



THE PARISH NEWS



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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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"By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."
Genesis 3:19

Grace and peace of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. The Lenten season has commenced and we are off together journeying through these next 40 days. This time of year allows us the opportunity to stop and continue to hear the above verse echoing in our ears from the Ash Wednesday service. "For you are dust, and to dust you shall return." What do these words and the cross drawn on our foreheads mean at the start of this penitential season? Ashes on our forehead help us to remember the reality that we are sinners and are in need of God's grace, mercy and love.

Thank you to all those who have helped minister in all the various ways during services at FLC as we continue to worship in-person and online. Your giving hearts and service to God and the congregation is so imperative in normal times and especially as the pandemic has made even more challenges and changes. Thank you on behalf of your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Our focus for the season of Lent is following the theme of being a disciple. We are using the drama series "How to be a disciple" where each week we explore a piece of the discipleship puzzle. Come and join us for food, conversation and a progression of the discipleship story to focus on what discipleship means to each of us.

Another way to look at discipleship is spiritual formation. In the book, "Invitation to a journey" M. Robert Mulholland Jr. describes to spiritual formation in a very compact yet clear way: "spiritual formation is the process of being formed in the image of Christ for the sake of others." This definition includes the vast array of the Christian life and counters our culture's tendency to limit or box in "spiritually" as an inconsequential matter or to make our journey just a private affair with "me and Jesus." We will continue to unpack this definition over time and to guide our focus on discipleship.

There is more and more activity happening at the church and this is such a good sign after 2020. The Marriage course at the time of writing this is off to a great start with 8 couples taking part in the private discussion during the 7-week course. Confirmants are moving towards their confirmation in May. Baptisms are returning as part of the normal rhythms of the church. More and more are coming to worship in person and sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Our Facebook Live feed has seen a wonderful upgrade to its overall quality of the video and sound (which we are still working out some bugs in this new system) ... Even more, our online members have grown in the weekly LIVE participants. We encourage everyone to continue to join in on the conversation online and stay connected during these times. Thank you

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to our online members for your patience and understanding who have helped us navigate these new waters with the new technology. Not to forget the projector and screen and the other amazing gifts that First Lutheran members give so freely to the church. How much of blessing are these gifts to the ministry of the church and everyone's participation in the life and ministry of First Lutheran! We are so blessed as a community by God and especially by each of you and our ministry together.

May we continue to join together to follow Jesus during this season of Lent.

In Christ,

Pastor Chuck

Update regarding COVID related policy at FLC

The executive committee of council met recently and after much discussion we have prayerfully decided to move forward with the following update to our COVID policy:

- **Masks** - are strongly recommended especially when social distancing cannot be followed
- **Coffee Fellowship** - will begin the first Sunday in March, but only drinks (coffee/juice) will be served as of right now
- **Worship** - more hymns/liturgy will be sung during worship with some modifications
- **Meetings - (Small Groups)**- meeting at the church will be restricted to 50 or less
- **Kitchen** - The kitchen will be available to use for drinks or food preparation following usual safety guidelines
- **Funerals** - will be accommodated as needed with overflow available - Meals will be limited to 50 or less
- **Reminder Home Communion** - for those attending online—and would like the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Chuck

All other guidelines are still to be followed.

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)

In Christ,
First Lutheran Church

LENTEN WORSHIP 2021



Join us during the season of Lent for worship Wednesday nights, at the church or online via Facebook.

The Wednesday Lenten services will be 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. The service will be at 7:00 pm each Wednesday.

If you would like to be part of the Lenten drama, please talk to Pastor Chuck before all spots are filled!

March 3 - Midweek Lent 2
Matthew and Simon
"On choosing sides"

Themes: Division, community, reconciliation

March 10 - Midweek Lent 3
James and John
"On the family of Christ"

Themes: Family, rivalry, unconditional love

March 17 - Midweek Lent 4
James the Less and Jude
"On humility"

Themes: Pride, false humility, true humility

March 24 - Midweek Lent 5
Thomas and Nathanael
"On doubt, proof, and faith"

Themes: Seeing and believing

April 2 - Good Friday
Peter and Judas
"On redemption"

Themes: Forgiveness, justification

Please come join us for the Lenten meals from 5:30 - 6:45 pm and stay for the Lenten service at 7:00 pm!!



FEBRUARY 6, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING

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



Board Retreat and Council Minutes

The Council of Washburn First Lutheran Church met on Saturday, February 6, 2021 for a retreat and monthly meeting. Members present were: Matt Gardner, Mac Beaudry, Donna Sommer, Jeff Schmidt, Stacy Boeshans, Melanie Beckman, Aaron Vorland, Kathy Keller, Pastor Mann, and Janet Hanson. Others present were Jeannette Rost and Stephanie Mann.

The retreat started at 8:30 with Devotion led by Pastor Mann based on Acts 2:42-47 and a breakfast. The purpose of the retreat was to learn more about each other and how we can serve together as a group. We took a personality trait test, led by Stephanie Mann, and we discussed our different personalities. We talked about acceptance of who we are, and God created each of us uniquely how we are. We all have a roll to play and we can all work together using our strengths (or differences). Matt Gardner led us through an empathy map where we discussed our Church and community and how we think we are seen or how we see ourselves as a congregation. Discussion was held on how we can work with these ideas to make our Church better. Pastor Mann led us through a core values audit, and we listed what areas of the Church we thought were the best in our congregation and what needs more/most improvement out of the areas of opportunities, spiritual connection, community, education, outreach, fellowship, and communication.

The February meeting of the Church Council started at 11:00. President Gardner called the meeting to order. Because we had devotions earlier, Pastor led us in prayer.

Laura Gardner discussed FLY and their upcoming plans. They are going to hold an Easter Egg Hunt (with the help of other volunteers) at the Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center. They plan on holding it on March 27, with April 3 as an alternative date. FLY is looking for support from the Church with some start-up funds so they can buy eggs and prizes. Beckman/Boeshans to support the Easter Egg hunt with \$500 from Thrivent money (Keller and Sommer) and \$1500.00 from the miscellaneous line item. We will have offerings designated for

this program and any money received will go back to the miscellaneous budget line. Carried. FLY is looking at attending LCMC week in Colorado Springs the last week-end of June depending on COVID restrictions and who would be able to attend.

Sommer/Vorland to approve the minutes from January 12, 2021. Carried.

Sommer gave the treasurer's report. The following balances are on hand: CD's: \$150,000.00; Checking: \$83,571.23; Building: \$60,845.91; Cemetery: \$617.40; Interest: \$5,347.49; Music: \$1,635.80; Parking Lot: \$615.00; Worship: \$4,134.64; Morgan Stanley Smith Barney: \$11,992.40. Total assets: \$318,759.87. Keller/Beckman to approve the treasurer's report. Carried.

Pastors report: Held a private baptism for Eleanor Janelle Philbrick, daughter of Hunter & Sage Philbrick. Pastor has met with staff and members, other member visits (7), visits/phone visits (12) and attempted (7). He is planning a seven week marriage course that will begin on Feb. 20. The course is for all couples who have been married at least one year. He was given approval for food to be brought in. The board gave him permission to check with Tricorne Audio for quotes on hearing impaired equipment.

Committee Reports:
Stewardship - Keller is looking at a stewardship letter subscription.

Worship - Schmidt has put out a list for the year for Readers and Communion Assistants.

Education - Boeshans reported the Sunday School teachers would like cork strips in their rooms.

Evangelism - Beckman is working on putting items in baggies for children for Church, which they can then bring home with them and is looking at getting something for Valentine's Day for our members (7) who are in nursing homes.

Property - Vorland said they checked and fixed an electrical problem in the parsonage. He will be starting to look at windows for the parsonage.

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Old Business:

We have \$682.27 in Thrivent Choice Dollars, but Rost will be ordering Confirmation crosses and Baptismal medallions with some of this money.

Coronavirus update: Discussion was held on fellowship after church and meals. Sommer/Vorland to allow meals like before Covid. If the Governor raises the mandates, the Executive committee will meet at that time. Carried. Beaudry/Keller to have the Executive committee meet and decide on Covid restrictions. They will serve as the Covid task force and will work on Covid restrictions. Carried.

Discussion on the Lavern Johnson Trust money was tabled.

The Mutual Ministry Committee is moving forward and will be meeting soon.

Dedication ceremony for pew cushions, roof, parking lot, video system & screen and the Lavern Johnson money was tabled.

New Business:

The board is to start thinking about where we should send our first quarter benevolences next month. Beckman/Sommer to donate \$375.00 from Global mission benevolences to Jill Wiese for her God's Child Project mission trip. Carried.

Gardner said that we should be reviewing our by-laws for committee responsibilities. We will take one committee a month to review.

There were no transfer requests.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

Schmidt/Vorland to adjourn. Carried.

We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:

Janet Hanson
Church Council Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2021

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

- President Kris Schmidt called the meeting to order
- 49 Members present
- Pastor Chuck led in devotions, Philippians 4:4-9
- Motion to approve the 2020 minutes - 1st Arden Wagner, 2nd Dick Brewster – Motion approved

PASTOR'S REPORT – Pastor Chuck Mann

- See Annual Report – page 7
- Talked about his appreciation for being at FLC
- Hoping things can get back to a normal soon
- Thanked Jeannette and staff for their work

TREASURER'S REPORT- Donna Sommer

- See Annual Report – page 11
- Thanked the money counters: Arden Wagner, Deb Wisdom, Sharon Chrest, Mary Ann Beeks, Wes Sauer and Arlene Schwarz; Auditors: Mike Nelson, Duane Knell and Arden Wagner; also Jeannette for their time
- Welcomed Pastor Chuck and family
- Thanked the congregation for their support
- Motion to approve the treasurer's report – 1st Duane Knell, 2nd Randy Hall – Motion approved
- Financial compliance report read by Kris Schmidt – Annual Report – page 14

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Kris Schmidt

- See Annual Report – page 15
- Gave his gratitude for being on council and how everyone stood up to help out, especially during the past year.
- Thanked Jeannette, all pastoral staff: Pastor Erik Johnson, Pastor Curt Hanson, Pastor Richard Smith and Pastor Chuck Mann, the call committee and acknowledged the church council
- Thanked all the extra small groups and people that helped out this past year
- Thanked his family for letting him serve

STEWARDSHIP – Kathy Keller

- See Annual Report – page 16
- Thanked everyone for what they have done
- Thanked the call committee, especially Matt Gardner
- Thanked Kris Schmidt, Matt Gardner and especially Jeff Schmidt for taking over the video audio system
- FLC is in good financial standing
- Need a dedication Sunday for the new roof, pew cushions, audio video system and screen, and Lavern Johnson money
- Thanked Tom Merkel for Vivian's memorial

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WORSHIP – Jeff Schmidt

- See Annual Report – page 17
- Thanked everyone for their generosity
- Thanked Kris for his leadership along with Matt, Pastor Chuck, Jeannette, Stacy, Donna, Kathy and Aaron

EDUCATION – Stacy Boeshans

- See Annual Report – page 18
- Sunday School is pretty normal
- Said we have a great council and lucky to have dedicated people
- Thanked Pastor Chuck
- Audio video will be used by the Sunday School. Thanked Tom for the memorial gift.
- Thanked the teachers, subs, Don Winter, Melissa Rothe, Education Committee, Jeannette, Kris Schmidt and everyone for supporting the education program

EVANGELISM – Melanie Beckman

- See Annual Report – page 19
- It's been a great year!
- Hoping to get children's bags back
- Passed out Christmas goody bags for Sunday School children
- Thanked Jeannette and council members

PROPERTY – Aaron Vorland

- See Annual Report – page 20
- Thanked council members for helping get the parsonage ready for the Mann family

FLCW – LeAnn Richard

- See Annual Report – page 21
- Everything is in the book

FLY – Laura Gardner

- See Annual Report – page 25
- Thanked Jeannette, Pastor Chuck and Steph
- Have an awesome core group of youth
- With lack of fundraisers, looking for support from the congregation

Mutual Ministry Committee

- Kris reported the committee is coming back and in need of one more person

OLD BUSINESS

- Lavern Johnson Trust Money
 1. Last year congregation approved tithing 10% (\$25,000)
 - a. Parking Lot project completed
 - b. Basement flooring completed – Kris thanked Aaron for taking on that project

- c. Sound proofing – no action taken
- d. Security System – Was approved last year for indoor cameras. Cameras outside were considered. Updated quote would have cameras outside vs inside. Last year \$5,500 was approved but \$10,500 is needed.

Motion to authorize up to \$10,500 for security system.

1st Randy Hall, 2nd LeAnn Richard - Motion approved

- e. Endowment – Thrivent did talk to the council. Any recommendations are welcome. Need to establish a committee. Discussion on forming a committee, how much we want to put in and what to do with returns. No action taken to start yet.

Motion made to create an Endowment Committee.

1st Gwen Hall, 2nd Peggy Moran - Motion approved

NEW BUSINESS

- Parsonage Improvements - \$10,000 budgeted for 2021 – Improvements needed:
 - a. Egress window in basement
 - b. Large window upstairs
 - c. Bathroom update downstairs
- Discussion on improvements needed and using Lavern Johnson money.
- Motion made to use up to \$30,000 over the \$10,000 parsonage improvements 2021 budgeted amount using Lavern Johnson money. 1st Rick Richard, 2nd Elmer Schwarz - Motion approved
- FLY shortfall from not having fundraisers is approximately \$3,500 - \$3,600. Discussion on using Lavern Johnson money to help FLY.
- Motion to allocate \$3,000 from Lavern Johnson money for FLY to make up for 2020 shortfall.
- 1st Gwen Hall, 2nd Aaron Vorland - Motion approved
- NALC Ratification Amendments – See Annual Report – page 27
- Motion to accept amendments to NALC Ratification changes.
- 1st Duane Knell, 2nd Kathy Keller - Motion approved

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Kris Schmidt

- Motion for Mac Beaudry for Vice President for 2 years and President for 1 year; Janet

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Hanson for Council Secretary (3 year term) and Jeff Schmidt for Worship Deacon (3 year term).

1st Aaron Vorland, 2nd Melanie Beckman - Motion approved

- Nominating committee will be: Dick Bickert, Emily Retterath, Kris Schmidt and Leilani Olafson. Will need two volunteers to fill the position of the one that stayed on council the previous year and one staying on this year. Gwen Hall volunteered to be on the committee. Will need one more person.
- Motion to approve all committee reports – 1st Randy Hall, 2nd Rick Richard – Motion approved
- Motion to Accept 2021 Budget, 1st Duane Knell, 2nd Elmer Schwarz – Motion approved
- Question was asked on the status of the new screen and video system. It will be installed the

last week of January.

- Peggy Moran thanked Matt Gardner for doing the Facebook Live for the services. Question was asked if Facebook Live will continue after the pandemic is over. Yes, it will.
- Matt thanked the congregation and also thanked Kris Schmidt for his service and support on the church council and presented Kris with a gift from FLC. In Leilani Olafson's absence Matt thanked her and she will receive her gift later.
- Motion to Adjourn – 1st Randy Hall, 2nd Aaron Vorland
- Pastor Chuck led in closing prayer and benediction

Minutes submitted by,
Jeannette Rost
Administrative Secretary



By Laura Gardner

We are so happy spring is just around the corner! With that brings our planning for our summer mission trip! As long as things don't pick up again with Covid, our plan for this summer is to join Next Step again this time in Colorado Springs, CO! We're still in the early planning stages but are hoping to spend some time in Pine Ridge on our way to CO! We'll update more on our plans in the next newsletter!

With Covid raining on virtually every parade, we have not been able to do our normal fundraising. We have done some brainstorming and will be rolling out some new, Covid safe, fundraisers! The first being some beautiful crosses, just in time for Easter. Watch the church bulletin for more information!

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



Eleanor Janelle Philbrick
Baptized January 30, 2021



Pictured are:
Pastor Chuck Mann, Sage, Hunter,
Iris & Eleanor Philbrick

We welcome Eleanor as our newest
member of First Lutheran.



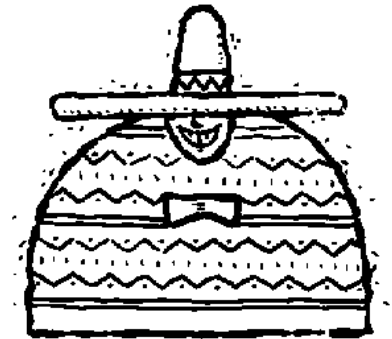
TACOS, CHIPS, BARS, JUICE & COFFEE

March 3, 2021

5:30 pm ~ 6:45 pm



Served by
FLY



Free-will offering
Everyone welcome!

*¡Muchas
Gracias!*

SLOPPY JOES

NACHOS & Bars



March 10, 2021

5:30 - 6:45 pm

Free-will offering

**Served by the
First Lutheran
Stewardship
Committee**



HOTDISH SALAD & BARS

March 17, 2021

5:30 - 6:45 PM



Free-will offering

Everyone Welcome!

Served by Evangelism Committee



POTATO BAR

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
5:30 - 6:45 pm

Baked Potato with Toppings
Bars, Juice and Coffee

Free-will Offering

Served by
FLY

FLCW NEWS

March, 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



Thank you Judy Beaudry for chairing the Prayer Partner Tea. It was enjoyed by all! Next years event will be chaired by Linda Zeller. Thanks Linda!

Thanks to all who helped with the Lenten meal on February 24.

An executive board meeting will be held this month. Watch the bulletin for the time and date.

March 25 and 26 will be quilting.

Upcoming events: Goodies from the heart (watch your bulletin for time)

Quilting April 22

Mother's Day Tea - 2 pm - "Once upon an Apron" April 25

"Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is."

Jessica Harrelson

Donna Gunderson and Judy Beaudry Co-chairs



Women's Bible Study

**Deborah Bible Study**

March 18

9:30 AM

at the church

Sheila Link &

Kathy Keller Host

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

Study will be Episode 2, Lessons 1 & 2

First Lutheran Church Women Executive Board Meeting

January 31, 2021

Members Present: LeAnn Richard, Donna Gundersen, Judy Beaudry, Janet Hanson, Peggy Moran, Marlys Knell, Jackie Olson, Arlene Schwarz

Donna opened our meeting with devotions.

Secretarial minutes as published in "The Parish News."

Treasurer's Report – FLCW bank balance of \$3,655.43. Discussion then focused on the unpaid 2020 benevolences. Motion made and seconded to pay 2020 benevolences. Motion carried.

Committee Reports –

- Camp of Cross – See FLCW's newsletter for more information. Discussion ensued on campership fees paid by FLCW. Motion made and seconded to leave 2021 campership fees paid by the FLCW as previously paid and to keep contact with Peggy if needs change. Motion carried.
- Action/Quilting – Quilting was held on Thursday and Friday, January 28th and 29th. Quilts for the nine seniors graduating are being completed. Notice has been received that LWR is out of Personal Care Kits and asking that congregations provide more kits if possible. Information on items needed for the personal care kits will be put in the church bulletin. Discussion followed on involving the Sunday School in the collection of kit items.

- Community – No report.
- Growth – Preparing for May confirmation. Confirmation Tea is scheduled for May 1st depending upon Covid.
- Correspondence – LWR request for personal care kits.

Old Business –

- Nineteen people attended movie night on January 19th.
- Thank you to Theresa Peterson for volunteering to be a co-chair of Workgroup 2.

New Business –

- Prayer Partner Tea will be held on February 14th.
- Lenten meal served by all FLCW work groups will be dependent upon Covid and the church council.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectively submitted,
Marlys Knell
FLCW Secretary



LWR PERSONAL CARE KITS

LWR is in need of personal care kits. If you would like to purchase any of the items listed below to help with a kit, please bring the items to the church and put downstairs in the quilt room. They will be sending these kits out in May.

- One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" & 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- 2 or 3 bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging
- One sturdy comb, remove packaging
- One metal nail clipper, remove packaging

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Thrivent members that have Thrivent Choice Dollars to direct to an organization, you have until March 31st to do that before you lose last year's dollars.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLAR CARDS

If you are a Thrivent member and able to get cards to help out with fundraisers, etc., FLCW could use your help with your card(s) to help purchase items for the LWR kits. If you would like to use your card to help them out, please talk to Marlys Knell.





Education Report

Stacy Boeshans

- Valentine's month did not disappoint. We shared God's love with valentines for the congregation and we had all ages sing in church on Valentine's Day.
- We are excited to start using the new video projection system for our large group lessons. Stay tuned on those developments.
- Shout out to our readers. As you may have noticed, kids are reading in church the last Sunday of the month. This is a good experience for these kids and we are grateful to have it.
- Shout out to Steph Mann along with Judy Beaudry. They are teaching the 5th/6th grade girls how to crochet. The girls are LOVING it!



Other than these few highlights, Sunday School is humming along. We are looking forward to an inspiring and engaging Easter Season!

Stacy Boeshans

*"The best learning I had came from teaching."
Corrie Ten Boom*

Pictures are from the Sunday School making valentines for the congregations.
Look for more pictures throughout the newsletter.



5th & 6th Grade Girls Learning to Crochet





STEWARDSHIP



" Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" 1 Peter 4:10

A few words on using our time wisely during this Lenten season. Lent should be a reminder about what stewardship is: It is the experience of turning intentions into actions. Share your time and talents with others and don't forget to commit some of both to your church: i.e. making time for midweek Lenten services and sharing in the preparation of the Lenten meals.

Pastor mentioned that time is a gift from God. We need to use it wisely and not fritter it away. God allows us to choose how to use this precious gift.

During this Lenten season let's reflect and make sure that we are using God's time for loving and caring deeds. To be a true Christian disciple we need to be concerned about how we use our time, remembering that the days and years are a sacred trust. If we are faithful in the use of our time we need not live in fear of the future, but constantly reflect on the question: Am I being true to God if I devote all my time to work, pleasure and sleep, or am I only contributing with my money?

Please mark your calendars for our midweek Stewardship meal on March 10th! See you there!

Kathy Keller
Stewardship Trustee



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, January 31 - Sunday, February 21. 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.

- ♦ Family of Robert Walter on his death
- ♦ Family of Ray Kaiser on his death
- ♦ Family of Carolyn Murray on her death
- ♦ Cindy Thiel
- ♦ George Sheldon
- ♦ Jason Sauer - Son of Wes Sauer
- ♦ Haley Beaudry - Brother to Mac Beaudry
- ♦ Kathy Solomonson
- ♦ Mary Ann Beeks
- ♦ Josiah Johnson - Brother to Steph Mann
- ♦ Greg Merrill - Uncle to Steph Mann
- ♦ Wayne & Cindy Vorland - Parents of Aaron Vorland
- ♦ Shauntaye & Oaklynn Kopecky - Kurle family member
- ♦ Mary Schulz
- ♦ Ross Lorentzen
- ♦ Gwen DeMontigny
- ♦ Kayla Boger - Family member of Steve & Peggy Wollmuth

- ♦ Keith Hammerbeck - Family friend of the Kugler's
- ♦ 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
- ♦ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth
- ♦ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe
- ♦ Shirley Nelson
- ♦ Bob Miller
- ♦ Rodney Jaeger
- ♦ Family of Shirley Nelson on her death
- ♦ Isaac Mann

Worship Report

Jeff Schmidt - 701-202-1211

(Due to people getting their newsletter last month due to the post office, we are running this page again.)

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)
Randy Hall - March 28 (C)

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)

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

7 - Jordan Swanson & George Swanson
14 - Lee & Melissa Kugler
21 - Wade & Stacy Boeshans
28 - Jordan Swanson & George Swanson

ACOLYTES

7 - Carter Knutson
14 - Alex Retterath & James Chrest
21 - Maddie Jaeger
28 - Aaron Blumhagen

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

7 - Janet Hanson
21 - Mac Beaudry
28 - Randy Hall

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

7 - Randy Hanson
14 - Allie Sheldon
21 - Jeff Schmidt
28 - Sunday School

ALTAR CARE

Janet Hanson & Theresa Petersen

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

7 - Maybell Job
14 - Lee & Melissa Kugler
21 - Rick & LeAnn Richard
28 - Joe & Kellie Sheldon

WEDNESDAY USHERS/GREETERS

3 - Rick & LeAnn Richard
10 - Peggy Moran & Maybell Job
17 - Matt & Laura Gardner
24 - Joe & Kellie Sheldon

WEDNESDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

3 - Donna Sommer
10 - Peggy Moran
17 - Brad Sheldon
24 - Judy Beaudry
31 - Sharon Nelson

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Rick & LeAnn Richard



As of February 21, 2021:

Our envelope giving is \$28,783.00 with a yearly budget of \$155,000.00.
\$6,178.85 ahead of budget.

E-Giving is \$2,503.44 with a yearly budget of \$40,000.
\$3,329.89 behind budget.

The plate giving is \$666.00 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00.
\$573.58 behind budget.

Thank you for your giving.



The following list is the service group scheduled for **April**. The group coordinators are Randy & Gwen Hall. ***If your name is on this list, please check the calendar and see what Sunday(s) in April works best for you and give Randy or Gwen a call at 462-8629. If Randy or Gwen 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.

Melanie Beckman
Taiton & Kaitlynn Carlson
Gary & Nancy Fuchs
Jane Gutknecht
Doug & Mary Haugtvedt
Dallas & Chance Havig
Jim & Kathy Kaiser
Claudette Ness
Darrell & Stacey Scheresky
Kollin & Car Syverson
Amanda Vetter
Wes & Pat Sick
Mike & Sharon Nelson
Aaron & Beth Knutson
Chris & Nicole Albers
Alton & Brenda Krebsbach

PRAYER PARTNER TEA - February 14, 2021





COUNCIL RETREAT February 6, 2021

We are looking for volunteers for the following:

1. People to serve on the Endowment Committee. If interested please talk to Matt Gardner.
2. Anyone interested in serving on the Evangelism Committee. If interested contact Melanie Beckman.

MISSING ITEMS

A Super Valu bag in a box with a string of red lights and a 6" star is missing. It was put in the narthex about a month ago and is now gone. It did not make it to the person it was to go to. If you took the box or know where it is, please bring it back and let Jeannette know in the church office so it can get to the rightful person. No questions asked!



First Lutheran March Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in March. 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	2 Jane Gutknecht	3 Karen Goehring Wyat Klabunde Landen Lauf	4 Aaron Knutson Alisha Price Al Rall	5 Henry Hardt Cody Kroll Kollin Syverson	6 Chad Bengtson Ever Kugler
7 Brady Sheldon	8 Robyn Thomas	9 Tyge Sheldon	10 Gwen Hall Neil Kadrmas	11 Maddie Jaeger Rani Schmidt	12 Clay Price	13 Joe Schmit Tim Thiel
14 Haylie Bentz Jeannette Rost Kris Schmidt	15 Diane Blumhagen Andrew Kaiser Myla Vetter	16 Sage Hardt	17 Erica Backman Kailyn Hansen Kathryn Johnson Sierra Rodriguez	18	19 Brenda Borner Bill Lindell Kari Williams	20
21 Torie Reinhart Noah Wollmuth	22 Kayle Borner Bella Ficklin Dale Kadrmas	23 Kyle Hegre Samantha Schell	24 LilyAnne Beckman Cole Helmers	25 Sarah Courtemanche Kristi Jaeger Dave Lindell	26 Bella Mann Aimee Schmit	27 Kathy Farstad Jamie Hanson Alexander Merkel Tiffany Schmitz
28 Dean Bergstedt	29 Newell Zeller	30 Libby Baker Kaylene Strand Dani Wood	31 Tyler Cowan Barry Kinnischtzke			

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

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 10 Larks Baseball
June 26 Prairie Lake Festival

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 – Raised \$42,430 to upgrade the second set of row cabins and to set up a canopy by the new amphitheater to give shade during summer worship services. **THANK YOU** to all who participated in this event!

CCM ANNUAL MEETING – February 28, in person at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garrison and virtually. More information next month.

SPRING YOUTH BASHES – There are many activities planned, fun, games, bible study and worship until 4 p.m. 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.

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. **THANKS** to the FLC Church Council, FLCW, Evangelism Committee, Men's Bible Study group, and an anonymous party, all registration fees will be covered for FLC campers. Please let Peggy Moran know by May 24, 2021, if you have campers registered so the funds can be sent to the camp before the camp season begins.

FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY – Support CCM while shopping on Amazon. Simply start your shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/45-0262064 to confirm "Camp of the Cross Ministries" as your charity of choice, and Amazon Smile will donate a portion of your eligible purchase price to CCM.

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



THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you Brenda Ankenbauer & Elaine Carr for helping fold and tape the February newsletter for mailing.



- ☺ Thank you Orlin Larson, Jeff, Ava & Olivia Schmidt, Brent & Theresa Petersen, Bell Choir, Choir, Pre-K thru 6th grade Sunday School, Dean & Sonja Bergstedt, and Rick & LeAnn Richard 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 Pre-K thru 6th grade Sunday School for the Valentine's you made for the congregation!

- ☺ Dear Friends of First Lutheran:

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement sent to me on "Caring Hearts Day"! What a wonderful surprise and so very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Marian Meyer

- ☺ Thank you Sharon Nelson, Evangelism Committee member, for arranging to have the Valentine flowers sent to our shut-in's for Valentine's Day.

- ☺ Dear Members of Prayer Shawl Ministry:

What a wonderful ministry! Am happy I was a recipient of it. Thank you for the beautiful shawl. I have used it everyday since Stephanie delivered it.

God bless your ministry. It is a warm and comforting one.

Sincerely,
Marian Meyer

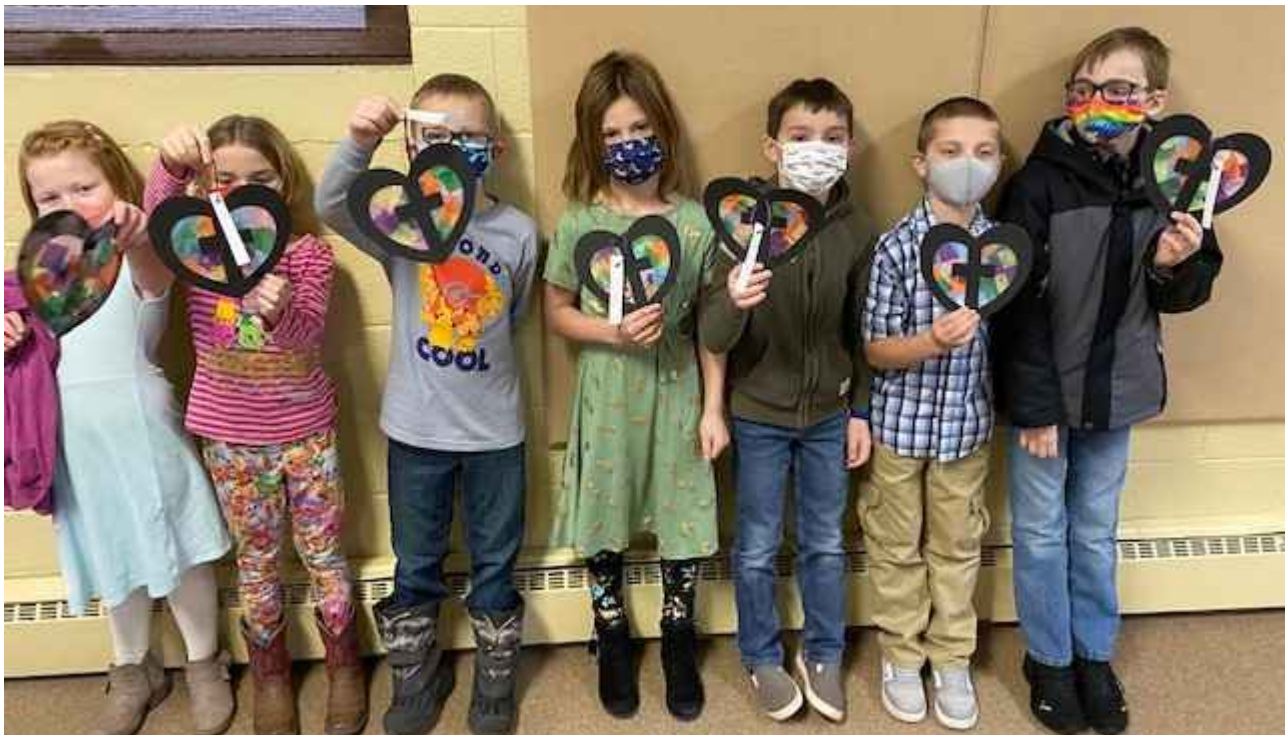
- ☺ Thank you for the prayer shawl. It's very nice and warm. I really appreciate it. Thank you!

God Bless you all!
Amanda Thyberg

We found out that Val Swanson made this beautiful prayer shawl.



- ☺ Thank you Haley Anderson and girls for your contribution of activity bags for Sunday morning for the kids. Very much appreciated.



**Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds
(Sunday, January 31 to Sunday, February 21)**

Fund given to & by whom	In Memory of
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Global Missions	\$0.00
LWR	\$20.00
Sylvia Thompson	Shirley Nelson

Music.....\$130.00

A.J. & Doddie Kuntz Keith Kuntz
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth Stephen Brundage

The following are all IMO Shirley Nelson:

John & Helen Samuelson
Arden & Sande Wagner
Jeneen Loe
Peggy Moran
Larry & Kathy Keller
Terry & Norma Petersen

Wes Sauer..... Gerald Lee
Elmer & Arlene Schwarz..... Shirley Nelson
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz Keith Kuntz
Janet Carvell Shirley Nelson

Sunday School.....\$20.00

Dick & Barbara Brewster Shirley Nelson

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

World Hunger.....\$0.00

Worship.....\$10.00

Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer Ray Kaiser

Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
Terry & Donna Gunderson
Brad & Cathy Sheldon
Orlin & Iva dell Larson
Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen
Sharon Chrest
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Mac & Judy Beaudry
Brad & Cathy Sheldon

- ⇒ Jim & Kathy Kaiser family on the death of Jim's brother, Ray Kaiser.
- ⇒ Gary & Cindy Thiel family on the death of their sister-in-law, Carolyn Murray.
- ⇒ Wayne & Julie Petersen family and Jim & Kathy Kaiser family on the death of Julie's mother and Kathy's sister, Shirley Nelson.

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.



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 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by FLY 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	4	5 World Day of Prayer	6 6:00 PM The Marriage Course
7 Third 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 First Communion Class 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 7:00 PM Council Meeting	10 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by Stewardship Committee 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	11	12	13 6:00 PM The Marriage Course  Turn you clock ahead one hour before going to bed!
14 Fourth 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 First Communion Class 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	15	16 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	17 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by Evangelism Committee 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	18 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church	19 Noon Newsletter Deadline	20 6:00 PM The Marriage Course
21 Fifth 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 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal Served by FLY 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 7:45 PM FLY	25 9:00 AM Quilting	26 9:00 AM Quilting	27 1:00 PM First Communion Class 6:00 PM The Marriage Course
28 Palm Sunday Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Sunday School Bible Study - Alexis Solomonson 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	29	30	31 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 6:15 PM Confirmation 6:45 PM Bell Choir 7:15 PM FLY 7:30 PM Choir			

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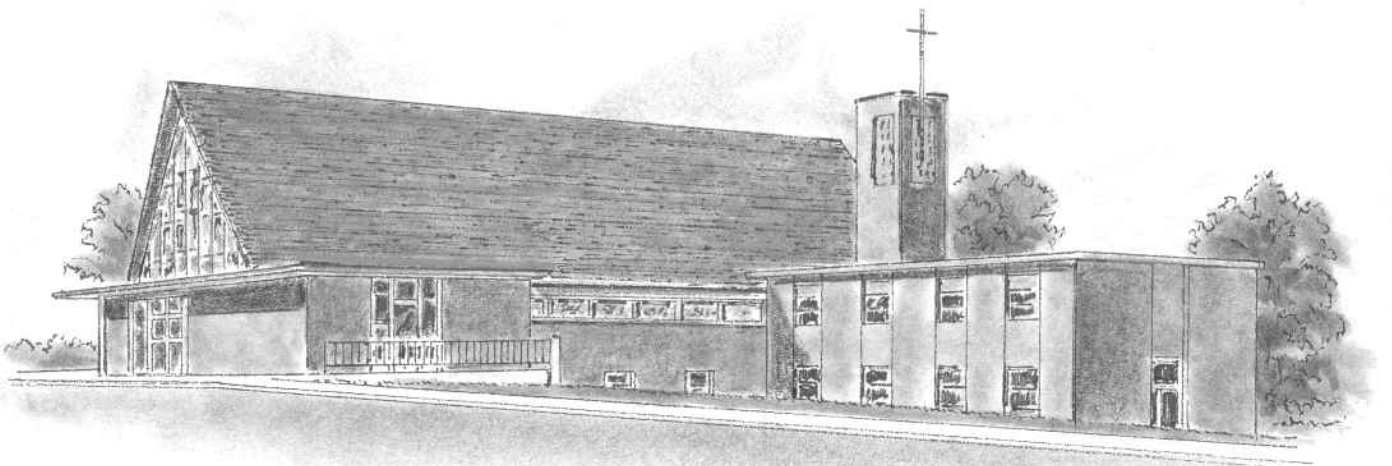
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Caring Ministries, and
Service.”***

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Bible Study - 8:30 AM - Led by Cathy Sheldon
Worship Service - 9:30 AM
Sunday School - 10:45 AM
Bible Study - 10:45 AM - Led by Alexis Solomonson
AA Meeting - 7:00 PM
Al-Anon Meeting - 7:00 PM