

HELPING HANDS ASSIGNMENTS

Month of January 2021

USHERING:

Sunday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m.: Deb & LaShane Wobbema

Sunday, Jan. 10 at 10 a.m.: Patti Gehrtz & Carmen Ludwig

Sunday, Jan. 17 at 10 a.m.: Rick & Leona Eversvik

Sunday, Jan. 24 at 10 a.m.: Jon & Cherry Heinz family

Sunday, Jan. 31 at 10 a.m.: Jon & Carissa Johnson family

***Attention Ushers:** Please fill out the Usher Report provided at the back of the church on the shelf by the offering plates. It is important that you take a head count and put the number on the report. There is also a sheet on the bulletin board with the duties of the ushers.*

READER: Sunday, January 3:

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Melony Allmaras & Janine Anderson

FUND: Carpet Fund

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Sunday, Jan. 3 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, Jan. 10 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, Jan. 17 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, Jan. 24 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Sunday, Jan. 31 at 9:15 a.m.: No coffee fellowship

Please note: If you cannot do your task, please find someone to switch with! If you cannot find someone to switch, please notify a chairperson. Thanks for your help!

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM PASTOR AMY

H is for Happy. 2021 is here. A vaccine is available. New hope abounds.

A is for Awesome Advent. "It's True" was a wonderful wonder filled journey toward the manger.

P is for Pandemic. I am grateful for the leadership and staff of our church as we navigate it!

P is for Purpose. We remain true to our church mission statement to love, accept, care, and give.

Y is for Yearning. I am a raging extrovert and I yearn for more in person connection with all of you.

N is for New Rockford! This community has welcomed me, and I love to call NR home.

E is for Excellence. I am astounded at and grateful for the musical excellence in our congregation!

W is for Worship. It takes a village- PowerPoint, Sound, Ushers, Acolytes, Musicians. Thank you all!

Y is for Youth. Jan 3 is our first youth event! Pizza, Jesus, and amazing young people- I CAN'T WAIT!

E is for Expectations. I expect SMASH to resume and expect a grand 100th celebration in 2021.

A is for Amazing. Our newly formed worship planning team has amazing ideas and so much passion.

R is for Reverend. Your call has made me a pastor, and it is my great joy to do ministry with you.

Faith Stepping Stones Program Launched

In October, confirmation students and their parents gathered for the launch of a new program here at First Lutheran called Faith Stepping Stones. They attended a class called "Surviving Adolescence" where we considered the world young people are navigating these days and how it has changed since their parents were their age. We then talked about confirmation; what it is, why we do it, and what the goal is. Parents were invited to see the church as their greatest ally in parenting, their partner in raising faith filled, deep caring adults. We even offered a tool called FAITH5 that has been proven to help communication stay open through the teen years. This Faith Stepping Stone culminated at the altar, with the congregation and parents blessing the kids as they enter confirmation. Each student received a cross necklace as a memento of this important faith milestone.

January Announcements

Thanks to all who continue to send in their offering, even if you are not yet attending in-person worship services. We appreciate you all and your continued support of FLC as we could not continue our ministry without each and every one of you! Just a reminder, you can follow along with worship with a bulletin that is posted weekly on the church website at www.flcnewrock.org.

Communion will now be held on the first and third Sundays of each month as well as the Wednesday following those Sundays. If you would like to receive communion for worshipping at home, please call the church office and we will deliver it to you.

All year-end reports for the Annual Report are due in the church office on Tuesday, January 5th. The Annual Report will be available on Sunday, January 17th. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31st following worship. More details will be announced once council meets on January 13th.

LIFT! Meets all Wednesdays in January. January 20th is Parent's Night so please join your child at confirmation class!

Breakout will be held on Wednesday, January 20th during the school lunch break. Please join us for pizza and bring a friend!

2021 offering envelopes are in your church mailboxes. Please pick them up as they will not be mailed out. Year-end statements will be in your mailboxes around mid-January.

Bev Ellefson is doing well and sends Christmas greetings to all at First Lutheran Church!

A 'make your own pizza' party will be held on Sunday, January 3rd for 9-12 graders from 5-7 p.m. This will be an opportunity to gather together for food & fun, get to know Pastor Amy, and wonder together about future gatherings and trips! Hope you can join us!

Women's Ministry will meet on Thursday, Jan. 14th at 2:30 p.m. for yearly planning. Please join us!

Memorials given during December:

CARPET FUND

IMO Jodi Carlson, by
Dave & Patti Gehrtz
Doreen Taylor

Paul & Janel Fortney

IMO Gloria Rud, by

Glenda Collier & Larry Danduran

IMO Ronald Bucholz, by

Glenda Collier & Larry Danduran

IMO Scott Harrington, by

Stan & Deb Stafford

IMO Dennis Gehrtz, by

Stan & Deb Stafford

IMO Dorothy Debus, by

Stan & Deb Stafford

MUSIC FUND

IMO Ronald Bucholz, by

Bev & Wendy Lesmeister

IMO Doug Smith, by

Bev & Wendy Lesmeister

Kerstin & Jamie Allmaras

Doreen Taylor

Ann Smith & family

IMO Jodi Carlson, by

Kerstin & Jamie Allmaras

IMO Roy Taylor, by

Kerstin & Jamie Allmaras

Paul & Janel Fortney

Ann Smith

Pastor Jeff & Marsha Johnson

David & Doreen Green

Ralph & Patty Kettel

Doreen Taylor & Family

HOPES & DREAMS FUND

IMO Roy Taylor, by
Bev Clifton

RADIO FUND

IMO Edith Gehrtz, by
Bev & Wendy Lesmeister

IMO Eileen Dockter, by
Helen Duda

IMO Willis Suckut, by
Helen Duda

IMO Doug Smith, by
Neal & Deb Rud

QUILTING FUND

IMO Beverly Olson, by
Bev & Wendy Lesmeister

IMO Jodi Carlson, by
Bev & Wendy Lesmeister

FL FOUNDATION

IMO Doug Smith, by
John & Karen Hovey

BANNER FUND

IMO Roy Taylor, by
Glenda Collier & Larry Danduran

IMO Eileen Dockter, by
Glenda Collier & Larry Danduran

FOOD PANTRY

IMO Scott Harrington, by
Barb Perleberg & Verle Marsaa

2020 Thrivent Choice Dollars

Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2020 were distributed in December to First Lutheran groups who applied for them: Women's Ministry \$200, Men's Group \$150 and Carpet Fund \$100.

Thrivent has discontinued their advocate program, where they contributed additional dollars for each advocate to be given to First Lutheran. With less funds coming in for our church groups, it is important for Thrivent members to continue to gift their Choice Dollars to FLC or an organization of their choice or these funds will be lost. You have until March 30, 2021 to move your 2020 funds. FLC appreciates all gifts designated to our church!

Thrivent has a great support line, 1-800-847-4836, to answer any questions or help you move funds. You can also call Vicki at 947-5433 and she will try to answer any questions.

First Lutheran Advocates: Vicki Ryan, Shelly Ehni, Richard Carlson & Traci Harrington

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First Lutheran Foundation

The Foundation was established in 2009 to create an entity for contributions to FLC programs with tax favorability to donors. Contributions allocated according to these guidelines: 25% to Endowment (only interest is used); 25% to FLC programs; 25% to community projects; 25% to Missions.

Professional advice is available through ELCA. Contact your tax advisor for State and Federal tax benefits. Contact Foundation board members for more information: Bruce Hirschert, Jeanette Perleberg, Richard Carlson, Amy Perleberg & Dori Tollefson.

Please remember First Lutheran Foundation in your Estate and Financial planning!

CHURCH RECORDS

ATTENDANCE: OFFERING:

Dec. 2 - 20	\$ 295.00
Dec. 6 - 66	\$1,595.00
Dec. 9 - 20	\$ 320.00
Dec, 13 - 58	\$6,617.36
Dec, 16 - 25	\$ 315.00
Dec. 20- 65	\$2,193.00
Dec. 23 - 15	\$ 230.00
Dec. 24 - 152	\$ 853.00
Dec. 25 - 45	\$ 142.00
Dec. 27 - 31	\$1,682.00

WEEKLY NEED:	\$ 2,839.76
Y-T-D EXPENSES:	\$132,580.13
Y-T-D OFFERING:	\$138,827.94
Y-T-D BUDGET:	\$147,667.24

*General Fund
(Checking Account)
Balance as of 12/30/2020:
\$16,826.31*

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS:

Property Fund:	\$16,166.82
Hopes & Dreams:	\$1,630.32
Banner Fund:	\$229.99
Music Fund:	\$711.20
Budget Reserve:	\$3,644.47
Thrivent Choice:	\$2.00
Noisy Offering:	\$0.00
FLC Men's group:	\$2,653.98
Carpet Fund:	\$8,176.71
100th Anniversary:	\$3,359.71
Advent Offering:	\$2,019.00

*Special Account
(Savings Account)
Balance as of 12/30/2020:
\$38,674.20*

Helping Hands January (Group 8)

LuAnn Alderman family
Taylor Alderman family
David & Melony Allmaras
Greg & Janine Anderson
Rick & Leona Eversvik
Mandy Fandrich family
David & Patti Gehrtz
Verna Guler
Jon & Cherry Heinz family
Jon & Carissa Johnson family
Michelle Koenig
Robert & Carmen Ludwig
Melanie Quentin family
LaShane Wobbema family
Deb Wobbema family

Acolyte Schedule:

Sunday, January 3:
Mathew Schuster & Noah Wobbema
Sunday, January 10:
Abigail Nystrom & Logan Cudworth
Sunday, January 17:
Hannah Dockter & Kaiya O'Connor
Sunday, January 24:
Bennett Meier & Jackson Schumacher
Sunday, January 31:
Addysen Fandrich & Ava Peterson

Thanks to all the sponsors of our radio broadcasts!

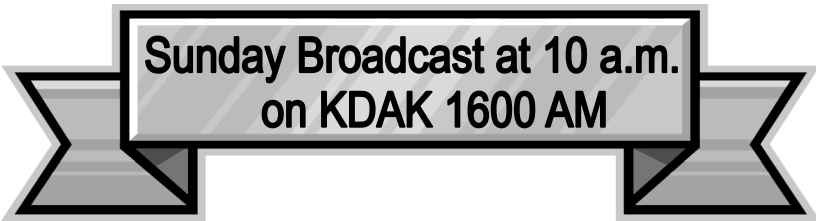
Dec. 6: IMO Nate Omoth & Lyle Christianson, by Kevin & Karen Omoth family and Helen Christianson.

Dec. 13: IMO Keith Nemitz, by Doug & Pam Nemitz.

Dec. 20: IMO Ervin & Myrna Nygaard, by Jake & Lynette Clelland family.

Dec. 27: IHO Leonard & Lois Jacobson's Anniversary, by Tom & Kathy Ryan.

There are numerous openings for Sunday radio sponsorship in 2021. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please call the church office. The cost is \$50 for a Sunday. Thank you for all the sponsorships!



DECEMBER 2020:

BAPTISMS:

Presley Ann Collier on 12/12/20

WEDDINGS:

FUNERALS:

Scott Harrington on 12/18/20
Ervin Longnecker on 12/23/20

TRANSFERS:

Marc Radke to Trinity Lutheran, Carrington from FLC

ALTAR
COMMITTEE
for January
Melony Allmaras
Sandy Koeplin
Gina Clifton



Your 2021 schedules are
in your church mailbox!

CHURCH COUNCIL

OLD BUSINESS

Worship Numbers-Fifty people will be able to worship in the Sanctuary along with 50 people in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Extra Benevolence-Jon made a motion to donate \$150 to the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd for Christmas gifts, etc for the residents. Erin seconded the motion, motion carried.

Nominating Committee Update- All positions have been filled with the exception of two openings on the Property Board.

2021 Missionary Sponsorship-The Council agreed to continue supporting the missionary family.

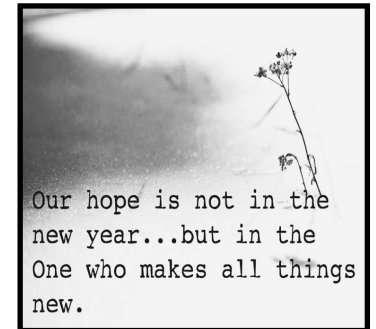
Annual Meeting Date-Has been set for January 31, 2021 following worship.

2021 Budget-The Council went through the budget and made adjustments as needed. Erin made a motion to give Amy Perleberg a 3% raise. Kayla seconded the motion, motion carried. Jon made a motion to give Joan Shroyer a raise of \$25/month. Melony seconded the motion, motion carried. Erin made a motion to gift Pastor Amy with a \$500 gift card. Kayla seconded the motion, motion carried. Jon made a motion to take \$50 from the budget reserve to purchase a gift card as a thank-you to one of the piano players that does not accept payment. Kayla seconded the motion, motion carried.

- Faith 5:
- 4. Pray
- 5. Blessing

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelly Ehni



CHURCH COUNCIL

First Lutheran Church Council met on December 9, 2020. In attendance were Jim Schuster, Bruce Hirschert, Melony Allmaras, Jon Johnson, Erin Radke, Kayla Jay, Janine Anderson, Amy Perleberg, Pastor Amy and Shelly Ehni. The meeting was called to order by president Bruce Hirschert. The agenda was approved.

Pastor Amy led us in Faith 5:

1. Share highs and lows
2. Bible verse
3. Discuss verse

Secretary's Report-Janine made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Erin seconded the motion, motion carried.

Financial & Treasurer's report-as of December 9, the checking account showed a balance of \$12,297,83. Erin made a motion to approve the financial report, Kayla seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Correspondence-Thank you's were received from Doreen Taylor, Father Reese Weber and Tom Aljets.

Cards of Care-Cards were signed by the council.

100th Anniversary Update-No new discussion.

REPORTS

Pastor's Report- Pastor Amy shared she is planning on hosting a high school student gathering on January 3rd as a "get-to-know-you" event. A confirmation logo, LiFT! (Learning in Faith Together), was voted on and selected by the confirmation students. \$700 has been given in the Advent offerings up to this point.

Board of Education-Due to the COVID situation, SMASH continues to remain on hold.

Lay Ministry/Evangelism-Home delivery has been scheduled.

Property/Stewardship Board-Projects at the parsonage and church were discussed. Jon is in charge of the January Helping Hands.

Women's Ministry

Holiday greetings to all of you. This past year 2020 sure took on a different look for all of us with COVID-19 virus being present. Many events had to be cancelled or adapted to COVID-19 guidelines and our daily lives needed to be adjusted.

January is the month that Women's Ministries plans their activities and gift giving for the coming year. This planning meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14th, 2021 at 2:30PM in the church fellowship hall. We will be following COVID-19 guidelines with masks and social distancing.

Please contact Ardyce (302-0332) or Betty (302-0348) with any questions, concerns, or ideas. Hoping that 2021 is a better year for all of us. May God be with us..... each and every one!

Blessings in Christ.

Ardyce and Betty, co-chairpersons

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Faith Stepping Stones was created to mark significant moments in the life of a child from cradle to graduation. Each one gathers kids and parents together for a 2-3-hour session and culminates at the altar with a special blessing prayer and a keepsake memento for the child. Parents are also invited at each Faith Stepping Stone to recommit to the promises they made before God at their child's baptism.

Children of First Lutheran Church will celebrate seven Faith Stepping Stones as they grow in years and grow in faith:

- * Baptism
- * Cradle Roll Graduation
- * My Bible & Me
- * Holy Communion Instruction
- * Entering Confirmation/SMASH Graduation
- * Confirmation Day/Affirmation of Baptism
- * Graduation



We look forward to celebrating children as they grow in years, and grow in relationship with their parents, God's church, and Jesus.

January Birthdays

1st - Tina Hermanson
 Nancy Ludwig
 Kenny Sharbono
 Marlys Throlson
 2nd - Elizabeth Widmer
 3rd - Larry Larson
 Arlo Omoth
 Ken Throlson
 5th - Arlene Weber
 6th - Tommy Munson
 7th - Jim Belquist
 Jake Clelland
 8th - Robert Ludwig
 Matt Pfeiffer
 9th - Katie Jorgensen

10th - Mathew Schuster
 11th - Dylan Cudworth
 Carli Lies
 12th - John Schuster
 14th - Richard Anderson
 17th - Nicholas Berglund
 18th - Tom Anderson
 Haley Brandvold
 21st - Allison Pfeiffer
 24th - Metta McDowell
 Vicky Richter
 25th - Bill Smith
 26th - Amy Perleberg
 28th - Glenda Collier
 31st - Anne Erickson
 Jace Pfeiffer

*If you find that your
 birthday isn't listed, or if
 the date is wrong, please
 let us know.*



2020 Poinsettia List

Thank you for your poinsettia donation! If you would like your plant, please stop by and grab it by Thursday, January 7th or they will be disposed of.

The family of Jack McDowell
 *In memory of Jack McDowell

Brian & Jeanette Perleberg family
 *In memory of Levi Duda

Greg & Janine Anderson
 *IMO Marvin and Emma Anderson and Cliff Gedrose

Kerstin, Jamie, Katie & Thomas Allmaras
 *IMO Gary Georgeson

Bruce & Jodi Hirschert
 *In memory of Delbert, Janice & Arland Clelland

Matt, Allison & Jace Pfeiffer and Jeff & Denise Labrensz
 *In memory of Aaron Labrensz

Amy & Nicole Kippen
 *In memory of Robert & Merley Kippen and Robert Kippen Jr.
 *In memory of Hartley, Pearle and Viola Carlson

Neal & Deb Rud
 *In memory of Norris, Gloria & Shirley Rud

David & Gail Roberts
 *In memory of our parents, Laverne & Marlys Fornshell and Harold & Mavis Roberts

Karla, Gretchen & Nicholas Berglund
 *In memory of Johnathan Berglund
 *In memory of loved ones

Bill & Brenda Bachmeier family
 *IMO Richard & MaryAnn Bachmeier

Doug Smith family
 *In memory of Doug Smith

Arlo Omoth
 *In memory of Linda Omoth
 *In memory of loved ones

Bob & Carmen Ludwig
 *In memory of Nathan Ludwig