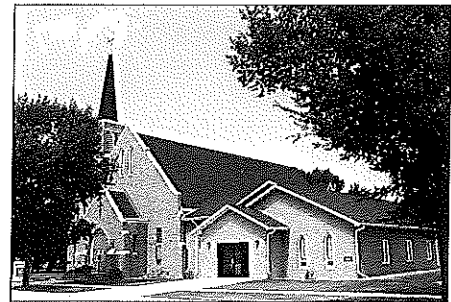


The One Hundred-Second Annual Meeting  
of  
**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
436 First Avenue North  
New Rockford, North Dakota  
January 30, 2022



Summary of the Agenda (from the Constitution):

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# 2021 CHURCH LEADERSHIP

**PRESIDENT** (1 year) - \* Ardyce Snyder – 947-2084  
**VICE PRESIDENT** (1 year) – \* Shelly Ehni – 302-0503  
**SECRETARY** – (1 year) - \*Janel Fortney – 302-0812  
**TREASURER** – (1 year) - \*Patti Gehrtz – 947-2903  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY** – Amy Perleberg – 947-2264

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION** (2 years)

LaShane Wobbema 302-0924  
Katie Jorgensen 218-790-1257  
Erin Radke 228-4227  
\*Carissa Johnson 302-0777  
\*Sydney Ulrich 302-0592  
\*Kayla Jay 660-9111  
\*Audrey Davies 715-410-5134

## **STEWARDSHIP/PROPERTY** (2 years)

(Joan Shroyer – Church Maint/advisory)  
Dan Shroyer 947-5723  
Jim Schuster 947-2777  
\*Bruce Hirschert 947-2606  
\*Corey Longnecker 947-2009  
\*Jon Johnson 388-9379  
\*Kent Brown 341-0532  
\*Rick Swenson(1 yr. term) 302-0483

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2021**

### **Congregation members** – (1 year)

\*Janel Fortney 947-2335  
\*Janine Anderson 947-2108  
\*Lisa Longnecker 947-2939

**(Plus 1 member from each board)**

## **DELEGATE TO RWBC** (1yr.)

\*Nan Taverna 302-0405

## **DELEGATES TO SYNOD ASSEMBLY**

\*Ardyce Snyder - President  
\*Shelly Ehni – Vice President

## **AUDITORS** (2 years alternating)

Janet Heskin 947-5114  
\*Tammy Longnecker 947-2009

## **FIRST LUTHERAN FOUNDATION**

(3 year) (year term expires)

Amy Perleberg (2022) 947-2264  
Dori Tollefson (2022) 947-2537  
Bruce Hirschert (2023) 947-2606  
\*Richard Carlson (2024) 947-2778  
\*Jeanette Perleberg (2024) 947-5581

## **EVANGELISM/LAY MINISTRY** (2 yrs.)

Deb Stafford 947-2853  
Ardyce Snyder 947-2084  
Karla Berglund 947-5174  
Joan Heckaman 947-2106  
\*Melony Allmaras 947-2002  
\*Janine Anderson 947-2108  
\*Glenda Collier 947-2696

## **DELEGATES TO LHGS** (1 year)

\*Richard Ryan  
\*Fern Schuster  
\*Vicky Ryan  
\*Judy Belquist  
\*Janine Anderson  
\*Greg Anderson  
\*Marilyn Gedrose  
\*Lynette Clelland  
\*Janel Fortney  
\*Metta McDowell  
\*Karen Anderson  
\*Sandy Koepplin

## **WELCA Co-Presidents** –

Betty Westby & Ardyce Snyder

\*ELECTED THIS YEAR (2021)

### TRANSFERRED OUT - 2021

	V	C	B
1) Doug & Pam Nemitz to Northridge Lutheran, Kalispell, MT	2	2	2
2) Tracy & Marge Henningsgard to Our Saviors Lutheran, Valley City, ND	2	2	2

### TRANSFERRED IN – 2021

	V	C	B
1) Dennis Nybo to FLC	1	1	1
2) Melanie Homelvig, Kyle, Haley & Kinley Thompson to FLC	2	1	4
3) Evan & Brianna Guler to FLC	2	2	2

V = Voting    C = Confirmed    B = Baptized

### FUNERALS – 2021

1) Charlie Richter	February 19, 2021
2) Tyler Wobbema (non-member)	April 6, 2021
3) Lynette Clelland	June 29, 2021
4) Cameron Pierson (non-member)	July 23, 2021
5) Irene McBain (non-member)	October 9, 2021
6) Verna Guler	November 29, 2021

### MARRIAGES IN FIRST LUTHERAN – 2021

1) Ross & Melanie Homelvig	February 20, 2021
2) Dylan & Katlyn Rossow	November 6, 2021

### THOSE BAPTIZED – 2021

1) Rylan Elise Bittman, daughter of Chris & Courtney Bittman	February 13, 2021
2) Quinn RaeAnn Larson, daughter of Cody & Emilee Larson	March 7, 2021
3) Bridger Jerry Fleming, son of Adam & Ashley Fleming	May 30, 2021
4) Janis James Geistfeld, son of Ryan Geistfeld & Audrey Davies	July 18, 2021
5) Cooper James Pfeiffer, son of Matthew & Allison Pfeiffer	September 5, 2021
6) Everly Marie Perleberg, daughter of Eric & Brittany Perleberg	September 12, 2021
7) Myles Frederick Guler, son of Evan & Brianna Guler	October 3, 2021

### YOUTH CONFIRMED – 2021

### RECEIVED FIRST COMMUNION – 2021

## STATISTICS

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Baptized Members	474	483	418	414	421
Total Confirmed Members	393	402	347	341	338
Infant Baptisms	13	5	10	8	7
Teenage Baptisms	0	0	0	0	0
Adult Baptisms	0	0	0	0	0
First Communion	9	11	6	0	0
Youth Confirmed	14	8	9	4	0
Adults Confirmed	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Communion Services	52	103	103	79	48
Communed at Least Once	305	235	189	262	300
Couples Married	3	1	5	1	2
Funeral Services	12	3	13	10	6
Committal Services	0	0	0	0	0
Services at Funeral Home	0	0	0	2	0
Sunday Worship Services	53	51	51	44	51
Average Attendance	88	79	77	59	75
Midweek Lenten Services	8	8	8	3	8
Average Attendance	80	59	54	70	70
Wednesday Evening Worship Services	45	42	42	38	42
Average Attendance	15	14	14	11	19
Number in Sunday School & Confirmation	91	81	76	75	55

## SUMMARY OF 2021 STATISTICS

BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP		CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP	
414	2020 Membership	341	2020 Membership
<u>- 4</u>	Transferred Out	<u>- 4</u>	Transferred Out
410		337	
<u>+ 7</u>	Transferred In	<u>+ 4</u>	Transferred In
417		341	
<u>+ 7</u>	Baptized	<u>+ 0</u>	Confirmed
424		341	
<u>- 3</u>	Deaths	<u>- 3</u>	Deaths
421		338	
421	TOTAL ACTIVE BAPTIZED MEMBERSHIP - 2021	338	TOTAL ACTIVE CONFIRMED MEMBERSHIP - 2021

# The Pastor's Annual Report

Rev. Amy Kippen, January 2022

Dear First Lutheran Family,

As I sit down on this frigid January day to reflect on the year that was 2021, I started to make a list of all of the notable programs and events of the year.

And as I did, a strong theme emerged- leadership.

Below is a list of life-giving ministries of our church in 2021 and the strong leadership behind each.

- **Church Council:** As we navigated another year of Covid-19, the Church Council provided strong and wise leadership. Your Church Council leaders bring to the table each month a spirit of joy and a deep commitment to our church's mission. Church Council meetings are actually fun!
- **Music:** "Wow" is all I can say when I think of the many gifted musicians who provide leadership at First Lutheran. From our pianists to song leaders and instrumentalist, the offering of their gifts each week enhances our worship experience so much. It is also an immense gift to have so many young people involved. This summer we created a contemporary worship band for our summer S'More Worship series. What a privilege it is to "Sing a new song unto the Lord!"
- **WELCA:** Our women's ministry relaunched this fall with an event we called "Women's Night Out". Held at the Golf Course, we enjoyed great food and fellowship, and the evening was filled with faith and laughter. At the end of the night we brainstormed ideas for future women's events and programs and many of the attendees signed up to help lead in the future!
- **Worship & Arts Team:** This team of creative people was formed in 2020. They help plan special worship services and several worship series. In 2021 they created several art installations in our sanctuary and fellowship hall. Their creative minds enhance our worship experience in many ways.
- **LAUNCH Children's Ministry:** The Board of Education made the decision to move Christian Education for elementary students back to Sunday mornings. This new Sunday school program was named LAUNCH. All

members of the Board of Education said yes to being teachers- now that is what I call leadership!

- **100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** When I think back to our anniversary weekend, a huge wave of gratitude washes over me. The weekend was a beautiful celebration, honoring those who came before us and looking with hope into our future. There was an army of leaders who pulled together to make the weekend a huge success.
- **LiFT! Confirmation:** Some of you may not be aware that our confirmation system relies on parents as leaders. Each student is assigned to a small group that is led by a parent Guide. We currently have nine parents serving as Guides. In addition, I recruit post-confirmation youth to serve as Jr Guides. Jr Guides serve as mentors for the younger students and also help me lead music/games/skits. We currently have 5 Jr Guides.
- **Staff:** I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to acknowledge the fine leadership of our church staff. Joan Shroyer keeps our church in tip-top shape and creates such a warm and welcoming environment with her interior decorating. Out of town visitors so often remark on the care taken of our church. Most churches I've been associated with have several people employed to cover the work that Amy Perleberg alone does! She is a bookkeeper, secretary, hospitality coordinator, volunteer coordinator, church administrator, accountant, and all-around nice person. She is always helpful, always kind, and she makes coming to work every day such a joy. I know I am not alone in my gratitude for the fine leadership our church staff provides.

With all these amazing leaders on the front lines of our shared ministry, being your pastor is a real privilege and pleasure. I encourage all of you to consider stepping into a leadership role, whether small or large. Together we are the church- the hand and feet of Jesus.

Grace and Peace,

*Pastor Amy*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

In searching for words describing this past year, words like disruptive, transformative, unprecedented, and extraordinary enter my mind but standing out is the word: GRATITUDE.

Gratitude is the quality of being thankful and our church has much to be thankful for in 2021.

It is true that we had to rethink the way that some things were being done, but the boards and council found ways to bring the simple things back to our congregation.

Our gratitude/thankful list includes the following items:

- \*Worship in person
- \*Being able to celebrate communion
- \*Children able to attend Vacation Bible School
- \*A joyful noise to the Lord allowed for those attending worship
- \*Hymnals back in the pews
- \*Smash took on a fresh look – LAUNCH – it is wonderful to see all the children attending worship and Sunday School
- \*LiFT, Luther League and Confirmation are being held
- \*Radio sponsors
- \*Generous support from our members to maintain our church

More items could be added to the gratitude/thankful list for 2021 but I will let you add to the list as you think about Gratitude.

In September we were finally able to hold the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the church. It was sunny outside and inside as we welcomed about 165 attendees. Pastor Amy Kippen welcomed Pastor Doug and Barbara Larson, Pastor Doug and Pam Nemitz and Bishop Tessa Moon Leiseth from the Eastern ND Synod, who presented the message for the day. Friendships were made and renewed over a dinner served in the fellowship hall. A special thank you to everyone that was involved in making this special day for our church come together.

One of the last things that we were able to bring back in 2021 was the church potluck. Jon Johnson and Pastor Amy were really excited about this. It was held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021, after the Sunday School Christmas Program.

Thank you to all that help make our church a home to our members and a pleasant place to worship. 2021 has ended and we are onto 2022. Hopefully, our gratitude list can continue to grow.

Blessings  
Ardyce Snyder

## 2021 Congregational Council Report

All council meetings were started with the Faith 5 activities of sharing a high and a low of the past month, reading of a Bible verse, and then discussing that Bible verse. The meetings were all closed with the Faith 5 activities of prayer and blessing, and then the Lord's Prayer.

**January**—Pastor Amy hosted a high school student gathering as a “get-to-know-you” event. The Advent offering, totaled \$2,021, was donated to Red Willow Bible Camp. Council members felt that it is now appropriate for the congregation to be able to sing songs and say prayers (using PowerPoint presentations) during church services as long as masks are worn.

**February**—Luther League members will start meeting twice a month, but because of COVID, the SMASH program for the elementary students will not resume this school term. Pastor Amy is recording chapel services for the Lutheran Home. For Giving Hearts Day, benevolence was given to the New Rockford Ambulance and Landon's Light.

**March**—Due to it not working properly the radio broadcast system was updated. Hymnals and communion cards were placed back in the pews. Three additional handicap spots around the church were requested of and installed by the city.

**April**—Pastor Amy was elected to the Red Willow Bible Camp Board of Directors. A Worship and Arts team, that will work closely with the Altar Circle, was created. It was determined that the land line telephones in the church (fax line) and parsonage were obsolete and therefore will be disconnected.

**May**—A sixth-grade confirmation preview night was held, and the cradle roll graduates were recognized during church services. Five high school seniors were honored during church services and each presented a \$500 college scholarship. The Child Protection Policy was completed and approved by council members. Pastor Amy attended a continuing education seminar on family systems theory and will be attending several First Call Pastor's meetings.

**June**—Six Wednesday night summer services, with a camping theme, will be conducted on alternating Wednesdays during the summer months; these S'mores services started on June 16. A transfer of money, in the amount of \$25,000, from the Bank Forward Money Market Savings account to the property fund was approved. This money is to be used for church and parsonage property projects. On June 23, a special meeting to discuss church and parsonage project priorities was held.

**July**—Worship in the Park, followed by a picnic lunch was held on July 18.

**August**—Vacation Bible School was held August 4-6 with 37 students attending, and also confirmation students in grades 6-8 attended Red Willow Bible Camp the first week in August. The Helping Hands groups have been reassigned into eight groups. Church maintenance projects have begun and many will be completed before the 100th Anniversary. Return to normal activities during August are passing of the peace, without touching, and all pews becoming available for seating.

**September**—On September 12 coffee fellowship started, the worship band was launched, the children's sermon and noisy offering were reinstated, and school backpacks were blessed. Pastor Amy attended a Pastor's Retreat on September 12-15. The 100th Anniversary Celebration held on September 26th was a great success.

**October**—October 3 was Stewardship Emphasis Sunday, a Sunday where members receive a time and talent sheet and are encouraged to fill out the questionnaire and share their time and talents with the congregation over the next year. LAUNCH (Sunday School), LIFT (confirmation), and Luther League began for the 2021-2022 school year. Bibles were handed out to all second, third, and fourth grades who had not previously received one. WELCA hosted Women's Night Out on October 18, the event was very inspirational and successful.

**November**—A yellow banner honoring the memory of Indigenous missing and exploited children has been placed in the church and will be displayed for 215 days. Work on the church's roof has begun.

**December**—During the Advent season, Pastor Amy conducted Parents' Night for confirmation students, led three adult bible study session after church services, and hosted a Christmas get together for all council members, board members and spouses. On December 11, WELCA hosted the annual Advent Tea, and the Board of Education members had a lock-in for all 5th and 6th graders. The LAUNCH Christmas Concert was held on December 19, followed by a potluck lunch. Two Luther League members have registered for the National Youth Gathering, which will be held July 24-28 in Minneapolis, MN. The roof repairs were completed while other church repaired will be ongoing through the winter months. The evaluation committee recommendations were presented to and approved by the council members. The budget for 2022 items were evaluated line by line with several items being increased and a few decreased. The budget will be presented to the congregation and voted on at the annual meeting which will be held on January 30, 2022.

Respectfully submitted, Janel Fortney



**FIRST LUTHERAN FINANCIAL REPORT**  
 Receipts from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

**GENERAL FUND RECEIPTS**

Envelope Offering	\$ 146,534.10
Plate Offering	1,692.00
Initial Offering	140.00
Use of Church	76.00
Memorials	50.00
Online (autopay) Offerings	<u>3,190.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 151,682.10

**SPECIAL FUND RECEIPTS**

Property Fund	\$ 25,540.00
Hopes & Dreams Fund	455.00
Banner Fund	769.09
Music Fund	365.00
Budget Reserve	166.62
Thrivent Choice Dollars	260.00
Noisy Offering	1,013.00
Lenten Offerings	1,623.00
Advent folder	1,560.48
FLC Men	0.00
Carpet Fund	773.80
100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund	<u>130.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 32,655.99

**PROPERTY FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 16,246.82
Receipts	+ 25,540.00
Disbursements	<u>- 12,315.39</u>
Ending Balance	\$29,471.43

**HOPES & DREAMS FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 1,630.32
Receipts	+ 455.00
Disbursements	<u>- 0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$2,085.32

**BANNER FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 229.99
Receipts	+ 769.09
Disbursements	<u>- 238.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$761.08

**MUSIC FUND**

Beginning Balance	\$ 711.20
Receipts	+ 365.00
Disbursements	<u>- 743.19</u>
Ending Balance	\$333.01

**BUDGET RESERVE**

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,644.47
Receipts	+ 166.62
Disbursements	<u>- 600.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$3,211.09

**First Lutheran Financial Report (Continued)**

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

Beginning Balance	\$ 2.00	
Receipts	+ 260.00	
Disbursements	- 0.00	
Ending Balance		\$262.00

NOISY OFFERING

Receipts	\$ 1,013.00	
RWBC	- \$211.13	
Share the Joy of Christmas program	- \$226.61	
Hunger Free Food Pantry (backpack program)	- \$194.20	
SMASH/VBS	- \$282.88	
Missionary family	- \$ 98.18	
Ending Balance		\$0.00

LENTEN OFFERINGS

Receipts	\$ 1,623.00	
Paid to Women's Cemetery Assn.	- 811.50	
Paid to ELCA World Hunger	- 811.50	
Ending Balance		\$0.00

ADVENT FOLDERS

Beginning Balance (2020 Advent Offering)	\$ 2,019.00	
Disbursements (pd out Jan. 2021 to RWBC)	- 2,019.00	
Receipts for 2021 Advent Offering)	+ 1,560.48	
Ending Balance		\$1,560.48

FLC MEN

Beginning Balance	\$ 2,653.98	
Receipts	+ 0.00	
Disbursements	- 1,212.64	
Ending Balance		\$1,441.34

CARPET FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 8,176.71	
Receipts	+ 773.80	
Disbursements	- 71.01	
Ending Balance		\$8,879.50

100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY FUND

Beginning Balance	\$ 3,359.71	
Receipts	+ 130.00	
Disbursements	- 1,834.05	
Ending Balance		\$1,655.66

**TOTAL IN SPECIAL ACCOUNTS 12/31/21                      \$49,660.91**

Amy Perleberg, Financial Secretary

## FIRST LUTHERAN'S 2021 BUDGET REPORT

Category Description	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<b>BENEVOLENCE:</b>			
EaND Synod	7,800.00	7,800.00	8,100.00
LHGS	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Local Missions	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
LIRS	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
	10,500.00	10,500.00	10,800.00
<b>CONFERENCES:</b>			
	1,500.00	1,395.93	2,500.00
<b>EDUCATION:</b>			
	1,500.00	1,644.00	1,500.00
<b>LAY MINISTRY:</b>			
Fill-In Pastors	750.00	772.00	1,200.00
Misc. Supplies	400.00	504.35	500.00
Office Supplies	600.00	937.28	1,200.00
Postage	1,400.00	1,498.92	1,500.00
Sound System	300.00	200.00	300.00
Worship Supplies	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>3,272.15</u>	<u>3,500.00</u>
	5,950.00	7,184.70	8,200.00
<b>MINISTRY (PASTOR):</b>			
Continuing Education	700.00	674.74	700.00
Mileage Expense	2,500.00	2,038.96	2,500.00
Pension/Health Insurance	19,800.00	19,760.16	20,210.00
Social Security & Medicare	<u>4,050.00</u>	<u>4,048.56</u>	<u>4,050.00</u>
	27,050.00	26,522.42	27,460.00
<b>PROPERTY (MAINT):</b>			
Church & Parsonage Maintenance	2,500.00	2,726.38	2,500.00
<b>PROPERTY (OTHER):</b>			
Copier Lease	2,300.00	2,211.60	2,500.00
Insurance	5,000.00	4,812.80	5,400.00
Telephone/Internet	2,400.00	1,932.40	1,800.00
Workmen's Compensation	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
	9,950.00	9,206.80	9,950.00

## FIRST LUTHERAN'S 2021 BUDGET REPORT (Continued)

Category Description	2021 Budget	2021 Actual	2022 Budget
<b>PROPERTY (UTILITIES):</b>			
Church Electric	5,000.00	4,342.62	5,000.00
Church Heat	3,000.00	3,146.00	3,500.00
Church Water	1,500.00	1,450.71	1,500.00
Parsonage Electric	900.00	629.89	700.00
Parsonage Heat	800.00	617.11	800.00
Parsonage Water	<u>1,100.00</u>	<u>918.81</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
	12,300.00	11,105.14	12,500.00
<b>STIPENDS / SALARIES:</b>			
Custodial	4,500.00	4,494.27	4,800.00
Custodial – SS/MC	345.00	338.55	368.00
Organist	2,100.00	1,350.00	2,100.00
Pastor (\$42,142)	40,000.00	40,000.00	42,142.00
Secretary	17,564.76	17,447.01	18,720.00
Secretary - SS/MC	1,636.00	1,623.96	1,725.00
Secretary Health Insurance Allowance	<u>3,820.00</u>	<u>3,817.04</u>	<u>3,820.00</u>
	<u>69,965.76</u>	<u>69,100.83</u>	<u>73,675.00</u>
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$ 141,215.76</b>	<b>\$ 139,386.20</b>	<b>\$ 149,085.00</b>

### FIRST LUTHERAN'S 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY - GENERAL FUND

<b>Balance Brought Forward - January 1, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 19,653.14</b>
<b>DEPOSITS:</b>	
Deposits	\$ 151,682.10
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b><u>\$ 151,682.10</u></b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 171,335.24</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
Disbursements	\$ 139,386.20
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$ 139,386.20</u></b>
<b>Ending Balance - December 31, 2021</b>	<b>\$ 31,949.04</b>

Amy Perleberg, Financial Secretary

**2021 Board of Ed  
Statement of Income and Expense**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE OF CHECKING:</b>		<b>\$6,583.76</b>
Income:		
Snacks/memorials/etc.	\$ 170.00	
Interest	\$ 2.96	
WELCA	\$ 200.00	
Noisy Offering 2021	<u>\$ 282.88</u>	
TOTAL INCOME:	\$ 655.84	
Expenses:		
VBS/SMASH supplies	<u>\$3,346.97</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$3,346.97	
<b>ENDING BALANCE OF CHECKING:</b>		<b>\$3,892.63</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE OF SAVINGS:</b>		<b>\$2,430.10</b>

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**2021 Youth Group  
Statement of Income and Expense**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE OF CHECKING:</b>		<b>\$6,951.05</b>
Income:		
Total Deposits	\$ 1,119.00	
Total Interest	<u>\$ 3.27</u>	
Total Income	\$ 1,122.27	
Expenses:		
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 2,362.51</u>	
<b>ENDING BALANCE OF CHECKING:</b>		<b>\$5,710.81</b>
<b>SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE:</b>		<b>\$4,827.88</b>

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**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH MEN  
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		\$2,653.98
Income:		
Waffle & Sausage Dinner	\$ 0.00	
	Total Income	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
		\$2,653.98
Expenses:		
RWBC Scholarships		\$1,000.00
Bibles		<u>\$ 212.64</u>
	Total Expenses	<u>\$1,212.64</u>
<b>Ending Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021:</b>		<b>\$1,441.34</b>

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**RADIO FUND  
2021 ANNUAL REPORT**

<b>Beginning Balance:</b>		<b>\$2,926.00</b>
	Total income from sponsorships & memorials	<b>\$3,425.00</b>
Expenses:		
Radio Broadcast fees paid:		<b>\$2,096.00</b>
<b>Barix Box for broadcast:</b>		<b>\$ 574.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance as of Dec. 31, 2021:</b>		<b>\$3,681.00</b>

*Thank you to all who have sponsored a broadcast or given memorial gifts to the radio fund.  
All money for the radio fund can be given to the church office.*

## Women's Ministries – 2021

2021 was a transition year from things being cancelled in 2020 to bringing back some of the activities that Women's Ministries sponsors.

Our planning meeting for the year was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021. Decisions were made as to where the funds would be given that we receive from the gift letters that are sent out to all the women of our church. Upcoming events for the year were talked about and dates were set. The 2021 World Day of Prayer was cancelled since Covid was still making its presence known.

The LiFT and Confirmation students plus Sources of Strength group made Valentines for Veterans. Around 180 valentines were made and distributed to Veterans whose names had been shared as well as the Veterans home in Lisbon, Golden Acres, and Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd. Thank you to the groups that made these Valentines. The veterans are always pleased when they are remembered for their service.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> was the date for our midyear planning meeting to discuss future events. From this meeting our first Women's Night Out function was planned for the ladies of our church. It was held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Golf Course. The appetizers were prepared by Megan Lewis of Milk Made Catering from Fargo. Our guest speaker was Pastor Sarah Raymond from the Grand Forks area speaking on Self Care. A great evening of fun and fellowship was had that evening.

The Thank Offering taken on November 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 totaled \$270.00. Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously. The funds were shared with the local Ministerial Association so they could continue their work in our community.

The Annual Community Advent Tea was hosted by First Lutheran Church on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021. 35 individuals attend the event hearing about "Twas the Night Before Christmas Heaven's Version". Those attending enjoyed an afternoon of icebreakers, music, and heaven's version of the birth of Jesus. Nativity sets decorated the fellowship hall and heirloom teacups were used for refreshments.

One of the many ministries we are able to help with is to provide the birthday cake at the Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd in April and September.

We would like to thank everyone that attended, donated items, or helped make our Women's Ministries/WELCA projects a success for 2021.

Co-Leaders: Ardyce Snyder and Betty Westby

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY TREASURER'S REPORT

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

BALANCE ON HAND - JANUARY 1, 2021		\$ 5,084.52
RECEIPTS:		
Project Donation	1,857.00	
Thrivent Choice Dollars	200.00	
Thank Offering	270.00	
Women's Night Out	570.00	
Sylvia B. Kjos Estate	100.00	
Interest	<u>1.15</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>\$ 2,998.15</u>
		\$ 8,082.67
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Thank Offering (Eddy Co. Ministerial)	270.00	
DONATIONS:		
Red Willow Bible Camp	500.00	
Lutheran Home Auxiliary	200.00	
SMASH	200.00	
Women's Auxiliary Cemetery Association	200.00	
Cross Roads Lutheran Campus Ministries	100.00	
First Lutheran Quilters	300.00	
Augsburg (Devotionals)	193.00	
Post Office	55.00	
Red Willow (2 picnic tables)	400.00	
LHGS Auxiliary (4 pies)	100.00	
Milk Made Catering	1,015.88	
Sarah Raymond	150.00	
New Rockford Golf Club	25.00	
Bakers Dozen	107.00	
Millers	15.90	
Joan Shroyer (Women's Night Out reimbursement)	60.43	
Leona Eversvik (Women's Night Out reimbursement)	62.99	
Patti Gehrtz (Advent Tea reimbursement)	<u>60.81</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$ 4,016.01</u>
<b>BALANCE ON HAND AS OF 12/31/21</b>		<b>\$ 4,066.66</b>

Patti Gehrtz, Treasurer



Minutes of the One Hundred First Annual Meeting of  
First Lutheran Church, New Rockford, ND  
January 31, 2021

A) Opening Devotions-Pastor Amy began the meeting with prayer. President Bruce Hirschert led the meeting.

B) Approval of the Minutes-Glenda Collier made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, Deb Stafford seconded the motion, motion carried.

C) Reports-

1) Of the Pastor- Reviewed.

2) Of the Church Council-Reviewed.

3) Of the Treasure-Reviewed. The auditing committee consisting of Tammy Longnecker and Janet Heskin found finances to be in order.

4) Of Other Board's/Groups- Reviewed.

D) Elections (Report from the Nominating Committee)-Rick Swenson was added to the Property/Stewardship Board. Colleen Semmens made a motion to accept a unanimous ballot, Kristi Swenson seconded the motion, motion carried.

E) Approval of the Budget-Kristi Swenson asked what will be done with money designated to the Lutheran Social Services (LSS) now that they have dissolved. Bruce stated he will bring it up at the next council meeting. Kristi made a motion to approve the budget, Colleen Semmens seconded the motion, motion carried.

F) Unfinished Business-There was no unfinished business.

G) New Business-There was no new business.

a) Foundation distributions (no requests were received for 2021 distribution)

H) The Installation of 2021 Board and Council-Pastor Amy conducted the installation of Board and Council members. Ardyce Snyder presented Bruce with an acknowledgment of his years of service as congregational president.

With no other business, Pastor Amy ended the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly Ehni

## 2021 Annual Giving Range Report

Range = \$0 to \$0	39 households
Range = \$1 to \$499	63 households
Range = \$500 to \$999	33 households
Range = \$1000 to \$1499	19 households
Range = \$1500 to \$1999	8 households
Range = \$2000 to \$2499	7 households
Range = \$2500 to \$2999	10 households
Range = \$3000 to \$3499	8 households
Range = \$3500 to \$3999	3 households
Range = \$4000 to \$4999	2 households

192 total households

*Thanks to everyone who gives to our church on a regular basis, no matter the size of the offering, we would not be here without each and every one of you!!!*

# **Thrivent Report for 2021**

## **2021 Distributions**

First Lutheran Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2021 were not distributed, as there was only \$262 in the account. It was decided to hold on to the funds and combine them with those that come in during 2022 so larger gifts can be given to the church groups that apply.

## **Fund Balance**

The FLC Choice Dollar account has gone from a high balance of \$6,199.00 in 2010 to a low balance of \$262 in 2021. It is unclear if this is the result of Thrivent members not designating their Choice Dollars to our church, or the result of fewer church members being Thrivent members. It is impossible for us to know, as we are not provided with a list from Thrivent as we had been in the past.

## **It's Not Too Late**

If you are the Thrivent member and have 2021 Choice Dollars to designate, it is not too late! The deadline for designating 2021 Dollars is March 30, 2022.

Thrivent Choice Dollars are such a gift to the various groups and ministries of First Lutheran. These funds help boost their budgets, which helps grow their ministry, which helps bless the world in Jesus' name.

## **Need Help Designating Your Choice Dollars?**

Thrivent has a great toll-free support line to answer any questions you may have. 1-800-847-4836

You can also call Vicki Ryan, our church's Thrivent Advocate at 947-5433 or the church office at 947-2478.

We thank you in advance for designating your Thrivent Choice Dollars to First Lutheran Church.

Report Submitted by First Lutheran Thrivent Advocates: Vicki Ryan, Richard Carlson, Shelly Ehni, and Traci Harrington.

**First Lutheran Foundation  
Treasurer's Report for 2021**

No church requests were received for 2021 so no money was disbursed. We distributed \$800.00 from Endowment Fund interest and designated gifts for scholarships.

Gifts Paid out in 2021:

Nathan Holzwarth scholarship	400.00
Bo Belquist scholarship	<u>400.00</u>
	\$ 800.00

**First Lutheran Foundation  
Treasurer's Report for 2021**

Our 12/31/21 balances are as follows:

Credit Union CD (5 yr.)	\$ 82,222.79
Credit Union CD (1 yr.)	\$ 33,065.82
Credit Union Savings	\$ 7,675.99
Credit Union Market Share	\$ 21,311.50
Credit Union General Account	<u>\$ 10.00</u>
Total:	\$144,286.10

Credit Union Checking Account	\$ 93.45
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Endowment Fund	\$ 92,170.80
Community Fund	\$ 2,459.44
Church Fund	\$ 47,152.85
Missions Fund	<u>\$ 2,502.89</u>
Balance 12/31/20	\$144,285.98

Balance 12/31/2020	\$138,990.83
Gifts Received	\$ 3,171.47
Interest Earned	<u>\$ 2,923.80</u>
	\$145,086.10
Paid Out	<u>\$ -800.00</u>
Balance 12/31/21	\$144,286.10

Balance 12/31/20	
Checking Account	\$ 93.33
Interest Received	<u>\$ .12</u>
Balance 12/31/21	\$ 93.45

# REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

January 2022

## PRESIDENT (1 year, **vote for 1**)

\_\_\_ Ardyce Snyder

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## VICE PRESIDENT (1 year, **vote for 1**)

\_\_\_ Shelly Ehni

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## SECRETARY (1 year, **vote for 1**)

\_\_\_ Janel Fortney

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## TREASURER (1 year, **vote for 1**)

\_\_\_ Patti Gehrtz

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## AUDITORS (2 years, **vote for 1**)

\_\_\_ Janet Heskin

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## STEWARDSHIP / CHURCH PROPERTY (2 years, **vote for 3**)

\_\_\_ Dan Shroyer

\_\_\_ Rick Swenson

\_\_\_ Cherry Heinz (1 year)

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## EVANGELISM / LAY MINISTRY

(2 years, **vote for 4**)

\_\_\_ Deb Stafford

\_\_\_ Ardyce Snyder

\_\_\_ Joan Heckaman

\_\_\_ Karla Berglund

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## EDUCATION (2 years, **vote for 3**)

\_\_\_ Katie Jorgenson

\_\_\_ LaShane Wobbema

\_\_\_ Melanie Homelvig

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE – 2022

3 from congregation (1 yr, **vote for 3**)

\_\_\_ Janine Anderson

\_\_\_ Janel Fortney

\_\_\_ Lisa Longnecker

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## DELEGATE TO RED WILLOW BIBLE CAMP (1 yr, **vote for 1**)

\_\_\_ Nan Taverna

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## DELEGATES TO LHGS (1 yr, **vote for 12**)

\_\_\_ Richard Ryan

\_\_\_ Sheila Brown

\_\_\_ Metta McDowell

\_\_\_ Janel Fortney

\_\_\_ Vicky Ryan

\_\_\_ Rachel Anderson

\_\_\_ Karen Anderson

\_\_\_ Sandy Koepplin

\_\_\_ Fern Schuster

\_\_\_ Janine Anderson

\_\_\_ Gail Roberts

\_\_\_ Bev Lesmeister

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## FIRST LUTHERAN FOUNDATION

(3 yr. term, **vote for 2**)

\_\_\_ Amy Perleberg

\_\_\_ Dori Tollefson

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Presented by 2021 Nominating Committee:

\*Janine Anderson

\*Jon Johnson

\*Janel Fortney

\*LaShane Wobbema

\*Lisa Longnecker

\*Melony Allmaras

\*Katie Jorgensen