

Light of Christ Lutheran Church




JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Sunday School at 10 am (During school year)
Coffee Hour at 10 am - Services at 11 am

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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMTs around the country.

Prayers for our family, friends, and community.
Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.
Prayers for Ukraine and Israel.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut ins.

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ANNUAL ICE FISHING EXTRAVAGANZA! JAN 4TH

Men, women, and children of LOC & TLC are invited to gather on the ice for a fun winter retreat. We will leave the church parking lot at **9:00 am sharp** and return to Williston around **2:30 pm**. Bragging rights awarded for the biggest fish, best joke told, etc. If you are going, please use the signup list at the back of the church.



LOC ANNUAL MEETING – Jan 26th following the worship service.



Bible Study
January 8th & 22nd.

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST

Saturday January 11th at 9:00am.

Please come and invite a friend or two!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

During the month of December, our congregation has prayed for the following parishioners.

Please continue to pray for:

Ruth Binde

Julie Hansen

Douglas Shultz

Lowella Clarin



WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. – Wed, Jan 15th:
Mtg & Bible Study at 7 pm. All women are invited.



PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT

(Dec 23) Christmas is around the corner. The Fourth of Advent. If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine,



you can give online by going to the following link.
<https://SONetwork.org/give/>



CONFIRMATION - January 9th and 23rd at 6:30pm.

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org. Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston.

MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

ONLINE OFFERING now available!

We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to www.locw.org and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!



IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500.



JANUARY 2025 READINGS

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Jan 5	1 Kin 3:4-15	Psa 119:97-104	Eph 1:3-14	Luke 2:40-52
Jan 12	Isa 43:1-7	Psa 29	Rom 6:1-11	Luke 3:15-22
Jan 19	Isa 62:1-5	Psa 128	1 Cor 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Jan 26	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psa 19:(1-6) 7-14	1 Cor 12:12-31a	Luke 4:16-30

PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE -

The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and in disaster relief. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!



STEPHEN'S MINISTRY CONTINUING ED -

Tues, Jan 2nd from 6 to 7:30 pm Ministry to the Aging.



LOC SOUP MINISTRY!

You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. Someone living alone, recovering from an illness or surgery, someone experiencing loss or grief, or anyone in need who might benefit from some warm soup. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!



If you have anything for the bulletin or newsletter, you can send it to the following email address: kevinrbeard@gmail.com.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him up to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." (Luke 2:22-24)

When Jesus was forty days old, His family went to Jerusalem, several miles from Bethlehem, to do what God's law commanded. Jesus Himself would have been presented before the Lord, and an offering made for Him as a firstborn Son. Mary had to make an offering too, which normally would have been a lamb—but it looks like the family couldn't afford it, so they offered a pair of birds instead (see Leviticus 12:8).

How strange it seems, that the family of God's own Son couldn't afford the usual offering in God's temple! But in another way, it sounds right—for Mary and Joseph did bring a lamb, after all. They brought Jesus Himself, the Lamb of God, who would offer Himself as a sacrifice on behalf of the entire human family one day. Through His death He would redeem all of us; and through His resurrection He would become the Source of life for all of us who trust in Him.

WE PRAY: Lord, thank You for making Yourself an offering for me, so I could be Yours forever. Amen.

Advent Devotions were written by Dr. Kari Vo.



GREEN SERVICE GROUP
(Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)

Tex Alton
Brian and Misty Beard
Clint Chamberlin
Bob and Dianne Cummings
Seth and Kayla Fenster
Wendy Johnson
Josh and Erin Olson
David and Kim Oyloe
Amber Park
Lois Redka
Rick and Linda Tofte
Garry Tveter
Thank you for serving!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Seth Fenster..... 1/04
Kayla Fenster..... 1/06
Wendy Johnson..... 1/08
Bev Quale..... 1/11
Steve Ginther..... 1/18
Oliver Haugen..... 1/30

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary,
please let Pastor know.



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Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, November 19th, 2024

These minutes are abbreviated. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dwight E. and prayer by Pastor Kevin for our meal.

The following members were in attendance: Dwight Ebel, Kelly Klem, Gary Hansen, Matt Haugen, Wendy Johnson, Kayla Fenster and Pastor Kevin Beard. Accepted previous meetings minutes.

Pastor's report: Pastor Beard is doing first communion classes with four students in attendance. Confirmation is going 100% better than last year and this is due to the new system of putting classes and paperwork online for those who may not be able to attend. Things are going well.

Treasurers report: Kelly advises that we are on budget and ahead of where we expected to be. 2 CD's are due Dec 11th with \$9,000 earning on them. There is \$81,000 in checking and \$83,000 in savings and can fund the upcoming altar construction project. Kelly will be checking interest rates on CD's. M/S/A

Old business:

Bathroom Signage: Pastor Beard will follow up on this.

Sewer issues: Signs were switched for the downstairs bathrooms. This seems to have fixed any issues.

Fellowship windows: Nothing new about the windows at this time.

Parking lot: Gary will be getting quotes to fix the East corner of the building on the West end of the parking lot.

New Business:

Altar remodel: Rick Tofte updated on the altar remodel. There will be stained glass with backlighting. People from the congregation will assist in making the glass. Sidney Millwork will do the woodwork. This new wall would be built out 5 feet to add additional

storage. This project could be done sometime this winter and take approximately 3 weeks minimum. Final numbers/cost will be obtained.

Pastor retirement program: The existing LOC 403B retirement program for Pastor. This plan costs the church approx \$1,000 a year. The AALC has a 403B retirement plan at no cost to the church and provides similar investment choices to Pastor. Council approved moving the retirement plan to the AALC plan.

Daycare lease: The council approved a new three-year lease at \$3,000 per month.

Budget discussion: Proposed

The budget for 2025 will be very similar to 2024's budget. \$1500 from the Lenten offering will be split between food banks in town, Gloria Dei food pantry and the Methodist church.

Pastor pay: Pastor Beard does not take insurance pay due to being on wife's insurance, so \$9,000 will be put into housing costs, up from \$6,000. An increase raise in pay of 5.62% from \$30,000 to \$31,800 is proposed.

Shelli Patch: It is proposed to increase pay \$120 for Shelly due to work that she does to assist the pastor with donations tracking on Church 360, helping with bulletins between two churches among numerous other things.

Door Stoppers: Replacing the door stoppers on the sanctuary doors. Matt will contact Tri County.

Annual Meeting: Kelly made a motion that the annual meeting be scheduled for January 26th, 2025.

Facility use form discussion: The council discussed possibly adding a line to our facility use form: "subject to pastoral review" about other pastors/services being held at our church. Kelly moved to have this line added, Wendy seconded. Motion passed. Pastor Beard will email the new form out when completed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Wendy and seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

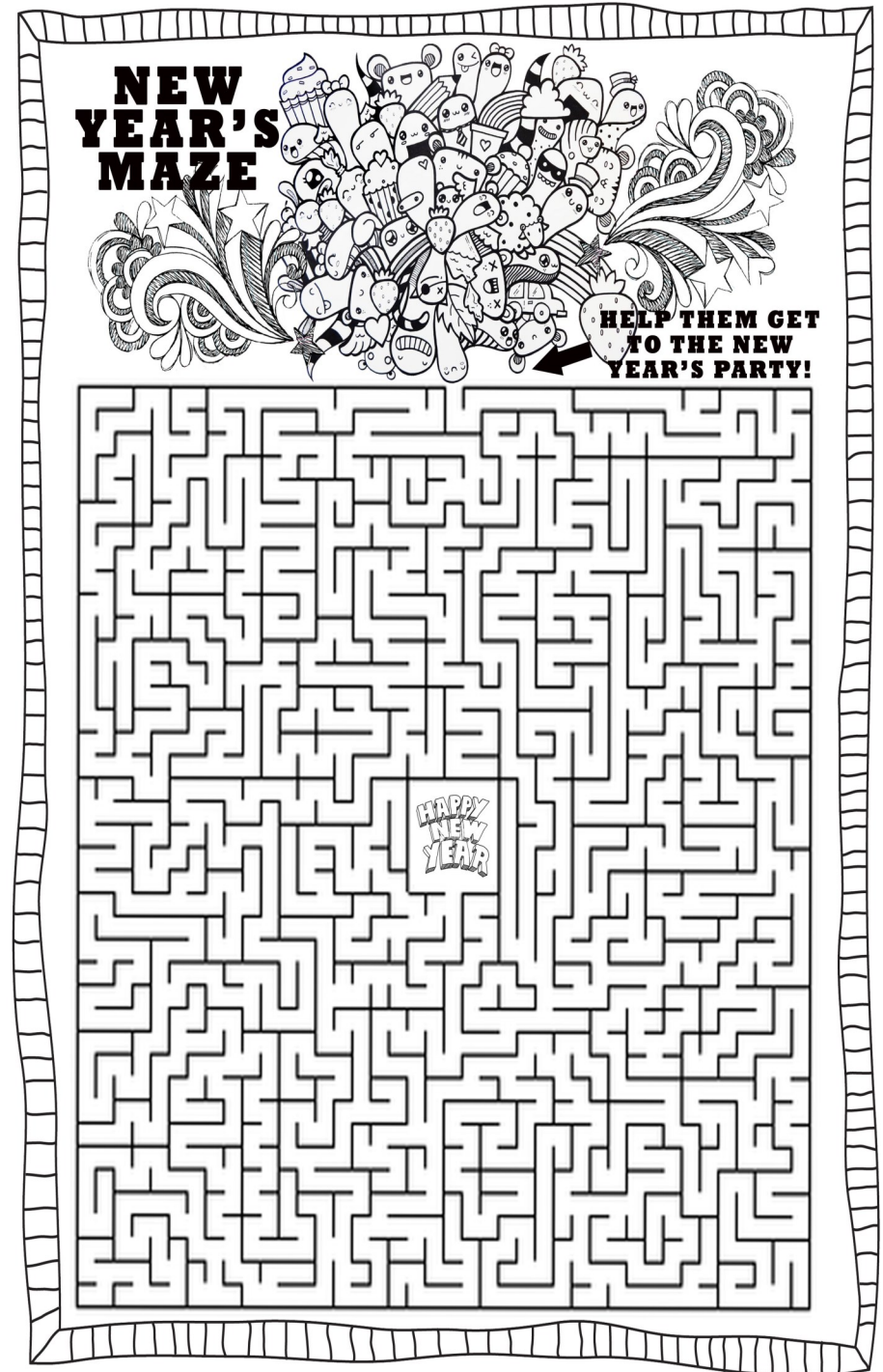
The next council meeting will be Jan 14th, 2025 with meal provided by Bev.

Your Word is a Lamp to My Feet

Find the 22 bold words from Psalm 119:97-104 (ESV)

H V T S I F N C V U G W
A T A S T E H O L D M O
M O U T H E M M O V U R
H A G E D T A M F L N D
S H H C H P K A S I D E
W O T M O R E N E V E R
E N E M I E S D R N R U
E E A B A C K M I D S L
T Y C D E E V E R Y T E
E M H S V P C N V H A S
R M E D I T A T I O N S
G S R N L S K E E P D C
R E S W E E T L O V E Y

Oh how I **love** your law! It is my **meditation** all the day.
Your **commandment makes** me wiser than my **enemies**,
for it is **ever** with me. I have **more** understanding than all
my **teachers**, for your testimonies are my meditation. I
understand more than the **aged**, for I **keep** your **precepts**.
I **hold back** my **feet** from every **evil** way, in order to keep
your word. I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have
taught me. How **sweet** are your **words** to my **taste**, sweeter
than **honey** to my **mouth**! Through your precepts I get
understanding; therefore I hate every false way.



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>	1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2 6pm <i>Stephen Ministry Supervision</i>	3	4 <i>Ice Fishing Extravaganza</i>
5 <i>10am Sunday School. 11am Worship. Communion.</i>	6	7	8 <i>7pm Bible Study</i>	9 <i>6:30pm Confirmation</i>	10	11 <i>9am LOC Church Breakfast</i>
12 <i>10am Sunday School. 11am Worship</i>	13	14 <i>5:30 Council meeting</i>	15 <i>7pm Women of L.I.F.E. Mtg</i>	16	17	18
19 <i>10am Sunday school. 11am Worship. Communion.</i>	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr Day</i>	21	22 <i>7pm Bible Study</i>	23 <i>6:30pm Confirmation</i>	24	25
26 <i>10am Sunday School. 10:30am Next service group Meets. 11am Worship & Annual Meeting</i>	27	28	29 <i>NO Bible Study</i>	30	31	1

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