



December 2024

CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Janel Fortney & Christina Anderson

USHERING:

Sunday, December 7 at 9:40 a.m.: Lucas & Becki Schumacher family
Sunday, December 14 at 9:40 a.m.: Kevin & Vikki Cartwright
Sunday, December 21 at 9:40 a.m.: Curtis & Marty Larson family
Wednesday, December 24 at 3:40 p.m.: Morgan & Lynnae Lies
Wednesday, December 24 at 6:40 p.m.: Christina Anderson family
Sunday, December 28 at 9:40 a.m.: Jeremy & Julie Shrock

Please fill out the Usher Report and place in the offering plate.

Usher duties are posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

GREETERS:

Sunday, December 7 at 9:15 a.m.: Paul & Janel Fortney
Sunday, December 14 at 9:15 a.m.: Nate Rue family
Sunday, December 21 at 9:15 a.m.: Brody Weisenburger and Kaci Weisenburger
Wednesday, December 24 at 3:40 p.m.: Jacob & Shawna Lommen family
Wednesday, December 24 at 6:40 p.m.: Lucas Weisenburger family
Sunday, December 28 at 9:15 a.m.: Keegan & Gretchen Anderson family

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:

Sunday, December 7 at 9:15 a.m.: Adam & Ashley Fleming
Sunday, December 14 at 9:15 a.m.: Brenda Bachmeier and Alissa Bachmeier family
Sunday, December 21 at 9:15 a.m.: Reed & Jenna Weisenburger
Sunday, December 28 at 9:15 a.m.: Andy & Amy Bachmeier family

PREPLANNED CONGREGATION MEAL:

Sunday, December 21st at 6 pm – LAUNCH Christmas Play Program & Soup & Sandwich Supper – Serve & Clean up

FUND: Capital Campaign

*If you are unavailable on your assigned day,
please use the group list that was mailed to you to find a replacement.
If you are unsuccessful at finding a replacement, please notify a chairperson.*

Faith Stepping Stone 3 My 3rd Grade Bible



On Sunday October 26th, we celebrated with Oliver Pister and Lennix Langley as they received their keepsake Bibles.

Parents and students had gathered in previous weeks to learn all about the Bible in an afternoon retreat class.

How old is the Bible? Who wrote the Bible? How long did it take to write the Bible? What were the original languages of the Bible? And what is a Bible address?

The kids also received Bible highlighters and with their new knowledge, were able to look up John 3:16 and highlight it themselves in their brand new Bibles.

Congrats to Lennix and Oliver and their parents too!



Here's the crew from our November Luther League gathering! This crew gathers once per month under the leadership of Chase & Lauren (Roscoe) Pederson for fellowship, food, and faith.





Maddock Mobile Pack



On Saturday, November 15th, twenty-nine First Lutheran folks traveled to Maddock to participate in the Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack.

They worked non-stop for two hours labeling, filling, boxing and stacking manna-pack meals that will be shipped around the United States and around the world to food insecure locations.

In just two hours we packed enough meals for 132 kids to eat for an entire year. What a blessing it is to be a blessing!



Praying over the packed meals, asking God to deliver them safely to those in need of food and love.



Check out this crew! A gaggle of girls headed to Metigoshe Ministries in late October for an overnight retreat filled with fun, laughter, games, food, faith formation, and NOT VERY MUCH SLEEP!



Please consider helping us adorn our sanctuary for Christmas by sponsoring a poinsettia in memory or honor of someone you love. Order forms can be found in the Narthex. Order deadline is **December 17th at noon.**

Thank you in advance,
Your Altar Circle



Sunday, December 7th
Luca Schumacher & Makaya Heskin
Sunday, December 14th
Adison Bullinger & Leah Bullinger
Sunday, December 21st
Layne Allmaras & Raegyn Lange
Wednesday, December 24th 4 pm
Casey Ystaas & Jace Ystaas
Wednesday, December 24th 7 pm
Need two volunteers
Sunday, December 28th
Austin Weisenburger & Miles Peterson



AUTOMATED GIVING

Vanco faith is our online giving platform. By scanning the QR code, you can give a one time gift or set up your regular weekly or monthly offering. Online giving is a great way to stay current in your financial support of our church. You can also download the Vanco Faith app from your app store.



You can also simply contact your local bank to set up an autopay option for your offering to the church.

Reminder that Red Willow Bible Camp has a Thrift Store in Finley. Be sure to stop by!

Also, remember that Pastor Amy will be happy to bring your donated items to Finley. Please drop your donations off in her storage shed behind the parsonage any time!



Thank you

A **HUGE** thank you to all that donated to, helped with, and came out to eat for our Annual Fall Turkey Supper on November 9th. There were an estimated 275 people served!

Memorials & Honorariums

Capital Campaign Fund
IHO Richard Carlson's 90th birthday
by his family
Music Fund
IMO Betty Georgeson
by Scott & Nan Taverna

By the Numbers



NOVEMBER ATTENDANCE

November 2	156
November 5	7
November 9	68
November 12	13
November 16	153

NOV GENERAL FUND OFFERING

November 2	\$3,135.00
November 5	\$0.00
November 9	\$1,450.00
November 12	\$120.00
November 16	\$1,782.00
Automated Gifts (MTD)	\$400.43

Weekly Offering Needed to Meet Budget \$3,430.00

YEAR-TO-DATE (As of October 31, 2025)

BUDGET:	\$ 148,570.83
EXPENSES:	\$ 146,532.92
OFFERING:	\$ 146,018.86

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS (SAVINGS) DESIGNATED FUNDS

Property Fund:	\$16,012.94
Banner/Altar Fund:	\$796.64
Music Fund:	\$3,068.01
Budget Reserve:	\$18,507.36
Thrivent Choice:	\$1,050.00
Noisy Offering:	\$1,522.84
FLC Men's Group:	\$1,136.16
Capital Campaign Fund:	\$82,854.19
(Includes Carpet Fund:	\$11,771.09
& Hopes & Dreams:	\$1,224.35)

COMING TO TERMS

A quick key to the terms we use to describe our church finances.

General Fund

This is our general operations account. Our annual church budget is called the "General Fund Budget".

Your regular offerings go to the General Fund.

Designated Funds

These funds are given with a specific designation, and are held in a money market savings account.



December (Group 7)

Christina Anderson family
Keegan & Gretchen Anderson family
Alissa Bachmeier & Nate Collier family
Andy & Amy Bachmeier family
Bill & Brenda Bachmeier
Kevin & Vikki Cartwright
Bev Clifton
Jim Dockter
Kim Dockter family
Adam & Ashley Fleming
Paul & Janel Fortney
Curtis & Marty Larson family
Morgan & Lynnae Lies
Dennis & Debra Lommen
Jacob & Shawna Lommen family
Eloise Lucht
Barb Perleberg
Nate Rue family
Lucas & Becki Schumacher family
Jeremy & Julie Shrock
Kenneth & Marlys Throlson
Lucas Weisenburger family
Reed & Jenna Weisenburger family



Thanks to all the sponsors of our radio broadcasts!

Dec. 7th: IMO Margaret Bollingberg and Pete & Donna Wobbema,
by Jim and Ann Wobbema family

Dec. 14th: IMO Ervin & Myrna Nygaard, by Jake Clelland and family

Dec. 21st: IHO Leonard & Lois Jacobson's Anniversary, by Tom & Kathy Ryan

Dec. 28th: IMO Glenn & Tillie Collier by Larry Danduran & Glenda Collier
and Cindy Collier



- ◆ **BAPTISMS:** Bryn RaeAnn Thorsell, Rorie Mae Perleberg, Westen Lee Shroyer
- ◆ **WEDDINGS:**
- ◆ **FUNERALS:**
- ◆ **TRANSFERS:**



**December
2025**

Carissa Johnson
&
Sydney Carr



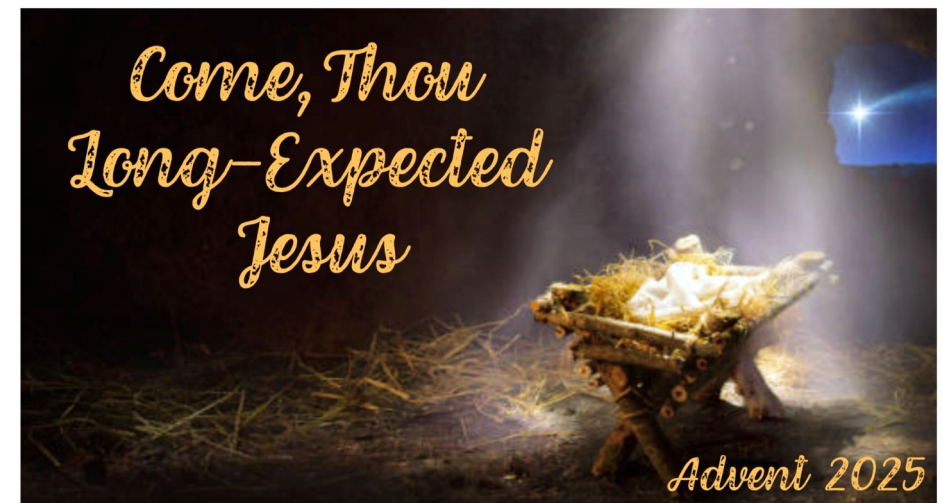
Due to illnesses, there was not a November Church Council meeting.



Enclosed in this newsletter is an envelope for our Advent Offering.

Each year, the Church Council chooses a ministry outside of our church to be the recipient of this special offering.

This year's recipients are Red Willow Ministries and ELCA Good Gifts. The donations will be split evenly between the two organizations.



December

1 st - Lennix Langley	19 th - Sheri Anderson
2 nd - Arabelle Johnson	Corey Longnecker
3 rd - Jodi Hirschert	20 th - Marilyn Gedrose
4 th - Kelsey Larson	Ami Peterson
Wayne Lesmeister	21 st - Rick Eversvik
5 th - Abby Shroyer	Talan Gehrtz
6 th - AJ Benz	MarJean Pfau
8 th - Roger Longnecker	24 th - Ashley Fleming
9 th - Janel Fortney	Scott Severs
Kinley Thompson	27 th - Bridger Fleming
11 th - Evelyn Koepplin	Hudson Myhre
Barb Perleberg	Katelyn Rossow
14 th - Kathy Allard	29 th - Nate Collier
15 th - Kerstin Allmaras	30 th - Richard Ryan
Jon Johnson	Dennis Weber
Debra Stafford	Roger Westby
15 th - Dalila Lommen	31 st - Karsyn Wetzel
Naveah Sorensen	
17 th - Marlyss Fleming	
Eric Perleberg	
Jeremy Shrock	

If you find your birthday is not listed, or is incorrect, let us know!

SUNDAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

December 7: Kenny Thompson, sound; Marydean Weinmann, lay reader. Joan Shroyer, communion coordinator

December 14: Gail Weisenburger, sound; Sharon Whitmer, lay reader;

December 21: Cherry Heinz, sound; Linda Lies, lay reader; Nan Taverna, communion coordinator

December 24 4:00 pm: Mitch Bjerke, sound; Melanie Homelvig, lay reader, Michelle Pfeiffer, communion coordinator

December 24 7:00 pm: Kevin Cartwright, sound; Nancy Ludwig, lay reader. Curt Weinmann, communion coordinator

December 28: Gail Weisenburger, sound; Deb Belquist, lay reader

Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24th 4 pm
(family friendly service)

Wednesday, December 24th 7 pm
Candlelight Service

¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger."

Luke 2: 10-12



On Sunday, November 16th, LAUNCH students came in early to practice for the Christmas Play Program: *The Power of the King*, had a snack during small group time of donuts and juice while discussing highs, lows, and our story then came back together to make a Nativity craft, pray and bless each other together before returning to worship for Holy Communion. Above are some of the students and co-teachers working on the Nativity Scene craft.



LAUNCH SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENTS

"THE POWER OF THE
KING"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
6 PM

FOLLOWED BY A
SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER



On Halloween weekend, this crew of Lutheran ladies headed to the Christian Retreat Center at Lake Metigoshe for a three-day retreat. We gathered around the theme "Draw Near", taking time away from our regular lives to draw near to creation, to one another, and to God. We planned and led opening worship together, then entered into several sessions of Bible study around Hebrews 12:28-29. We learned about God's unshakeable kingdom, reverent and awe-some worship, and always giving thanks to God. And a retreat would not be complete without s'mores and crafts! Watch in the coming weeks for our art creation to appear in the Fellowship Hall. And in case you wondered, Nan was definitely the most creative of us all!

FLC WOMEN'S RETREAT 2025

