



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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⁴ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. . .
⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."
Hebrews 11:1, 6

Blessings to you during this Lenten Season! What do we look to as the church? Where do we look for assurance? It is important to reflect on these and many other questions as we look to Jesus and His journey to the cross during this season.

The above passage from the sermon to the Hebrews is an important reflection about faith. What is the object of our faith? In what or who do we put our trust in. We see in verse 6, that if we wish to draw near to God we "must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." To approach God in worship or prayer we first must believe He exists. The reward that is referenced here is describing God's goodness and not on our deeds. This reward this refers to is a heavenly reward and not earthly wisdom and riches which we may be fooled into thinking due to our modern culture (see Hebrews 11:26).

One chapter later, the author writes it this way, "12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2)."

So, who do we look to? Jesus who is the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Martin Luther describes this well in his Large Catechism in the section where he is explaining what does the 1st commandment ("You shall have no other gods") mean:

"A god means that from which we are to expect all good and in which we are to take refuge in all distress. So, to have a God is nothing other than trusting and believing Him with the heart. I have often said that the confidence and faith of the heart alone make both God and an idol. If your faith and trust is right, then your god is also true. On the other hand, if your trust is false and wrong, then you do not have the true God. For these two belong together, faith and God [Hebrews 11:6]. "Now, I say that whatever you set your heart on and put your trust in is truly your God."

May this Lenten season be one in which each one of us can direct our hearts to the one true God, and clean out the clutter that gets in the

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way of this most important relationship. May we all know, trust and believe that we can expect all good from God and take refuge in Him in all times of distress.

In Christ,
Pastor Chuck

From Luther's Large Catechism: with Study Questions,
Concordia Publishing House, Saint Louis, 2010, 18.

LENTEN WORSHIP 2023



Join us during the season of Lent for worship Wednesday nights, at the church or online via YouTube. 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 emphasis of this Lenten season will be to focus our hearts and minds on the last days of Jesus life. The hope will be to help us grow as disciples of Jesus and into "greater spiritual maturity that recognizes the blessings and responsibilities of this life of faith as we walk with our Lord on the path to the cross." (Sola "Upper Room" Drama)

Beginning after Ash Wednesday there will be Lenten services with the Lenten Drama: "The Upper Room" and a short reflection on the Scripture passages for the day.

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| March 1 | Midweek Lent 1 – Discipleship is a Life of Humility |
| March 8 | Midweek Lent 2 – Discipleship is a Life of Discernment |
| March 15 | Midweek Lent 3 – Discipleship is a Life of Love |
| March 22 | Midweek Lent 4 – A life of Discipleship is Abiding in Christ |
| March 29 | Midweek Lent 5 – Discipleship is Living in the Truth |

Please come join us!!

HOME COMMUNION



Pastor Chuck wants to make the sacrament of Holy Communion available to those who find them unable to come to services at the church, no matter the situation or reason. All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please contact Pastor Chuck or the church office if you or a loved one is interested.

LENTEN SEASON DECORATIONS



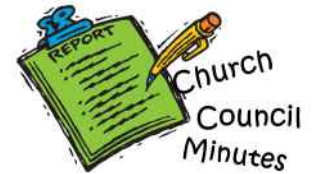
This Lenten Season we will be following the pattern of the historical church and intentionally creating an environment that is reflective in nature. There will be less decorations during this season to direct our attention towards the Cross. The emphasis of this season is on discipleship and repentance. The season of Lent is in stark contrast to the celebratory times of Christmas and Easter.

As a congregation, we appreciate and are thankful for having many people who are willing to use their time, talents and energy to decorate the church throughout the year. Also, we are looking to take this time to reflect on the decorations of the church to be equitable to all and follow the liturgical year (relating to our seasons of worship throughout the church year) as well as expand to teams of decorators. More will be discussed regarding this in upcoming newsletter articles.



FEBRUARY 7, 2023 COUNCIL MEETINGS

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



The Church Council met on February 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM. Present were Mac Beaudry, Aaron Solomonson, Julie Bentz, Sarah Kadrmias, Jeff Schmidt, Pastor Mann, Kacy Hardt, Chris Albers, Joe Sheldon and Janet Hanson. Also present was Jeannette Rost.

The meeting was called to order. Kadrmias/Hardt to approve the agenda. Carried.

Pastor welcomed the new members to the council. He led with devotions based on Isaiah 55 and John 14.

Bentz/Kadrmias to approve the minutes from January 10, 2023. Carried.

Solomonson gave the treasurer's report. He told the council the FLY and Super Sunday Supper funds will now be in the church's account. The following balances are on hand: CD's: \$150,000.00; Checking: \$109,345.49; Building: \$36,609.43; Cemetery: \$617.40; FLY: \$11,056.66; Interest: \$12,156.92; Music: \$644.54; Parking Lot: \$1,015.00; Super Sunday Supper: \$45.00; Worship: \$2,463.44; Ameriprise Financial: \$39,995.60; Morgan Stanley: \$11,992.40. Total Assets: \$375,941.88. Hanson/Schmidt to approve the report for future audit and to pay all non-budgeted bills. Carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor presided over one baptism. He has met with many staff and members. Pastor informed us there are some fake text/emails that are going around that he has not made. The congregation has been informed by the newsletter and bulletins. He mentioned Pastor Krueger would come and discuss the vision for NALC if we would want him to. He attended the Pastor's conference Jan. 31-Feb. 3. Discussion has been on better ways to keep prayers of the church up and current. Pastor is beginning a study on Luther's large catechism on Feb. 9 and Ash Wednesday is Feb. 22.

Committee reports:

Stewardship - No report.

Worship - Schmidt reported he met with music committee and worked on music for the next months. They discussed the organ and are looking at having to replace it possibly in a couple years. It was talked about starting an organ fund if anyone wanted to give donations/memorials to that fund.

Education - Kadrmias reported the committee is getting together to plan for Easter and VBS.

Evangelism - Hardt reported they will be giving valentines after Church on Sunday. They will be serving a meal during Lent with the Stewardship and Education committee.

Property - Albers shared a proposal for the window in the Women's bathroom. Albers/Schmidt to approve the proposal from The Window and Door Store for the Women's bathroom window. Carried. He told the council the furnace needs a new part on the backflow that is on backorder and will be replaced when it comes in. Discussion was held on the air conditioners for the offices. Kadrmias/Hardt to accept the quote from HA Thompson for 3 air conditioning units for the offices. Carried. Our copy machine needs to be replaced because of usage and needing repairs often. Hardt/Solomonson to lease a copy machine for 48 months. Carried.

Mutual Ministry - No report.

Technology - No report.

Old Business:

We have \$358.92 in Thrivent Choice Dollars.

There was nothing new on the Endowment Fund.

Mutual Ministry will continue to work on the church decorating.

The next meeting will be on March 7, 2023, at 6:30 pm.

Schmidt/Hardt to adjourn. Carried.

We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:
Janet Hanson
Church Council Secretary



With the Lenten season here, now is the time to get your group signed up to serve the open meal on March 15th. If no one signs up to serve this meal, there will be no meal that night at the church. Serving is from 5:30 - 6:45 pm each Wednesday. You decide what you want to serve. Following is the schedule. Contact Jeannette in the church office if your group would like to serve the March 15 meal.

March 1 - FLCW
Soup, Bread & Dessert

March 8 - FLY
Sloppy Joes, Veggies, Chips & Dessert

March 15 - Still Available

March 22 - Evangelism, Stewardship
& Education Committees
Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dessert

March 29 - Super Sunday Supper
Pancakes, Bacon & Fruit



PRAYERS
of the
CHURCH

(PRAYER LIST)

This prayer in our service follows Apostle Paul's directions to young Timothy, "2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." This is why during each service, the church is called to offer petitions and thanksgivings for the whole church, the nations, those in need, the parish and any special concerns.

This connects directly to how Jesus describes the church in Mark, "17 And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'?" (Mark 11:17).

All of this emphasizes the importance of our offering prayers at every worship service. To follow the spirit of this, we are looking to keep our **Prayer List** the most up-to-date as possible. We will be incorporating a few changes over the next few weeks.

We will have a monthly & quarterly prayer list cycle. When you add someone to our prayer list the request will remain on our monthly list for four weeks and then be removed unless notified. If you would like to have the request moved to our quarterly list please contact the office and the request will be added to our "This Quarter we pray for" list for the next three months. Please help us keep our prayer list current by communicating updates to the office at 701-462-3775. Thank you all for your faithful prayers for all of God's people.



**Join us on
March 1, 2023
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm
for**

Soup, Bread & Dessert

Served by FLCW
Free-will Offering
Everyone welcome!



**SPAGHETTI, SALAD,
GARLIC BREAD & DESSERT**

**March 22, 2023
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm**

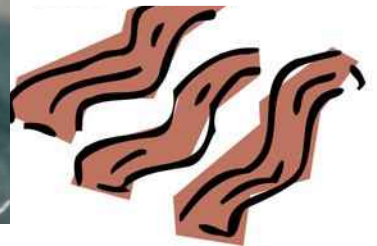
Served by Evangelism, Stewardship &
Education Committees
Free-will offering
Everyone welcome!

**SLOPPY JOES, VEGGIES,
CHIPS & DESSERT**



**March 8, 2023
5:30 - 6:45 pm**
Served by
FLY
Free-will offering
Everyone welcome!

**PANCAKES,
BACON & FRUIT
SUPPER**



**March 29, 2023
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm**
Served by
Super Sunday Supper
Free-will offering
Everyone welcome!

YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS

Melissa Rothe - Coordinator of Student Ministries fly@westriv.com



Serving Food: We will be serving the Lenten meal on March 8th. This meal will consist of sloppy joes, chips, veggies, and dessert. We will also be serving food at the Lions Carnival on March 18th. More details to come for this menu. These

opportunities help fund different events that we participate in throughout the year.

Ski/Snowboard Retreat: Thank you to Julie Bentz for her willingness to drive and spend time with the 10 youth that we took to Bottineau Winter Park and Camp Metigoshe. Also thank you to my parents for hosting us for a few hours at the lake cabin. **Thank you for the generous donations for the youth to go to this retreat!**

LENT: We will continue to meet after the Wednesday Lenten services with the exception of March 1st.

Dates to Note:

March 1st: **Pizza Day, NO FLY**

March 8th: Serving the Lenten Meal

March 18th: Serving food at the Lions Carnival

Every week:

Wednesday nights: Youth Group, 8 pm

Sunday mornings: Youth group, 10:45 am

Question to ask the youth and kids in your life:

Sharing the Gospel is important but often scary for youth. How can you share the Gospel with others?

Pray for the Youth:

Christ, lead in your truth the young people today. Let them not be attracted by new idols, such as consumerism, well-being at any cost, moral permissiveness, violent protest, but let them live your message with joy, which is the message of the beatitudes, the message of love for God and for one's neighbor, and share that joy with others.



Ian Thomas Sheldon
Baptized February 19, 2023

Pictured:
Joe, Kellie, Charlee, Orrin & Ian Sheldon

We welcome Ian Sheldon as our newest member of First Lutheran.



FLCW NEWS

March, 2023

Executive Board:

Leilani Olafson
Donna Gunderson

Secretary:

Marlys Knell

Treasurer:

LeAnn Richard

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Marlys Knell
LeAnn Richard
Gwen DeMontigny

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

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
Donna Gunderson



The FLCW Executive Board met, and discussion was held that Donna Gunderson and Sylvia Thompson volunteered to make vinyl tables cloths for the fellowship room. It was approved to purchase supplies to make the round tablecloths.

Thank you Donna Gunderson and LeAnn Richard for Co-Chairing the Prayer Partner Tea on February 19th.

The Lenten meal will be served on March 1.

- Work Group 1 - Bread, Crackers & Butter.
- Work Groups 2, 3, & 4 - Soup
- Work Group 5 - Bars.

Camp of the Cross donations by FLCW for campers will be \$50 for 1/2 week and \$80 for Full week.

March

- 1 Lenten Meal - All Work Groups Serve
5 General Meeting after church
March 23 & 24 - Quilting at 9 a.m.

April

- 14 Goodies From the Heart (Bring goodies to church & package)
Alli Sheldon - Chairperson
15 Deliver Goodies From the Heart
27 Quilting - 9:00 am
28 Family Movie - 7:00 pm - Leilani Olafson, Cahir

Leilani Olafson & Donna Gunderson, Co-Chairs



Women's Bible Study

Deborah Bible Study
March 16 - 9:30 AM
at the church

Marlys Knell &
Kathy Keller
host

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

Study is Lesson 1

FLCW PRAYER PARTNER TEA - FEBRUARY 19, 2023



Front Row: Sharon Chrest, Judy Beaudry, Mary Ann Beeks, LeAnn Richard, Donna Gunderson, Val Swanson, Sylvia Thompson, Linda Zeller
Back Row: Audrey Pauling, Arlene Schwarz, Marlys Knell, Ivadell Larson, Stephanie Mann, Jeneen Loe, Cathy Sheldon, Kathy Keller, Kathy Key
Missing was: Brenda Ankenbauer, Sonja Bergstedt, Carla Bickert, Norma Petersen, Alexis Solomonson, Sande Wagner, Peggy Wollmuth



Thank you work group 1 for preparing and serving the tea.
Servers were: Ruth Borlaug, Amanda, Tia & Myla Vetter



Gift basket made and put together by LeAnn Richard.



Delicious strawberry shortcake and punch!
Donna Gunderson's famous chocolates.

LOOK FOR MORE FEBRUARY 1ST PIZZA DAY PICTURES ON OTHER PAGES!



Our February pizza day helpers: Theresa Petersen, Steve Wollmuth, Arden Wagner, Claudette Ness, LeAnn Richard, Brenda Suckow, Maybell Job and Sande Wagner. Not pictured is Sharon Chrest.





CHAPTER SIX

THE INDESCRIBABLE JOY OF GIVING

THE REV. DONA JOHNSON

Have you ever wondered why the Bible says that “God loves a cheerful giver”? God loves a joyful giver because such givers are investing in heaven, and such an investment pays eternal dividends. How would you feel if you knew the person who gave you a special gift was in fact resentful or irritated that they gave it to you? You sure wouldn’t feel any joy in receiving it. For many, giving of our time, talents and treasures may seem like a total chore, a duty void of any joy because of a fear there isn’t enough. Henri Nouwen once said, “Every time I take a step in the direction of generosity, I know I am moving from fear to love.” For many others giving is pure joy — they see their life with God in terms of abundance. How do you generally approach giving? How you and I approach giving demonstrates the conditions of our hearts and our spiritual life.

JOY IS TRUSTING GOD

Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full” (John 15:11). God’s joy is in us. It is overflowing. Christian joy is not based solely on feelings, and it cannot be taken away. Jesus also said, “Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full” (John 16:24). The joy that God gives us is not at the mercy of the world but is independent of the world. When giving is generous in congregations, there is a consistent message of trust among leadership that God is enough. This trust is a fundamental precondition; through it, a culture of scarcity can be transformed into an ever-expanding culture of generosity.

In the Old Testament, when the tabernacle was being built, people were asked to trust God’s promises, to give and receive great joy! They got so caught up in the joy of their heavenly

investments there was no more fear and they had to be “restrained” from giving more (Exodus 36:1-7). Imagine for a moment if giving was so generous and joy so overflowing in your congregation that you had to tell those who gave to stop giving! In the building of the tabernacle, we see how the act of giving becomes a joyful act of worship, an expression of one’s own experiences of and trust of God’s love and care.

GENEROUS LIVING A MATTER OF THE HEART

In 2 Corinthians 9:6-11, Paul insists that no one is ever a loser through generosity. Giving is like sowing seeds. Those who sow with a sparing hand cannot hope for anything more than a meager harvest, but those who sow with a generous hand will in time reap a generous return. The New Testament is never afraid of the reward motive. Living within the commands and teachings of our Lord makes us not so much wealthy in material things as it makes us rich in the heart — rich in love, rich in friendships and rich towards God. Paul hoped that ultimately giving would be an act of worship, glorifying God and leading to growth in the giver. Luther said, “We can mark our lack of faith by our joy; for our joy must necessarily be as great as our faith.”

God loves a cheerful giver because a giver can’t be cheerful unless his or her heart is fully open towards God. Joy comes from God. It is a spiritual gift (Galatians 5:22). There is an unbreakable connection between what I offer to God and the state or attitude of my heart. If I am stingy with money towards God, then that says something about how I think about God and how I trust God. If I am reluctant to give my time and talents to serve others, it says something about how seriously I take the Great Commission and my own discipleship. If I am hesitant to sacrifice things that already belong to God (my

life, my time, my spiritual gifts, my talents and all my wealth and material possessions), then it speaks volumes about the condition of my own heart and where I find my security in this world. First Chronicles 29:9 reminds us that true giving is a spiritual practice. In the end, the offering was more than a material one, for its substance already belonged to the Lord. The real offerings were spiritual, matters of the heart — a sincere motivation to honor God and a readiness to give.

Joy can only come from a heart set on things above, not on earthly things. In today's world, there seems to be a shortage of joy. Giving is often stripped of the spiritual and seen as purely transactional. When I purchase an item or service, I expect to get something back in return. If what I purchase doesn't meet my expectations or I am not happy with it, then I might ask for a refund or withhold payment. That is how the world's economy works. But in God's economy, the motive for giving is not fueled by the expectation of getting something back, but is driven solely by what God has already given us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Through the work of the Holy Spirit, joyful giving becomes purely transformational. Every time we give generously, our hearts are opened and we become God's image bearers. Because God gives first. We give to God and others because God first moves the human heart to give. God gives us both the substance to give and the spirit in which to give it. Giving then becomes a joyful sacrifice rather than a reluctant obligation. When a person's heart trusts God to provide for every need, then he or she feels free to give, is eager to give, and looks for every opportunity to give abundantly.

THE GRACE OF GIVING

In 2 Corinthians 9:8, Paul uses the word *autarkeia*, which means “having all sufficiency,” and, being properly self-sufficient, having all we need within through the indwelling of Christ. Having all we need in Jesus Christ — love, mercy, an abundance of forgiveness, and eternal life — we are then content and satisfied to live on less, so that others might live abundantly. Then we are defined not by how much we have but by how much we give away. It is so often true that we want so much for ourselves that there is nothing left to give others, but our significance and sufficiency are found in Jesus alone. Not only that, it is not us but God who gives us the spirit in which to give — all grace. For when we give, it does something for others, it does something in us and it brings us into the very heart of God. And thus, the joy of giving is all the more transformational.

While visiting several rural parishes in Tanzania, I was amazed that the people who were very poor by the world's standards were extremely rich in joy. Their churches were humble structures — no windows or doors, no chairs, let alone electricity or music or audio-visual equipment — but their hearts were filled with joy. The songs they sang were joyful and put me to shame. They gave us gifts: hard-boiled eggs, bags of beans and rice — all of great value to them. In my mind's eye, I still see them hugging our Jeep and waving goodbye.

No, they were not secure in the riches of the world, but they were rich in the joy of our Lord. To this day, I find their joy indescribable. Their joyous generosity convicted me, filled my heart with hope and transformed my own outlook on joyful giving.

ENGAGE

1. Describe a time when you gave generously and it gave you great joy. Describe a time when you received a generous gift. What happened inside you?
2. Is giving a transformational experience for you, filled with joy, or is it more transactional, like a duty or obligation? When you give, do you give with the mindset of “pay the bills,” or do you give to embrace your congregation's vision? What's the difference? Openly discuss.
3. Read Exodus 36:1-7, and imagine for a moment that in your own congregation, God's people gave so much of their time, talents, and wealth that you had to tell them to stop giving — you had more than enough. Is this level of generosity possible? Why or why not? What may be some barriers?
4. Name a few ways you joyfully celebrate generosity in your congregation.

Heavenly Father, as the psalmist says, you open your hand and satisfy the thirst and hunger of every living thing. We give and are filled with joy at all the generous blessings of grace and provisions you daily provide us. Holy Spirit, open our hearts to the indescribable joy of giving, stir us to see giving generously as a heavenly investment which can be used now to help our neighbor and build up Christ's Church, and empower us to give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully as God's chosen priesthood. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

MARCH WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

5 - Rick Richard, Matthew Richard
12 - Peggy Moran, AJ Kuntz
19 - Linda Wohlk, Russ & Terri Leidholm
26 - Brandon & Haley Anderson

ACOLYTES

5 - Tanner Fiedler & Parker Jacobson
12 - Beckett Kadrmas & Hannah Klabunde
19 - Carter Engesser & Noah Jaeger
26 - Noah Holznagel & Kesia Boeshans

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

5 - Jeff Schmidt
12 - Tyge Sheldon
19 - Peggy Wollmuth
26 - Sunday School

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

5 - Jeff Schmidt, Janet Hanson, Alli Sheldon
19 - Peggy Wollmuth, Melanie Beckman,
Sharon Nelson

ALTAR CARE

Donna Kroll & Noelle Kroll

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECHS

5 - Stacy Boeshans
12 - Nate Fiedler
19 - Chris & Kyle Albers
26 - Matt Gardner

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

5 - Matthew & Chantal Richard
Rick & LeAnn Richard
12 - Janet Lazier, Dana & Chelsey Brandt
19 - Alice Richard, Kelly Richard
26 - Gary & Cindy Thiel



WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 1

USHERS/GREETERS

Tanner Fiedler & Parker Jacobson

SCRIPTURE READER

Jeff Schmidt

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECH

Matt Gardner

MARCH 8

USHERS/GREETERS

Oscar Wood & Beckett Kadrmas

SCRIPTURE READER

Peggy Moran

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECH

Don & DJ Winter

MARCH 15

USHERS/GREETERS

Berandt Olafson & Brady Nelson

SCRIPTURE READER

Jeff Schmidt

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECH

Melissa Rothe

MARCH 22

USHERS/GREETERS

Miley Blackaby & Brooke Knutson

SCRIPTURE READER

Brad Sheldon

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECH

Stacy Boeshans

March 29

USHERS/GREETERS

Haylie Bentz, Jada Vetter & Grace Omlid

SCRIPTURE READER

Haley Anderson

VIRTUAL SERVICE TECH

Don & DJ Winter

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Rick & LeAnn Richard
Randy & Janet Hanson

EVANGELISM



Evangelism
OPPORTUNITIES

The lists for ushers has been updated. There were nine groups and now there are six, so each group will be responsible for two months out of the year with the months rotating each year. The reason for the change was to provide more choices for the coordinators when looking for ushers. There are also two coordinators for each group. My goal was to have all our local members in a group. If you have been missed, I sincerely apologize. Please let the office know, and you will be assigned to

a group. Also, if you have an updated phone number, please let the office know so our records can be updated. Thank you all for your willingness to say yes when called by the coordinators to assist with the church service. ***Also, please call the coordinator ahead of time and volunteer for a Sunday that works for you.***

GROUPS	Year 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025	Year 2026
1	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.	April/Oct.
2	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.	April/Oct.	May/Nov.
3	March/Sept.	April/Oct.	May/Nov.	June/Dec.
4	April/Oct.	May/Nov.	June/Dec.	Jan./July
5	May/Nov.	June/Dec.	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.
6	June/Dec.	Jan./July	Feb./Aug.	March/Sept.

GROUP 4

Coordinators:

Randy & Gwen Hall, Melanie Beckman

Chris & Nicole Albers
 Darwin & Pat Anderson
 Melanie Beckman
 Taiton & Kaitlynn Carlson
 Jane Gutknecht
 Cameron Hall
 Randy & Gwen Hall
 Doug & Mary Haugtvedt
 Dallas & Chance Havig
 Kristi Jaeger
 Dale & Ann Kadrmas
 Jim & Kathy Kaiser
 Josh & Sarah Kraft
 Alton & Brenda Krebsbach
 Ardee Kurle
 Mike & Sharon Nelson
 Claudette Ness
 Hunter Oberlander
 Jan Olson
 Darrell & Stacey Scheresky
 Jeff & Amanda Schmidt
 Joe & Aimee Schmit
 Tyge & Alli Sheldon
 Wes & Pat Sick
 Brenda Suckow
 Kollin & Char Syverson
 Kitty Tweeten
 Amanda Vetter
 Kirk & Shanna Vollmuth
 Pam Vollmuth

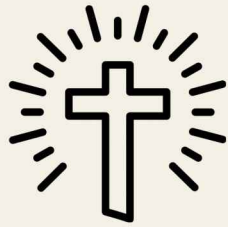
GROUP 5

Coordinators:

Larry & Kathy Keller
 Dean & Sonja Bergstedt

Mac & Judy Beaudry
 Dean & Sonja Bergstedt
 Staci Berube
 Ryan & Tammy Dockter
 Jason & Jaclyn Doll
 Jennifer Dutoit
 Rebecca Duvall
 Brad Hanson & Tonya Gieser
 Dwight & Joy Hanson
 Kacy Hardt
 David & Sharon Hoff
 Brittany Hoffert
 Dennis & Gayle Johnson
 Larry & Kathy Keller
 Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke
 Carissa Klabunde
 Dennis & Donna Kroll
 Jeff Leidholm
 Cody & Robin Lorentzen
 Mike & Jamie Nelson
 Brent & Theresa Petersen
 Drew & Katelyn Petersen
 Terry & Norma Petersen
 Dean & Sandy Schell
 Jolene Scholl
 Sylvia Thompson
 Grant Tweeten
 Rick & Laura Tweeten
 Lee & Annette Weisgarber
 Bob & Sandy Weisgarber

Members
wanted!



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF
THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE
PLEASE CONTACT
KACY HARDT AT (701) 351-0742.

WORSHIP REPORT

Jeff Schmidt - 701-202-1211

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.

If you alone are positioned on a first or third Sunday, both duties are assigned to you.

R = Reader; C = Communion Assistant

April

- 2 Jeff Schmidt (R & C)
Aaron & Alexis Solomonson (C)
- 6 Jeff Schmidt (R)
Peggy Wollmuth & Melanie Beckman (C)
- 7 Dewey Oster (R)
- 9 Brent Petersen (R & C) - 7:00 AM
Dewey Oster (R & C) - 9:30 AM
Brad Sheldon & Peggy Wollmuth (C) - 9:30 AM
- 16 Willie Ziemann (R & C)
Haley Anderson & Emily Retterath (C)
- 23 Jeff Schmidt (R)
- 30 Sunday School

May

- 7 Margaret Rasmussen (R & C)
Dwight Rasmussen & Gwen DeMontigny (C)
- 14 Gwen DeMontigny (R)
- 21 Randy Hanson (R & C)
Janet Hanson & Brent Petersen (C)
- 28 Jeff Schmidt (R)

June

- 4 George Swanson (R & C)
Dean Bergstedt & Jordan Swanson (C)
- 11 Community Riverboat Days Worship
- 18 Brent Petersen (R & C)
Drew Petersen & Jeff Schmidt (C)
- 25 Rick Richard (R)

THANK YOU

- ☺ Thank you Dwight & Margaret Rasmussen for helping tape the February newsletter for mailing.
- ☺ Thank you Melissa Rothe, Nate Fiedler, Dwight Rasmussen and Don & DJ Winter for taking on the responsibility of making sure we had YouTube Live this past month.
- ☺ Thank you to the following who helped out with the February Pizza Day: Maybell Job, Theresa Petersen, LeAnn Richard, Brenda Suckow, Arden & Sande Wagner, Steve Wollmuth, Claudette Ness and Sharon Chrest. A total of 66 youth were served.
- ☺ Thank you Peggy Wollmuth, Jolene Scholl and Lynn & Donna Sommer for serving meals to the confirmation youth and helpers.
- ☺ Thank you Deb Wisdom for polishing the offering plates.
- ☺ Dear "1st Lutherans" ☺

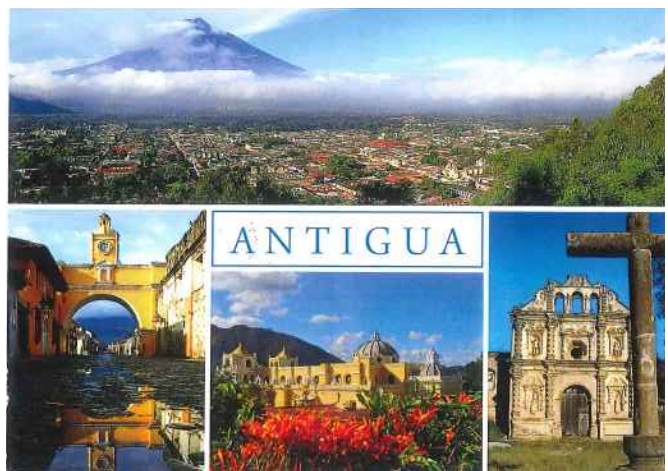
Well, just a big and very grateful Thank - you for the monetary \$ donation from your church towards our service team trip to Guatemala in January! We built 2 homes and we were able to purchase some much needed medicine and malnutrition formula and a nebulizer machine for the Casa Jackson Malnutrition hospital!

Had a great trip and we were able to bless many!

Thanks so much!

Love,

☺ Jill Wiese ☺



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- Digital thank you notes to send out after the event.

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A sneak peek inside

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You'll receive T-shirts to outfit your team, pennants to promote the event, and a Community Impact Card to purchase necessary supplies. Use your Leader Guidebook to track expenses and prepare for your upcoming event date.

For the day of the event

When it's finally show time, you'll have name tags for your team, volunteer pocketbooks and stickers to adhere to whatever your team sells or gives to event attendees.

Something to remember

When the project is done, show your gratitude by sending personalized thank you notes to your volunteers.





SUPER SUNDAY

SUPPER

Sunday, March 26th

4:00pm-6:00pm

First Lutheran Church-709 5th Avenue

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!

FREE WILL OFFERING

Questions or Schedule Meal Delivery

Call Judy: 701-220-4410



CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

March 10-11 4th-6th Grade Spring Bash
March 15-19 Crafting Weekend
March 24-25 7th-9th Grade Spring Bash

April 19-23 Crafting Weekend

June 17 Prairie Lake Festival
August 5 Annual CCM Golf Outing

- CRAFTING WEEKENDS – Options: 2 nights, 3 nights & 4 nights. Crafting Retreats continue to be popular, so register early to get in on all the fun! Join scrapbookers, stampers, quilters, cardmakers, knitters, beaders, rosemallers, and many more for this popular weekend to get away and do what you love to do!
- SPRING YOUTH BASHES – There are many activities planned, fun games, bible study and worship.
- GIVING HEARTS DAY – Wonderful success this year as there was a goal of \$25,000 to give some love to the Bethlehem Retreat House. This house was originally used for staff housing and later as a retreat center to house guests. Now it is being converted back to staff housing for the new Executive Director, Janie Hague. Plans are for flooring, windows, paint, fixtures as well as outside landscaping. The \$28,915 raised will be very helpful for these improvements as the house has been at the camp since 2001.

- Watch for a report in April on the CCM Annual Meeting results from February 26, 2023.
- SUMMER 2023 – Registrations are open on the website under Upcoming Events so you can start planning for summer! Early bird discount registration deadline is **April 1, 2023**. I am waiting for final decisions from groups for support to cover the camp fees. Watch for updates in the Sunday bulletins and for the paper that will be distributed in March to the Sunday School classes.
- SUMMER 2023 STAFF NEEDED – If you know of anyone – please let CCM know so they can be in contact with them. Staffing is one of the factors that helps determine the number of campers Camp of the Cross can accommodate at each session.

Thank you to EVERYONE for continuing to support OUR Camp of the Cross, whether it be through a special appeal or on a regular basis!

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

Thank You
Peggy Moran

NEWSLETTERS



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Are you still debating whether or not to stop receiving your monthly newsletter in the mail and reading it on the church website?

Advantages of online are:

- ⇒ You are able to read it the same or next day the newsletters are mailed out. Once the newsletter is on the website Jeannette emails you to let you know it is there and ready to read.
- ⇒ It is in color (online) vs black and white

(mailed out)

- ⇒ Plus you would be saving the church money.

The post office has changed the way we mail out the newsletters and is costing the church more each month with that change. If you are interested in changing to online only vs mailed, please email your email address to Jeannette at fic@westriv.com, or you can call or stop in the office with it.

**Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds
(Sunday, January 29 to Sunday, February 19)**

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

Building Fund..... \$0.00

Camp of the Cross \$0.00

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

General Fund..... \$300.00

Mac & Judy Beaudry Ken Carr
Orlin & Ivadell Larson..... Wilmer Schwarz
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth..... In Honor of Prayer
Partner

Wes Sauer Ken Carr

Wes Sauer Wilmer Schwarz

Mac & Judy Beaudry Kay Gaasedelen

Mac & Judy Beaudry Chuck Sheldon

Mac & Judy Beaudry Milo Holznagel

Mac & Judy Beaudry Harold Holtz

Mac & Judy Beaudry Wilmer Schwarz

Mac & Judy Beaudry .. In Honor of Dick & Barbara
Brewster's 50th Anniversary

Wes Sauer Dick Britton

Alton & Brenda Krebsbach Rosalee Freidt

Alton & Brenda Krebsbach Dianne Bakken

Wes Sauer Donna Nelson

Wes Sauer Wilmer Schwarz

Sharon Chrest.....Alice Brown

Global Missions..... \$0.00

LWR..... \$50.00

Steve & Peggy Wollmuth..... Ken Carr

Mary Ann Beeks..... Wilmer Schwarz

Fund given to & by whom In Memory of

Music \$115.00

Jeneen Loe..... Donna Nelson

The following are all in memory of Wilmer Schwarz:

Duane & Marlys Knell

Kitty Tweeten

Claudette Ness

Elmer & Arlene Schwarz

Terry & Norma Petersen

Parking Lot Fund \$45.00

AJ & Doddie Kuntz (3 times).....Keith Kuntz

Pizza Day \$45.00

Dick & Carla Bickert... In Honor of Arden & Sande
Wagner's 60th Anniversary

Dick & Carla Bickert..... Wilmer Schwarz

Relief Missions..... \$150.00

Bob & Marlene Frank..... Eric & Aaron Frank

Sunday School..... \$100.00

Brad & Cathy SheldonIn Honor of Ian Thomas
Sheldon

Super Sunday Supper \$0.00

US/Local Missions \$0.00

VBS \$0.00

World Hunger \$0.00

Worship \$0.00




Our sympathy goes out to:

⇒ Dale & Geniel Schell and family on the death of Dale's mother, Delma Schell

May God give them comfort in this time of sorrow.







As of February 29, 2023:

Our envelope giving is \$39,949.64 with a yearly budget of \$215,000.00.
\$9,875.24 ahead of budget.

The plate giving is \$1,030.00 with a yearly budget of \$8,500.00.
\$158.98 behind budget.

Thank you for your giving.

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 Robyn Ness	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
12 Brady Nelson Clay Price	13 Joe Schmit Tim Thiel	14 Haylie Bentz Jeannette Rost	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 Bellamy Backman Kyle Hegre Samantha Schell	24 LilyAnne Beckman Cole Helmers Kris Schmidt	25 Sarah Courtemanche Kristi Jaeger David 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	



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, January 29 - Sunday, February 19. 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 Delma Schell
- ◆ Millie Leidholm
- ◆ Family of Donna Nelson
- ◆ Helen Samuelson
- ◆ Taylor Gardner
- ◆ Greg Krance - Brother-in-law to Jeff Schmidt
- ◆ Dani & Quentin Bergstad - Family of Chris & Nicole Albers
- ◆ Tyler Engesser
- ◆ Kaylene Patterson
- ◆ Barbara Brewster
- ◆ Marty Yinger - Cousin to Pastor Chuck
- ◆ Peggy Schmitz
- ◆ Melissa Chrest
- ◆ Tom Neary
- ◆ Barb Walker - Mother to Laura Tweeten
- ◆ Tom & Mary Jo Olson - Relative's of the Olson's
- ◆ Alton Krebsbach
- ◆ Doug Price - Father to Clay Price
- ◆ Jeff Wretling - Brother-in-law to Kristi Jaeger
- ◆ Terri Leidholm
- ◆ Sylvia Enockson - Grandma to Alexis Solomonson
- ◆ Bob Frank
- ◆ Mac Beaudry
- ◆ William Retterath - Father to Luke Retterath
- ◆ Gay Larsen - Sister to Gayle Johnson
- ◆ Howard Johnson
- ◆ Ivan Keller – Brother to Larry Keller
- ◆ Petra Berdnick - Co-worker's daughter of Kristi Jaeger
- ◆ Nate & Laura Lutkemeier
- ◆ Jack Adkins
- ◆ Conley Staigle - Son of Dan & Amber Staigle
- ◆ Addilynn Lunstad - Daughter of Toby Carlson Lunstad
- ◆ Dorene Wood - Mother of Chuck Wood
- ◆ Kyle Germundson - Friend of Kristi Jaeger
- ◆ Jeannette Neil
- ◆ Gracie Larson
- ◆ Tanner Brunsell

- ◆ Becky Matthews
- ◆ Brandy Rahr
- ◆ Joyce Risan
- ◆ Roger Hall - Brother to Randy Hall
- ◆ Connie Lawson
- ◆ Kathy Key
- ◆ Karen Goehring
- ◆ Keith Hammerbeck - Family friend of the Kugler's
- ◆ Ruby from Pine Ridge
- ◆ Claire Boucher
- ◆ Jamie Baumann
- ◆ Elaine Renfrow - Mother to Lynette Sondrol
- ◆ Harlow Tatum - Daughter of Brea (Gutknecht) Tatum
- ◆ Ruth Lund - Mother to Doddie Kuntz
- ◆ John Krebsbach - Brother to Peggy Wollmuth
- ◆ Arlo Omoth - Brother to Jeneen Loe

Military Prayer and Card List

We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

Members of First Lutheran on Active Duty in The Military and the National Guard:

- ◆ SGT Bryce Rost – Army National Guard
- ◆ Olivia Retterath - National Guard
- ◆ SPC Christian Gardner - Army National Guard
- ◆ Cassidy Sommer - National Guard
- ◆ SPC Jonathan Melvard - Army National Guard - Deployed

Friends and Family on Active Duty in the Military and in the National Guard:

- ◆ SGT Dustin Enockson – National Guard
- ◆ Emily Johnson - Air Force
- ◆ Bryar Anderson - Marines
- ◆ 1SG Jordan Ternes - Army National Guard
- ◆ TECH SGT Andre Austin
- ◆ Hunter Feigum - National Guard
- ◆ Morris Duffy - Medical Air Guard - Deployed
- ◆ Brandon Searcy - Navy - Deployed





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			1 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study Noon Pizza Day 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir NO FLY	2 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study	3 World Day of Prayer	4
5 Second Sunday of Lent Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School FLY Bible Study FLCW General Meeting 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	6	7 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 5:30 PM Lutheran Theology Bible Study 6:30 PM Council	8 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM FLY	9 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study	10	11 DON'T FORGET TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED TONIGHT!
12 Third Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School FLY Bible Study 7:00 PM First Communion Class AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	13 10:00 AM Chat & Sew Quilting	14 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 6:00 PM Lutheran Theology Bible Study	15 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM FLY	16 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study	17	18 FLY serving food at Lions Carnival
19 Fourth Sunday of Lent Holy Communion 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School FLY Bible Study 7:00 PM First Communion Class AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	20 Noon Newsletter Deadline	21 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 6:00 PM Lutheran Theology Bible Study	22 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM FLY	23 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study 9:00 AM Quilting	24 9:00 AM Quilting	25 10:00 AM Raising Hope Ministry at the Church
26 Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School FLY Bible Study 4 - 6 PM Super Sunday Supper 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	27	28 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group 6:00 PM Lutheran Theology Bible Study	29 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:45 PM Lenten Meal 6:15 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM Lenten Worship 7:45 PM Choir 8:00 PM FLY	30 AM Pastor Chuck at Text Study		April 1 1:00 PM First Communion Class bakes Communion Bread

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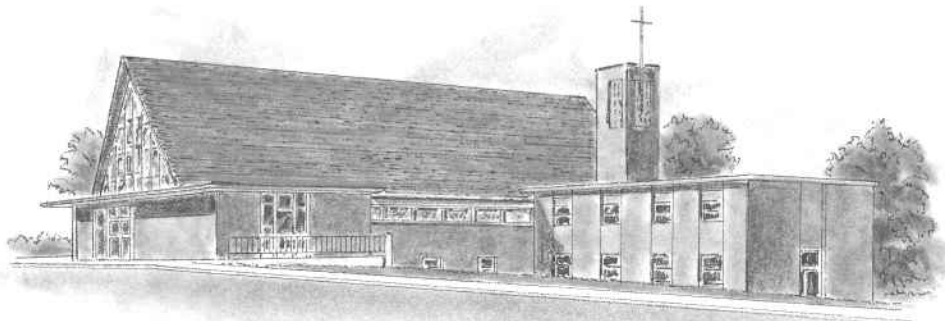
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM

Sunday School - 10:45 AM

FLY - 10:45 AM

Bible Study - 10:45 AM

(Led by Alexis Solomonson)

AA Meeting - 7:00 PM

Al-Anon Meeting - 7:00 PM