



THE PARISH NEWS



January, 2025

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Kacy Hardt, Interim Education Chair
Kacy Hardt, Evangelism Deacon
Julie Bentz, Stewardship Trustee*

**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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New Year's Message FROM THE PASTOR

"January 1, 1875: A fresh new year, thanks be to God!"

The year 1874 in Kansas was especially difficult for Henry Rueggs and his neighbors. On July 29th, a horde of grasshoppers swarmed onto the farm, methodically and mercilessly devouring every green, growing thing. The effects of that devastation were recorded in the final entry of Henry's diary for that year:

December 31, 1874

I harvested this year:

From 8 acres of corn, nothing
From 36 acres of wheat, 350 bushels
From 6 acres of oats, feet only
From 2 acres vegetables and potatoes, seed only,
Scarce and poor quality.

Looking at his diary entry, Henry could have quit. Many others did, moving back east or looking for work in budding towns. But he didn't. Later that same night, Henry turned the page and wrote in his firm, bold hand:

"January 1, 1875. A fresh new year, thanks be to God!"

As we turn the pages of time, we recognize the significance of the date. It's January, the start of a new year, the start of something new. Like old Henry Rueggs, we understand that simple concept of saying good-bye to the past and being reenergized by the hope of the new. That's the heart and core of the Christian message and the Christian faith. God has taken our past, with all its sin, faults, and failures, and has cleansed it, and in Jesus Christ gives us a reenergizing hope for the new. Every day is a "fresh new day" for the Child of God who clings to the promises of Christ.

As the New Year starts, may it be a "fresh new year" for you in every way!

A Blessed New Year!

Pastor Krueger





COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 16, 2024

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



The Church Council met on December 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM. Present were Julie Bentz, Joe Sheldon, Sarah Rosenquist, Kacy Hardt, Pastor Krueger, Janet Hanson, Aaron Solomonson and Alli Sheldon. Jeannette Rost was also present. Chris Albers was absent.

President Joe Sheldon called the meeting to order. Alli Sheldon/Hardt to approve the agenda. Motion Carried

Pastor Krueger leads devotions from Isaiah 7:14.

Krueger/Alli Sheldon approve November 18, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Committee reviewed the treasurers report. The following balances are on hand: Checking: \$157,553.11; Building: \$96,112.98; FLY: \$27,259.78; Interest: \$20,090.78; Music: \$2,723.33; Pizza Day: \$130.00; Raising Hope Ministry: \$90; Super Sunday Supper: \$3,904.23; Worship: \$2,603.44; Ameriprise Financial: \$39,995.60; Morgan Stanley: \$11,992.40; Total Assets: \$362,455.65. Hardt/Bentz approve to file future audit and pay non budgeted bills. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Deferred until next meeting

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee - no report

Worship Committee - Sarah would like to thank all of those that helped her put up the Christmas tree.

Education Committee - The Christmas program went well. Looking to order vacation Bible school items as they are currently on sale. Sadie Lauf wishes to be nominated for the Education Committee chair.

Evangelism Committee - Working on new member bags

Property Committee - no report

Executive Committee - no report

Mutual Ministry Committee - no report

Old Business:

1. We have \$583.37 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. \$210 will be spent on the Christmas Song Book for the Leader News.
2. Updates on Architectural Expansion Committee - Survey was developed and distributed in the church.

3. Update on streaming issues - seems to be fixed with the new Vimeo account which continues to be a project to get it fully functioning to all its abilities.
4. Matt Gardner and Aaron Solomonson will get together to sign paperwork to transfer Ameriprise funds to the Endowment account.
5. 2025 Budget - looking at increasing Licensing for streaming which will be looked at our next meeting.

New Business:

1. McLean County Sheriff's Department asking for money for the child and drug safety material. Hardt/Solomonson motion \$75 from Thrivent dollars. Motion carried.
2. For the year of 2025, First Lutheran Church designates \$46,000 of the Rev. Paul Krueger's salary as Designated Housing Allowance. Properly accounted housing expenses up to this amount will serve as an offset to his yearly salary and will be reflected in his 2025 W-2 form. Any amount of this designated housing allowance that is not used will be treated as salary and thereby reflected upon Rev. Krueger's 2025 W-2 form. Alli Sheldon/Rosenquist motion. Motion carried.

Transfer Requests:

Transfers in:
None

Transfers out:
None

By Affirmation of Faith:
None

Remove From Membership per Their Request:
Mark Weygand

Solomonson/Bentz motion to remove members.
Motion carried.

Council Scheduled next meeting for January 12th at 1:00 pm.

Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

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Hardt/Alli Sheldon adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Alli Sheldon
Church Council Secretary



**2025 LCMC
Three Days of Prayer –
Special Guest:
Rev. Bob Nordvall**

The LCMC Three Days of Prayer for 2025 kicks off January 7th, with our prayerful focus this year on the global mission field and the work of Tartu Academy of Theology in the country of Estonia – one of the world mission opportunities that we support at First Lutheran Church.

Following WW II, Estonia was occupied by the Soviet Union who had an aggressive agenda to destroy the country’s deep Christian roots. During the first 10 years of Soviet occupation, 2/3rds of the Lutheran pastors were killed or imprisoned as the percentage of Estonian Christians plummeted from 98% in pre-WW II days to less than 12% of the population today.

Like other parts of the world, there is a hunger for hope and healing that comes from the Gospel of Christ and the country of Estonia is slowly being changed as Estonian Christians help their friends and neighbors rediscover the person Jesus. Tartu Academy of Theology is helping to meet the hunger for Christ as it’s programs and ministries are growing explosively in this once atheist country. As one of the mission agencies that we have financially supported, our 2025 LCMC Three Days of Prayer focus will allow us to also support their life-changing work with prayer.

Bringing our 2025 LCMC Three Days of Prayer to a close, will be one of our LCMC Global missionaries, Rev. Bob Nordvall who works directly with Tartu Theological Academy. Rev. Nordvall served as pastor of Charity Lutheran Church here in Bismarck, ND for more than 25 years before accepting a call to the mission work of Tartu Academy of Theology. Pastor Nordvall will join Pastor Krueger as our special guest on Sunday, January 12th. As we pray for global missions, including the work of Tartu Theological Academy, January 12th will be a Sunday that you won’t want to miss!

For further information go to Tartu Academy of Theology’s website: tatest.org.

EVANGELISM REPORT

Kacy Hardt - Evangelism Deacon



Christmas time is a blessed time at First Lutheran Church. We were honored to be asked by Washburn Public School to help fill their school pantry with necessities for those in the school who need extra help. With the help of our congregation, we were able to OVER fill the pantry and start the new year off right for the school and their students.

Our Evangelism Committee had to reschedule their meeting in December due to the weather, so we are hoping to get this up and running with some new and exciting things after the first of the year!

As for myself, I am blessed and honored to be a part of FLC! Thanks to all who have made our church family feel welcomed! We truly have a great community!

***For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ
Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in
advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10***



JANUARY 18TH FUNDRAISER: HELP THE MISSION TEAM!



Team Guatemala is looking for anyone willing to help with a LARGE fundraiser on January 18th. The school is hosting a Taekwondo tournament for 100-200 students and their families (about

800+ people) from 9 am to about 5 pm. Team Guatemala was asked to provide the food and concessions for the day. This is a task bigger than the group of people we have so we are asking for YOUR assistance with serving the food. If you can help us with a two or three hour shift, please contact Melissa Rothe. We will have a more detailed sign-up sheet in early January. We have a job for everyone! Thank you for your support!

EDUCATION REPORT

Kacy Hardt - Interim Education Chair

Sunday, December 15th was the FLC Sunday School Programs and the youth did an amazing job! Without the help of our amazing Sunday School Crew and Youth Group we would not have been able to pull it off! Thank you to the following:

- Sadie Lauf for directing the production
- Sunday School teachers/helpers:
Kellie Sheldon, Alexis Solomonson, Mandy Wimer, Julie Bentz, Patty Winn, Sadie Lauf, Sarah Kadrmas, Haylie Bentz, Brooke Knutson, Sarah Ternes, Kaitlynn Carlson, Kathy Wuolu, Bekka Bentz, Chloe Erber, Gracie Omlid, Kylee Fiedler, Brianna Torrez, Ava Schmidt, and Olivia Schmidt

- Melissa Rothe - all of your amazing tech skills
- Stacy Boeshans & Kesia Boeshans - your decorating skills
- Pastor Paul and Jada Vetter - thank you for blessing us with your musical talents
- Parents who signed up to bring goodies and serve the fellowship hour
- Jeannette - for publishing all of our wonderful signs

It has been a wonderful year at First Lutheran Church and I cannot wait to see what He has planned for us in 2025! God bless!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM December 15, 2024





FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH CANTATA
December 8, 2024



December 1, 2024 Baptism
Rayden Otis Vetter

Pictured:
Tyler & Amanda Vetter and children,
Tia, Myla, Zyden, Vada and Rayden

We welcome Rayden as our newest member
of First Lutheran Church.



Kellie Sheldon

Raising Hope Ministry



I would like to thank Claudette Ness for her generous quilt donation to the ministry this past month. Your giving is a beautiful reminder of God's goodness and you are spreading love to families who are in need of comfort and healing.

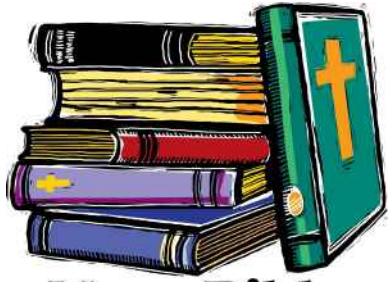


My helper and I completed one blanket and I look forward to finishing up the rest of the blankets. I appreciate anyone who has supported and continues to support this ministry. You are all more precious than gold. I often question God's plan for this ministry, and then He shows up with perfect reminders of why He has called me to help others.

Please join me on January 26th for more tie blanket making! I have a couple left to complete and would appreciate your help!

GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER - CENTERPIECE MAKING





New Bible Study Series

THE COMING GOLDEN AGE

By Dr David Jeremiah

31 ways to be kingdom ready.

Begins January 19, 2025

8:30 AM

Led by Cathy Sheldon

Everyone is welcome to join this Bible Study!

The headlines keep shouting how terrible everything is, but can we hear God whispering what He is going to do about it?

Our darkened world is creaking and groaning under the strain of war, dissension, corruption, and disease—but the future will be much brighter for those who trust in Jesus Christ and wait expectantly for His Second Coming and the millennial kingdom that He will establish.

Throughout this richly researched book, Dr. David Jeremiah draws on Scripture with a pastoral heart and a scholarly mind to paint a vivid portrait of the thousand-year Golden Age. In thirty-one engaging chapters, he unfolds the nuanced details of an era when...

Jerusalem will be the capital of a world marked by holiness and global peace;

Jesus will literally reign over the earth from His throne in Jerusalem, accessible to His people;

Sickness will be rare, fierce animals will become gentle, and prosperity will abound;

Worship will be spontaneous, continuous, and glorious;

Satan will be bound from tormenting and tempting us

...and much more.

Prepare to be swept along in this biblically rooted exploration of the glories that await those who follow our Savior and King into the Millennium and beyond—and savor the hope, joy, and peace that can be yours in the meantime.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 2, 2025
11:45 AM



All committee reports are due in the church office no later than noon on January 15th for the annual report.

Email your report to:
flc@westriv.com
or bring your report to the church office. Email is preferred in word document, not PDF.

YOUTH GROUP/CONFIRMATION HAPPENINGS



Every Wednesday night
5:30-6:15 Meal
6:15-7:45 Confirmation and 10th-12th grade
Youth Group
7:45-9:00 7th-9th Youth Group

Confirmation: We are more than halfway through the confirmation year!! I am so impressed by all of the students and their willingness to learn! They have grown so much this year! As we approach Lent, the students are expected to take 6 Lenten notes.

Dates to Note:

All other dates will be posted on Remind.

January 8th
Pizza Day, Confirmation and YG resumes

Question to ask the youth in your life: What do you want to accomplish this year? How can I pray for you to accomplish your goals? What do you think will be the biggest obstacles to your goals?

Pray for the Youth: Lord, please help us learn from our mistakes. Challenge us to grow with each opportunity this year. Teach us grace that we may walk with strength and help us to develop compassion to those around us! Amen!

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



In October, we experienced issues with YouTube streaming. Since November, we have been streaming the church services through a service called Vimeo. Pastor Paul and Melissa decided that continuing with Vimeo was the best option because the timeline for a fix on YouTube is still unknown.

What it means for you:

To watch the live streaming or watching services later,

1. Go to flcwashburn.com

2. Scroll down and click on the BLUE button that says Watch Live
3. If you are watching live, the video will be shown on this page.
4. If you would like to watch a service after, scroll down and click on the archive button.
 - a. Services will not be available immediately after services. They will be available by Monday afternoon at the latest.

Questions:

If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Melissa Rothe.

If you are struggling to find the service or how to access the videos, we have some high school kids that are willing to help you with your technology in your home. Please contact Melissa Rothe to schedule "FLY Tech Support."

Have you picked up your 2025 offering envelopes yet?

If not, please stop in the narthex and check your mailbox. **Your mailbox is the one under your name.** If you are a member of First Lutheran and do not find one for yourself, and would like a set, please see Jeannette in the church office. It makes it easier on the money counters and administrative secretary if you use your envelopes.



JUNE 2025 GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP PARENT FREE TIME FUNDRAISER - DECEMBER 8, 2024



FLCW NEWS

January, 2025

Executive Board:

Co-Chairs:

Donna Gunderson
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Secretary:

Brenda Suckow

Treasurer:

LeAnn Richard

Growth (Confirmation & Graduation Tea and 3rd Grade Bibles):

Janet Hanson
Joan Holznagel

Committees:

Action (Quilts, LWR Kits):

Marlys Knell
LeAnn Richard
Gwen DeMontigny

Community:

Kathy Keller
Meals on Wheels
Lions Bake Sale
Alli Sheldon
Goodies From the Heart

Altar Guild:

Theresa Petersen

Audit:

Mary Ann Beeks

Camp of the Cross:

Peggy Moran

Decorating, Receptions/ Bulletin Board Decorating:

Donna Gunderson

Good Cheer:

Mary Ann Beeks

Kitchen:

Arlene Schwarz
Kathy Keller
Linda Zeller

Library:

Sharon Chrest
Sande Wagner
Norma Petersen
Arlene Schwarz

Prayer Chain:

First Lutheran Church
Jeannette Rost

Service Secretary:

Sharon Chrest
Donna Gunderson



Thanks to Arlene and Elmer Schwarz, Joan Holznagel and LeAnn Richard for helping decorate the church! You are so appreciated!

The Advent Breakfast was a great start to the Christmas season! Thanks to the Executive Board for planning the event! Thanks to work group 4 for the delicious breakfast and also to Janet Hanson for the craft. Thanks to all who attended and hopefully enjoyed "The 12 Days of Christmas" program.

JANUARY EVENTS

January is our month for meals on Wheels. Please call Kathy Keller if you are able to help.

23 & 24 Quilting - 9:00 am - All are welcome to help!

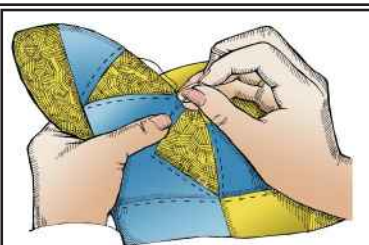
FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 9 Lions Bake Sale - Kathy Keller, Chairperson
- 10 Executive board meeting - 10:00 am
- 16 Secret Prayer Partner Tea - 2:00 pm - Work Group 1 serves (LeAnn and Donna will host)
- 27 & 28 Quilting - 9:00 am - All are welcome to help!

Please check your mailboxes for your FLCW 2025 books. Watch in your books for upcoming events!

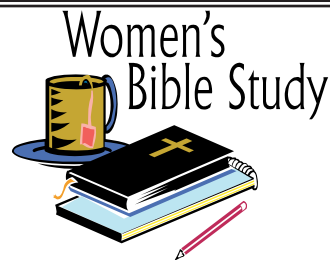
DON'T JUST ATTEND YOUR CHURCH.
LOVE YOUR CHURCH, SERVE,
GIVE, JOIN, WORSHIP AND ENGAGE!

Donna Gunderson ,Co-Chair



QUILTING GROUP

January 23 & 24
9:00 AM



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

Study is Tender Warrior - Lesson 10

Deborah Bible Study

January 16

9:30 AM

at the church

Cathy Sheldon, Host

FLCW ADVENT BREAKFAST - December 7, 2024







THANKSGIVING MEAL





PIZZA DAY - December 4, 2024

101 Youth Served

Thank you Randy & Janet Hanson, Pastor Paul Krueger, Theresa Petersen, Maybell Job, Wes Sauer, Audrey Pauling, LeAnn Richard, Claudette Ness and Arden & Sande Wagner for helping with pizza day!





EVANGELISM



Thank you to our First Lutheran Church Family for helping our coordinators plan out each Sunday's ushers, coffee hour coordinators, and volunteers! If you have any questions or if you and/or your family has been missed, please feel free to reach out to the office. Volunteers for these positions are a ministry of hospitality and evangelism who are chosen to reflect Christ's welcome, so thank you for your help and willingness to say yes when called by the coordinator to assist church services!

Year 2025	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
	October	November	December	January	February	March
	April	May	June	July	August	September

Year 2026	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6
	September	October	November	December	January	February
	March	April	May	June	July	August

GROUP 5 - FEBRUARY

Coordinators:
Eric & Sarah Rosenquist
Theresa Petersen

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
Chad & 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
Eric & Sarah Rosenquist
Dean & Sandy Schell
Jolene Scholl
Sylvia Thompson
Grant Tweeten
Rick & Laura Tweeten
Lee & Annette Weisgarber
Bob & Sandy Weisgarber

GROUP 6 - MARCH

Coordinators:
Dick & Carla Bickert
Evangelism Committee

Kim & Brenda Ankenbauer
Julie Bentz
Dick & Carla Bickert
David & Ruth Borlaug
Jean Braun
Don & Terri Brewster
Elaine Carr
Gwen DeMontigny
Marlene Frank
Neil & Sarah Kadrmas
Wyatt Klabunde
Dale & Julene Klosterman
Duane & Marlys Knell
Cody Meadows
Kelli Murrey
Emil & Pam Oberg
Eric & Leilani Olafson
Clark & Jayne Pochant
Clay & Ranie Price
Steve & Sue Richards
Dale & Geniel Schell
Brad & Cathy Sheldon
Jon & Leslie Sheldon
Aaron & Alexis Solomonson
Lynn & Donna Sommer
Doug & Robin Thomas
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth
Bill & Kathy Wuolu
Newell & Linda Zeller
Dale & Marla Zimmerman
Matthew Zimmerman

JANUARY WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

SUNDAY USHERS/GREETERS - 9:30 AM

5 - Jeff & Amanda Schmidt Family
 12 - Chris & Nicole Albers Family
 19 - Melanie Beckman, Kaitlynn Carlson
 Tia, Myla & Zyden Vetter
 26 - Darrell & Stacy Scheresky Family

ACOLYTES

5 - Bekka Bentz & Noah Holznagel
 12 - Kylie Fiedler & Noah Jaeger
 19 - Zack Vollmuth & Brianna Torres
 26 - Aubrey Holznagel & Chloe Erber

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READERS

5 - Julie Bentz
 12 - Sarah Rosenquist
 19 - Gwen DeMontigny
 26 - Sunday School

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

19 - Gwen DeMontigny, Elmer & Arlene Schwarz

ALTAR CARE

Donna Kroll & Cindy Thiel

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

5 - Kristi Jaeger
 12 - Randy & Gwen Hall
 19 - Amanda Vetter & Kaitlynn Carlson
 26 - Ann Kadrmass & Melanie Beckman

SERVICE GROUP COORDINATORS

Randy & Gwen Hall
 Melanie Beckman

CONFIRMATION MEAL SERVERS

8 - Theresa Petersen
 15 - Beth Knutson
 22 - Leilani Olafson
 29 - Theresa Petersen



The following people were prayed for by request at worship from Sunday, November 24 - Sunday, December 22, 2024. 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.

- ◆ Peace for Jerusalem
- ◆ Tom Merkel
- ◆ Roger Holznagel
- ◆ Joan Zimmerman
- ◆ Bob Weisgarber
- ◆ Emily Scheresky
- ◆ Corrine Kerzmann - Sister to Donna Gunderson
- ◆ Marion Narum - Mother to Peggy Moran
- ◆ Ty Brown - Son of Jody & Nicole Brown
- ◆ Alice Richard
- ◆ Jackie Olson
- ◆ Alton Krebsbach
- ◆ Howard Johnson
- ◆ Karen Goehring

Military Prayer and Card List

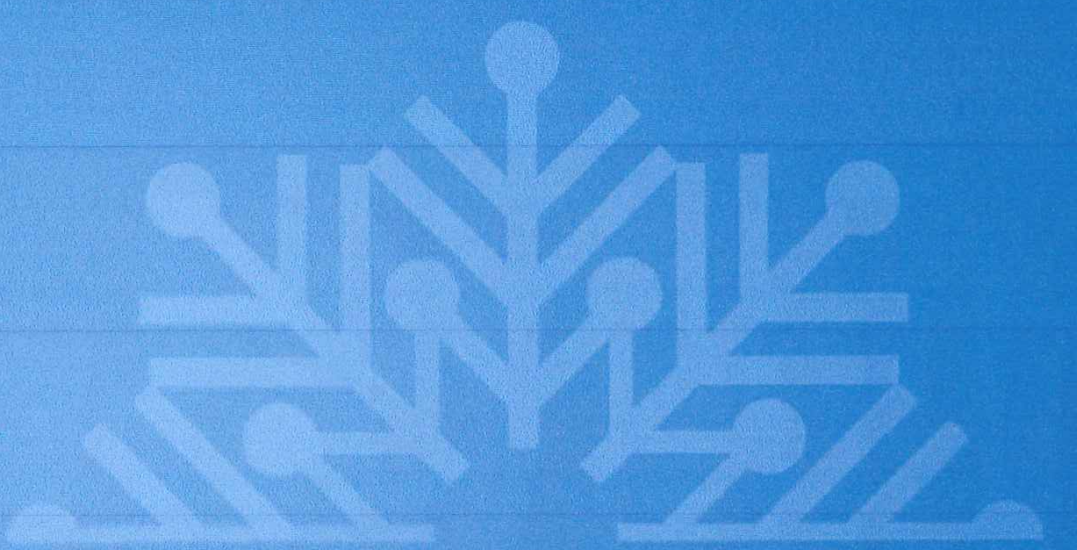
We pray for the Men & Women in our Military who protect our country, especially those assigned to serve overseas or away from home.

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

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

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
- ◆ 1SGT Jordan Ternes - Army National Guard
- ◆ TECH SGT Andre Austin
- ◆ Hunter Feigum - National Guard
- ◆ Morris Duffy - Medical Air Guard
- ◆ Adam Walsvik - National Guard
- ◆ SGT Tom Heidelberger - Army
- ◆ 2LT Tony Heidelberger - Air Force



Super Sunday **SUPPER**

Free-Will Donation

First Lutheran Church

709 5th Ave-Washburn

Sunday, January 26th • 4:00 pm- 6:00 pm

Questions or Schedule a Meal Delivery:

Contact: Judy: 701-220-4410 or Rhonda 701-315-0656

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!!!!

THANK YOU

☺ Thank you LaVonne Stroup and Peggy Wollmuth for helping tape the December newsletter for mailing.

☺ Thank you for showing your support for Ty! We know there have been many prayers said for him. Also, thank you to those that attended, helped, or contributed to Ty's medical benefit in any way. We are happy to be able to say that Ty is now home, graduating NICU life just one day short of 11 months old. He still has a long medical road ahead of him but he has many supportive people in his life.



Thank you again,
Jody, Nicole, & Ty Brown

☺ To my First Lutheran Church family:

My most sincere thank you for the memorials, cards and caring thoughts extended at the time of Sandra's passing. Knowing others care is a great comfort.

May God richly bless you at Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely,
Marian Meyer

☺ Thank you Donna Kroll, Linda Wohlk, Sadie Lauf and Wade & Stacy Boeshans for serving the confirmation meals December 4th thru December 18th.

☺ Thank you Men's Bible Study for once again putting up the nativity scene in front of the church.



☺ Thank you to our elves that put up and decorated the Christmas tree this year.



☺ Thank you everyone that gave money for the poinsettia tree and outdoor greenery or purchased their own. Also to Theresa Petersen for taking care of the tree.



☺ Thank you to our tech people for taking on the responsibility of making sure the service was livestreamed each Sunday.

☺ Thank you everyone who graciously served a meal to our confirmation youth and helpers this past year.

☺ Thank you Brent Petersen and Rick Richard for filling in for Pastor Paul Krueger on Sunday's when he could not be here.

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- ☺ Thank you Donna Gunderson and LeAnn Richard for decorating the church throughout the year and anyone else that helped them.
- ☺ Thank you First Lutheran Choir for your performance of "All is Well" at the December 8th worship service. Another excellent job well done. Also for all your special music throughout the year. Also to Randy Hall for directing the choir.
- ☺ Thank you bell choir for your special music throughout the year and to Gwen Hall for directing them.
- ☺ Thank you Sunday School grades pre-k through 6 for your wonderful presentation of "The Not So Silent Night" on December 15th.
- ☺ Thank you Pastor Paul & Susann Krueger for everything you do for First Lutheran.
- ☺ Thank you Melissa Rothe for all you do for our youth.
- ☺ Thank you everyone that provided special music throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you Jeff Schmidt and family for all the work you do at the church.
- ☺ Thank you church council for all you do to lead the church.
- ☺ Thank you Cathy Sheldon and Alexis Solomonson for leading the Sunday morning Bible studies and Arden Wagner for leading the Men's Bible Study.
- ☺ Thank you Donna Gunderson for heading up the planting and care of the outside flowers and those who helped with the watering.
- ☺ Thank you everyone that served coffee, was a communion assistant, read scriptures, ushered, acolytes, help with altar care, and also to everyone that was or is in charge of finding these people.
- ☺ Thank you Sunday school teachers, subs, music people, and those that helped with VBS.
- ☺ Thank you FLCW that served funerals, pot-lucks, etc.
- ☺ Thank you women that served on FLCW committees.
- ☺ Thank you FLCW quilters.
- ☺ Thank you everyone that supplied flowers for the altar throughout the year.
- ☺ Thank you to our organists: LeAnn Richard and Theresa Petersen.
- ☺ Thank you money counters: Arden Wagner, Deb Wisdom, Sharon Chrest, Mary Ann Beeks, Arlene Schwarz and Wes Sauer.
- ☺ Thank you to everyone that has helped out with pizza day.
- ☺ Thank you everyone that helped Jeannette out in one way or another this past year.
- ☺ Thank you everyone that helped with the Thanksgiving meal and Super Sunday Suppers. We couldn't do it without your help! Thanks to Judy Beaudry for heading this up.
- ☺ Thank you to anyone that was missed or does not want to be recognized for their services at First Lutheran. If someone was missed that should be listed, please let Jeannette know.

Are you missing a cake pan, pie plate, serving bowl, mixing bowl, storage container, etc.?

If you answered yes, please check the church kitchen beside the fridge. There are lots of unclaimed items waiting to find their home.

Maybe you brought it for a funeral or special occasion and forgot to pick it up afterwards.



Memorial Gifts Given to Special Funds (Sunday, November 24 to Sunday, December 22)



<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Building Fund	\$0.00
Camp of the Cross	\$0.00
Cemetery	\$0.00
FLY	\$0.00
General Fund	\$2,370.00
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke	All Rall
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke	Alice Wiese
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke	Melisa Chrest
Darrell & Sherry Kinnischtzke	Loved Ones
Wes Sauer	Bennett Triska
Jeneen Loe (2 times)	David Loe
Elaine Carr.....	Clay Carr
David & Ruth Borlaug	Al Rall
David & Ruth Borlaug	Dennis Abel
Sharon Chrest.....	Floyd Chrest
Dick & Jackie Olson... Loved ones gone before us	
Steve & Peggy Wollmuth	Dennis Abel
Global Missions	\$0.00

<u>Fund given to & by whom</u>	<u>In Memory of</u>
Music	\$20.00
Anonymous	In Honor of Prayer Partner
LWR	\$0.00
Pizza Day	\$0.00
Raising Hope Ministry	\$0.00
Relief Missions	\$0.00
Sunday School	\$175.00
A.J. & Doddie Kuntz	Keith Kuntz
Marian Meyer	Sandy Meyer
Super Sunday Supper	\$0.00
US/Local Missions	\$0.00
VBS	\$100.00
Marian Meyer	Sandy Meyer
World Hunger	\$0.00
Worship	\$0.00

GIVING YOUR BEST

Like the Magi, we can respond with our best gifts — our industry, our devotion, our very lives. We disciples are Christ's tangible presence in the world. That same Child whose light brought such joy to the Magi now, through us, offers his mercy to every person.

Through us, every day, Christ feeds multitudes; he heals, teaches and guides countless people. Through individual volunteers and major institutions, through simple acts of kindness or world-wide coordinated efforts, the world can encounter, through the Christian community, the enduring, tangible presence of Christ.

—Michael Simone



Altar Flowers

A signup sheet is on the table in the narthex for altar flowers from January 5 thru May 25.

Sign up for the Sunday you wish for before it is taken.

Remember, you furnish the flowers and make sure they get to the church.



As of December 22, 2024:

Our envelope giving is \$266,084.85, with a yearly budget of \$301,345.00
\$47,485.64 behind budget

The plate giving is \$28,531.27, with a yearly budget of \$8,000.00
\$20,724.84 ahead of budget

Thank you for your giving.

CAMP OF THE CROSS NEWS

January 22-26 Crafting Retreat
 January 31-February 2 Men's Retreat
 February 19-23 Crafting Retreat
 March 12-16 Crafting Retreat
 March 28-30 Youth Bash, Grades 4-12
 April 9-13 Crafting Retreat

awesome retreat together!

The CCM Staff did a great job of preparing and serving food at the Dicken's Festival, Cratchit's Kitchen in the Auditorium in Garrison.

CCM ANNUAL MEETING - stay tuned for more information as that is usually held in February.

SUMMER 2025 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

- * CRAFTING RETREATS - Join scrapbookers, stampers, quilters, card makers, etc. for this fun event! Share projects, ideas, devotions, and lots of FUN! The food is homemade and delicious, and great memories are created each day!
- * YOUTH BASHES - Come join in the great opportunity for youth to come together in fellowship, grow together in lives of faith, and have a good ol' time in between. Join in a day of activities, games, bible study, worship and more! God continually shows vibrant colors through all of creation through his love poured out for all of us.
- * MEN'S RETREAT - Enjoy a time of fellowship and great conversation with friends new and old. Learn from a guest speaker and enjoy an

First Lutheran January Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following First Lutheran members who have birthdays in January. We are sorry if we missed anyone this month. If your name has been missed, kindly report it to the church office so we can get your birth date for our records. Likewise, if we have printed your birthday and you do not wish to have it published in the newsletter, please let Jeannette know in the church office. We will remove it for next year. Thank you!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Kara Richards Ashlyn Schmitz	2	3 Michael Fee Wayne Leidholm Eli Schmidt	4 Sharon Hoff Sherry Kinnischtzke Tanner Lundby Karen Roper Bryan Thiel
5 Tanner Fiedler Brittany Hoffert Alyson Knox Nikki Sackman	6 Noah Holznagel Alyssa Kadrmas Emily Scheresky	7 Erik Johnson	8 Preston Hinson Rhonda Johnson Hollyn Murrey	9 Shannon Helm Alex Retterath	10 Taj Swanson	11
12 Candace Wieger	13 Jaemeson Havig Jill Senftner Ian Sheldon	14 Myles Clayton Gene Rost Jason Ziemann	15 Braden Ficklin Cameron Hall Karly Smith Jeremiah Vetter	16	17 Bowen Gutknecht Arianne Salaj	18 Mike Aull
19 Sonja Bergstedt Sue Thiel	20 Alexis Rosenquist	21 Drew Petersen	22	23 Mavrey Carlson Ryan Dockter Shane Joersz Kithe Malsam	24 Kimberlie Price	25 Claudette Ness Rylen Sheldon
26	27 Cameron Albers Elise Rosenquist	28 Devin Retterath	29 Jordan Waldren	30 Bradley Hanson Lukas Smith	31 Tana Larsen Ryan Leidholm	

JANUARY

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Happy New Year	2	3	4
5 Second Sunday of Christmas 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	6 Epiphany	7 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group LCMC THREE DAYS OF PRAYER January 7-9	8 Pizza Day 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:15 PM Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 10-12 Grade FLY 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7-9 Grade FLY	9	10	11
12 Baptism of Our Lord 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Study 1:00 PM Church Council Meeting 7:00 PM 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	15 Committee Reports Due of Annual Report 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:15 PM Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 10-12 Grade FLY 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7-9 Grade FLY	16 9:30 AM Deborah Bible Study at the Church	17	18
19 Second Sunday after Epiphany Holy Communion 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour 10:45 AM Sunday School Fireside Bible Study 7:00 PM AA Meeting Al-Anon Meeting	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Noon Newsletter Deadline	21 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study 10:00 AM Mommy's Group	22 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:15 PM Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 10-12 Grade FLY 7:00 PM Bell Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7-9 Grade FLY	23 9:00 AM Quilting	24 9:00 AM Quilting	25
26 Third Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 AM Bible Study 9:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Fellowship/Coffee Hour Fireside Bible Study 1:30 PM Raising Hope Ministry 4:00 - 6:00 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	29 9:30 AM Friendship Bible Study 5:30 - 6:15 PM Meal 6:15 PM Confirmation 10-12 Grade FLY 7:00 PM Choir 7:45 PM Choir 7-9 Grade FLY	30	31	Sunday, February 2 11:45 AM Soup & Bread Meal Followed by Annual Meeting

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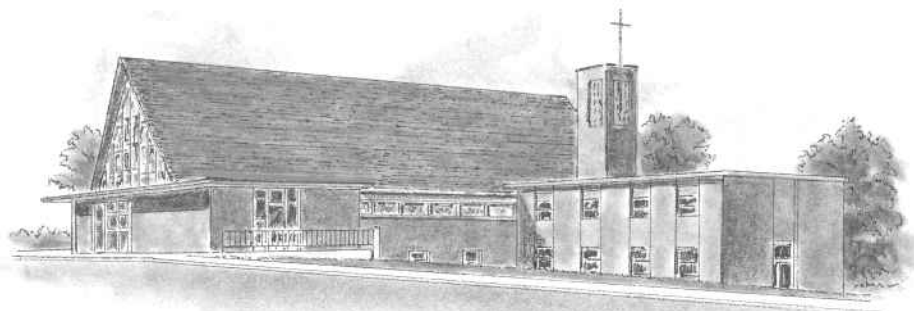
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Christ known through
Worship, Christian
Education, Evangelism,
Caring Ministries, and
Service.”*

Happy New Year to:

January 2025 Newsletter



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Bible Study - (Led by Cathy Sheldon)
(Starting December 19th) - 8:30 AM**

Worship Service - 9:30 AM

Coffee/Fellowship Hour - 10:30 AM

Sunday School - 10:45 AM

**Fireside Bible Reading -
(Led by Alexis Solomonson) - 10:45 AM**

AA Meeting - 7:00 PM

Al-Anon Meeting - 7:00 PM