, you are welcome to attend! There are short mealtime devotions, games, fun demonstrations, laughter, fellowship and good food!

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.

GIVING HEARTS DAY – Up to this point, over \$76,209 has been raised through this single day event over the years. CCM will be using funds from this program for specific projects such as upgrading the second set of row cabins and a canopy by the new amphitheater to give shade during summer worship services.

THANK YOU to those who contributed to the TWICE BLESSED CAMPAIGN through St. Joseph's Community Health Foundation. 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!

2021 Summer Camp registration is open! Planning is in the works for a similar program as last summer.

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

Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, November 29 to Sunday, December 27)

<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>..... \$60.00		<u>Global Missions</u> \$0.00	
Rick & LeAnn Richard.....	Esther Bauer		
John & Helen Samuelson	James Bossert	<u>Lutheran Social Services</u> \$0.00	
John & Helen Samuelson	Esther Bauer		
Rick & LeAnn Richard.....	Selmer Bender	<u>LWR</u> \$35.00	
		Dewey & Wanda Oster.....	Bernice Hausten
<u>Camp of the Cross</u>..... \$0.00		Dick & Barbara Brewster.....	Esther Bauer
<u>Decorating (Church)</u>..... \$10.00		<u>Music</u> \$50.00	
Ardee Kurlle.....	Esther Bauer	Larry & Kathy Keller	Patricia Hanson
		Arden & Sande Wagner	Esther Bauer
<u>General Fund</u> \$4,319.00		Virgil & Deb Wisdom	Esther Bauer
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach.....	Wilbert Fueller	Kris & Melanie Beckman.....	Pastor Owen
Jeneen Loe.....	David Loe		Gaasedelen
Mac & Judy Beaudry.....	Pastor Owen Gaasedelen	Kris & Melanie Beckman.....	Stork Nordquist
Mac & Judy Beaudry.....	Patricia Hanson		
Elaine Carr.....	Clay Carr		
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Pastor Owen	<u>Outdoor Greenery</u> \$10.00	
	Gaasedelen	Dick & Barbara Brewster.....	Joel Joersz
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Patricia Hanson		
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Joel Joersz	<u>Parking Lot Fund</u> \$155.00	
Dick & Jackie Olson....	Family & Friends Deceased	Wes Sauer.....	Pastor Owen Gaasedelen
	in 2020	A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times)	Keith Kuntz
Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Joel Joersz	Duane & Marlys Knell	Esther Bauer
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach.....	Esther Bauer	Wes Sauer.....	Esther Bauer
Wes Sauer.....	Stork Nordquist	Elmer & Arlene Schwarz	Esther Bauer
Wes Sauer.....	Alvina Krebsbach		
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Stork Nordquist		
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Esther Bauer		
Virgil & Deb Wisdom	Our Parents		
Mac & Judy Beaudry.....	Esther Bauer		
Jim & Jan Stoppler.....	Stork Nordquist		
Leif & Roz Ravnaas	Steve Scholl, Gordon		
	Rothmann and Tony & Gladys Freidig		
Sharon Chrest	Floyd Chrest		
Sharon Chrest	Esther Bauer		
Millie Leidholm.....	LeRoy Bender		
Mary Ann Beeks	Bill Beeks		



As of December 27, 2020:

Our envelope giving is \$211,783.80 with a yearly budget of \$195,000.00.
\$28,880.57 ahead of budget.

The plate giving is \$4,446.25 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00.
\$3,962.35 behind budget.

Thank you for your giving.



Our sympathy goes out to:

- ⇒ Randi Joersz and family of the death of Randi's husband, Joel Joersz.
- ⇒ Elmer & Arlene Schwarz on the death of Arlene's sister, Esther Bauer.

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, November 29 - Sunday, December 27. 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.

- ♦ Joel Joersz
- ♦ Virgie Emineth
- ♦ Cindy Delmonico - Mother to Melissa Kugler
- ♦ Michelle Schweich - Niece to Arden & Sande Wagner
- ♦ Glenn Weist
- ♦ Anna Belle
- ♦ Ruby from Pine Ridge
- ♦ Claire Boucher - Friend's of Aaron & Lexie Solomonson newborn
- ♦ Jamie Baumann
- ♦ James Tolbert
- ♦ Brad Taylor - Friend of Pastor Chuck
- ♦ Beryl Lonski - Brother-in-law to Mike & Sharon Nelson
- ♦ Taylor Gardner
- ♦ Harold Holtz

- ♦ Elaine Renfrow - Mother to Lynette Sondrol
- ♦ Sandi Femling - Cousin to Melanie Beckman
- ♦ Laren Holznagel
- ♦ Harlow Tatum - Daughter of Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum
- ♦ Melisa Chrest
- ♦ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz
- ♦ Derek Laning
- ♦ Jacklyne Carlson
- ♦ Amber Selken - Sister to Wendy Miller
- ♦ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ♦ Shirley Nelson
- ♦ Bob Miller
- ♦ Rodney Jaeger
- ♦ Family of Joel Joersz on his death
- ♦ Shelly Lonski - Sister to Sharon Nelson
- ♦ Deborah Davenport - Mother of Laura Gardner's friend
- ♦ Family of Kim Thompson on his death
- ♦ Family of Bonnie on her death - Friend & college classmate of Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Robert Walter - Former Professor of Pastor Chuck
- ♦ Brian Hall - Related to Pastor Chuck
- ♦ Keith Hammerbeck - Family friend of the Kugler's
- ♦ Janice Harper - Mark Kugler's Wife

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 Tanner Fiedler Alyson Knox Nikki Sackman Brittany Schell	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	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	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						



JANUARY

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3 Second Sunday after Christmas Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	4	5 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	6 Epiphany 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	7 7:00 P M Prayer Service	8	9
Three Days of Prayer						
10 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	11 10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting	12 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group Noon Committee Reports Due for Annual Report 7:00 PM Council Meeting	13 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	14	15	16
17 Second Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 7:00 PM FLCW Movie Night (Chick Flick)	20 Noon Newsletter Deadline 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	21 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church	22	23
24 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Worship Annual Meeting Following Worship NO Sunday School NO Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	25	26 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	27 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	28 9:00 AM Quilting	29 9:00 AM Quilting	30
31 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting						

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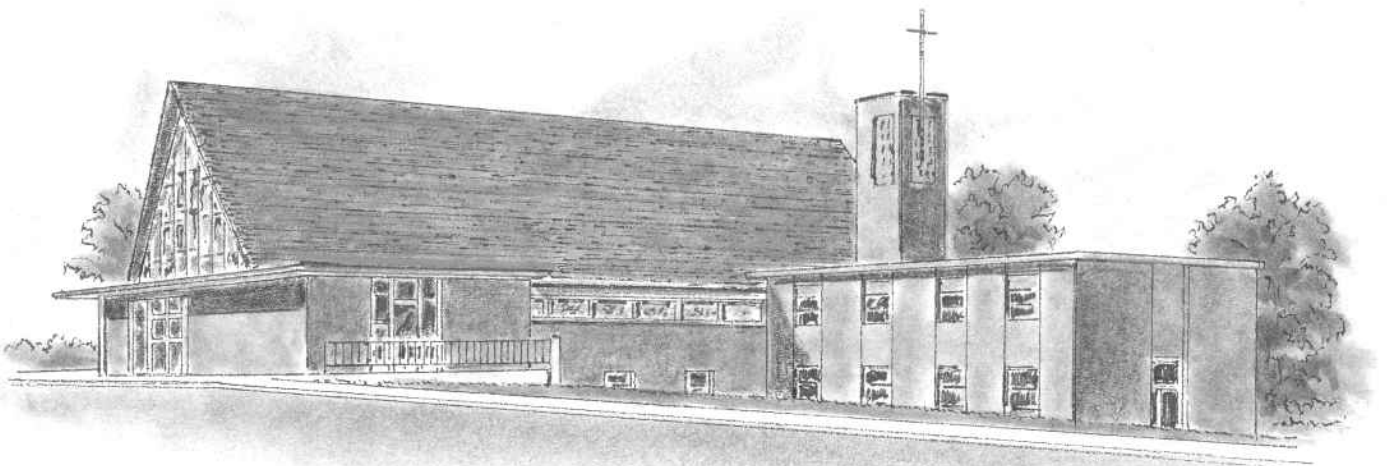
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Christ known through
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Caring Ministries, and
Service.”***

Happy New Year to:

January 2021 Newsletter



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Sunday School - 10:45 AM

Bible Study - 10:45 AM - Led by Alexis Solomonson in Fireside Room

AA Meeting - 7:00 PM

Al-Anon Meeting - 7:00 PM