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NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

The total Noisy Offering collected in August was \$592.26 and was donated to TeacHaiti!

Check back next month for the September Noisy Offering totals going toward the FLC Children & Youth programs!

In the month of October, Noisy Offering collected will go towards Hope for the Holidays Program which is led by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. The "Hope for the Holidays" campaign works to bring hope to children and families in foster care and detention to show them that they are not alone. We collect handmade cards and monetary donations for gifts so that each child and family receive something this holiday season and can feel supported by Americans through their words and gifts of love.

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WE PLAN TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sunday, October 8, 2023

During either the 8:30 or 10:45 Worship Service or

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

during the 6 PM worship service.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.



PASTOR JOE'S UPDATE

Update from Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo

With this being Pastor Lauryl's final month of call at First Lutheran Church in Detroit Lakes, I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge these days ahead for our community and Pr. Lauryl's time here – to honor Pr. Lauryl's devotion to this place and to ordained ministry.

Her legacy at FLC will be one of love – as Pastor Genelle Netland of the NWMN Synod remarked, “[Pr. Lauryl's] legacy here will be that she came in at a historically tough time, and taught this church how to love themselves again, providing a stabilizing pastoral presence.”



That's a profound and beautiful impact – and I've seen firsthand the diligence and vigilance that such impact requires. That love and stabilization doesn't happen by accident, but through intentionality and wholehearted pastoral commitment. Her impact is the result of patience, endurance, devotion, and God's guiding hand.

For that, we give thanks to God, and we give thanks to Pr. Lauryl!

With such a rich and profound career, it is hard to speak eloquently or with justice about the impact she's had not only on FLC, but on the ELCA through all the places she's ministered (and will continue to minister), so I simply and humbly close this with a prayer:

God Almighty, we give thanks for Pastor Lauryl's ministry here and throughout your church.

We give thanks for the years of sermons she's preached, for every sacrament she's administered, and every loving prayer she's lifted up. We thank you for every funeral, every wedding, every meeting led, every cause championed, and every hand held on a hospital bed. We thank you for every single time her pastoral authority and leadership proclaimed your Gospel; we thank you for every time her pastoral presence made your people feel valued and loved.

May Pr. Lauryl's ministry continue to bear fruits of your love beyond her time and call here, and may you bless her with lasting and loving memories of this place. Equip her with your loving presence now, and forever. Amen.

Peace,
Pastor Joe



Phyllis Neuenfeldt was awarded the Mary Magdalene Award at the annual NW Synod WELCA conference in Thief River Falls, MN, on Saturday, September 9th. Phyllis was nominated by First Lutheran Church Women to receive the award, which is based on service to her church and community. As our winner, Phyllis was able to designate where the \$1000.00 award went, and she chose Lutheran Social Services, with whom she provides respite service at First Lutheran and client homes - just one of the ways Phyllis carries Jesus's message of love and care for others.

LAURYL'S WORD

Update from Pastor Lauryl Ivers, Associate Pastor



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

I attended our Northwestern MN Synod's annual gathering last month for the churches in our neighborhood (Conference 6). Our Bishop Bill Tesch and his outstanding staff updated us about Synod activities, and all that they are offering in support of our church members, leaders, pastors, and the surrounding community. For example:

Did you know that:

- ◆ The Synod's Staff and specially trained leaders offer free Adaptive Leadership Training, and free Coaching to our Vision Council and other leaders, strengthening relationships, for their important work in our church?
- ◆ There's a "People's Church" in our Synod? It's a multicultural congregation in Bemidji who minister with folks living in poverty and homelessness and addressing needs together faithfully.
- ◆ We have a "New Journey Lutheran Parish" where four congregations have developed a faithful ministry sharing pastors, resources and leaders.
- ◆ Our Synod is hosting a "Fueling our Farmers" free lunch event on Saturday, October 7th at the First Lutheran Church in Audubon from 11-1! This is to thank our faithful farmers for caring for us all with their work in the fields. (See poster below)
- ◆ Our church (FLC!), along with the Synod staff, is hosting a "Living into God's Generosity" day on Saturday, October 28th from 9:00 – 3:00. All are welcome to talk about stewardship and fundraising as ministry – Anyone can sign up and it's only \$25/person if we have four or more people attending!
- ◆ NWMN Synod has a Facebook "Resource Swap" page - so if our church needs something or has something to give away we can post it and share with other churches!
- ◆ A LIFE-CHANGING, FAITH FORMATION EVENT is happening next July 16-20 in New Orleans at our ELCA Gathering for Youth (Middle and High School), and (this is new) for Young Adults (18-35) ! Some of you (like me) may remember going to the ELCA Youth Events and how impactful they are – please encourage our youth and young adults to attend – and if you're able – please consider sponsoring someone so they can attend!

We have a wonderful Synod Staff who are very available to help us all, and are happy to talk with you more about any questions, concerns, suggestions and ideas you have. You can find their contact information on the NWMN Synod Website – or just ask us in the office and we can give you their numbers. Their main phone number is 218-299-3019 or 800-452-3692. They send out a monthly Newsletter to pastors, youth directors and council presidents – and if you'd like to receive one – just call them.

Trusting God's presence with us at First Lutheran always,

Pastor Lauryl



Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Rural Revival vitality for rural congregations and communities

Fueling Our Farmers

Feed the farmers in your fields on us!

Saturday, October 7th, 11 am-1 pm

**Menu: Roast Beef Sandwiches, Potato Salad,
Chips, and Brownies**

Cost: Free!

**To help us plan, please register using
this QR code:**



**Everyone in the community is invited to come and
celebrate the harvest and join us for a meal at First
Lutheran Church in Audubon [373 3rd Street] OR
you can pick up a meal “to go” outside of the church
OR you can have a meal delivered to your field.**

**Sponsored by: Northwestern Minnesota Synod Rural Revival
Program, First Lutheran Church-Audubon, and many local
businesses in the Audubon community**

We are grateful for our farmers hard work and dedication!

PRESIDENT'S POST

Update from Vision Council President Gail Colby

Hello First Lutheran Church! Happy Fall!

The kitchen makeover looks quite nice if you haven't gotten to see it. Cindy Brufloft and her team worked very hard to have it functioning by the start of Rally Sunday/ Wednesday. I am very grateful for that as the fall schedule starts! I'm hoping by the time you read this we are welcoming our new (Director of Youth and Family Ministry.) Pastor Joe and the rest of our staff and volunteers have done a lot of extra work to keep all the Sunday and Wednesday school programs running smoothly. Please thank them when you see them. The parking lot looks wonderful and the brick repair in front of the outdoor worship is in process. And I believe the HVAC repairs are done. Just a reminder that the loan payment we will have for the bricks, parking lot and part of the HVAC repair, is built into our budget this year and we are hoping to pay it off sooner to save on the interest. We are hoping to build a long term plan for our parking lot maintenance, so that will be in our budget and we won't have to rely on loans. Your continuing generosity is so much appreciated First Lutheran! All of these repairs and maintenance make us able to serve our members and our community!



As Pastor Lauryl begins her transition into her retirement, we will start to move forward with finding a replacement Associate Pastor. We will be starting to form a Call Committee, and these prospective members will need to be formally voted on by the Vision Council to approve and authorize them to begin the process of calling a new Associate Pastor. So if this is an area where you would like to serve please notify Pastor Joe, a council member or call the office. We will need 6 to 10 members to represent all of the members of our congregation. Please prayerfully consider this if you are asked.

So, First Lutheran has some changes ahead. One of my favorite lines in "The Chosen" on Netflix is when Jesus is calling Matthew, the tax collector, who is working in his tax collecting booth, to follow him. Simon is objecting and says, "I don't get it?" Jesus replies, "You didn't get it when I chose you either." Simon continues to object and says, "But this is different! I'm not a tax collector!" And Jesus replies, "Get used to different."

See you at worship!

My sheep listen to my voice.; I know them and they follow me. John 10:27



PIECEMAKERS—SUBMITTED BY THE FLC QUILTERS

The colors in this quilt match the colors of nature in our part of Minnesota. School and fall schedules are in full swing and football season has started. The air occasionally has a chill and the leaves are turning from summer greens to the golds, reds and rusts of autumn. Flannel shirts and light jackets make their way to the front of the closet, although we can't quite bring ourselves to put away the shorts.

This quilt measures 56 by 92 inches. Imagine how toasty you'd be wrapped in this quilt at a high school football game. Or a car quilt, ready for use at a campfire as we enjoy the cooler weather. For a closer look, you'll find the quilt on the railing near the elevator.

The Quilters are back to regular schedule, meeting Tuesday mornings in the recreation room from 8:30 to noon, with coffee, treats and a short meeting at 10 AM. Stop in and join us or stop in to visit and see what we do.



Parish Health

Denise Gaard ♦ 218-847-5656 ♦ denise@firstlutheranchurch.com

What you need to know about: COVID, RSV, SEASONAL FLU

Flu season has started! With school back in session and everyone spending more time inside, there is a rise in respiratory illnesses. Vaccines are available to help prevent getting seriously ill from Covid, Seasonal Flu, and RSV. Following is the most up to date information, as of September 21st, from the MN Department of Health and the CDC on the vaccines available for these illnesses.

2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine recommendations

- **Children 6 months through 4 years of age** should complete a primary series including either 2 doses of Moderna or 3 doses of Pfizer vaccine, with at least one of the doses being the new 2023-2024 mRNA COVID-19 vaccine. If they had completed a primary series prior, one dose of the new 2023-2024 vaccine should be given at least 2 months after any previous dose.
- **People 5 years of age and older** should receive 1 dose of the new 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine. If they have received any previous COVID-19 vaccine, the new 2023-2024 vaccine should be given at least 2 months after any previous dose.
- **People who are immunocompromised** should have 3 doses with at least one of the doses being the new 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine. They may also receive additional 2023-2024 COVID-19 vaccine doses based on their clinical situation.
- **People over 65 years of age:** there is currently no recommendation to receive more than one 2023-2024 vaccine dose; this may be updated as more data become available.

This updated vaccination is especially important for people at high-risk of hospitalization and death. Rates of COVID-19 are rising throughout the country and protection from previous vaccination and disease is waning.

Who should get a flu vaccine this season?

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every season with rare exceptions. Vaccination is particularly important for people who are at higher risk of serious complications from influenza. This includes people 65 years and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions (such as asthma, diabetes, or heart disease), pregnant people and children younger than 5 years, but especially those younger than 2 years old. Flu vaccination has important benefits. It can reduce flu illnesses, visits to doctor's offices, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as make symptoms less severe and reduce flu-related hospitalizations and deaths.

Who should talk to their healthcare provider about RSV vaccination?

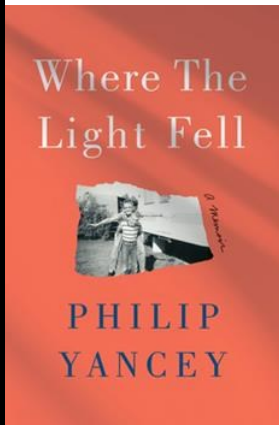
Adults 60 years and older should talk with their health care provider about whether RSV vaccination is right for them. There is no maximum age for getting RSV vaccination. RSV vaccine is given as a single dose. If you're 60 or older, your health care provider might recommend RSV vaccination for you, especially if you have a weakened immune system from illness (e.g., leukemia or HIV infection) or from medications (e.g., treatment for cancer or organ transplant), if you have chronic medical conditions such as heart or lung disease, or if you live in a nursing home. If any of those apply to you, you might be at higher risk of severe RSV disease and an RSV vaccine could help prevent serious illness.

Tai Ji Quan

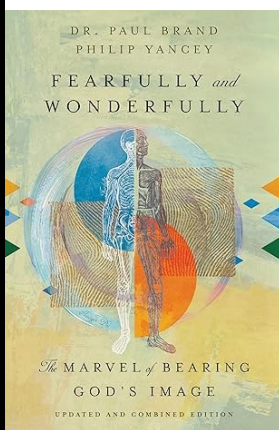
There is still time to join Tai Ji Quan Class! We will meet most Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Rec Room at 1:00PM. Help improve your balance and strength by attending this class. All are welcome!

LIBRARY UPDATE

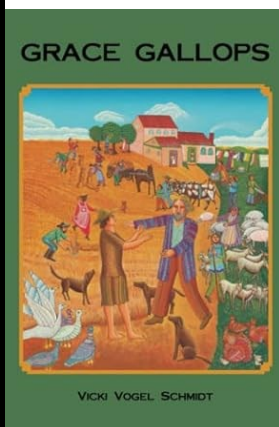
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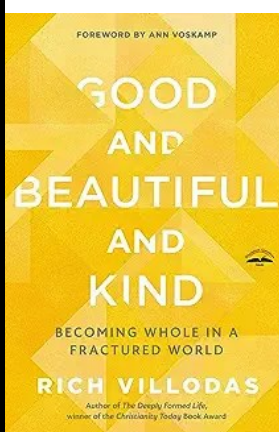
In this searing meditation on the bonds of family and the allure of extremist faith, one of today's most celebrated Christian writers recounts his unexpected journey from a strict fundamentalist upbringing to a life of compassion and grace--a revelatory memoir that "invites comparison to Hillbilly Elegy" (Publishers Weekly, starred review). "I truly believe this is the one book I was put on earth to write," says Yancey. "So many of the strands from my childhood--racial hostility, political division, culture wars--have resurfaced in modern form. Looking back points me forward."



Join renowned leprosy surgeon Dr. Paul Brand and bestselling writer Philip Yancey on a remarkable journey through inner space—a spellbinding account of medical intervention, pain and healing, and the courage of humanity. Discover here the eternal truths revealed by our seemingly ordinary existence. The human body is a window into the very structure of God's creation and a testament to God's glory.



Grace Gallops tells the story of musician, storyteller, parent, spouse and social justice activist Vicki Vogel Schmidt and her lifelong commitment to justice and peace, care of the neighbor, hospitality and welcome. From a worldview-shattering visit to South Africa in the 1960s to coming to terms with her identity as an adoptee, resettling refugees, welcoming foster children, and launching Sister Parish Inc. and Abriendo Fronteras—Opening Borders, Grace Gallops is a story of what some thought was “too much faith in action”. Encounter the many lives she has touched, fed, housed, healed, inspired, and shared the love of Christ with as she faithfully and humbly welcomed the stranger and in so doing, welcomed Christ.



We long for a good life, a beautiful life, a kind life. But clearly that's not the world we live in. We carry the stress of our fractured world in our bodies and relationships. Families that once gathered around tables have converted those tables into walls. Hostility, rage, and offense is the language of our culture.

How did we lose goodness, kindness, and beauty? And more important, how do we get them back into our lives? These are the two questions crying out in our streets, homes, churches, and from deep within our souls.

Pastor and author Rich Villodas is convinced that only Jesus offers a way of being human that is both strong and tender enough to tear down the walls of hostility we experience daily.

Making Connections

The Smith Family



Cory, Danielle, Andrist & Sawyer Smith

Hello, we are the Smith family and we have been members or attending FLC for nearly 4 years now. We live on little cormorant lake outside of Audubon. My wife Danielle and I have been married for a little over 7 years. We have two kids, Sawyer who is almost 5, and Andrist who is 2 and a half. We enjoy all things nature, boating, hiking, fishing, riding side by side and just being out in nature as much as possible all year long!

I am Cory and I'm 45 years old, and have my own insurance agency. The greatest part of my job is helping my policyholders and giving my testimony and sometimes receiving theirs. I have seen God work many miracles and blessings through my career and am happy to be celebrating 16 years this summer. I enjoy working out and being with family as much as possible! I live my life for the Lord and he is my reason for living. He rescued me from myself in the summer of 2012 and transformed me as a person. My goal is to be an extension of him to my family, friends, policyholders, and anyone else I meet.

My wife Danielle is a homemaker who also does wedding hair—spring, summer, and fall on the weekends for the past 7 years. We met in Moorhead almost 10 years ago. She enjoys crafts, anything outdoors, and spending time with family. She grew up in Big Lake Minnesota and has one sister that still lives close to home in Monticello. She and her husband have 3 kids in which two of them are close to our kids age. She enjoys traveling especially going on cruises.....which she needs to do soon! She grew up Lutheran and has always had a heart for God.

Sawyer is a wild, spunky and creative girl... just like her Mom... She loves helping others and has a heart for Jesus. If you ask her who loves her she will give you a big smile and say, "Jesus." She loves to be outdoors and play with her lil brother... as well as pick on him relentlessly! She also loves her grandparents and spending time with them, as well as our neighbors who are also like additional grandparents to the kids.

Andrist is a soft-spoken kind 'lil boy! He loves all things motors, trucks, skid loaders, dump trucks, cement mixers etc. He loves riding in side by side and mowing grass with Dad. He also does his best to keep up with big sister Sawyer... (when she's not picking on him.)

He also enjoys spending time with grandparents and all the neighborhood kids. He has a heart of gold, he will tell you he loves you almost right away after meeting you. We are very thankful for everything and appreciate everything the Lord does for us. Life is not always easy but with The Grace, Comfort, and Peace the Lord provides we get through.

Calm the Chaos

Women's Support Group

Join us for support and friendship among women struggling to manage kids, parents and busy careers. It's a chance to unwind and focus on YOU.

Hosted by Missy Wokasch

MONDAY'S @ 6:30 PM
First Lutheran Church - Detroit Lakes
912 Lake Avenue



Making Connections

The Bridger Family



Don & Janet Bridgers

Land of Enchantment to Land of Lakes

How does a girl from New Mexico and a guy from Alabama end up in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota? The story began in 1948 when Janet's Dad, a Botany professor at NDSU, bought land on Cotton Lake. Using an old Hudson Hornet sedan like a tractor to pull stumps and hand tools he cleared the land and built a small cottage. Ten years after it was built Janet's family moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, returning each year to spend summers at the lake. The cottage still stands, has been updated, and it's where Janet and I spend 6 month's each year. We've raised our 2 boys there and we hope that our 2 grandsons, almost 2 years old now, will grow up as "Lake Kids" as well. Janet and I are careful to preserve our simple lake home because lake cottages are quickly disappearing and being replaced by new construction.

Already, you can see that we have strong ties to tradition. That applies to our marriage as well. We married in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1981, bought our first and only home a year later, and now, in 2023, we live in that same home (when we're not in Minnesota). My daily driver is a 1951 Ford Coupe which I restored myself. I'm really not a very good auto mechanic, I just don't give up till I fix it. Thank goodness for YouTube. Here in Minnesota I drive a 1946 Willys Jeep. I load up the neighbors kids and our dog and we take our great adventures around Cotton Lake.

Through all the many hours in the garage, at times in a frustrated imaginary conversation with Henry Ford, I would begin "What the heck were you thinking when you..." as I lay on my back under the car, Janet was a saint. Maybe she didn't understand why her husband would take on such a nasty, dirty, knuckle busting exhausting job, but she knew it was a challenge that made me truly happy. In fact, I'd say she's the best friend a person could have.

Recently we were at a Tamarac fundraiser. One of our dear friends didn't have the strength to attend due to a chronic illness. Janet, telephone in hand, recorded video greetings and get-better-soon messages from all her friends at the fundraiser and texted each one to our infirmed friend who was at home. That's a real friend. Needless to say, she has many deep, lifelong friendships and as her husband, I'm lucky enough to be her best friend.

As you can see Don is a passionate and persistent man-restoring old cars, researching genealogy and playing the guitar. During our first years as new parents, he decided to take piano lessons. He began as a novice, not even knowing how to read music and soon turned to the guitar. Over the years he has fallen in love with playing worship music at FLC. He puts in many hours, practicing and singing, to be prepared for Sunday mornings. One of my favorite sayings is, "I married an Industrial Hygienist and now I'm married to a musician." His passion also carries over into his health, this year training for a 10K run in Fargo and Detroit Lakes. Don has done retirement extremely well.

Together, we treasure our time here in Minnesota and most especially worshipping at FLC!



MEA BREAK

Please note, over MEA break we won't have any Youth or Children's Programming.

Wednesday, October 18, 2023
No Wednesday School or Confirmation

Sunday, October 22, 2023
No Sunday School

CRAZY HAIR—Submitted by Patti Cummins

But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you search for Him with all your heart and all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have come upon you, in the latter days you will return to the Lord your God and listen to His voice. Deuteronomy 4:29-30

“Me and my friend at preschool wish we had straight hair.” Her melancholic voice drifted from the back seat of my car.

“Oh, but Honey, I love your beautiful curls.” No more comment came from the back seat. My response left her feeling unheard and left me not showing any true understanding of her feelings.

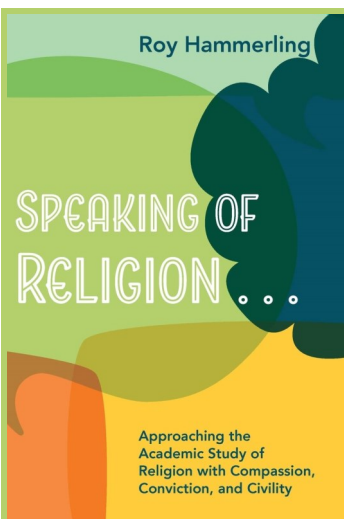
I had fallen into the all-too-human trap of not listening with my heart and soul, of hearing the words but not truly “listening” for meaning. We do that over 70% of the time, thinking about what we would like to interject while the other person is still expressing their thoughts or feelings. There are many reasons we do it – wanting to fix or help the situation, wanting to be recognized or have our voices heard, not being open to differing ideas or points of view, and other reasons.

In my eagerness to “fix” her feelings, I left her feeling unheard, her thoughts and feelings unimportant and invalidated. By trying to make her feel better, I had not shown her the loving compassion and kindness I should have.

I wonder how often God wonders about all barriers we erect that prevent us from truly listening to His voice. My busyness, all life’s peripheral noise, attempts to stay in control, fear of the unknown. As I grow older, my trust in God has grown, but we never stop growing in our relationship with God. Making God the first priority in my life, giving control over to God, totally trusting that he hears what is buried deepest within me and, letting Him guide me toward the peace that only His compassionate love and understanding bring.

I still love Oaklyn’s “crazy hair.” I never discovered why she felt as she did, whether she did not like the way her hair looked or whether she just dreaded brush-out time. I wish I could invent a brush that would untangle those curls without causing pain. Those curls that dance around her face are such an extension of her joy and energy.

I hope remembering this experience will help me become a better listener in the future, and that I will get better at listening for understanding and offering a compassionate ear and heart is so I can truly show love to others.



SPEAKING OF RELIGION – BOOK STUDY

A study led by the author of a book is a wonderful opportunity for enhanced discussion and learning. Well, that opportunity exists here at First Lutheran Church for all of us!

October 22 and November 5, our friend Reverend Dr. Roy Hammerling will be leading a study on his book, *Speaking of Religion... Approaching the Academic Study of Religion with Compassion, Conviction, and Civility*. The two Sunday sessions will be held during the education hour, 9:30 to 10:30 AM, in the FLC library. Hammerling is Professor Emeritus of Religion, Greek and Roman Studies, and the History of Christian Spirituality at Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota.

For an initial insight, here is a quote from the introduction within the book... “This book is an invitation to a risky endeavor: an enticement to compassionate, convicted, and civil conversations about religion. It is for anyone interested in learning how to explore a caring critical examination of the meaning of life with others. For some, their sense of purpose is rooted in religious beliefs and for others it is in philosophically oriented

worldviews that are as far away from religion as they can get. Either way, this work is for whoever desires to study the deep mysteries of life with friends,...”

Compassionate, convicted, and civil conversations about religion with Hammerling and his book sound intriguing... so why not join the study on Sunday, October 22, and Sunday, November 5? Books can be purchased through Amazon Books or Thrift Books or the Bluebird Book Store here in Detroit Lakes. If you have any questions or need some assistance when ordering the book, please visit with either Sarah or Melissa in the office. You are also welcome to contact Terry Kemmer, a member of the Adult Faith Formation Team. Please plan to join us!

MEMORIAL GIFTS

FLC acknowledges with grateful appreciation these memorials which have been received this past month.

AGAPE FUND

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Tom & Phyllis Neuenfeldt
 Given by: Jean & Wayne Benson
 Given by: Sue Christensen
 Given by: Terry & Sandi Kemmer
 Given by: Lynn & Beverly Hummel

In Memory of: **Lee Ann Hagle**
 Given by: Kristin Johnson
 Given by: James Hagle

FLOWER FUND

In Memory of: **Lee Ann Hagle**
 Given by: Don & Norma Smith

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Darrell Bauder & Ruth Olson

FOUNDATION FUND

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Michael & Dianne Fillmore

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Max & Judy Maxwell
 Given by: Karen & Cliff Bimberg
 Given by: Rodney & Susan Schaffer

RADIO FUND

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Cliff & Jan Adkins
 Given by: Thomas & Betty Schroeder

KITCHEN FUND

In Memory of: **Rollie Kjos**
 Given by: David & Beverly Melgaard

In Memory of: **Lee Ann Hagle**
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Lester & Glenette Olson
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Pat Zurn
 Given by: David & Beverly Melgaard
 Given by: Henrietta Malchow
 Given by: Robert Jernberg
 Given by: Barbara Haugen
 Given by: Viggo & JoAnn Thomsen
 Given by: David & Beverly Melgaard
 Given by: Ruth Price
 Given by: Patti Cummins
 Given by: Ruth & Brand Broman
 Given by: Donald Busker
 Given by: Rod Boyer
 Given by: Ardys Horner

YOUTH FUND

In Memory of: **Rodger Tinjum**
 Given by: Dean & Sue Berg

Friendly reminder: when giving memorials to the FLC Foundation or FLC Quilters, please make separate checks.

At the annual NW Minnesota Synod conference, Ardys Horner was recognized for her years of service - including during Covid - as secretary. Throughout her time serving our area, Ardys shared her passion for empowering women to grow, learn, and serve God in any capacity, age, and situation in life. Thank you Ardys for representing FLCW and our Synod so well!



'Action Corp' Monthly Hospitality Teams

October

Leader: Marilyn Tinjum & Catie Herman

Evangeline Barnack
Dawn Barnack
Terry & Linda Beilke
Ryan & Susan Bjorklund
Brent & Jodi Blake
Richard & Linda Branden
Ardith Carlson
Lenora Dire
Jim Elletson
Leif & Deb Erickson
Zackary & Sara Erickson
Betty Fischer
Steve & Rhonda Fode
Benjamin & Kristi Fradenburgh
Kim Fuhs
Brent & Sarah Fulton

Keith & Virginia Gilbertson
Steven & Rita Glunberg
Gary & Tanzy Haisley
Virginia & Justin Hanson
David & Elaine Hedman
Amanda Heisserer
Ted & Hollice Heisserer
Jody & Julie Hibma
Jeana Ketter
Josh & Tiffany Krieg
Sonja Lillquist
Robert Lund
Paul & Brenda Muckenhirn
Jeff & Lori Nustad
Charlotte Olson

Paul & Pamela Orth
Jena Ortiz & Jesse Trusty
Roger & Arlene Reiersen
Samuel & Kayla Ruppert
Rodney & Susan Schaffer
Kristie Shaffer
Frank & Joleen Skolte
LaVonne Stallman
William Mayberry
LeRoy & Mathilde Svenby
Edward & Anne Trost
Gary Tunheim
Jeff & Barbara Wilson
Gary & Patti Ziebell
Patricia Zurn

Action Corps serves the Coffee Fellowship time on Sunday mornings, provides desserts for funerals and serves other congregational events.

The month you are on Action Corps, you will be called by your Action Corps leader to see when and how you would like to participate. For Sunday mornings: You **can serve** (set-up, serving and/or clean up). You **can donate food** items or you **can donate money** to purchase food items. You will only be called as the need arises for funerals & other events.

We accomplish big things when everybody does a little bit! Thank You!!



November

Leader: Les & Glenette Olson

Lisa & Douglas Anderson
Charlotte Bergeron
James & Susan Biewer
Stefan & Michelle Bischof
Patricia Bollig
Steven & Linda Bollig
Scott & Susan Busker
Mark & Janel Christen
Matthew & Teaira Christen
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October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sunday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Worship	2 5:00p Al Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm 6:30p Calm the Chaos, CR	3 8:30a Quilters, Rec Rm 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 1:00p Tai Ji Quan, Rec Rm 2:00p Rachel Circle, Conf. Rm 5:00p Crisis Center Mtg, Zoom	4 Wednesday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a Oak Crossing Wshp Svc 11:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh. 5:00p Oasis Meal 6:00p Worship 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Prac. 6:30p Wednesday School 6:30p Confirmation 7:15p Jubilate Choir Prac.	5 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg 5:00p Food Pantry Dinner	6 10:00a Women of ELCA Mtg 12:00p AA, Library 12:00p Prayer Team, Chapel 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	7 8:00a ELCA Fall Gathering
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