



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Watford City

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November 2023

First Lutheran Church

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9:00 am - 3:00 pm

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First Lutheran Church November Worship, Sunday School & Confirmation Schedule

Sunday, November 5th

9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion

10:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Coffee & fellowship

Sunday, November 12th

9:30 am - Worship

10:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Coffee & fellowship

Sunday, November 19th

9:30 am - Worship

10:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 am - Coffee & fellowship

Sunday, November 26th

9:30 am - Worship with Holy Communion

NO Sunday School

10:30 am - Coffee & fellowship

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Confirmation Class takes place every  
Wednesday starting at 6:00 pm with  
supper, followed by instruction.

# Thanksgiving

..... HOLIDAY HOURS .....

First Lutheran Church offices will be  
closed Thursday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

**Unable to make it to Sunday morning  
worship? No worries... Join us  
online!**

**Go to [www.flwcw.church](http://www.flwcw.church) or to the  
FLC App.**

**Click on Online Worship.  
Watch it live or anytime thereafter.**

First Lutheran Church has an  
app! To download, go to your  
app store and type in FLCWC.

Make sure to say yes to  
notifications so you won't  
miss out on any important  
information!





# Women's Ministry

CONNECTING AND ENRICHING  
WOMEN IN FAITH

## November Meetings for the Women of the ELCA

### Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am – FLC General WELCA at FLC  
Executive Board meeting to discuss various business items of WELCA.

### Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

1:30 pm – Peace Circle at FLC

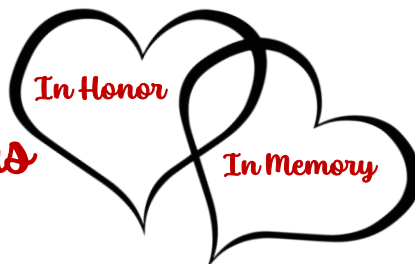
### Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>

5:00 pm – Hope Circle at FLC

Peace and Hope Circle's monthly meetings include a Bible Study from the "Gatherings" magazine (extra copies at the Church), short business meeting, lunch & great fellowship.

**EVERYONE** is invited to participate in any of the above meetings ~ **ALL** are welcome!!

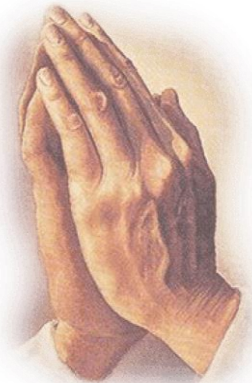
## Worship Dedications



Thank you to the following for dedicating a Sunday worship service during October: The Hovland families in memory of loved ones; Tim & Teri Taylor in memory of Bev Hoff (Laurie Hamre's mom). If you would like to dedicate a worship service in honor or memory of someone special, please contact the church office by calling (701)444-3244 or emailing [office@flwc.church](mailto:office@flwc.church). Cost of sponsorship is \$100, which will be used for any broadcasting needs. All Sundays are open in November, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> is open in December and you can reserve your Sunday for next year, too.



- ✝ Family & friends of Travis Olson
- ✝ Family & friends of Bernice Volk
- ✝ Family & friends of Donny Lund
- ✝ Family & friends of Ruth Rolfson
- ✝ Family & friends of Mitch Sondrol
- ✝ Family & friends of Pastor Jim Stenslie
- ✝ Family & friends of Linda Gilstad
- ✝ Family & friends of Sasha Rae Hugg
- ✝ Jessica Wisness Burns
- ✝ Jacob Faulkner
- ✝ JoAnn Faulkner
- ✝ Julie Fedorenko
- ✝ Bryan Fevold
- ✝ Melinda Haugeberg
- ✝ Eleanor Kostad
- ✝ Rachel Meuchel
- ✝ Micah Moxness
- ✝ Ron & Barb Quale
- ✝ Donna Rauser
- ✝ Melony Sanford
- ✝ Roger Stortroen
- ✝ Joyce Tveter
- ✝ Cliff Wenstad



If you know someone needing prayers, please contact the Watford City Area Lutheran Parish office by calling (701)444-3244 or emailing [office@flwc.church](mailto:office@flwc.church).



# THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING

"Selfless action is a source of strength."  
-Mahatma Gandhi

Thank you to everyone assisting with worship in October: Cliff & Tarri Wenstad, Marcia Hellandsaas, David & Celeste Berg, Vicki Karpyak, Glen & Anne Beard, Val Swensrud, Laura Dahl, Anna Schwartz, Curtis & Jennifer Sorenson, Cindy Geiger, Kevin Sullivan, Lloyd & Ardyce Alvashere, Neal & Lisa Shipman, Donna Slais, Steve Sanford, Donna Rauser, Frances Olson, Ari Johnson.

We are need of volunteers during November & December. If you are able to help out, please sign-up on the sheets in the Narthex, call the Church office or email [office@flcwc.church](mailto:office@flcwc.church). Any help you can give is GREATLY appreciated!

## A message from Minister Matthew...

Grace and Peace to You,  
To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1 Just about every time the snow falls this passage comes up. November is a busy time for our community as we start to prepare for the winter season. Just looking around the church we can see the changes. The flower beds have been cleaned by High School volunteers, tables have been decorated by members of the church, and now the first snowfall has made us cancel plans. A cycle we are used to in North Dakota. However, Ecclesiastes is more than just talking about the changing of seasons. It is talking about our ever-changing world. Change can be worrying but, in that change, we have faith in the words from Isaiah 40:8. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.

Thank you to all the talented musicians providing special music in October: Kathleen Beard, FLC Choir, Pam Haugen, Caroline Schwartz, Cara Transtrom.

If you would like to share your musical talents, please let Caroline Schwartz know. If solo work is not your thing and you would rather sing with a group, join us Wednesdays at 7 pm for FLC Choir. The Choir is now practicing for the Annual Christmas Contata on Sundays at 7 pm. This is open to the community and all are welcome to join...invite your friends! The date of the Cantata will be on Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>.



On Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will be remembering those who have gone before us by lighting a candle in their memory. There will be extra candles and we welcome everyone to light a candle to honor their loved one's memory.

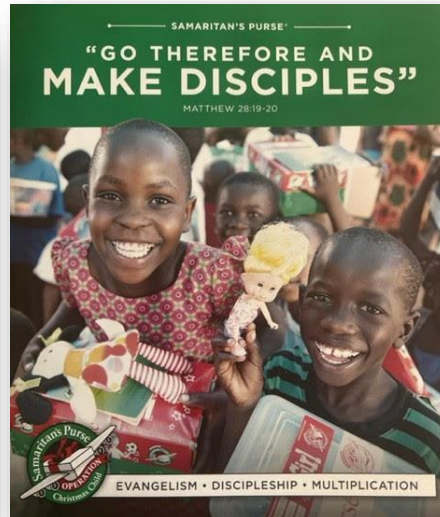
## Fall Bazaar

*First Lutheran Church WELCA will be hosting a Fall Bazaar following worship on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be crafts, baked goods (just in time for Thanksgiving), and much more...even lefsa! Come, check it out and help support the Lutheran Ladies!*





Collection week for Operation Christmas Child is November 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>! Pick up a box in the Narthex, fill with items and return to church by Saturday Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Boxes will be taken to drop-off point on the 18<sup>th</sup> and from there will be shipped off to bring joy & happiness to many!



## SHOEBOX GIFT IDEAS

### "WOW" ITEM

- Soccer ball with pump
- Doll
- Stuffed animal
- Shoes



### TOYS

- Toy cars
- Jump ropes
- Yo-yos
- Toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries)

### PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

- Toothbrushes
- Washcloths
- Combs
- Hairbrushes



### SCHOOL SUPPLIES

- Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, and markers
- Notebooks and paper
- Coloring and picture books
- Solar calculators

### ACCESSORIES

- Socks
- Sunglasses
- Jewelry and watches
- Flashlights (with extra batteries)



### DO NOT INCLUDE

candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; scary or war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items or glass containers; aerosol cans

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC](http://SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG/OCC)



Bakken Oil Rush Ministries is asking for any winter items you have that you no longer need. They never charge for winter coats and greatly appreciate any donations you have to offer!

**HAPPY**  
*Thanksgiving!*



**BAKKEN OIL RUSH MINISTRIES invites you to**

***"The Gathering"***  
***Thanksgiving Dinner***

**November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

**Watford City Civic Center**

Volunteers to help cook & donations of baked goods are needed, if you would like to help, please contact them at any of the following:

**STORE: 701-444-2288**

**Melanie Smith, Director: 701-339-6188**

**EMAIL: [BakkenOilRush@gmail.com](mailto:BakkenOilRush@gmail.com)**





If you ever happen to stop by FLC on a Monday afternoon you will be sure to hear some good natured chatter, find a pot of coffee on and some goodies on the table. After an hour or so of busy, productive work, the quilting ladies relax for refreshments. The ladies have been meeting weekly for .... well, pretty much forever!

This faithful crew of ladies have turned out hundreds of quilts for those in need, sending them off to world relief and keeping some back to offer consolation for local people going through disastrous times. In 1987 they also began making cherished quilts for our graduating seniors. They also make keepsake quilts for baptisms, send several to Upper Missouri Bible Camp for their annual benefit auction and most recently, quilts for the people in a local addiction center.

Up until we built our addition in 2012, the magic happened in the church basement, using every nook & cranny to store fabric, batting, sewing machines & supplies, pulling out & setting up tables each week. The ladies were able to help design their dream quilting area in the new addition which is the envy of the area. Many have heard about it and have come down to see it and get ideas.

Their creative work and dedication is so inspiring! You will most likely find them taking fabric home and cutting or sewing squares or securing backing to bring back the next Monday.

Part of the beauty of the quilting group is that you don't need to make a big commitment or be an advanced seamstress. If you can tie a knot, there is a spot for you! They welcome anyone to stop by and join in the projects. There is no weekly commitment, come when you can. Although you may not want to miss once you start!

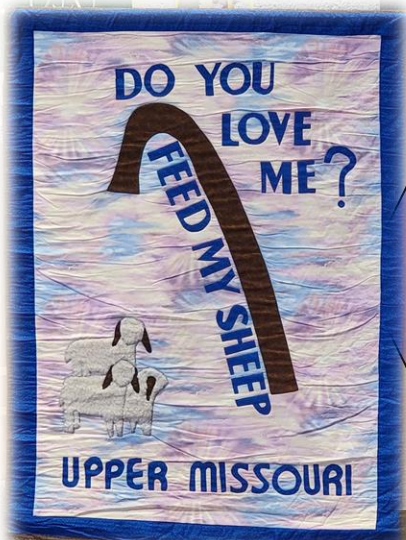
If you happen to have a stash of fabric or bed sheet you aren't using, they are always happy to take it off your hands. Monetary donation is also welcome as they buy all their batting & thread.

Right now, if you could offer special prayers to 2 of our faithful quilting ladies. Donna Rauser is recovering from a car accident on Oct 20<sup>th</sup> which left her with a cracked sternum and bruised heart. Joyce Tveter is suffering from a brain infection. Many prayers for these beautiful ladies.

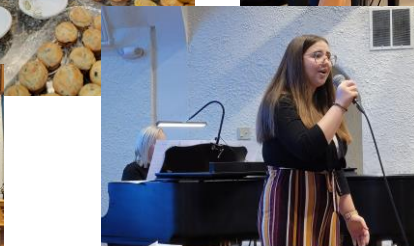
Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the wonderful ministry you provide in the name of FLC.







On Saturday, October 7th, First Lutheran Church hosted the Upper Missouri Fall Cluster Gathering bringing many women together from different churches within our region. Special music was provided by Kathleen Beard, Brailee DeVries, and Anna Schwartz. Guest speakers were Calli Thorne on mental health and Jennifer Winter on Women in Crisis. A love offering was taken to give to the Family Crisis Shelter. It was a very special day with wonderful speakers, beautiful music, delicious food and united faith & fellowship shared by all. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talents & service to help make the day a success! A special thank you to Val Swensrud for organizing this awesome event.



### Pumpkin Dump Cake

30 oz 100% Pumpkin  
12 oz evaporated milk  
3 eggs

1 c sugar  
3 tsp cinnamon  
1 box yellow cake mix

$\frac{3}{4}$  c melted butter  
1 c chopped pecans

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees
- Grease 9x13 baking dish, set aside
- In large bowl, combine pumpkin, evaporated milk, eggs, sugar and cinnamon
- Mix until blended
- Pour, spread mixture into prepared baking dish
- Evenly sprinkle cake mix over the top of batter
- Sprinkle pecans over the cake mix
- Pour melted butter over the top of the other ingredients
- Bake 50 minutes
- Allow to cool before cutting
- Garnish with whipped topping





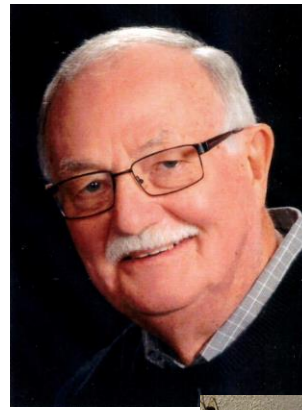
James "Jim" Eugene Tveter  
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Jim was an active member of First Lutheran Church for over fifty years. He was proud and felt blessed to be a member of FLC where he served in many different capacities through the years. Some of you may even had him for a Sunday School teacher.

One of his favorite ways to serve as a FLC member was to participate in Sunday communion services. He enjoyed the whole communion process from preparation to serving and clean up.

Jim's family has donated a new communion set to FLC as a loving memorial for Jim. Because of Jim's dedication to serving FLC in this way, his family feels that it is a very fitting gift in memory of Jim.

Thank you to the Tveter family for this beautiful and meaningful donation.



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Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> was a day of celebration at FLC as dedications were made for the quilts going to Lutheran World Relief, the newly renovated Bell Tower and beautiful new Communion ware – Gold Communion Ciborium and Flagon were donated in memory of Jim Tveter by Joyce Tveter and their family, Ceramic Chalice and Paten were donated in memory of Cori Beth Sollom by Donald and Swany Schmidt.. A very special thank you to the quilting ladies, all those that donated to the Bell Tower Fund, the Schmidts and Tveters! Without you, this day would not have been possible!



# Youth Ministry NEWS

The LYO Synod Youth Gathering of WND took place October 19<sup>th</sup> thru 21<sup>st</sup> in Mandan and had a great turnout! The Watford City & Arnegard youth groups came together and brought 14 youth to this year's event! Over 400 youth and adults from across our Synod gathered together to worship, pray, sing, play and serve. Many new friendships were made and old friendships grew stronger. A huge thank you to Matthew Rolfson for all the planning to put this together and to Erin Fjeldahl for chaperoning!

FLC members made use out of the loaded apple trees at the new parsonage by picking them and giving them to the LYO for a fall fundraiser. The LYO put together Apple Crisp Kits and bags of apples to sell after church for a free will donation. The money raised will be put towards a ski trip this winter.



Encourage one another and build each other up.



Bring your loose change  
Sun., Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> for  
Noisy Bucket Offering!