



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH *Watford City*

## *A word from Minister Matthew*

Grace and Peace to You

We come into the new year with a usual sense that this year is going to be better than last. Many of us will start to make new years resolutions and plans for 2024. A great sense of optimism usually fills our spirits as we refresh ourselves for the coming New Year. Let us be comforted this year knowing that God also has plans. **Jeremiah 29:11, For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

Happy New Year

Minster Matthew Rolfson

### **First Lutheran Church January Worship , Sunday School & Confirmation Schedule**

#### Sunday January 7

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am Sunday School

#### Sunday January 14

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am No Sunday School/ Coffee Hour

#### Sunday January 21

9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am Sunday School/ Coffee Hour

#### Sunday January 28

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Sunday School/Coffee Hour

Confirmation Classes to be held each Wednesday at  
6:00 pm with supper and instruction to follow.



The FLC Annual Meeting will be on January 28th. There will be a brunch after service with the meeting beginning at 11:00. If you are unable to attend, you can join via Zoom. Please email Tarri at [office@flwc.church](mailto:office@flwc.church) and she can send you a link to attend. If you are unfamiliar with Zoom, it is an interactive platform where we can see each other, and you can join in with comments and voting. We will be offering a practice meeting on Thursday, January 18th at 11:00 if you would like to make sure you can make connection. Any questions you may call Tarri at the church office at 701-444-3244

## Pews News

As we enter into 2024, the First Lutheran Church Council would like to thank all the members for their help with updating our data base. Each council member worked through a section of the membership list to collect current contact information. This project still has more stages to go through to further refine and organize the information. The calls and in-person contacts with our members have led to many very positive conversations and strengthened our connections to each other. In the future, if your contact information should change, or you wish to add cell phone numbers or newer email addresses, please contact the church office. We want to keep in touch and share news and events with our membership in the most efficient and effective ways possible. Happy New Year!

First day of Advent brings on 'hanging of the greens' service, Advent Festival, church decorating, program practice, throw in some lunch & 'interesting' sweater competition One of our favorite Sundays! Missing many but here's some that pitched in! Thanks so much to all who joined in to bring Christmas cheer to FLC Have a blessed season! You can watch all of our services on our app or at [flwc.church](http://flwc.church).

December also brought us the Christmas Cantata on Dec. 13th. Grateful for a wonderful evening celebrating the true spirit of Christmas with our Christmas cantata. The medley of traditional carols echoed the joy of bringing Christ into Christmas.



On December 17th the Sunday School children worked hard to put on their Christmas Program. We are so thankful for all the teachers and helpers that prepare them to put on a show for us.





The Women's Ministry of WELCA, Hope Circle and Peace Circle have made the decision to unite into one group. There will be a meeting on January 8th in the Fellowship hall at 2:30. They will then meet monthly there after. All are welcome to attend.



### Crock Pot Beef Stroganoff

**PREP TIME** 10 minutes

**COOK TIME** 5 hours

#### Ingredients

- 1 Yellow Onion
- 4-6 oz. Fresh Sliced Mushrooms
- 2 lbs. Stewing Beef
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 8 oz. Sour Cream
- 8 oz. Cream Cheese
- 1 Package Onion Brown Gravy Mix
- 1 Beef Bouillon Cube
- Worcestor Sauce and Black Pepper to Taste



#### Instructions

1. Dice the onion
  2. Add diced onion, mushrooms, sour cream, cream cheese, cream of mushroom soup, brown gravy onion mix, and bouillon cubes into the crock pot on low heat.
  3. Stir everything together good. Let it cook for 3-4 hours.
- 1 Marinade the Stewing Beef (beef tips) in Worcester sauce

#### 2 Stove Top

1. Cook the stewing beef (beef tips) in a skillet on low to medium heat.
- Boil a pan of water and add oil. Once boiling add egg noodles. Once beef and noodles are completely cooked, add the beef to the stroganoff sauce. Add pepper as desired. Drain and rinse (in cold water) the egg noodles

Serve and enjoy!



† Rachel Meuchel  
† Micah Moxness  
† Ron & Barb Quale  
† Melony Sanford  
† Joyce Tveter  
† Brandon Kindred  
† Friends & Family of Eva Sanford

† Melinda Haugeberg  
† Eleanor Kostad  
† Alton Hillesland  
† Jessica Wisness Burns  
† Julie Fedorenko  
† Bryan Fevold



### December Volunteers

Trevor, Collin, Cindy Geiger, Kevin Sullivan, Tarri & Clifford Wenstad, Steve & Gretchen Stenehjelm, Francis Olson, Donna Slais, Lynn & Mitch Haugeberg, Steve Sanford, Ardyce Alveshere, Caroline Schwartz, Glen & Ann Beard, Rhylie, Chelsea & Monty Bulzomi, Marcia Hellandsaas, Amy Polivka, Ken & Carol Sanford, Mark Suezle, Cara Transtrom, David & Celeste Berg, the First Lutheran Choir, Lay Pastor Joy Patten on 12/31

We are always in need of volunteers!! Please consider helping out. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.



**Minister Matthew will be out of the office the last 2 weeks in January for vacation. Lay Pastor Ann Beard will be leading the service on 1/21 and Lay Pastor Laura Dahl will be leading the service on 1/28.**



On February 13th, **Fat Tuesday** the LYO will be hosting an amazing supper for you all. This will be a fundraiser for their trip to New Orleans for the National LYO Convention. Get ready for an old fashioned Seafood Boil, punch and dessert Mardi Gras style!! There will also be photo props for tremendous photos just like you are there!

Tickets available for purchase for \$50 each at the office, with Minister Matthew, or any of the LYO kids. Supper starts at 6 pm



01/02 Dean & Carolyn Levang	01/22 Matthew Beard
01/04 David Jarland	01/22 Dakota Frick
01/06 Carole Berwald	01/23 Stephen Stenehjerm
01/06 Janet Broe	01/24 Nathan & Delanie Hill
01/07 Jan Riely	01/26 Elmer Nordsven
01/10 Kadie Sorenson	01/26 Vicky Stenehjerm
01/11 Sonja Johnson	01/27 Stacy Arndt
01/12 Marcy Hilleran	01/28 Charlotte Schilke
01/13 Britney Pederson	01/28 Andrew Wisness
01/15 Jerald Leiseth	01/28 Brianna Chaffee
01/16 Jonathan Bauer	01/29 Neal Shipman
01/18 Lindsay Peterson	01/30 Lynette Hanson
01/21 Douglas Bolken	01/31 Pamela Kummer

THANK  
you  
SO MUCH!

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Thank you all of you who purchased Poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary:

**Michon & Carroll Sax:** in memory of Clarence & Cecelia Rude, Arle & Alice Sax, Vince & Vi Stenehjerm

**Lloyd & Ardyce Alveshere & family:** in honor of Marvin & Diane Alveshere and in memory of Arnold & June Peterson, Melvin & Ella Alveshere, Ole & Julia Mathistad, Martin & Tillie Peterson, Emil & Emma Tabbert and Darlene Hurt & Larry Austin

**Don Stenberg:** in memory of Ray & Jessie Stenberg

**Unknown:** in memory of Omar, Karen Johnson & Daniel Wold

**Unknown:** in memory of loved ones

**JessAnne & Mark Knutson:** in honor of Shadai & Shia Bintliff, Kanyon, Birch, Griffin, Hudson & Sebastian Tschetter, and Maddox & Mavin Knutson

**Mitch & Lynn Haugeberg family:** in memory of Betty Boehm, John & Irene Wurgler, Dave Wurgler, Jessica & Samantha Wurgle

**Patti, Mark & Pembra Christensen:** in memory of Rich Christensen

**Steve & Gretchen Stenehjerm:** in honor of our 6 grandchildren Charlie, Evelyn, James, Jacob, Lilie, Beau and Zachary

**Shane & JeAnne Homiston:** in honor of Joyce Tveter and in memory of Jim Tveter

**The Riely's:** in memory of Knut & Hazel Hovesten and Alice & Willis Riely

**Family:** in memory of Eric Arnston

**Donna Rauser:** in honor of Caroline & the Choir, in memory of Pete Rauser

**David & Celeste Berg:** in honor of our grandchildren Katelyn, Charlie, Abby and Teddy

**Steve & Laura Sanford:** in honor of the members of 1st Lutheran Church (our church family) and in memory of our



Beginning January 2nd the Church Office Hours will be

Mon– Thurs 8:30am –3pm and  
Fridays 8:30– 12pm

We would like to thank all of our media sponsorships for the month of December:

Ed & Charlotte Schilke in honor of their 60th Anniversay

Lloyd & Ardyce Alveshere & family in memory of Arnold & June Peterson

Glen & ann Beard Family in memory of Linda Beard

Barb Jorgenson in memory of her husband Dale Jorgenson and her grandsons Seth Jorgenson & Josh Kitzman

Greetings from AZ from Ed & Charlotte Schilke