



FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
Watford City

#### Effective Prayer

7 Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened. 8 For everyone who asks, receives, and to everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

9 "You parents—if your children ask you for bread, do you give them a stone? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. †

#### The Golden Rule

12 "Do to others whatever you would like them to do to you. This is the essence of all that is taught in the law and the prophets.

#### The Narrow Gate

13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate.



# THE CLARION

## A Word From The Minister

*"I lift my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD watches over you, the LORD is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life; the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore."-Psalm 121*

Grace and Peace to You,

It is hard to not have favorites when it comes to scripture. Psalm 121 is one of my favorites. This Psalm was often sung by people on their journey to the 2<sup>nd</sup> temple in Jerusalem. How appropriate at this time of year that we sing this Psalm on our journey through Lent. Psalm 121 is a song of trust in God's protection, affirming that help comes from the Lord, the maker of Heaven and Earth. Let us find peace in the Lord as we walk forward knowing Christ is with us in every step.

Yours in Christ,

Minister Matthew Rolfson

## WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

### Sunday, March 1

9:30 am—Worship/Communion  
10:30 am—Fellowship

### Wednesday, March 4

5:30 pm—Lent Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship/Communion

### Sunday, March 8

9:30 am—Worship  
10:30 am—Fellowship

### Wednesday, March 11

5:30 pm—Lent Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship

### Sunday, March 15

9:30 am—Worship/Communion  
10:30 am—Pancake & Sausage Feed

### Wednesday, March 18

5:30 pm—Lent Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship

### Sunday, March 22

9:30 am - Worship  
10:30 am - Fellowship

### Wednesday, March 25

5:30 pm - Lent Meal  
6:00 pm—Worship

### Sunday, March 29

9:30 am - Worship/Communion  
10:30 am - Fellowship



# FEBRUARY CHURCH ATTENDANCE

## -SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES-

FEBRUARY 1:	73
FEBRUARY 8:	81
FEBRUARY 15:	45
FEBRUARY 22:	50

## -WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICES-

FEBRUARY 4:	47
FEBRUARY 11:	50
FEBRUARY 18:	37
FEBRUARY 25:	NA



## **-EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY-**

Minister Matthew's office hours have been changed. He will now be in the office Mon. & Thurs., 9-2pm & Fri. by appointment only. Office will still be open Mon.-Thurs., 9-2pm. Thank you!

## March Special Events:

### March 15th:

After Worship Service, help us move out the old church pews in our sanctuary. The more hands, the faster it will go!!

### March 29th:

1st Teen Ministry Meeting, 4:00 pm



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Sunday, March 15th**  
Volunteers Needed to help move old pews out of sanctuary after



Spring Forward

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, Daylight Savings Time begins. Make sure to set your clocks forward one hour Saturday night.



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**Thank You for your donation!**



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN

# March



Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 2nd Sunday in Lent 	2	3 Food Pantry 5-7 pm 	4 Worship Mtg. 9:30 am??	5 S&E Mtg. (Teddy's) 5 pm	6 Property Mtg. 1 pm	7
8 3rd Sunday in Lent 	9 Welca Mtg. 10 am Finance Mtg. 1 pm	10	11 	12	13	14 
15  Move old church pews out!!! 4th Sunday in Lent 	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Food Pantry 2-4 pm 	18	19	20 Spring Begins! 	21
22 Council Mtg. 10:45 am?? 5th Sunday in Lent 	23	24	25	26 	27	28
29 Teen Ministry Mtg. 4 pm 	30 	31	-Recurring Monthly- Monday: Quilting, 1 pm Thursday: Text Study w/Minister Matthew, 10 am		-Building Usage- Monday: Boy Scouts, 6 pm Thursday: Classical Conversations, 8:30 am NA Meeting, 7 pm	

# MARCH

## Birthdays

- Kari Berg 3/2
- Brooke Sanford 3/2
- Jen Christensen 3/3
- Brenda Fulweider 3/6
- Lillie Noll 3/6
- Ari Johnson 3/8
- Jolynn Wold 3/8
- Jaden Quale 3/9
- Faith Hansen 3/10
- Debra Wisness 3/10
- Paulette Nordsvan 3/11
- James Johnsrud 3/15
- Jennifer Sorenson 3/15
- Cameron Dodge 3/18
- Alex Hansen 3/20
- Valley Hellandsaas 3/20
- Hope Cross 3/21
- Robin Schwartz 3/21
- Melanie Morgan 3/26
- Jay Sanford 3/26
- Jason Leiseth 3/28
- Frankie Bertrum 3/29
- Noah Wisness 3/29



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## Anniversaries

- Ronald & Karen Broderson, 3/2
- Gerry & Sandy Transtrom, 3/7
- Steven & Mamie Johnston, 3/17
- Robert & Debra Wisness, 3/18
- Matthew & Alyssa Wisness 3/30

## 50 YEARS OF SERVICE RECOGNITION



**HONORING CAROLINE SCHWARTZ** – After months of planning, on February 1st, along with Caroline's family, we had a surprise celebration honoring her for 50 years of service as FLC music director. Beautiful words were shared of how thankful we all are to have Caroline. She was presented with an award, beautiful music note necklace & handmade quilt. Thank you to all who were able to keep this a secret & joined us for the special occasion.




Contact office to order yours today!

*Easter Lilly Plants*

Donate in Honor or Memory of a Loved One

**\$20 Each**

# NEW MEMBER SUNDAY



**NEW MEMBER SUNDAY** - We celebrated New Member Sunday this year on February 8th. Our new members included: Judy Opsta, Cole & Mariah Nelson, Matthew, Leah & Nora Rolfson, Benjamin Bradley & Cara Transtrom-Bradley, Mark, Lorri & Ben Honstein, Jim & Elva Lou Johnston, Gerald & Marlene Johnson & Elaine Simpson. We were also blessed to have Bishop Craig Schweitzer with us to lead our Worship Service that day along with blessing our new Paraments & Baptismal Font. But that's not all..... February 8th was also Superbowl, meaning it was the day our LYO had their annual Superbowl Subs Fundraiser! Our youth were hard at work that morning with adult volunteers assembling sandwiches to all those that placed orders. It was a busy day but so rewarding!

# BURNING OF THE PALMS



**BURNING OF THE PALMS** - February 15th, we celebrated the Transfiguration of Our Lord. We gathered outside as a congregation & burned the previous years palms in preparation of Ash Wednesday. Creating the ashes from the palms is to serve as a reminder of our mortality & the hope of resurrection. Afterwards, we joined in fellowship for a Pancake & Sausage Feed provided to us by the Worship Committee along with Minister Matthew.



# YOUTH MINISTRY

WELCOME TO THE  
YOUTH MINISTRY  
corner!!



## Message from the Minister

By Minister Matt

*"At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by the evil one. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him."- Mark 1:12-13*

Hello Beloved Children of God,

This is the Season of the Church called Lent. We take this time to walk with Jesus a little closer. The book of Mark tells us of a time when Jesus was tempted from having a friendship with us. However, though his love for us, he resists the temptation and walks with us as we now become tempted. So many things in this world will try to distract us from having a friendship with Jesus. Remember, you always have Jesus at your side when that happens and he



## COME FIND JESUS WITH FLC



**FLC CHALLENGE** – Sunday, March 22nd, we did something a bit different for our first Sunday in Lent. We challenged the congregation to take part in finding tiny Jesus' that were hidden in the Narthex & Fellowship Hall. If you found one, you earned a prize plus was able to keep your little Jesus. We will be having this all throughout the Season of Lent. If you feel the calling to share the word of Jesus with others, we urge you to regift your Jesus to someone that needs him.

*\*10 will be hid before every worship service on Wednesdays & Sundays.\**



# JOURNEY TO THE CROSS



Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly version of the Bible, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.

**DAY 1**  
Genesis 3:15

**DAY 2**  
Isaiah 7:14

**DAY 3**  
Matthew 1:20-21

**DAY 4**  
Luke 2:11

**DAY 5**  
Luke 2:52

**DAY 6**  
Mark 1:9-11

**DAY 7**  
Matthew 4:10

**DAY 8**  
Matthew 4:18-20

**DAY 9**  
Luke 6:27-31

**DAY 10**  
Matthew 11:28-30

**DAY 11**  
Luke 4:40-41

**DAY 12**  
Luke 8:24-25

**DAY 13**  
Matthew 12:8

**DAY 14**  
Mark 6:41-42

**DAY 15**  
Luke 9:20-22

**DAY 16**  
John 3:16-17

**DAY 17**  
John 6:35

**DAY 18**  
John 8:12

**DAY 19**  
John 10:14-15

**DAY 20**  
Mark 10:13-16

**DAY 21**  
Mark 9:2-3

**DAY 22**  
Matthew 20:17-19

**DAY 23**  
Luke 19:9-10

**DAY 24**  
Matthew 14:25-27

**DAY 25**  
Luke 10:36-37

**DAY 26**  
John 11:25-27, 43

**DAY 27**  
John 12:3

**DAY 28**  
Matthew 21:8-9

**DAY 29**  
Mark 11:15-16

**DAY 30**  
John 17:17-19

**DAY 31**  
Luke 22:3-6

**DAY 32**  
Mark 14:22-24

**DAY 33**  
John 13:3-5

**DAY 34**  
Matthew 26:39

**DAY 35**  
Luke 22:63-65

**DAY 36**  
Mark 15:22-26

**DAY 37**  
Matthew 27:50-54

**DAY 38**  
John 19:40-42

**DAY 39**  
Luke 24:1-8

**DAY 40**  
Matthew 28:19-20



# Giving a Helping Hand February 2026 Spotlight

We just wanted to take the time to recognize all of our February Volunteers & Special Musical Performers to say,

**"Thank You!! We couldn't do it without you!"**

Val Williams

Cindy Geiger

Donna Slais

Kevin Sullivan

Jennifer Sorenson

Cara Transtrom

Joy Patten

Val Swensrud

Ardyce Alveshere

FLC Council

David & Celeste Berg

Donna Rauser

Benjamin Bradley

Carol Sanford

FLC Choir

Zane Johnson

Pam Haugen

## MARCH

### VOLUNTEER SIGNUP

#### 1st Communion

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter: Cindy Geiger

Usher/Communion: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: Kevin Sullivan

Fellowship: Cliff & Darlene Wenstad

#### 8th

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter/Usher: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Fellowship: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

#### 15th Communion

Reader: Sue Jorgenson

Greeter: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Usher/Communion: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Fellowship: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

#### 22nd

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter/Usher: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Fellowship: Carol Sanford

#### 29th Communion

Reader: **15th Communion**

Reader: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Greeter: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Usher/Communion: Donna Slais

Slideshow: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

Fellowship: **\*\*AVAILABLE\*\***

## GIVING HEARTS DAY



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**SPRINGBROOK BIBLE CAMP** – Big things are happening for Springbrook Bible Camp this year & we couldn't be more excited for them!! This year, they had a campaign during

*Giving Hearts Day*, February 12th, to raise \$80,000 to go towards improving their chapel which included updating their doors & staining the exterior. On February 13th, during a live video, Hannah Johnson, the Executive Director, announced they had received \$90,207.13 in donations!!! God bless them on their journey as they update a place that holds so many amazing memories for so many people. We hope that our youth will get to enjoy the updates that they will be making this upcoming summer.

*\*\*There is open enrollment happening now for Summer 2026 if you have a camper interested in attending. If they are a member of FLC-WC, we will be covering 100% of their fees to go to Bible Camp this summer. You can scan QR code that is on bulletin board outside the office or enter the code flcwc to began enrollment process. Please reach out to the office if you have any further questions.\*\**

# FLC Minutes

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