



"REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST,
AND TO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN."
- GENESIS 3:19

ASH WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

SERVICES AT 12:05PM AND 7:00PM
LIVESTREAM AT 7:00PM

LENT MIDWEEK SERVICES BEGIN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1
AT 12:05 AND 7:00PM
SOUP LUNCH AT 11:15AM



LENT MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERIES

BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2023

SERVICES AT 12:05PM AND 7:00PM
LIVESTREAM AT 7:00PM
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PARTNERING WITH:
LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH, BISMARCK
AND ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, GARRISON



News and Views

February
Volume 2023, Issue 2

MISSION STATEMENT

*"We are building a welcoming, nurturing
faith community that is guided by Jesus
and shares the Gospel."*

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH CLERGY

Pastor Derek Harkins
(Fridays off)

Pastor Sylvia Bull
(Fridays off)

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30 & 11am
LIVESTREAM AT 8:30am
WEDNESDAY: 7:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 12 PM
1:00 PM - 5 PM
Friday: 8:00 AM - Noon

**Pastoral Care
Emergency Number**
701-595-0223

Answering machine is available
evenings and weekends when
the office is not staffed.

Office is not open during the
lunch hour.

FLC Executive Team

Jim Sheldon, Chair
Avis Pedersen, Vice-Chair
Lyla Timm, Vice-Chair
Mark Schneider, Secretary
Matthew Nygard, Treasurer

Pastoral Ministries

Baptism: Asher Tschider



FINANCIAL UPDATE December General Fund:

Revenues: \$71,281.35
Expenditures: \$53,376.30
To Date:
Revenue: \$551,360.66
Expenditures: \$563,821.10

Star Word
Reflection
Question

As you have been reflecting, what challenges or areas of discomfort have come up for you?

The deadline to submit information to the News and Views newsletter is the 10th of each month prior to the next newsletter. The church bulletin deadline is at noon on Tuesday for the coming Sunday bulletin. Articles, schedules, etc., can be sent to: communications.bisfaith@gmail.com For additional information, call the church office at 701-223-2236

Church Memorials

For **ENDOWMENT FUND**, in memory of Lois Schock and Elroy Dockter

Details can be found in the Memorial Book in the Gathering Place.



Men of Faith February Meeting

The Men of Faith would like to extend an invitation to all, to join in on a presentation from our very own Ben Kubischta, titled "The Wagon Bridge of Bismarck". This event will be held on Thursday, February 2, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the church basement fellowship area. The following is a brief synopsis of the presentation.

The Wagon Bridge at Bismarck

On February 9, 1917 the North Dakota Senate passed a concurrent resolution requesting the federal government to provide funds for one or more wagon bridges across the Missouri River north of the 43rd parallel. The story you will hear about the wagon bridge begins in 1881 and ends in 1922 with a three day pageant of North Dakota history.



My Friends in Faith,

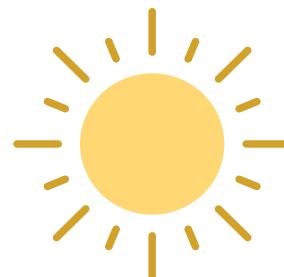
Well into my adult life I started having mixed feelings for those who had done bad things. This compassion I had for them troubled me. Eventually I remembered that the seeds for these feelings were given to me in the early 1960s at summer church school. I did not like having to spend one or two weeks of my summer learning about God. What I remember learning during those summers was that nuns could play softball while wearing their habits and the difference between like and love.

A nun asked me if I liked Nikita Khrushchev (who was the leader of the Soviet Union at that time). I said no. Next, she asked me if I loved Khrushchev. Again, my reply was no. She then said you do not have to like him, but as God loves all, you too need to love Khrushchev. When I remembered her teaching me this lesson, I understood why I had compassion for those who have done bad things. As we celebrate February, the month of love, let us remember this simple message which came from a lady who lived a simple life.

Bennett R. Kubischta
4 January 2023, 9:54 am

Sunshine Baskets

We have had many people call and write in wanting to send a big **Thank You** to all of you for their Sunshine Baskets! So many people appreciate the thought and effort that goes into organizing and delivering these baskets each year. It can be a difficult time of year, but the contribution of your time and effort helps brighten the holidays for those who may be struggling!



**Thank
You**





Library Link

by LeAnn Severson

Once again, we are in the month of February, the month that "touches the heart". There are several books on display in the church library fitting that theme.

THESE WORDS UPON YOUR HEART features selections from 12 of the finest spiritual writers offering thought-provoking wisdom and guidance for the spiritual journey. Each chapter provides a brief biography of the writer, ten short selections from their classic writings and a reflection by a contemporary Christian.

A FORGIVING HEART by Lyn Klug contains a collection of writings and prayers for blessing and reconciliation. Needing a good laugh? HUMOR FOR THE HEART contains short stories, quips and quotes to lift your spirits.

Annika Plummer, in her book THE FELT HEART, tells the true story of her four year-old nephew's inspiring actions following a children's sermon given at Sims Scandinavian Lutheran Church in Sims, North Dakota. Children and adults alike will enjoy this heart-warming short story.

The accessioning of newly acquired books has begun! Each week new books are readied for checkout and are displayed on the designated book display.

Hope to see you in the library!

MISSION Focus

FEBRUARY: HEAVENS HELPERS SOUP CAFE



Anyone that needs a meal can stop in at the Soup Cafe! Not only do they provide free meals to anyone who needs it, they also provide several other services to help the homeless. Some non-perishable items needed are Saltine Crackers, bottled water, 1" painters tape, quart ziploc bags, paper towels, paper napkins, powder free vinyl gloves, nitrile gloves and unscented 13 gallon trash bags. Their website also has an Amazon Wishlist, and they encourage dropping off perishable items at the soup kitchen directly. Let's bless our community!

"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." - 1 John 3: 17-18

Pastor Sylvia's Parables

"The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" John 1:35-38

Have you ever walked into a room looking for something, but suddenly you don't remember what it was? You know you're looking for something, but the knowledge of what that something is is just out of reach. Our lives of faith can be like that sometimes, I think, and this interaction between Jesus and John's disciples reminds me of that. They become followers of John, seeking baptism by this wilderness prophet because they are looking for something. They know something different is out there, and they want to find it. Hearing John's testimony about Jesus, they are interested - pulled by the Spirit of God to follow Jesus around. Jesus, noticing them, asks the question: "what are you looking for?" But they don't exactly know! They stammer, "uh, where are you staying???" And Jesus gives them an invitation, "come and see..."

This Lent, we'll honor and explore the questions, often complicated and unanswered, that arise amid and shape our lives of faith. Our theme, using resources from A Sanctified Art*, is "Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith." We'll dwell deeply in stories of scripture where our ancestors in faith wrestled honestly with God over questions like: "Who will you listen to?" "How do we begin again?" "Will you give me a drink?" "Who sinned?" "Can these bones live?" We'll consider the questions of our hearts today, and rejoice that we have a God who responds in love to our seeking with the invitation "come and see..."

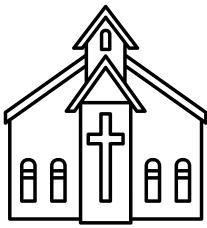
We're so glad to be partnering in this series with Lord of Life Lutheran Church here in Bismarck and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garrison. Join us on Wednesdays at 12:05pm or 7pm beginning March 1, with soup lunch at 11:15am. The 7pm services will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

Even if you're not quite sure what you're looking for, don't worry - you are in good company. God blesses all seekers and invites us to go deeper, to wrestle with our questions and wonderings in community. Honor your seeking in this lenten season. Come and ask. Come and see...

In Christ,
Pastor Sylvia



* A Sanctified Art is a team of artists in ministry who create multimedia resources for worshipping communities with the mission of providing spiritual nourishment for church leaders and the communities they serve. We have previously used their Unraveled series for worship. More information can be found at sanctifiedart.org.



Church School News



Thanks to everyone for a great Christmas program! 2nd Quarter we will be collecting to improve church school materials, etc.

Confirmation and Youth News

Be sure to get your mentor meetings completed!

Thank you so much for bringing in your Dan's receipts! We are on our way to the next \$1,000 for the youth, so keep it going! We did want to remind you not to cut the receipts, or else we are not able to use them.

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Sundays in February

8:30 AM- Hadley Steiner
11:00AM- Teagan Wagner

Wednesdays in February

Brooklyn, Mallory, Mariah Nelson

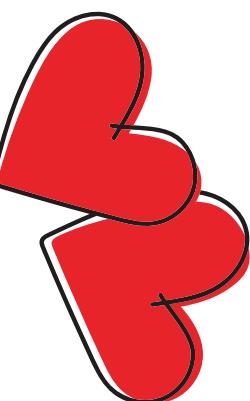
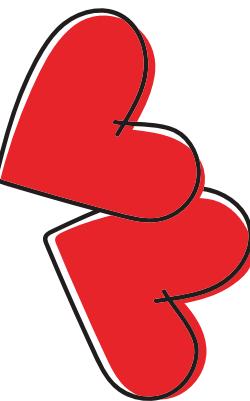
Worship Assistant

Kaiana Zins / Brennan Nelson

Ski Trip Update

Unfortunately, we cancelled the Ski Trip for 2023 due to lack of participation. We did want to place a reminder that **EVERYONE** is invited for the ski trip in 2024, including families, singles and youth. Mark your calendars for February 17-20, 2024, and remember that we plan on doing fundraisers to help with cost. Keep an eye out for more information in late 2023!

February 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4:30 8th/9th Confirmation 5:30 Handbells 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	2 9:00 Esther Circle 9:00 Men of Faith 1:30 Mary Martha Circle	3 8:00 NA	4
5 8:30 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	6 7:00 AA	7 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Sounds of Faith 7:00 Scouts	8 5:30 Handbells 6:00 5th Grade P/S 6:00 Church School 7:00 Worship	9	10 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 NA	11
12 8:30 Worship 9:45 6th Grade P/S 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship	13 7:00 AA	14 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Sounds of Faith 6:00 Elementary Committee 7:00 Ruth Circle 7:00 Scouts	15 10:00 Bible Study 5:30 Handbells No Church School 7:00 Worship	16	17 8:00 NA	18
19 8:30 Worship No Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	20 7:00 AA	21	22 Ash Wednesday 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:30 Sounds of Faith 7:00 Scouts	23	24 8:00 NA	25 9:30 Altar Guild
26 8:30 Worship 9:45 6th Grade P/S 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Cub Scouts	27 7:00 AA	28 9:00 Quilting 1:00 Crafts 5:00 HR Committee 5:30 Sounds of Faith 6:00 Compass Group 7:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Scouts				

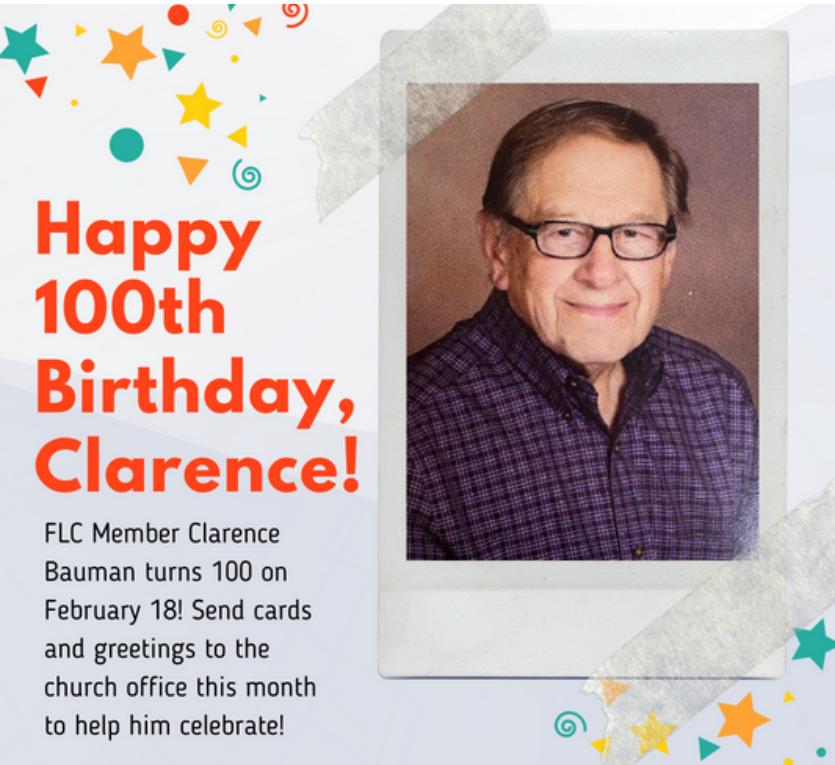
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Happy 100th Birthday, Clarence!

FLC Member Clarence Bauman turns 100 on February 18! Send cards and greetings to the church office this month to help him celebrate!



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

SUNDAY, MARCH 19
5-7PM

SAVE THE DATE

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FOOD, LEARNING, AND WORSHIP AS PASTOR SYLVIA SHARES REFLECTIONS, PHOTOS, AND EXPERIENCES FROM HER TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND. A LIGHT SUPPER WILL BE PROVIDED. THE EVENING WILL CONCLUDE WITH A BRIEF TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE.