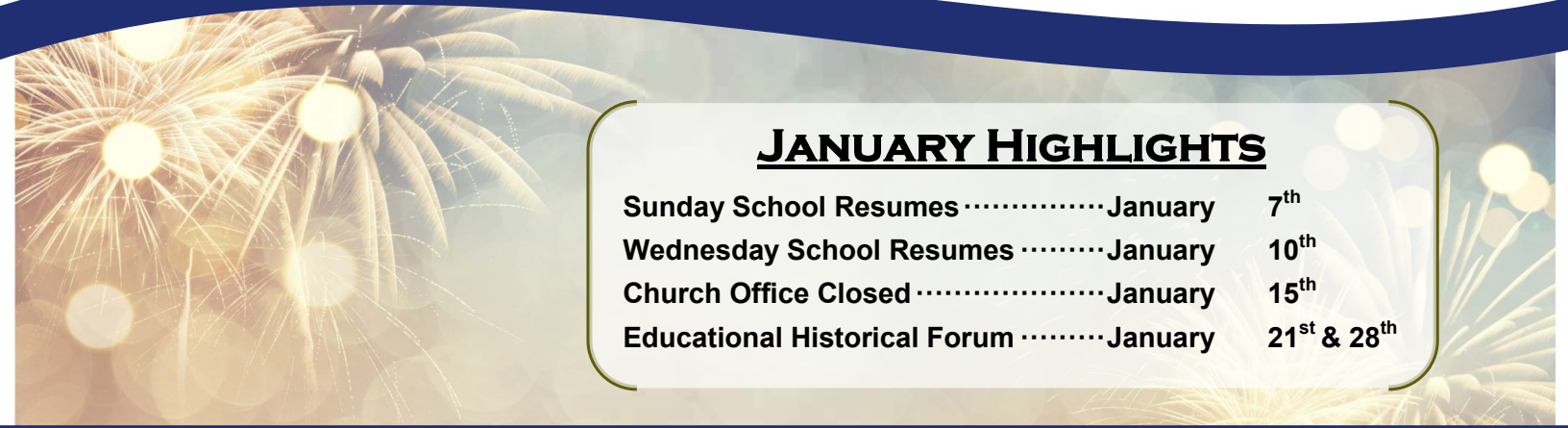




The First Messenger



JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday School Resumes	January	7 th
Wednesday School Resumes	January	10 th
Church Office Closed	January	15 th
Educational Historical Forum	January	21 st & 28 th

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NOISY OFFERING TOTALS

In November, the total Noisy Offering collected was \$574.23 and was donated to "Feed My Starving Children." WOW and THANK YOU, FLC.

The total from the December Noisy Offering going to the FLC Agape Fund totaled 1,421.72.

Noisy offering collected in January will help support the ministry of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota.

The mission of Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota (LSS) is to express the love of Christ for all people through service that inspires hope, changes lives and builds community.

Since 1865, LSS-MN has responded to Minnesota's changing needs. With about 2,400 staff and thousands of volunteers and supporters, one in 65 people in Minnesota receive assistance through a comprehensive range of innovative services and networks. LSS has a presence in all 87 Minnesota counties. With an annual budget of \$208 million funded from public, private and charitable sources, LSS is one of the state's largest nonprofit social service organizations. In 2022, LSS served 91,122 people across Minnesota, North Dakota and elsewhere.

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November 2023 Financial Snapshot

Actual Revenue*, Year to Date: \$259,903.39

Budget Revenue, Year to Date: \$284,648.00

Favorable/(Unfavorable): \$(24,744.61)

*unaudited

For more detailed information on expenses, we invite you to view our latest Vision Council meeting minutes on the church website, and/or talk to the church office about receiving a latest treasurer's report.



PASTOR JOE'S UPDATE

Update from Lead Pastor Joe Skogmo

Happy New Year, everyone!

I hope and pray that the Christmas Season was one of renewed joy and hope for each of you. As we enter the New Year and close out the Season of Christmas, and head into the Season of Epiphany, I often think of these words from Oscar Romero:

**As the magi from the East followed their star
and found Jesus,
who filled their hearts with boundless joy,
let us, too,
even in hours of uncertainty, of shadows, of darkness
like those the magi had,
not fail to follow that star,
the star of our faith.**

January 8th, 1978 (Oscar Romero, 'The Violence of Love,' pg. 27)



I cherish these words from Romero as they remind us of whose Light we should follow when we find ourselves in times of uncertainty, times of shadows, and times of darkness. This is especially fitting for those of us who find our lives in tumult, and this is especially appropriate for all of us as we endeavor into a new year because every year comes with uncertainty.

For each of us – personally, professionally, familiarly, or communally as FLC – there is much uncertainty that weighs upon us. We are all living so many questions, I am sure: Will our health resolve? Will our pregnancy be safe and healthy? How can I live without my pet? Will this new pet ever stop driving me nuts? Will I do okay in the next semester of classes? What sort of mayhem will the election bring? Will Gopher Men's Basketball ever make the NCAA tournament again? Will the Vikings make me sad or mad? Will my children be safe and healthy? My parents? Will I? Will my marriage make it? Who will be our Associate Pastor? Will FLC grow closer together as a community? Will FLC grow in numbers or decline? What will life be like without our loved one who has recently died; will I ever get through it? Will global frictions escalate or resolve? Will national strife escalate or resolve? Will I be able to retire this year? Will I have a job? Will we make it financially? Will we be okay?

As I have said before, I do not know what this next year will bring, but I do know that we will have the same God, steadfast in love and presence, with us and for us every step of the way. Follow the starlight of this truth. Cling to it. You are loved and you are not alone.

Merry Christmas and Blessed Epiphany, dear friends.

Pastor Joe

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

Annual Generosity Statements will be processed the week of January 22. A paper version will be sent to all donors in 2023. If you have not received your statement by January 31, please contact Paul in the church office.

PRESIDENT'S POST

Update from Vision Council President Gail Colby

Happy New Year First Lutheran Church! We've had a very busy year with lots of changes, but a great year!

Have you made some New Year Resolutions? Do you want to improve your fitness? Eat more nutritious foods? Quit smoking? Have you set any spiritual resolutions? These are all great resolutions, but how does flipping open the 2024 calendar suddenly make me get up early to exercise? What's going to stop me from eating 2,024 cookies in 2024? Maybe I could eat only 20 cookies every 24 days which comes out to be 304 cookies per year instead of 2,024? 20 Minutes of exercise every 24 hours comes out to be about 10 hours per month. (which is better than 0) All of



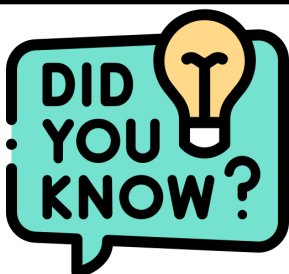
these goals are very overwhelming. I'm not sure I can make these changes on my own? In fact, John 15:5 tells me I can't. *I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me.* I guess I'll be exercising with God in 2024. I'll let you know how it goes.

What does God have in store for First Lutheran Church? I am reading a devotion "New Year, New Heart" provided by Beyond Church on my Bible app. It is about the promises God has for our new year. One of the promises is having a New Heart because that is where God starts new works in us. But the writer says how many of us have developed "callouses" that have built up on our hearts from our struggles in the past. We can pray to allow God to remove those "callouses" to allow New Thinking to happen. Romans 12:2 *Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.*

I can't cover all 10 of the promises in this devotion, but I want to tell you about New Passion. Ephesians 2:10 says: *For we are his workmanship, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we may do them.* So God has stuff for us to do. Sometimes it's just the work in front of us. Sometimes that is the work that is preparing us for other things he wants us to do. If we don't know what to do, we should just pray and ask him to tell us. We all will have different passions.

I know God has new work for First Lutheran to do. And I think he has New Miracles for us. You can read this whole devotion on the Bible App. If you don't have the Bible App and don't know how to get it, it might be someone's passion to help you download it on your phone or computer.

Last of all, I have a spiritual challenge for you. Try making a resolution to memorize one of the Bible verses above (or one of your choice) each week or each month. If I can keep that resolution I think I deserve an extra cookie! But I'll try to keep it under 305 for the year!



If you are about to or currently are taking distributions from your IRA, you can directly give your offering from your retirement account and possibly receive a tax benefit. Talk to your financial advisor about sending FLC a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. This amount counts towards your RMD but you are not taxed on it! Discuss this with your tax and/or finance professional and then talk to Paul in the office about how to get started.



Parish Health

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

How to Beat the Winter Blues

Now that our days are shorter and the holiday celebrations and events are over, you may be feeling a bit blue. Some people have more serious mood changes year after year, lasting throughout the fall and winter when there's less natural sunlight. What is it about the darkening days that can leave us down in the dumps? And what can we do about it?

"Winter blues is a general term, not a medical diagnosis. It's fairly common, and it's more mild than serious. It usually clears up on its own in a fairly short amount of time," says Dr. Matthew Rudorfer, a mental health expert at NIH. The so-called winter blues are often linked to something specific, such as stressful holidays or reminders of absent loved ones.

"Seasonal affective disorder, though, is different. It's a well-defined clinical diagnosis that's related to the shortening of daylight hours," says Rudorfer. "It interferes with daily functioning over a significant period of time." A key feature of SAD is that it follows a regular pattern. It appears each year as the seasons change, and it goes away several months later, usually during spring and summer.

Shorter days seem to be a main trigger for SAD. Reduced sunlight in fall and winter can disrupt your body's internal clock, or circadian rhythm. This 24-hour "master clock" responds to cues in your surroundings, especially light and darkness. During the day, your brain sends signals to other parts of the body to help keep you awake and ready for action. At night, a tiny gland in the brain produces a chemical called melatonin, which helps you sleep. Shortened daylight hours in winter can alter this natural rhythm and lead to SAD in certain people.

Lift Your Mood

These "self-care" tips might help with seasonal depression. See a mental health professional if sadness doesn't go away or interferes with your daily life:

- Go to a movie, take a walk, go ice-skating or do other activities you normally enjoy.
- Get out in the sunlight or brightly lit spaces, especially early in the day.
- Try to spend time with other people and confide in a trusted friend or relative.
- Eat nutritious foods, and avoid overloading on carbohydrates like cookies and candies.
- Be patient. You won't suddenly "snap out of" depression. Your mood will improve gradually.
- If you have thoughts of suicide, get help right away. Call 988, the Suicide and Crisis Helpline. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information regarding this topic, go to [newsinhealth.nih.gov](https://www.newshealth.nih.gov)

Thank you to all that participated in the FLC Blood Drive held on December 27th. Your gift of life is appreciated very much! You are a hero!



Youth & Family Ministry

By Olivia Sauer, Youth & Family Ministry Director

December Highlights

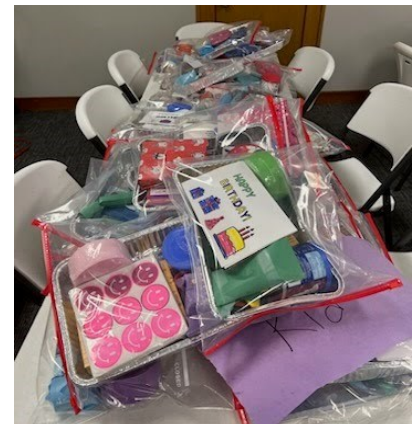
Christmas Program

We did it! What a great success this was. I have to admit, I haven't participated in a Christmas program since I was a kid. This brought me so much joy and I don't know about you, but I'm ready for Christmas now. Thank you Kathy and Chelsea Larson for stepping up in the 11th hour to be our directors. Thank you to all my teachers for your endless support and work. Lastly, thank you to all my kiddos, you did an amazing job, and I am so proud of you.



Birthday Boxes

On December 13th our Wednesday school kids made birthday boxes for the Becker County Food Pantry. We were able to assemble and donate over 60 boxes which is around 185 pounds of birthday fun! Thank you to all those who contributed to making these birthday boxes possible.



January News

234 Fellowship Night

Adults of First - Join Us! January 7th, from 6-8 PM @ FLC

We are inviting folks in their 20s, 30s, and 40s to an evening of connection. Come enjoy some light appetizers and beverages as we foster community engagement and get to know one another better.

Thanks to Olivia and some of our youth, childcare will be available! The kids will enjoy a movie with popcorn, and a craft.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to help our community build lasting connections! Check your emails to RSVP to this event. If you have any questions feel free to contact Olivia.

Service Project

On January 17th our 4th graders will be helping the elderly by making fleece tie blankets that will then be donated to local nursing homes. Parents/Guardians please consider attending this opportunity with your child. If you would like to make a donation to this project, it would be more than appreciated. We are looking for fleece pieces that measure 1 yard or more in length. Please have all donation items to the bin outside the office by Monday, January 15th.



Youth & Family Ministry

By Olivia Sauer, Youth & Family Ministry Director

Looking Ahead

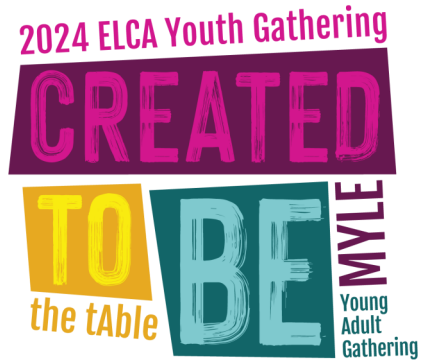
UND Hockey Game

FLC Youth have been invited to attend a University of North Dakota Hockey game on February 23rd. vs Duluth. This opportunity is open to 25 youth in grades 6th-12th and 4 chaperones. This event will cost \$35 per individual which includes transportation, a meal, and your ticket. Parents/Guardians please check your email in the coming weeks to sign up your youth for this event or if you are interested in being a chaperone.

Youth Gathering

For those signed up to attend the ELCA youth gathering this July in New Orleans, please be on the watch for an email from Olivia on dates, times, and location of meetings to prepare for our trip.

What is the gathering? Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation. Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.



Follow First Lutheran Youth and Family Ministry on Instagram!

FLC_YFM

Sunday and Wednesday Classes will resume on January 7th and January 10th.

If you have any questions or concerns, or want more information feel free to contact Olivia
Email: olivia@firstlutheranchurch.com or Cell: 218-325-3953
Typically in Office M-Th 8:30 AM—4:00 PM

THANK YOU!

Thanks to your generous donations the women of FLC were able to ship the following items in our December shipment to Lutheran World Relief.

- 83 Quilts
- 10 Personal Care Kits
- 20 Baby Kits
- 47 School Kits
- 30 Blessing Bags

The FLC quilters also donated 25 quilts to the food pantry and local needs. The blanket drive collected 21 items that were given to the crisis shelter and Becker County Food Shelf. Thank you all!



Your Call Committee has been hard at work walking through the steps required to call our next Associate Pastor. The committee has submitted the church's Ministry Site Profile, also called an MSP, which is a document that provides information about our church and the skills/abilities we would like to see in the new Associate Pastor. The MSP has been approved by the Synod, so we are now taking applications from prospective candidates. This is now where the congregation can help the committee. If you know of a potential candidate, the committee would love to know about them but please do not contact the candidate directly. Instead, share their name with the

chair of the committee, Nathan Olson, via email: nolson981@yahoo.com, or text/call: 612-760-3453. You can also give the name to any of the call committee members listed below. Any names we receive will be forwarded to the Synod and they will reach out to the candidate.

Members of the Call Committee are:

- Catharine Weisenburger
- Barry Fewson
- Emily Olson
- Belinda Freeman
- Gordy Henrikson
- McKenzie Olson
- Emma Duncan
- Carla Hansen
- Aron Badurek

Please continue to pray for the committee and our work, and we wish everyone a happy New Year!



Morning Out Group Respite
Participants enjoy fun activities like playing cards or doing crafts. This is a great way for people age 60+ experiencing memory loss to make new friends in a safe environment with trained volunteers. During this time, Caregivers can run errands, visit with friends and family, or just take some time to relax. Fees for this service are based on a sliding fee scale.

**First Lutheran Church
Tuesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Pre-registration required.
218-220-7517



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
Looking for an opportunity to make an impact in a family's life? Lutheran Social Services is in need of in-home respite volunteers in the FM Area. Our volunteers work with those who have chronic illnesses, providing non-medical, companionship for isolated individuals while giving the Caregiver a break. No experience necessary. Flexible schedule, mileage reimbursement, and training is provided.

Interested?
Questions?
Cassi Walsh 218-220-7517



(Noisy Offering Article continued from page 1)

Their work is grounded in two principles – God loves all people without condition and God yearns for us to love our neighbors.

Services provided by LSS include:

- Offering a variety of camp experiences for children and youth, and providing venues for meetings, conferences and retreats
- Ensuring people with disabilities have meaningful relationships, access to services and opportunities to contribute to community
- Long-term disaster recovery
- Adoption, pregnancy counseling, foster care, housing services, crisis nurseries, financial counseling, mental health services and educational groups
- Career support and financial counseling
- Housing and support to help youth, adults, people with disabilities, families, older adults and veterans
- Support to veterans and military members and their families
- Programs assisting older adults
- Resettlement for refugees and asylees
- Programs to assist youth and young adults
- Providing homeless youth with the resources they need to launch into productive, healthy, and independ-



Educational Historical Forum
Emmy Award Winning Documentary
“The Road to Little Rock”
Sunday, January 21
9:30 AM in the FLC Library

In recognition of Martin Luther King Day, Social Justice, and Social Injustice, the FLC Adult Faith Formation Team has invited Carl Oberholtzer to present an “Educational Historical Forum” in the FLC Library at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, January 21. Plan to attend this informative documentary – coffee and pastries will be provided!

Oberholtzer’s documentary, which he co-wrote and co-produced, is based on a Civil Rights Story, “The Road to Little Rock”, which tells of nine teenagers and one judge who demonstrated enduring positive human qualities of courage, honor, determination, and responsibility. The story begins in 1957 as nine African-American teenagers sought enrollment at an all-white high school in Little Rock, Arkansas. In 1957 many school districts continued to ignore the 1954 US Supreme Court ruling of Brown vs Board of Education, which declared that segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. Viewers will witness the courage and determination demonstrated by the “Little Rock Nine” who sought to attend the high school of their choice.

Social Justice refers to the fair and equitable distribution of resources, opportunities, and privileges in society – fairness in healthcare, employment, housing, and more. In a Socially-Just society, human rights are respected, and discrimination is not allowed to flourish. Social Justice is also about ensuring that everyone has equal economic, political, and social rights and opportunities.

Join Carl as he presents this Emmy Award Winning Documentary followed by a discussion linking the events which unfolded in 1957 with contemporary issues and challenges.

Educational Historical Forum
Award Winning Documentary
“The MISSION of Herman Stern”
Sunday, January 28
9:30 AM in the FLC Library



Come to the FLC Library Sunday, January 28 at 9:30 AM and join Carl Oberholtzer as he presents the documentary, “The MISSION of Herman Stern”. Coffee and pastries will be provide

“The MISSION of Herman Stern” tells the story of an amazing individual who, from his clothing store in Valley City, North Dakota, saved the lives of 125 German Jews. These individuals would have faced persecution and death at the hands of the Nazi government in Germany if they had not found refuge in the United States.

Many of us have heroes in our lives: family members, mentors, teachers, coaches, neighbors, sports figures . . . each of us has our own criteria for what constitutes heroic action. “The MISSION of Howard Stern” provides a glimpse into what the activities of a true hero from North Dakota look like.

Join Carl as he presents this Award Winning Documentary followed by a discussion linking the events which unfolded during the 1930s with contemporary issues and challenges.



2023 Poinsettia Memorials

Thank you for helping make our sanctuary more beautiful this Christmas Season.



GIVEN BY:

Anonymous..... Marlene, Gary & Scott Shipley
 Anonymous..... Dick Tovson, Caroline & Marvin Sachs
 Brian & Kris Bausman..... Our Parents: Wendell & Vonnie Bausman and Don & Joyce Eckhoff
 Dick & Lonni Beaton..... Jack & Mary Beaton, Marilyn Clemenson, Jeanne Edenstrom & Dex Beaton
 Dean & Sue Berg..... Our Loved Ones
 Pam Bergeson..... Pastor Bob Bergeson
 Ryan, Susan, Katelyn & Emily Bjorklund..... Ron Bjorklund
 The Brodsho Family..... Bob & Lorraine Johnson & Kenny Brodsho
 Fern Brown..... Gust Brown
 Larry & Adrienne Buboltz..... Our Parents
 Jim Buchholz Family..... Jim Buchholz
 Scott & Susan Busker..... Marlys Busker
 Scott & Susan Busker..... Donald Burns
 Susan Christensen..... Walfer Christensen
 Ted & Lynn Cihak..... Emil Dunham and John Cihak
 Jim Elletson's Family: Laura, Paul, & Amy..... Beverly J. Elletson
 and his grandchildren: Maddie, Hunter, Sam, Emily & Ava
 Jim Elletson..... Beverly Elletson
 Steve..... Eugene & Ruth Fuhs and Juanita Fuhs Gowder
 Connie Graber..... Bradley
 Peggy & Roy Hammerling..... Nancy Ekberg
 Lynne & Cameron Hanson..... Maury & Alice Hanson
 Dave & Elaine Hedman..... Vernon & Josephine Hedman
 Dave & Elaine Hedman..... Erwin & Corinne Klatt
 Jim & Catie Herman..... Vern & Jann Herman
 Jim & Catie Herman..... Rodger Tinjum
 Ardys Horner..... John Horner and John & Evelyn Groninga
 Garnet Hultgren..... Delmoure Hultgren and Madeline Kingsbury
 David & Andrew..... John Johansson
 David & Andrew..... Janet Johansson
 Betty Johnston..... Richard Chapman
 Betty Johnston..... Lyle Johnston
 Terry & Sandi Kemmer..... Friends & Family
 The Larson Family..... C. Leroy Larson
 Curt & Audrey Listul..... Our Son—Gary
 Henrietta Malchow..... Karl Malchow
 MaryBeth Okeson..... Tory & Edlin Olsen
 Jim & Laurie Ostrom..... Ben & Margie Granholt and Roy & Ione Ostrom
 KO & Becky..... Our Arneson Parents and Our Rudel Parents
 Gaylen & Catharine Weisenburger..... Wanda & Cliff Jensen and Bert & Erna Weisenburger
 Roger & Shila Worden..... Carl & Edna Knutson
 Pat Zurn..... Ray, Mom, Dad, Dorothy, Chuck, Darlene & Dave

GIVEN BY:

IN HONOR OF:

Cliff & Jan Adkins..... Our Families
 Anonymous..... Dolly Tovson
 Brian & Kris Bausman..... Our Children and Grandchildren: Megan, Jason, Nathan, Payton, Fallon & Blane
 Dick & Lonni Beaton..... Our Grandchildren: Taylor, Aiden, Hope & Nora
 Dean & Sue Berg..... Christ's Birth and Our Family
 Larry & Adrienne Buboltz..... Our Family
 Scott & Susan Busker..... Donald Busker
 Scott & Susan Busker..... Janet Burns
 Ted & Lynn Cihak..... Parents & Children
 James Elletson's Family: Laura, Paul, & Amy..... Beverly J. Elletson
 and his grandchildren: Maddie, Hunter, Sam, Emily & Ava
 Todd & Denise Gaard..... Our Grandchildren
 Jonna & Gary Goreham
 Carla & Howard Hansen..... Our Family & The Music Ministry at First Lutheran Church
 Gordon & Gretchen Henrikson..... Our Children and Grandchildren
 Bruce & Jean Hein..... Josh, Ashley, Miles & Adalyn and Jacob, Christina, Magnolia & Vivian
 Tom & Joyce Klyve..... Our Grandchildren: Eleanna, Taylor & Greta
 Rick & Shan Manke..... Grandchildren: Leighton, Eleanor, Rueben, Walter, Catherine, Lennon, George,
 Jack, Lizzie, & Daniel Manke
 Ruth Olson..... Grandchildren
 Rod & Sue Schaffer..... Our Children & Grandchildren
 Rod & Shirley Searls..... Jay, Angie, Nick & Andrew Searls

Making Connections

The Solem Family



Greetings from the Solems. We moved to beautiful Rock Lake and became members of FLC in 2018 but attended outdoor worship for 3-4 years prior to that while vacationing at our summer 'golf shack' at Forest Hills. From our first visit to now, we have liked the message of loving all of God's creation, shown in FLC ministries, mission, and messages, including blessing of pets, homeless ministries, creation care, sermons on being humble, loving, caring, and a good neighbor to all.

We met in Fargo after both attending MSUM (although not at the same time) and will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary in September 2024! Carla serves as a regional planner, partnering with various community partners in West Central MN as they collectively strive to prevent and end homelessness. In her free time, Carla enjoys travel, visiting and playing games with friends and family, and almost anything lake related (kayaking, boat rides, paddle boarding, swimming, skiing, snowshoeing, and photographing animals). Mark is happily retired after 20 years as Fire Chief at the ND Air National Guard. In his free time (which is anytime he doesn't have a 'honey do' project – since he is retired), Mark enjoys golf, reading, travel (if Carla plans it), boating, playing games, reading, watching movies, reading, working out, swimming, and reading.

We are still acclimating to the slower pace of Detroit Lake. If you see us at church, please say 'hi' or introduce yourself if we haven't met yet!

The Groth Family



Dick and Barb Groth

Children: Nick 29 (wife Ashley), Haley 25 (husband Mel)

Barb lived the early part of her life just west of the Minneapolis metro area. Her family – mom and dad, 2 brothers and a sister relocated to a farm west of Alexandria, MN. Dick grew up in Herman, MN about 40 miles west of Alexandria, MN.

Dick and Barb met in college at Moorhead State University in 1980. After graduating Barb started her career in the graphic arts business in 1983, and Dick found employment with IDQ Companies (Int. Dairy Queen). They continued to date and were married in November of 1984.

During In 1990 the "Graphics" work started the move to being electronic versus hands on work. Barb elected to take a different employment path when an opportunity for Dick to move to the Northwest part of Minnesota with a job transfer to Moorhead. **10/31/1991** was the moving day, the date of the largest single day snowfall in Minneapolis history. Over 30" snowfall.

Barb and Dick continued to work on the adoption process with LSS. You need thick skin and a never give up attitude to be successful in this process. On 7/3/1994 Nicholas was born, and they brought him home on the 4th of July. Dick and Barb got back into the adoption game and in 1998 we were blessed and got to adopt Haley on June 5th.

Dick is still with IDQ Companies after 39 years; Barb has spent the last 16 years working as a PARA at Detroit Lakes Schools, after working in the graphics field and the library system. Barb continues to work on and sell her handmade paper collages and Dick enjoys most all outdoor sports. Nick is working for Scheels in Fargo in the HR department and Haley is working Sanford in Fargo as a labor & delivery nurse.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

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

AGAPE FUND

In Memory of: Jim Buchholz
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz
 Given by: Janelle Maday
In Memory of: Ernie Mancini
 Given by: Thomas & Phyllis Neuenfeldt
 Given by: Ardys Horner

FLOWER FUND

In Memory of: Jim Buchholz
 Given by: Darrell Bauder & Ruth Olson

FOUNDATION FUND

In Memory of: Jim Buchholz
 Given by: Jean & Wayne Benson
 Given by: Mary Lou Ladeen Anderson
 Given by: Rod & Carolyn Boyer
In Memory of: Ernie Mancini
 Given by: Wayne & Jean Benson

MUSIC FUND

In Memory of: Char Bergeron
 Given by: Karen & Cliff Bimberg
In Memory of: Jim Buchholz
 Given by: Adrienne & Larry Buboltz
 Given by: Madalyn Sukke

RADIO FUND

In Memory of: Joyce Miller
 Given by: Ruth Price

QUILTER'S FUND

In Memory of: Char Bergeron
 Given by: Gerald & Pamela Ross
In Memory of: Doris Knudson
 Given by: Joy Fetting
 Given by: Bonnie Mohs

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In Memory of: Ardis & David Hanson
 Given by: Joan Westlake
In Memory of: Jack Waryan
 Given by: Beth Larson
In Memory of: Jim Buchholz
 Given by: Lawrence & Laurie Lewandowski
 Given by: Rich & Lynn Schram
 Given by: Shirley Klomstad
 Given by: Lynn & Beverly Hummel
 Given by: Alan & Mark Hagen
 Given by: Dorian Olson

YOUTH FUND

In Memory of: Jim Buchholz
 Given by: David & Elaine Hedman
 Given by: Cindy Bruflodt
 Given by: Ardys Horner
 Given by: Michael & Karen Moberg
In Memory of: Ernie Mancini
 Given by: Joyce & Tom Klyve

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



PIECEMAKERS

Submitted by Deb Ormseth

In early December 83 quilts were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief delivery center in Wadena, starting their journey to someone in need.

Many were involved in the creation of the quilts. The Snowbird quilters are already south and their presence is missed.

If you have an interest in this ministry, this is a good time to visit and learn what we do. Those who tie quilts are in need of help... can you tie a knot, or if this is not of interest, can you sew a seam? We meet at 8:30 Tuesday mornings in the Rec. room – join us!

'Action Corp' Monthly Hospitality Teams

January

Leader: Joyce Klyve

Trent Bartells
Wayne & Jean Benson
Melissa & Ryan Brodsho
Jim & Cindy Bruflodt
Cathy Buchholz
Charlie Cooper
Ronnie Dahlsad
Jeffrey Ehnert & Jessica Leu
Michael & Dianne Fillmore
Eugene & Eloyce Gaffney
Jaime & Steve Gunderson
Dan & Irene Hagen
James & LeeAnn Hagle

Howard & Carla Hansen
Lynne Hanson
Bruce & Jean Hein
Judith Hoeglund
Lynn & Beverly Hummel
Anne Jorgenson
Terry & Sandra Kemmer
Corrine Leu
Jared & Jessi Lotzer
Jeremiah & Kelsey McBroom
Sylvia McCurdy
Daniel & Erica McDougall
Jeff & Collette Murphy

Stanley & Jodi Ouren
Gene & Margaret Prechel
Lynnae Salvesson
Darcy & Jennifer Savig
David & Janine Schneider
Sandra Smith
Shanda Smith
Adam Steward
Melissa Halverson
Steven & Emma Swenson
Paul & Lisa Weber
Sharon Wesbrook
Ryan & Cheryl Weum

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!!



February

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Benjamin Aastuen
Darrell Bauder & Ruth Olson
Robert & Bonnie Bekkerus
Cheryl Brehm
Brady & Jennifer Burnside
Chad & Kristen Carlblom
Susan Christensen
Michael & Gayle Damlo
Dana & Julie Fagerlie
Nathan & Joy Fetting
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Jon & Belinda Freeman
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Chad Hagen
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Thomas & Joyce Klyve
Michael & Diane Kuehne
Brooks & Lisa Larson
Mark & RoxAnn Lindquist
Gayle Mostad
Benjamin & Heidi Olson

Mason & Sara Pender
Susan & Steven Quam
Debra Rethwisch
Paul & Jill Schramel
Amanda Schrupp
Brian & Sara Shepard
Trevor & Gretchen Thilmony
Mary Waalen
Lowell Wenberg
Joy Wheeler
William & Holly Wheeler
Warren & Kristen Whitworth

Each family/person has a 3-month quarter in which they will be called upon for serving. If you know which Sunday you would prefer to help serve during Sunday Coffee Fellowship time, please contact your leader and let them know!
Call the office, 847-5656, if you would like to change the season in which you serve.

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 Sunday Schedule <i>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 10:45a Contemporary Worship	1 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm 	2 8:30a Quilters, Rec Rm 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 2:00p Rachel Circle, Conf. Rm 7:00p Theology on Tap	3 NO OASIS NO WORSHIP NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL NO CONFIRMATION 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project 5:00p Worship Tm Reh. 6:15p Alleluia Ringers Prac. 7:15p Jubilate Choir Prac.	4 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg.	5 12:00p AA, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	6
7 Sunday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Worship 6:00p 234 Fellowship Night	8 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	9 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 9:00a Rebekah Cir., Conf Rm 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 2:00p Adult Faith Team, Con Rm 4:00p Sons of Norway, Din Rm	10 Wednesday Schedule <i>Communion</i> 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a YFM Meeting 4:00p Father's Project, Library 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.	11 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg. 1:30p Ruth Circle, Din Rm	12 12:00p AA, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	13
14 Sunday Schedule <i>Children's Christmas Program</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Worship 1:00p Lakes Area Chorale Prac.	15 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	16 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 7:00p Creation Care Mtg, Library 7:00p Theology on Tap	17 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a 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.	18 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg.	19 12:00p AA, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	20
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28 Sunday Schedule <i>Healing Service</i> 8:30a Traditional Worship 9:30a Adult Forum, Library 9:30a Sunday School 10:45a Contemporary Worship 1:00p Lakes Area Chorale	29 5:00p AI Anon, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 8:30a Quilters, Rec Room 9:00a Office Staff Mtg 10:00a LSS Morning Out, Lib 6:00p Stewardship Mtg, Conf Rm	31 Wednesday Schedule 6:30a Men's Bible Stdy, Hol. In. 10:00a 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	1 8:00a Women's Bible St, Lib 10:30a Business Manag. Mtg.	2 12:00p AA, Library 5:30p Tae Kwon Do, Rec Rm	3



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