



THE PARISH NEWS



February, 2021

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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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¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe
the love that God has for us. God is love,
and whoever abides in love abides in God,
and God abides in him.
1 John 4:16

Blessings to each of you, the peace and love of God be with you. February is here and Lent is right around the corner. It is also the season where our culture takes a brief look at love and relationships with Valentine's Day right in the middle. The love of American culture is the love of self: self-expression, self-discovery, self-realization or self-gratification. This type of love tends to lean, if not run, to the shallow-end and be focused on "what am I getting out of this" type of love. It many times is made synonymous with the erotic kind of love as the king of love in our culture.

The verse above reminds us of the true kind of love that's source is the one true God. The original language of the New Testament of the Bible was written in common Greek. The Greek word used here is a specific kind of love (*agape*-love). This type of love is never used to describe a sexual type of love or brotherly love. Most of the time *agape*-love is used in the NT as an action word regarding the love of God for His Son and for His people. This love is a special type of love that is an unconditional, action-packed type of love. Here we see this word used three times to describe God's love for us, the nature of God, and that love lived out.

This love, as a Christian matures and grows in faith and stature, is a love that goes beyond what human love can only dream about. It is immeasurable. God's nature is love, so love and faith are complementary here. It naturally follows that God abides in whoever confesses Jesus as God's Son. This ability to love in this way creates a love in us that is not static, but is alive and not self-oriented.

God continues to create and to sustain in us a capacity for love that, as Karl Barth (pastor/theologian) put it, "does not ask or seek or demand or awaken and set in motion our love as though it were already present in us, but which creates it as something completely new, making us free for love as an action which differs wholly and utterly from all that we have done hitherto."

Lent will be upon us by the middle of February and coming soon. Look for the article in this newsletter that outlines the Lenten Worship at FLC for 2021.

There is also another article announcing a new opportunity for married couples of ALL AGES to join together for a 7-week course called "The Marriage Course". Check the article out for more information and how to sign-up.

In Christ,

Pastor Chuck

LENTEN WORSHIP 2021

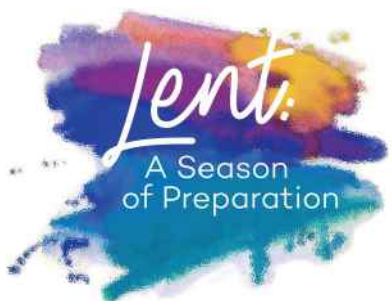


Join us during the season of Lent for worship Wednesday nights, at the church or online via Facebook. The season of Lent is a time in our church year where we focus on and examine our connection to Christ and how our own need for him is a critical aspect of our lives. The focus of this Lenten season will be on our journey of following Jesus. During the season of Lent, the early church concentrated their attention on being disciples of Jesus. We will explore what this means for us now and throughout the church year.

Beginning after Ash Wednesday there will be Lenten services with the Lenten Drama: "How to be a Disciple: The Reflections of a Contemporary Twelve" and a short reflection on the Scripture passages for the day. We will announce more details after the next council meeting on February 6 regarding the plan for each evening. The service will be at 7:00 pm each Wednesday.

February 17 - Ash Wednesday
Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion
February 24 - Midweek Lent 1
March 3 - Midweek Lent 2
March 10 - Midweek Lent 3
March 17 - Midweek Lent 4
March 24 - Midweek Lent 5

Please come join us!!



By Laura Gardner

Awe February, the month of love! I don't know about you but when I think of love, John 3:16 often comes to mind. Not sure there's any better active description of what love looks like! We have spent the last few weeks examining love and faith in action. My family was given the book 'Jesus Freaks' by dc Talk and The Voice of the Martyrs from some very dear friends for Christmas. I brought it to youth group and we can't seem to put it down! If you haven't read it, I highly recommend you do. It's full of stories of people who stood for Jesus. Its moving, inspiring, and honestly, sometimes hard to read. I was so moved that our youth wanted to go and buy their own copies! The discussions that have come from this book have been amazing! I'm excited this will be the focus of our gatherings for the next several weeks!

We are sad to announce we will not be doing our annual Valentine's Day Cupcake sale. In the interest of safety and compliance with our current Covid policies we will table it and hopefully be able to bake next year! Watch your bulletin for future fundraisers!

Upcoming Events:

February 3	6:15 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm FLY
February 10	6:15 pm Confirmation 7:15 pm FLY
February 17	Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm Lent Service
February 24	7:00 pm Lent Service

For God so loVed the world
thAt he gave his
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.
(John 3:16, NKJV)

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



JANUARY 12, 2021 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: Kris Schmidt, Pastor Chuck Mann, Matt Gardner, Kathy Keller, Leilani Olafson, Aaron Vorland, Stacy Boeshans, Jeff Schmidt, Melanie Beckman, Donna Sommer
Administrative Secretary - Jeannette Rost

Devotions – Pastor Chuck – Personal Discipleship - Experiencing God through devotions and scripture. Pastor handed out to each Council member the devotional “Daily Texts”, Jeremiah 23:3 and Luke 15:4

- Approval of previous council meeting minutes – December 8, 2020
1st Matt Gardner 2nd Melanie Beckman – Motion carries

- **Treasurer’s Report – Donna Sommer**
(Motion to approve future audit, and to pay any “non-budgeted bills.”)
1st Melanie Beckman, 2nd Kathy Keller - Minutes approved

CD’s	\$150,000.00
Checking	\$86,132.38
Building	\$60,754.53
Cemetery	\$617.40
Interest	\$5,347.49
Music	\$1,605.80
Parking Lot	\$505.00
Worship	\$21,529.64
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney	\$11,992.40
Total Assets	\$338,484.64

- **Pastors Report – Pastor Chuck**
 - Pastoral Acts delayed due to COVID – Waiting for early 2021
 - December was a very good month for meetings
 - Other Member Visits/other (8)
 - Visits/Phone visits: 10 and 5 attempted
 - Prayer Service on 1/7/2021 – went well, with 11 people in attendance
 - Tentative Baptisms scheduled with dates to be determined

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee - Kathy Keller

- Kathy had shown council the plaque for the Vivian Merkel family for their donation in the Tricorne audio system
- Stewardship Newsletter cost is approximately \$100.00/year. Kathy will have more information to come at the next council meeting in February
- It was also discussed to get a plaque for the Lavern Johnson family for the monetary donation

Worship Committee – Jeff Schmidt

- Jeff will be addressing forty members to read which equals 1½ times to read through 2021. Having these volunteers to read would allow more time to minister.

Education Committee – Stacy Boeshans

- Peggy Moran said FLC campership for Camp of the Cross in 2020 gave \$40/day per camper and the FLC Women’s group gives \$45/day per camper. The remaining amount is covered through anonymous donation. Stacy recommended that FLC match the FLC Women’s group for \$45/day per camper.
- A motion was made to accept the \$45/day per camper 1st Aaron Vorland 2nd Kathy Keller Motion carries
- The Sunday school will be making a craft to be handed out on Valentine’s day, February 14, 2021
- Sunday school will be singing at worship on February 14, 2021

Evangelism Committee – Melanie Beckman

- Melanie is working on Prayer Warriors and the number of seniors that we have.
- She is also wanting to do something for our members in nursing homes and shut-ins. She is looking into what is allowed with the COVID guidelines

Property Committee – Aaron Vorland

- Light switch at top of the stairs was replaced

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- Elevator will be repaired on Thursday, January 14, 2021
- There is a light fixture in the basement and also the fireside room that will be repaired

OLD BUSINESS

- We have \$751.77 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- Coronavirus updates – No changes as of now
- Tricorne audio will be a 2-3 day job and Tricorne will be working with Weber Electric and also will be meeting with the Organists as well. To operate this system there will be a need for a laptop and remote. The completion of Tricorne audio system will be completed by end of January.
- Lavern Johnson Trust will be discussed at the Annual meeting if there will be a budget or a set number of monies for upcoming projects through 2021
- Security Cameras, Matt Gardner will have flyers on hand for member review at the annual meeting
- Parsonage, there will be improvements needed such as: windows, basement bathroom update. A request for an allowance from the congregation what would be the best options or if there are limitations for the budget updates. Current annual budget is \$10,000.00 for parsonage improvements
- Mutual Ministry needs one more volunteer for the committee with a start date of the committee of March 1, 2021 per Matt Gardner

NEW BUSINESS

- Council Retreat – Council members will get together on February 6, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
-Empathy map will be reviewed per Matt Gardner and the monthly council meeting will follow.
- FLY will have a Lock-in with breakfast the next morning. Laura said, the kids will be very excited to be able to have this event. With the Covid restrictions FLY hasn't been

able to have their food fundraisers which monies will be needed for the 2021 summer mission trip. Laura had indicated that they would need approximately \$4,500-\$5,000 for the mission trip. Discussion was held to approach the congregation to seek monies needed for the mission trip.

- Youth Convention has not provided much information if it will be held due to COVID
- Pizza day intentions were to make any kids in and outside the church family comfortable in the church setting
- Easter egg hunt would be a Christian based event focused on the celebration of Jesus resurrection. Laura will be looking into the venue and supplies needed for this event and what costs that need to be covered. Would like a committee for this event with the potential of many eggs needed to be filled. Tentative date would be March 27/28, 2021

Transfer Requests:

Transfers In

None

Transfers Out

None

By Affirmation of Faith

None

Remove from Membership List:

None

Next Council Meeting:

February 6, 2021- 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Adjourn meeting

1st Kathy Keller, 2nd, Aaron Vorland - Motion carried

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by:

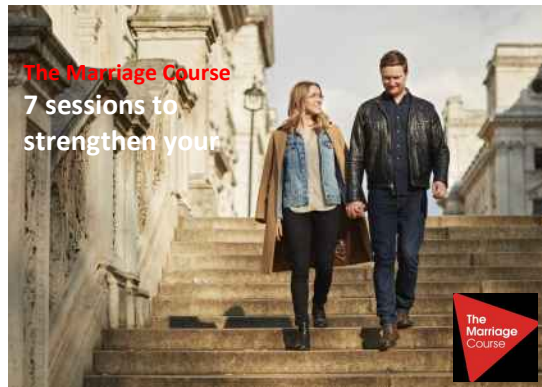
Leilani Olafson

Church Council Secretary

A DAILY PRAYER

Whatever happens today, dear Lord, help us remember that you are present. If we find ourselves in the shadows of disappointment or rejection or pain, let us see your comforting light. If we're in the radiant light of success or acceptance or wholeness, may we acknowledge your providence and grace. Wherever we are, grant us the assurance of your nearness. Amen.

THE MARRIAGE COURSE



Our marriages are to be the most intimate and precious relationships shared between a husband and wife, secondary only to our relationship with God. February is a month where many people will focus more on love and relationships. All marriages require time and energy to flourish and to focus on the bond and promise that was made on your wedding day. The Church is focused on being living examples of the love of Christ in and outside of our marriages. So, to give an opportunity for couples of ALL AGES to strengthen their marriage bond, we are going to be offering a FREE course called *The Marriage Course*. This course is a 7-week course that will take the couple through a series of seven sessions, designed to help couples invest in their relationship and build a strong marriage. It will be held at the church. The course is designed for couples who have been married at least 1 year. Pastor Chuck & Steph will help to facilitate the course as it is a multimedia course and utilizes discussion questions shared privately between each couple.

Format: Will be a mixture of short films and study journals that couples will work through together privately at their tables.

The 7 episodes of the Marriage Course:

- Strengthening Connection
- The Art of Communication
- Resolving Conflict
- The Power of Forgiveness
- The impact of Family
- Good Sex
- Love in Action

When: Starting on Saturday, February 20 through April 3, from 6 – 8 pm depending on discussion time.

To sign-up for The Marriage Course if you are interested in investing in your marriage and to help us get all the books ordered ahead of time, please email Pastor Chuck (pastorchuck@westriv.com) or Jeanette (fic@westriv.com) that you would like to join us by February 12th. Any questions or concerns, please contact pastor Chuck by email or cell (701-891-9443).

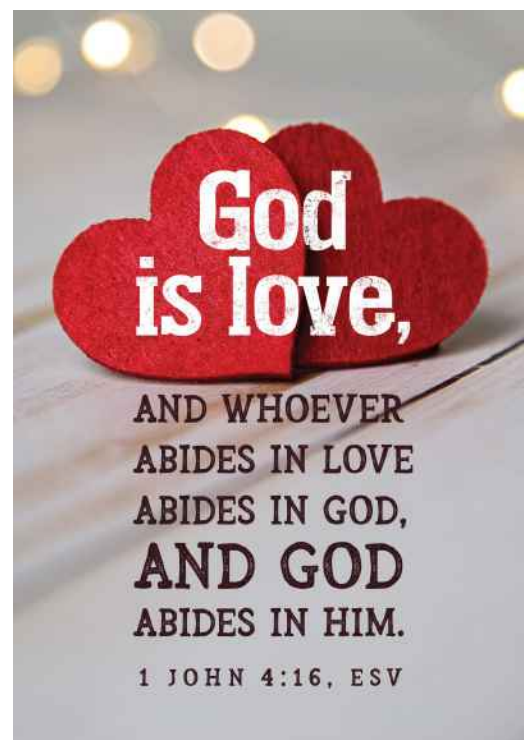
TECHNOLOGY SPECIAL COMMITTEE



Mission/Objective

The technology special committee will evaluate current technology resources such as: (program & equipment), use of social media platforms and will make recommendations to the council for better ways to use technology in the future. (Areas to be included but not limited to, FLC website, administration software, Social networking, audio/visual email, network etc.)

We are looking for 1 more committee member to join us to help guide meeting the above objective. Meetings will be held once per month possibly beginning in February 2021. We would especially like church members of varying ages to get varying opinions from youth all the way up to our most senior members who would like to help us! Please talk to Pastor Chuck with questions or to volunteer!



Worship Report

Jeff Schmidt - 701-202-1211

Hello to you all. **Save this memo!!** The worship schedule will be filled differently going forward. Below is a list of past readers and communion assistants. We will need updated contact information you prefer to have placed on a log sheet, preferably by Friday, February 5, 2021. Home phone, cell phone, or email are all acceptable forms of contact. If you do not provide an update, we will assume your previous contact is your current contact. Each of the people on the list will have a call sheet placed in their mailbox on February 6, 2021. If you cannot fulfill the appointment, please call someone from the groups to swap dates. These groups will rotate each year accordingly. **If you are not on the list and would like to be, we'll gladly welcome you! The more, the merrier!**

When a scheduled swap is made and it is one or more months out, contact Jeff or Jeannette to insure the newsletter and bulletin are accurate. **DO NOT** call about swap until the month prior to service date. I am always willing to fill in when in a difficult position, as are a host of others on this list. A few lucky folks are doubled up throughout the course of the year, so all in all, I'd say that is a success. Variety is good!! Thanks so much for the awesome service you've provided so far and will continue to do for First Lutheran Church.

If you alone are positioned on a first or third Sunday, both duties are assigned to you.
R = Reader; C = Communion Assistant

January, February, March, April

Aaron Vorland
Arden Wagner
Sheila Link - Feb. 7 (R)
Melanie Beckman - Feb. 7 (C)
Joe Sheldon - Feb. 14 (R)
Steph Mann - Feb. 17 (R)
Melanie Beckman - Feb. 17 (C)
Kellie Sheldon - Feb. 21 (R)
Mike Nelson - Feb. 21 (C)
Steph Mann - Feb. 24 (R)
Sunday School - Feb. 28 (R)
Donna Sommer - March 3 (R)
Randy Hanson - March 7 (R)
Janet Hanson - March 7 (C)
Peggy Moran - March 10 (R)
Allie Sheldon - March 14 (R)
Brad Sheldon - March 17 (R)
Jeff Schmidt - March 21 (R)
Mac Beaudry - March 21 (C)
Judy Beaudry - March 24 (R)
Sunday School - March 28 (R)
Sharon Nelson - March 31 (R)

Brent Petersen - April 1 (R & C)
Dwight Rasmussen - April 2 (R)
Dewey Oster - April 4 (R)
Dean Bergstedt - April 4 (C)
Randy Hall - April 11 (R)
Wendy Miller - April 18 (R)
Sunday School - April 25 (R)

May, June, July

Lexi Solomonson - May 2 (R & C)
Kathy Keller - May 9 (R)
Matt Gardner - May 16 (R & C)
Randy Hall - May 23 (R)
Jeff Schmidt - May 30 (R)
Dean Bergstedt - June 6 (R & C)
George Swanson - June 13 (R)
Wade Boeshans - June 20 (R)
Tolya Boeshans - June 20 (C)
Dick Bickert - June 27 (R)
Steph Mann - July 4 (R & C)
Don Winter - July 11 (R)
Sue Winter - July 18 (R & C)
Rick Richard - July 25 (R)

August, September, October

Sunday School helps last Sunday of the month from September through April
Emily Retterath - Aug. 1 (R)
Luke Retterath - Aug. 1 (C)
Jeff Schmidt - Aug. 8 (R)
Kristi Jaeger - Aug. 15 (R)
Claudette Ness - Aug. 15 (C)
Kris Schmidt - Aug. 22 (R)
Suzanne Swanson - Aug. 29 (R)
Willie Ziemann - Sept. 5 (R)
Janell Ziemann - Sept. 5 (C)
Cathy Sheldon - Sept. 12 (R)
Haley Anderson - Sept. 19 (R & C)
Sunday School - Sept. 26 (R)
Gwen DeMontigny - Oct. 3 (R & C)
Stacey Boeshans - Oct. 10 (R)
Leilani Olafson - Oct. 17 (R & C)
Val Swanson - Oct. 24 (R)
Sunday School - Oct. 31 (R)

November, December

Jeff Schmidt - Nov. 7 (R & C)
Drew Petersen - Nov. 14 (R)
Brent Petersen - Nov. 21 (R & C)
Steph Mann - Nov. 24 (R)
Sunday School - Nov. 28 (R)
Peggy Wollmuth - Dec. 5 (R & C)
Suzanne Swanson - Dec. 12 (R)
Sonja Bergstedt - Dec. 19 (R & C)
Dewey Oster - Dec. 24 @ 4pm (R)
Randy Hall - Dec. 24 @ 4pm (C)
Jeff Schmidt - Dec. 24 @ 9pm (R & C)
Matt Gardner - Dec. 26 (R)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Class

We are looking at how many would be interested in a class to be scheduled in the future in learning how to knit or crochet. Please contact Jeannette in the church office (462-3775) or flc@westriv.com and specify which you would like to learn and stay tuned for time/date TBA.

Distribution of Shawls

There will be a sheet located on top of the prayer shawl box. It will have a place for the *name of the person taking the shawl, number of shawls being taken and the recipient*. You do not need to fill out all of it, please at least fill out the number so we know how many shawls we have been able to provide. If you would like us to add the recipient to the prayer chain, please include the name.



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

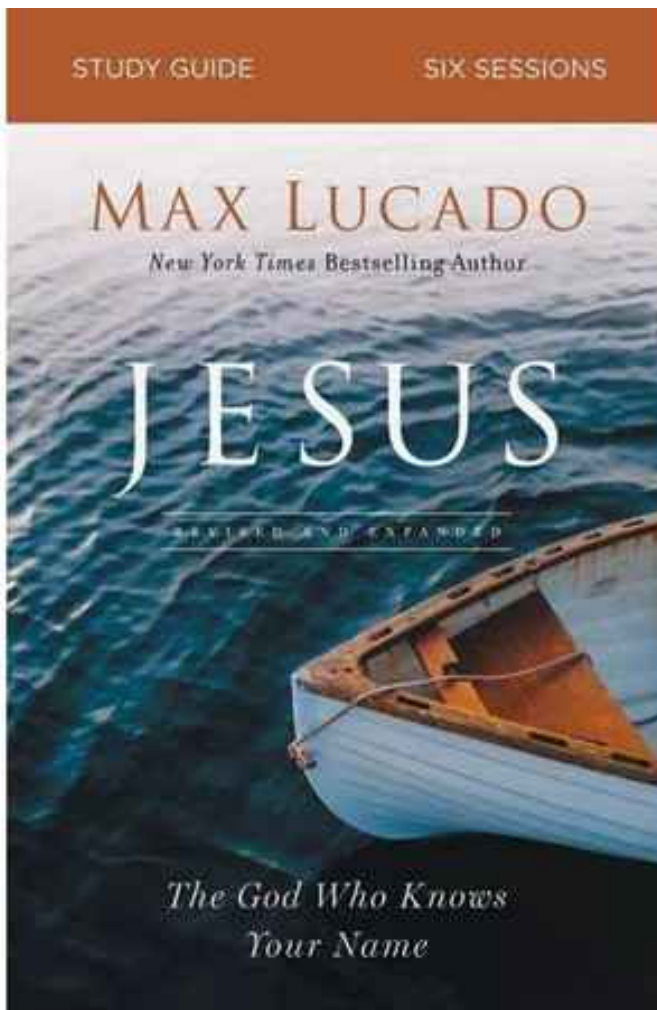
Books can be picked up in the church office.
\$3.75 a book.

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.





STEWARDSHIP



"Be Strong and courageous.

Do not fear or be in dread of them (think Covid here!), for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6

Most of you are familiar with the publication called "Guideposts". What you may not know is that the founder of this very popular publication was Norman Vincent Peale, who found the keys to living a successful and meaningful life in the Bible. During his lifetime, Dr. Peale touched millions with his faith-based principles for daily living, his motivational speeches and the books he wrote. His best selling book "The Power of Positive Thinking" was a God-send to me during my troubled youth and beyond. It has and continues to this day to be a landmark work to provide people everywhere with simple but powerful truths found in scripture as well as his own profound statements of faith. Following are some of his "Power Thoughts" I ran across the other day I thought might help to give us a positive outlook for 2021! You can of course find more at Guideposts.com! Check it out!

1. When you live with hope in your heart, in your mind and in your spirit, you have discovered one of life's most powerful secrets.
2. Let nothing that happens today, or has happened before, discourage you about tomorrow.
3. Every problem has in it the seeds of its own solution. If you don't have any problems, you don't get any seeds!
4. No matter how dark things seems to be or actually are, raise your sights and see the possibilities, always see them for they're always there.
5. Practice hope! As hopefulness becomes a habit, you can achieve a permanently happy spirit.
6. Never talk defeat! Use words like hope, belief, faith, victory. Check out your Bible and see if you can add to this list on a daily basis!

Have a love filled Valentine's Day! Don't forget about "Giving Hearts Day" on February 11th!

See you next month!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Chair

KITCHEN ITEMS

Please check the church kitchen and see if you are missing any of your kitchen items from home. Some of the bowls, pots, pans, etc. have been there for over a year. If you took food to the Mann household, your dishes were brought to the church for you to pick up.



Items not claimed by March 1st will be given a chance for a free-will offering or given to the McLean County Resource Center.

FLCW NEWS

February, 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

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Pray without ceasing

February 14 – **Secret Prayer Partner Tea.** 1 pm – Judy Beaudry Chair
Reservations by February 7th. Call Donna – 315-0275 or Judy – 220-4410

Work Group 2 serves

Come join us, be a Prayer Partner.

Life is just BETTER with a partner who graces you with prayer and care.

February 25 & 26 – **Quilting Days** – 9 am

Events other than the above are pending due to Covid restrictions.

2021 FLCW BOOKS are in your mailbox at the church. Please stop and take your book home so you know what FLCW is doing. Also if your phone number is changed, please let Jeannette know in the Church office.

Thank you to Theresa Petersen for agreeing to co-chair Work Group 2.

March events (Contingent on Covid)

March 25 & 26 - Quilting - 9 am

LOVE ONE ANOTHER




Judy Beaudry and Donna Gunderson Co-chairs



QUILTING GROUP

February 25 & 26
9:00 AM



Women's Bible Study

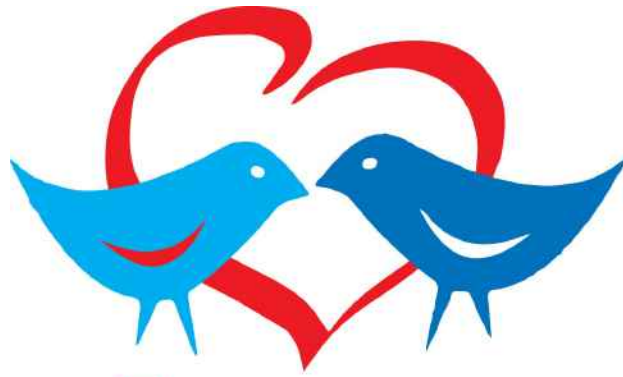
Deborah Bible Study

February 18
9:30 AM
at the church
Val Swanson &
Sonja Bergstedt Host

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

Study will be Episode 1, Lesson 3 and film.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNER TEA



Love
One
Another

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

1:00 PM

(Please note change in time.)

If you would like your name removed from the list or added to the list, please let Jeannette know in the church office no later than February 11th.

If you plan to be at the tea, please call Donna at 315-0275 or Judy at 220-4410 by February 7th.



Education Report

Stacy Boeshans

Hello!

There really is not much to talk about this month. Here are a couple of highlights:

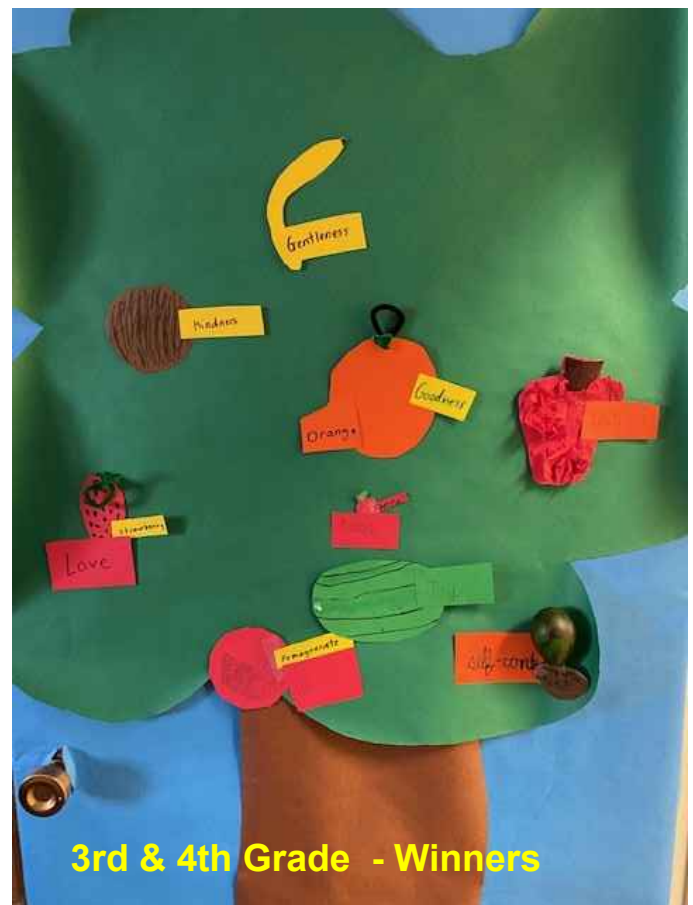
- The preschool room got lap desks to replace the table. Kristi is liking her new setup.
- The older kids finished the unit on the Fruits of the Spirit before Christmas. In January we had a door-decorating contest on this topic. Congrats to Suzanne and Sarah and their 3rd and 4th grade class for winning the contest! They were treated to juice and donuts.
- Currently the older kids are doing a unit called "The Book of Life" which covers stories from Genesis.

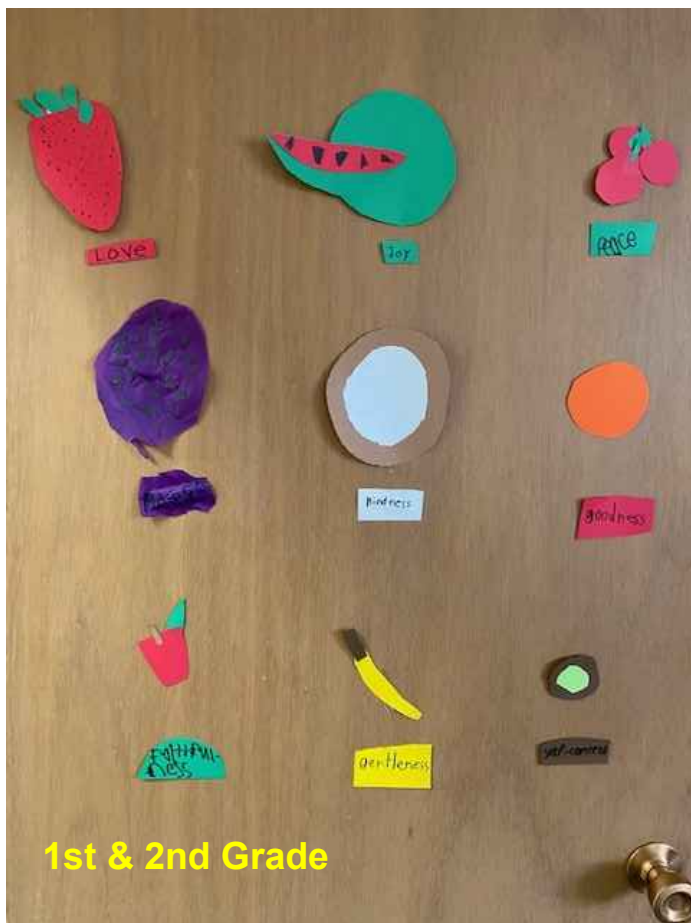
Looking ahead:

- All ages will sing on Valentine's Day.
- Be on the lookout for Valentines from the Sunday School kids!

As always, thank you to our teachers, parents and kids who make our Sunday School program so great!

Stacy Boeshans





STEPH MANN PHONE NUMBER

Earlier a new cell phone number was published for Steph Mann which was incorrect. If you have tried to contact her and she has not gotten back to you that may be the reason. Please check and make sure you have her correct number which is: 701-891-9413.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

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

June 6 - August 8 2021 Summer Sundays
June 26 Prairie Lake Festival

TWICE BLESSED program in December 2020 brought in \$7,440 for summer camp scholarships (\$4,940 in donations plus \$2,500 in the match)! Thank you to those who may have contributed to that program.

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!

GIVING HEARTS DAY – February 11 -- 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. This can be done by sending a check dated February 11, 2021, to the camp so they have it by February 11. Another method is online through the Camp of the Cross website's link to GivingHeartsDay.org which can be scheduled through February 9, 2021.

CCM ANNUAL Meeting – please let Peggy Moran or the First Lutheran Church office know if you are interested in representing First Lutheran for this meeting. The Constituent Congregations will receive notification that the CCM Annual Meeting will take place Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 2:00 pm at St. Paul Lutheran Church at Garrison, ND, in person; with option of attending virtually. Attendees will need to register ahead of time to keep organization with in person and virtual attendance.

SPRING YOUTH BASHES – There are many activities planned, fun, games, bible study and worship until 4 pm on Saturday. Snacks are served on Friday night; breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Housing will either be in the retreat or hill cabins. \$35 per youth/free for adult chaperones.

2021 Summer Camp registration is open! Planning is in the works for a similar program as last summer. Early bird discount registration deadline is April 1, 2021. So far, I know the FLC council will pay \$45/day/camper toward camp fees and will be checking with the other groups for support as well.

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

PRAIRIE LAKE FESTIVAL – do you have craft talents to make items for the Festival? Since the event didn't happen last year, we are hoping to really have a fun event in 2021.

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

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

Peggy Moran

AN INTERLOCKING COMMUNITY

Christ distributes courage through community; he dissipates doubts through fellowship. He never deposits all knowledge in one person but distributes pieces of the jigsaw puzzle to many. When you interlock your understanding with mine, and we share our discoveries, when we mix, mingle, confess and pray, Christ speaks.

—Max Lucado, *Fearless*



FEBRUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

7 - Tyge & Allie Sheldon
14 - Kristi Jaeger Family
21 - Sarah Kraft & Emily Retterath
28 - Jeff & Amanda Schmidt

ACOLYTES

7 - Maddie Jaeger & Ryleigh Schmidt
14 - James Chrest
21 - Aaron Blumhagen
28 - Maddie Jaeger & Kole Albers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

7 - Melanie Beckman
21 - Mike Nelson

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

7 - Sheila Link
14 - Joe Sheldon
21 - Kellie Sheldon
28 - Sunday School

ALTAR CARE

Peggy Moran & Donna Kroll

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

Will find people once we resume coffee hour.

WEDNESDAY USHERS/GREETERS

17 - Ardee Kurle & Emily Retterath
24 - Brenda Suckow & Emily Retterath

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

17 - Steph Mann
24 - Steph Mann

Ash Wednesday, February 17

Communion Assistant

Melanie Beckman

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Evangelism Committee - Melanie Beckman



As of January 24, 2021:

Our envelope giving is \$12,268.00 with a yearly budget of \$155,000.00.
\$2,268.01 ahead of budget.

E-Giving is \$1,095.92 with a yearly budget of \$40,000.
\$1,484.72 behind budget.

The plate giving is \$187.00 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00.
\$361.38 behind budget.


Thank you for your giving.



The following list is the service group scheduled for **March**. The group coordinators are Rick & LeAnn Richard. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) or Wednesday(s) in March works best for you and give Rick or LeAnn a call at 462-8311. If Rick or LeAnn 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.

Amber Bengtson
Paul & Diane Bengtson
Wade & Stacy Boeshans
Keith & Suzy Jacobson
Brian & Sandi Erber
Matt & Laura Gardner
Ken & Maybell Job
Lee & Melissa Kugler
Jeanette Leingang
Bob & Sheila Miller
Peggy Moran
John & Helen Samuelson
Eric & Sherry Schmitz
Joe & Kellie Sheldon
Jordan Swanson
Mitch & Kristi Wachendorf

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you Randy & Gwen Hall for helping fold and tape the January newsletter for mailing. 
- ☺ Thank you Rick & LeAnn Richard, Dean Bergstedt, Brent & Theresa Petersen, Jeff, Ava & Olivia Schmidt, Arden Wagner, Wendy Miller, Steph Mann, Peggy Moran, Bell Choir and Choir 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.
- ☺ Thank you to the following for delivering Meals on Wheels during the month of January: Mac & Judy Beaudry, Ruth Borlaug, Maybell Job, Larry & Kathy Keller and Arden & Sande Wagner.

☺ Thank You!

Thank you all for the birthday cards and greetings that you sent my way this year! You are truly a blessing to me! Thanks.

Pastor Erik Johnson

- ☺ Thank you Kris Schmidt and Leilani Olafson for the years you served on the church council. Thank you also to Matt Gardner for moving up to president, Jeff Schmidt for accepting another term as the worship deacon, Mac Beaudry for accepting a two year term as vice president and one year term as president and Janet Hanson for accepting a three year term as council secretary.



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, January 3 - Sunday, January 24. 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.

- ♦ Janice Harper - Mark Kugler's Wife
- ♦ Keith Hammerbeck - Family friend of the Kugler's
- ♦ Robert Walter - Former Professor of Pastor Chuck
- ♦ Brian Hall - Related to Pastor Chuck
- ♦ Shelly Lonski - Sister to Sharon Nelson
- ♦ Deborah Davenport - Mother of Laura Gardner's friend
- ♦ Virgie Emineth
- ♦ Cindy Delmonico - Mother to Melissa Kugler
- ♦ 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
- ♦ 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
- ♦ Ross Lorentzen
- ♦ Gwen DeMontigny
- ♦ Sandy Nelson - Daughter to Marian Meyer
- ♦ Kayla Boger - Family member of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Dawn Merrill - Aunt of Steph Mann
- ♦ Shauntaye & Oaklynn Kopecky - Kurle family member
- ♦ Mary Schulz
- ♦ Kathy Solomonson
- ♦ Mary Ann Beeks
- ♦ Stephen Brundage family on his death - co-worker of Steph Mann
- ♦ Josiah Johnson - Brother to Steph Mann
- ♦ Greg Merrill - Uncle to Steph Mann
- ♦ Wayne & Cindy Vorland - Parents of Aaron Vorland
- ♦ Haley Beaudry - Brother to Mac Beaudry
- ♦ Jason Sauer - Son of Wes Sauer

Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, January 3 to Sunday, January 24)

<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<u>Building Fund</u>\$75.00	
Chuck Sheldon	Stork & Millie Nordquist
John & Helen Samuelson	Alvira Adams
<u>Camp of the Cross</u>\$0.00	
<u>Decorating (Church)</u>\$0.00	
<u>General Fund</u>\$150.00	
Elaine Carr	Stork Nordquist
Elaine Carr	Rick Bergquist
Elaine Carr	Clay Carr
Sharon Chrest	Stork Nordquist
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Esther Bauer
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Tammy Knutson
<u>Global Missions</u>\$0.00	
<u>LWR</u>\$15.00	
Mary Ann Beeks	Esther Bauer
<u>Music</u>\$30.00	
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz (2 times).....	Keith Kuntz

<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
<u>Parking Lot Fund</u>\$110.00	
Wes Sauer.....	Rick Bergquist
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz	Keith Kuntz
Brad & Cathy Sheldon	Esther Bauer
Terry & Norma Petersen.....	Esther Bauer
Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Esther Bauer
Orlin & Ivadell Larson	Stork Nordquist
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz.....	Pastor Owen Gaasedelen
<u>Relief Missions</u>\$0.00	
<u>Sunday School</u>\$0.00	
<u>US/Local Missions</u>\$0.00	
<u>World Hunger</u>\$0.00	
<u>Worship</u>\$0.00	

First Lutheran February Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in February. 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 Pam Hoffer Suzy Jacobson	2 Adam Jorgenson Abby Tweeten	3 Kyle Smith	4 Jameson Bickert Tory Sheldon	5 Larry Keller Berandt Olafson Cade Richards	6
7	8 Karen Rothmann Char Syverson	9 Breah Philbrick Marissa Welton	10 Donna Gunderson Joan Zimmerman	11 Madisyn Biesterfeld Willie Ziemann	12 Nancy Fuchs Wendy Miller	13 Paula Anderson Harlee Patterson
14 Braydon Kraft Lee Weisgarber	15 Haley Anderson Gracie Patterson	16 Madison Sommer	17	18 Madelynn Baumann Wendy Goehring Kenady Hansen	19 Mary Ann Beeks	20 Chris Albers Joy Hanson Steve Wollmuth
21 Dick Olson Brianna Saylor	22 Ivadell Larson	23 Kevin Johnson	24 Tera Schirado	25 Tammy Nordquist Morie Sailer Sherry Schmitz	26 Hannah Chrest Mathew Pfeiger	27 Braydee Hanson Allison Sheldon
28 Dale Schell						

FEBRUARY

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	3 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	4	5	6 8:30 AM Council Retreat & Meeting
7 Fifth 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	8 10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting	9 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	10 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir	11	12	13
14 Transfiguration of Our Lord Valentine's Day 8:30 AM Bible Study - Cathy Sheldon 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson 1:00 PM Prayer Partner Tea 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	15 Presidents Day	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	17 Ash Wednesday 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes 8:00 PM Choir	18 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church	19 Noon Newsletter Deadline	20 6:00 PM The Marriage Course
21 First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study - Cathy Sheldon 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	22	23 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	24 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 8:00 PM Choir	25 9:00 AM Quilting	26 9:00 AM Quilting	27 6:00 PM The Marriage Course
28 Second Sunday in Lent 8:30 AM Bible Study - Cathy Sheldon 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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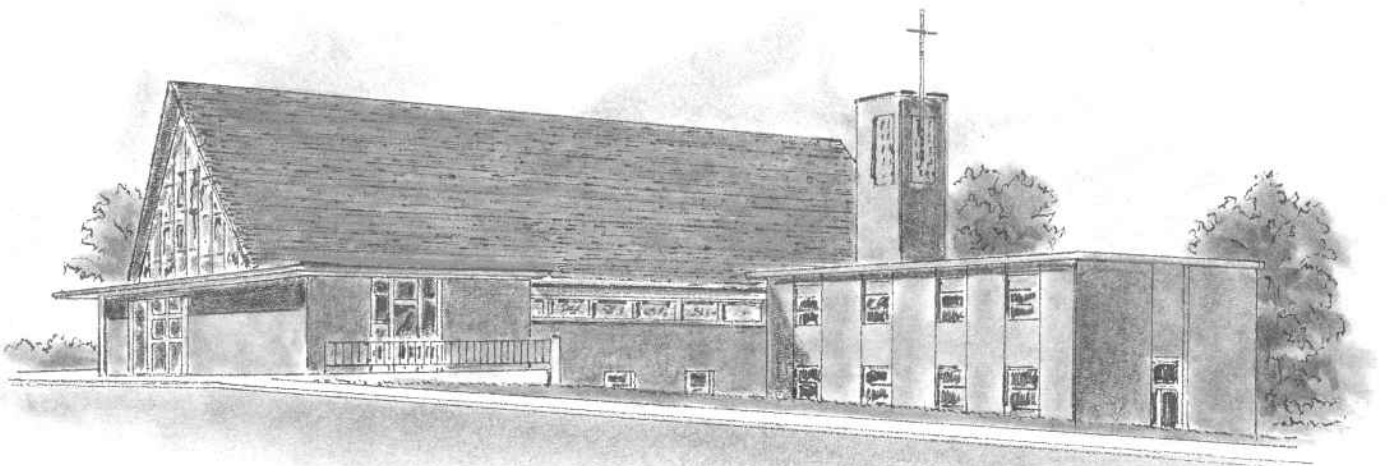
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Caring Ministries, and
Service.”***

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study - 8:30 AM (Starting February 14) - Led by Cathy Sheldon

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