Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family from First Lutheran Staff!
November is Stewardship Month!

As we gather for Thanksgiving this year in homes across community, we also give thanks to God for our faith home. Sunday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 15th will be our stewardship ingathering services as we pledge our commitment to Christ and his church for 2018.

Thank you to everyone who helped out for our lutefisk supper. It was greatly appreciated!! This is a congregational event that takes many people to accomplish great things.

Special thanks to Lori Meyers & Richard Gaasland for again faithfully acting as Coordinators.

Be sure to set your clocks back 1 hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4th.

We have lefse & lutefisk available to buy. The cost for lefse is $1.50 per sheet and lutefisk is $4.95 a pound. Please stop in the office or call 663-3594. Thank you!

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GIVE THANKS TO GOD

God gives us many blessings every day. How can we thank him?

Directions: To complete the Bible verse below, follow the code and fill in the blanks.


ative, I will praise God's name in song and glory him with
Thanks to all the workers listed below for all the help with the packing of Lutheran World Relief on October 19th. Through all of your help, we can help others. We packed 57 School Kits and 48 Quilts. Also thanks to Rod Skytland for pickup and delivery of boxes. God’s love —Leona Keidel.

Walter & Leona Keidel   Lori Meyers
JoAnn Stork   Roy Poppe

2017 First Lutheran Christmas Cantata
Rehearsal Schedule

**Anyone is Welcome to Come and Sing the Cantata-Even if you cannot make all rehearsals!!

Regular Rehearsals
Wednesday, October 25th from 7-8:30 pm
Wednesday, November 1st from 7-8:00 pm
Sunday, November 5th from 9:35-10:30 am
Wednesday, November 8th from 7-8:00 pm
Sunday, November 12th from 9:35-10:30 am
Wednesday, November 15th from 7-8:30 pm
Sunday, November 19th from 9:35-10:30 am

***NO PRACTICE on Wednesday, November 22nd***

Sunday, November 26th from 9:35-10:30 am (DRESS-REHEARSAL)
Wednesday, November 29th from 7-8:00 pm (DRESS-REHEARSAL)

**PERFORMANCES**

**Sunday, December 3rd**
Warm-up in Chapel at 8:00 am
1st Performance - 8:30 am
Goodies, Coffee and Kool-Aid following 1st performance
2nd Performance - 10:45 am

**PERFORMANCE**

**Wednesday, December 6th**
Warm-up at 5:30 pm in Chapel
Performance at 6:00pm

Thank you for your support of the 2017 First Lutheran Christmas Cantata!

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**Mark Your Calendar...**

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**Upcoming Events**

Dear Parents & Other Caregivers of 2nd Graders,

2nd graders will be receiving their own Bible on Wednesday, November 8th at the 6:00 P.M. worship or Sunday, November 12th at the 10:45 A.M. worship.

Here at First Lutheran we are pleased and excited to join with you for this Bible Milestone. Please come with your child to place the Scriptures in his/her hands during the worship service.

Please contact Pastor Chris at 663-3594 or by email, christina@firstlutheranofmandan.org, with the child’s name and which service you will be attending. Please contact Pastor Chris no later than Wednesday, November 1st.

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**Theo Art School**

**Fundraising Event for Youth From First Lutheran Church Mandan**

**Going on the National Mission Trip**

**Date:** Monday, November 6th

**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm

**Location:** Theo Art School 1810 Schafer Street, Bismarck

**Cost:** $20 to paint the above picture

A silent auction will be going on during the painting event; great time to bid on Christmas gifts while donating to a great cause.
**Pastoral Acts**

**Baptisms**
- October 1: Kirra Marie Gatling  
  Austyn Michelle Andersen  
- October 8: Collin Nicholas Heins  
  Kyla Sue Brundt  
- October 15: Chase Evan Knutson  
  Nolan Maxwell Zinke  
- October 18: Blake Allan & Cade Emmanuel Harm  
- October 22: Rock Lyle Barnett

**Weddings**
- October 14: Reid Fiorio & Ashlee Laubner

**Funerals**
- October 7: Shirley Steffenson  
- October 17: Steven Stark

**Memorial Fund**
- In memory of Lewis Shaw given by Ben & Bev Farmer, Linda Stastny, Mark & Barb Evanger.  
- In memory of Dorothy Hertz given by Miranda Hertz, Jacob & Peggy Hertz, Sandra Hertz, Larry & Elaine Laubner, & donations from family & friends.  
- In memory of Helen Hirsch given by Linda Stastny, Ken & Lois Helmer.  
- In memory of Audrey Heinzer given by Linda Stastny.  
- In memory of Harry Stastny given by Linda Stastny.  
- In memory of Shirley Steffenson given by Gary & Darlene Flaa, Arden & Pat Hagerott, Jacquelyn & Teri Schulte, Don & JoAnn Price, & donations from family & friends.

**November ~ Mission of the Month**

**Weekend Meals for Mandan Kids**
Items needed are Peanut Butter, Jelly, Fruit Cups, Canned Fruit, Granola Bars, Cereal, Pudding Cups, Applesauce, Chef Boyardee’, Mac & Cheese, Soups, Hamburger Helper, Spaghetti Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Pop Tarts, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Rice A Roni, Pasta Roni, Pork and Beans, Baked Beans, Pancake Mix-no eggs required such as Krusteaz Brand, Syrup.

**NO GLASS JARS PLEASE!**

You may put your items in the boxes in the Narthex. Thank you!

**Special Thanks**
Thank you to all the greeters, ushers, communion servers, readers, communion set-up, coffee hour workers, and to all who have supplied goodies for the last month. Your help is greatly appreciated!

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**Deadline for articles for the December Newsletter will be November 18th.**

**Worship Schedule**

**Sunday**
- 8:30 am ~ Traditional  
- 10:45 am ~ Contemporary  
- 9:30 am ~ Coffee  
- 9:30 am ~ Church School

**Wednesday**
- 6:00 pm ~ Transitional  
- 6:00 pm ~ Church School  
- 7:00 pm ~ Confirmation

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The Saints who have departed from our congregation since our last All Saints observance on November 6, 2016:

- Muriel Boyum  
- Pat Larson  
- Alda Buck  
- Donna Friesz  
- Floyd Haugen  
- William Achtenberg  
- Elsie Quast  
- Joyce Pulkrabek  
- Arleen Roehrlich  
- Virginia Sediwec  
- Joselin Entzel

- Eleanor Kottsick  
- Robert Priebe  
- Ethel Storm  
- Gregory Krogh  
- Helen Hirsch  
- Leora Huddleson  
- Lewis Shaw  
- Dorothy Hertz  
- Shirley Steffenson  
- Donald Thom  
- Steven Stack
First Lutheran Church Council Minutes
Thursday, September 21, 2017  7:00PM

Present: Pastor Lee Herberg, Pastor Christina Martin, President Jessie Hilfer, Tim Faller, Kevin Fishbeck, Jill Miller, Ron Webb, Lori Myers, and Brian Zacha, guests

Absent: Andrea Bonness, DJ Campbell, and Wayne Friesz.

Devotions: President Jessie Hilfer called the meeting to order. Pastor Chris led devotions.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Tim Faller, seconded by Kevin Fishbeck to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed.

Secretary’s Report/Review and Approval of the minutes: Moved by Ron Webb, seconded by Jill Miller to approve the minutes of August 17th. Motion passed.


Unfinished Business:

Mission Trip Youth Accounts: Pastor Chris has written a policy for any youth that will be graduating from high school and have a balance in their individual accounts for mission trip fundraising. Options will be to donate any leftover monies to a designated ministry of First Lutheran, donate to another family member or other youth participating in an upcoming trip, and the last option to donate to a nonprofit designated by the youth who is donating. Moved by Tim Faller, seconded by Ron Webb to approve the new policy for leftover funds in youth accounts. Motion passed.

Roof: Work is complete and the check will be released by Guide One for the rest of the insurance claim.

Reformation Sunday: Will be October 29th at the Bismarck Event Center at 11 am. We will have no church services that day and the confirmation service will be held at 3 pm.

September 17th Special Congregational Meeting: There was a good turnout for the September 17 special meeting. Pastor Lee reviewed the projects needing to be done. A discussion was held regarding projects. Motion made by Tim Faller and seconded by Ron Webb to have Pastor Lee proceed with the loan application and send it in by November 1st. Motion passed.

Security Cameras in Parking Lot: Pastor Lee will look into having more cameras installed into the northeast corner of the parking lot after a recent break in during church services.

NEW BUSINESS:

New members: It seems once members are welcomed into church, there is no follow through by fellow parishioners. A lengthy discussion was held on how long standing members and new members can engage with each other. A welcome at the beginning of service will be added back in to services. Members need to be more intentional as to welcoming others in church.

Trunk or Treat: Trunk or Treat will be from 5-7:30. Donations are always welcome as are trunks. There will be hot dogs served in the basement as well.

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Gospel Seeds - November 2017
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REPORTS:

Pastor Lee’s report – 1 baptism, 1 wedding, 2 funerals, 1 committal, attended the roster leader meeting in Medora, and is continuing to mentor with William Dodd, who will be ordained in December at United Lutheran Church in Almont.

Pastor Chris’s report – 1 baptism, 0 weddings, 1 funeral, nursing home worship, attended the roster leading meeting in Medora, attended the Synod council meeting in Bismarck.

Special Events – Annual Lutefisk, Swedish meatball and Lefse dinner will be held October 21st, 2017 beginning at 3:30p.m.

Stewardship – No report.

Worship – No report.

Parish Education/Youth – A meeting was held for the 2018 mission trip to Houston. There have been 20 youth to sign up and 4 adults. There are 70 Sunday school students, 95 Wednesday school students and 60 confirmation students. There is a confirmation retreat at Camp of the Cross October 6-7. LYO will be in Minot Oct 19-20. October 22 will be the confirmation banquet for confirmands and family.

Evangelism and Outreach – LAF will begin Thursday, October 5th. Dakota Community Bank & Trust will prepare, serve, and clean-up for LAF on the 5th. Thank you to them for sponsoring the first LAF for the school year.

Property and Management – No report other than what was discussed at the special meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you’s were received from MSLCC Activity Department for the cash donation for the MSLCC Ice Cream Social Event; Heart River Lutheran Church for the financial gift for the youth at YCC; Lewis & Clark Elementary for school supplies; MSLCC for the gift of $129.17 to the M-Club; Golden Age Services for the gift of $76.54 to the “Home Delivered Meals” program.

Motion to Adjourn/Lord’s Prayer:

Moved by Jill Miller, seconded by Ron Webb to adjourn the council meeting. Motion passed. The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by: Jill Miller