

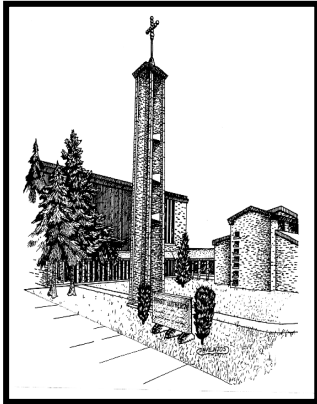


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Letter to God's People

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December 2025



Remember our
Mission:

“The Mission of FLC
is

To share God's Love
by Engaging,
Inspiring and
Renewing.”

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SHARING
GOD'S
LOVE

DECEMBER

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 7

**Annual Congregational Trust Meeting
following 9:30 am Worship**

Sunday, December 7

Youth Group – 1 pm – 4 pm

Christmas Cookie Decorating Grades 6- 12

Saturday, December 13

WELCA Bake Sale – 2:00 pm FH

Saturday, December 13

Wonder of Christmas Concert 7 pm Williston High School

Sunday, December 14

**Sunday School Christmas Program During 9:30 am
Worship Service Sanctuary**

**Family Activity – Gingerbread Houses in
Fellowship Hall following Program**

Sunday, December 14

Williston Chorale Concert

2:00 pm Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Service 4:30 pm

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day!

Thursday - Friday December 25

Office Closed

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day - Office Closed

SAVE THE DATE

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH (FLC) - WILLISTON
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

SUNDAY - JANUARY 25, 2026 Following 9:30 am Worship

The purpose of the Annual Congregational Meeting is to:

- ◆ Ratify the amendment to the FLC Constitution to bring it into alignment and compliance with the 2025 National Evangelical
- ◆ Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Constitution.
- ◆ Ratify the updated by-laws and resolutions.
- ◆ Approve the 2026 FLC Budget and Nominations.
- ◆ Approve any other new resolutions.



Through a Lutheran Lens

Pastor Zachariah Harris III



The Christmas Consequence: A Change for Good

A few years ago, the ELCA provided a marketing campaign for congregations: “In (your town) for Good.” Being a fan of double entendre (especially as used in the Gospel of John), this English major thought that this was a pretty crafty idea. “For Good” implies both that a congregation exists in its context “for the betterment” as well as “forever.” Pretty clever and creative!

So, fast forward to our current time and the recent release of the movie, “Wicked: For Good.” It’s the follow up to last year’s simply titled, “Wicked”—both together being an onscreen version of a Broadway musical that debuted in 2003 and based on a book that came out in 1995 (so spoiler alert: the story is 30 years old; the music 22 years old—yeah, you really couldn’t count anything said here as a “spoiler”). My wife and I saw the stage version in 2017 in London. And though I vaguely remember an emotional resonance with the song that gives this year’s part 2 its name, the lyrics have a much greater meaning in light of where life’s journey has led me.

The story centers around two characters made famous in “The Wizard of Oz:” Glinda (the good witch) and Elphaba (the wicked witch of the west) whose friendship is examined through the years: revealing that what appears to be “good” on the surface may actually be bad, while the exact opposite may also be true with that which appears to be “bad” or “wicked” on the surface may actually be good. So as any good Lutheran would pick up, Luther’s theme of being “Saint and Sinner At the Same Time” is quite evident as the concepts of Good and Evil (and even the well known plot points of 1939’s “The Wizard of Oz”) and human relationships are flipped on their heads.

The song, “For Good,” is a duet between two friends who have been through tumultuous times as well as heart-warming bonding, but are now facing a moment of saying goodbye for the last time, seemingly never to be together again. It is an existential moment fresh for me as my good friend Lou, who partnered with me in many an adventure and whom I introduced to many of you, has now passed away. At the same time, we are anticipating the transition that will come in a few months when I will be leaving having completed my role as Intentional Interim Pastor. And so, on both fronts, a little reflection on the lyrics of that song about the possible meaning of relationships that goes beyond simply ships passing in the night.

The heartfelt refrain as these two friends reflect says simply: “Who can say if I’ve been changed for the better?/But Because I knew you/I have been changed for good.” The verses in which that sentiment is interspersed build a story of a relationship which is complex, but whose complexity give it texture and richness that obviously make it real and significant.

*I’ve heard it said
That people come into our lives
For a reason
Bringing something we must learn
And we are led to those
Who help us most to grow
If we let them
And we help them in return
Well, I don’t know if I believe that’s true
But I know I’m who I am today
Because I knew you*

*It well may be
That we will never meet again
In this lifetime
So let me say before we part
So much of me
Is made of what I learned from you
You’ll be with me
Like a handprint on my heart
And now whatever way our stories end
I know you have rewritten mine
By being my friend*

*And just to clear the air
I ask forgiveness
For the things I've done
you've blamed me for
But then, I guess
We know there's blame to share
And none of it seems to matter anymore*

I think all of those lyrics apply to the indelible way my time with you has continued to shape who I am. How could it be different? Just like with my friend, Lou, when you spend time in and around one another's lives—the good and bad, the happy and the sad—how can it not make a change in you that lasts forever, For Good. But like those double entendres I love so well, the song's lyrics, and my own thoughts will not leave you hanging. Because the final resolution is:

*Who can say if I've been changed for the better?
I do believe I have been changed for the better
Because I knew you
I have been changed
For good*

2000 years ago, God started all of this by intervening in human history. That tiny baby in a simple manger started a message of Love that has sent ripples throughout the ages. The Christmas we celebrate this month has had profound consequences that are for good, forever, or as we say eternal. And we cannot forget that Love is what gives the wicked, the sinner, the opportunity to be a saint. Well, maybe that is why they say there is no rest for the wicked. We have understood that this life we share is beyond ourselves. After all, that song is a duet. It is a reflection of all sides of the relationship. And so, especially at Christmas, we are out working in Williston, out working in the World, on behalf of that baby, "For Good!"

Merry Christmas to all of you at First Lutheran to whom I feel we were brought together for good!

Living Under His Grace,
Pastor Zach

Thank You from Pastor Zach

—I'd like to express a big thank you to all of you who remembered my birthday this past month with cards and gifts (and even a song and pie or two!). It was especially meaningful at a time filled with feelings of loss exemplified with the death of my very dear friend Louis Small Jr. Thank you all so very much!

Pastor Zach

Memorial Bulletin Board to Louis Small Jr.

First Lutheran has had Louis Small Jr. on our prayer list for most of the past two years during his battle with cancer and recent complications with a stroke before his death. Because no memorial service has been planned at this time, Pastor Zach created a visual memorial on the hallway bulletin board behind the sanctuary. In his honor both as his good friend, and as one of the leaders of our recent Super Hero VBS events. Many of FLC members, especially our kids, got to meet Lou and his love for teaching and creativity. He will be missed!

First Lutheran Men—In Mission Minutes - Thursday, December 4, 2025



Men-In-Mission meet the First Thursday of each month. Pastor Zach led us in devotions.

Heidi Coughlin was our guest speaker. Father Dave served our meal of burgers, brats and beans.

Lowell Sandvik gave the treasurer's report. Lutfisk Dinner was discussed.

The tickets and posted and printed. We raised the adult tickets to \$25.

The rest of the ticket prices remain the same.

We will serve the Wednesday evening meal for you on November 19th.

We prayed the Lord's Prayer and meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Ron Lund, Secretary

The story of the birth of Jesus Christ, a very familiar story, is one we hear, sing about, and talk about every year. Kids are filled with anticipation and excitement. There are movies and TV shows produced every year to help us “feel the Christmas spirit.” Adults work hard to make it the “perfect” Christmas for our families. But, what if any one of the characters in the Christmas story had said “No, not gonna do it, find someone else?” After all they all would have had good reasons for refusing to do what they were being asked to do.

What if the shepherds had said, “No can’t leave my sheep to chase some star.” Would the message of the light of Christ coming into the world have spread to the people that really needed to hear it? Would anyone come to declare Christ the King of Kings?

What if Joseph had said, “Nope I don’t want to marry some girl that got pregnant by someone else?” Mary would have been an unwed mother in a time and place where she could have been stoned for her transgressions. Mary could have been dismissed as a bad girl that could not be part of the community.

What if Mary had said, “No, not interested in getting pregnant before marriage?” She could have gone on with her life, married Joseph, considered to be a good man, and had a good life. She could have been a good wife and mother and a well-liked and active member of her community.

There are others in the story that could have also said no. The Wise Men could have said OK we will go to Herod and tell him where to find Jesus. Zacheriah and Elizabeth could have said we’re too old to raise a child. And even God could have said, “I’m not sending my son into that human mess. Let them deal with it themselves.”

As you think about these questions and how much power each of those yeses has yielded in our world, think about the difference you could make in our community and in the world with that three-letter word, yes.

I am closing with a short poem I found by Madeleine L’Engle.

After Annunciation
This is the irrational season
when love blooms bright and wild.
Had Mary been filled with reason
there’d have been no room for the child.



We can all come up with infinite reasons to say no when asked to be part of something. But what if we responded like Mary or Joseph from our faith and simply answered yes?

Have a blessed Christmas everyone.

Deacon Lynea

The Gospel Choir Group is holding practice.

All are welcome! Contact Carmen Delaney at (701) 609-1987 for more information.

On the 2nd Sunday of each month the Gospel Choir practices in the Sanctuary after the church service.

On the 4th Sunday of each month, the Gospel Choir sings in church.

ADVENT MEALS AND WORSHIP



Advent will soon be upon us.

We will, once again, be holding Wednesday evening meals and worship together.
The meals will be served at 6:00 pm with
worship beginning at 6:30 pm.

Groups to set up, provide, serve, and clean up the meals are needed. Please see below for open dates and call the church office 701-572-6363 or email rebecca@flcwilliston.com with a date your group can help.

December 3: BeFrienders

December 10: Christian Concerns

December 17: Dave Brevik and Duane DeMars

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

November 11, 2025

Meeting called to order at 5:58 PM by Council Vice Chair Steve Slocum. Prayer was shared by all.

Roll Call: Travis Feiring, Jean Lindvig, Kathleen Sinclair, Beverly Conway, Steve Slocum, David Brevik, Sjon Zunich, Phyllis Stokke, Pauline Everson, Steve Rehak, Tucker Leibrand, Pastor Zach, Lynea Geinert.

Devotions: Pastor Zach shared verse and discussion from Proverb 15: 1-9. Plans of the Heart. Hector devotional; last verse – The Lord establishes his steps.

Minutes October 28 minutes were reviewed, and motion was made by Beverly Conway, 2nd by Steve Rehak, to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion passed. **Consent Agenda** There was an addition, 11.h – Church App. Motion by Sjon Zunich, 2nd by Pauline Everson to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Pastor Report – *Attached.* Pastor Zach requested that council approve as new members the three upcoming baptisms; L.M.O., B.J.H., and B.H.W. Motion made by David Brevik, 2nd by Kathy Sinclair that these be approved. Motion passed. He reminded us that Dec 3 is the first Advent service and Bishop Schweitzer will be here and blessing the newly renovated areas. The church office will be closed November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Pastor Zach will be gone December 25 to January 9. If the pastoral call goes through, Pastor Zach will work month to month rather than complete a new contract.

Deacon Report – *Attached.* Befrienders is currently serving 51 people. Thanksgiving cards have been mailed. 16 people have received Good Sam assistance. FLC will join in Thanksgiving worship at Gloria Dei, with pie social to follow. Lynea reported that she is working with Gloria Dei on the Christmas meal boxes. She asked for volunteers to help with the food pantry. Volunteers may call Jocelyn at Gloria Dei, and days of work are Tuesday and Thursday. Befrienders is serving the first Advent meal, December 3rd. Due to the Golden Estates moving their worship to Thursday, Lynea's work days are now Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. She will preach in Pastor Zach's absence December 28 and January 4.

Staff Reports –None

Financial Report –(Treasurer's Report attached) Finances are on target. Motion by Steve Slocum and 2nd by Pauline Everson to accept financial report. Motion passed.

Committee reports –

Worship and Music Committee – *Attached* - Christmas Eve plans are being made. There is hope for a brass group and a few solos.. Details will be finalized at the December meeting.

Sound System – Challenges were explained. There is a request to pursue a grant from Trust to have a team come and make a shopping list of equipment needed and get it installed. Motion by David Brevik, 2nd by Steve Slocum to pursue this goal and report at the February 2026 Council meeting.

Property Committee. – Parsonage is being brought up to date. A new 20 KW generator will be installed and fence finished up. A pay down has been made on the renovation loan from Trust.

Youth and Congregational Life Committee. – Volunteers will be asked to complete a Safe Gatherings seminar on line and have background checks.

Personnel Committee. Members will meet with staff for review and transition purposes as needed.

Marketing Committee. Nothing to report at this time.

Call Committee. Has been requested to move 'fire up' on acquiring an Associate Pastor.

Christian Concerns Committee – Reports they have used their budget towards community needs.

Memorial Committee – Requests that the amount of grants that can be made outside of Council approval be raised to \$1500. Motion by David Brevik and 2nd by Pauline Everson to raise the amount requiring council approval to \$1500. Motion passed.

Finance Committee – No discrepancies noted.

OLD BUSINESS –

11a Building Update – Lights upstairs will get new automatic switches.

11b Stewardship – No discussion

11c Pre-School Lease – No new action

11d Nominating Committee – will also present resolutions if any are submitted. Some resolutions should be submitted for new committees.

11e Pictorial Directory – tabled

11f Rural Church Contract and Terms – no new action

11g Budget – Cindy and Kathy start working on the budget next week.

11h Church App – Jean will have a meeting with Zach Myhrer, Sam Maggard, Greg Larson, and Tucker Leibrand asap to define parameters of need and acquaint the team. Aside from the App, wifi issues were discussed in the building. David Brevik will contact ProIt.

NEW BUSINESS:

12a Mechanics of Call – Process of Sunday’s congregational meeting were discussed. The benefits package would be discussed and voted at the same time as the pastoral call vote.

12b Constitution update and Bylaw review. – Jean presented the Constitution updated to the changes to the current ELCA Constitution changes presented at the 2025 Synod Assembly. She also explained the cover sheet, index, and attachment of the Trust By-laws proposed. Motion by Steve Slocum and 2nd by David Brevik to approve the updates to the Constitution and attachment of the Trust Bylaws, and have it ratified at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Motion passed.

The FLC By-.0Laws were reviewed this second time, with an attachment now of the resolutions and the updated index to reflect the attachment. Motion by David Brevik and 2nd by Pauline Everson to have the Bylaws as presented brought to be ratified by the congregation at the 2025 Annual Meeting. Motion Passed.

12c Annual Meeting – scheduled for January 25, 2026, after worship. **Committees should have annual reports to the office by December 19, 2025.**

12\ d Request to use facility by Williston Band Booster to BakesCakes fundraiser on November 29. Motion by Dave Brevik, seconded by Pauline Everson to approve and waive fees. Motion passed.

Consent agenda. Motion by Sjon Zurich, 2nd by Steve Slocum to approve the consent agenda and all items omitted from motions made previously. Motion passed.

Ideas/Exchanges/ Reflections. None at this time

The meeting closed at 8:11 p.m. after prayer for congregation members and Blessing.

December Exec Committee meeting will be Dec 2, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.. December Council meeting, Dec 9, 2025 @ 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Lindvig, Acting Council Secretary.

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES —NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Council Chair Travis Feiring.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the Senior Pastor benefit package, and vote whether to approve the package and call or not call Pastor Stephen Hilding as Senior Pastor.

Council Chair Feiring reviewed the benefits package . He explained the ELCA guidelines were followed, as well as the points of a congregation of 1500 or higher, and his ordainment year, for a salary base of \$73,265. With other expenses of to the church the cost after benefits and other costs totaling \$112,328. Aside from that portion the church will provide a travel gift of \$2,500 a year for three years, and ARC membership to added well-being. He invited questions. There were none. Motion by David Hansen and Second by Baylee Hansen to approve the benefit package. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Chair Feiring repeated the voting qualifications for members while the voting member sign-up sheets made their way around the room and ballots were handed out.

A quorum was declared. Council Chair Feiring explained the voting process; simply to write ‘Call’ or ‘No Call’. There were 89 persons signed on the sign-in sheets, of which 88 were voting members. Written, anonymous ballots were gathered and counted by Pauline Everson, Steve Rehak, Sjon Zurich and David Brevik.

The council chair announced that the vote was 80 for Call, and 7 for No Call.

The council chair remained neutral and one person on the sign-in sheet was not eligible to vote due to not being a confirmed member.

Council Chair Feiring thanked everyone for their part in this process and for being present to vote.

Motion by David Brevik to adjourn, second by Kathy Sinclair. Motion Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Lindvig, Acting Council Secretary.

Approved _____, 2025.

Post-note – sign-in sheets and ballots were deposited with the church administrator for secure filing.

Flatbread & Lefse Bake

Tuesday
December 9, 2025
@ 9 am
for Bakers and Rollers

Bake Sale

Pie Social @ 1 pm
Bake Sale @ 2 pm

Fellowship Hall 916 Main Street Williston ND

Saturday
Dec 13th
2025

HARMONIC CREATIVE WORLD
PRESENTS:

Wonder of Christmas

HOLIDAY CONCERT

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13

STARTS AT 7:00PM
WILLISTON HIGH SCHOOL
AUDITORIUM

MUSIC PRODUCTION BY:
CHILDREN'S CHOIR ACCOMPANIED
BY HARMONIC CREATIVE WORLD
BAND + TEACHERS

FREE
ADMISSION
DONATIONS +
SPONSORS
WELCOME

CONCESSIONS:
FLOWER BOUQUETS
BAKED GOODS
WATER

Harmonic
CREATIVE WORLD

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Puzzle!

The Christmas Story

Unscramble each set of letters to form a word from the Christmas story. One letter in each set doesn't belong. Write each extra letter below, on the line above the correct number. Then answer the question: What did we all receive at Christmas?

- (1) TGLBEHHEME _____
- (2) NEAGLO _____
- (3) NRMEDAG _____
- (4) ODEKSNY _____
- (5) AMGYR _____
- (6) OHESJIP _____
- (7) EFJSUS _____
- (8) ITEENMSW _____
- (9) SPHHSREEO _____
- (10) EMCFAL _____
- (11) TLSRA _____
- (12) CSSNUEO _____
- (13) HEVSPE _____
- (14) ENIN _____



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9 10 11 12 13 14

Answers: Bethlehem (G), Angel (O), Manger (D), Donkey (S), Mary (C), Joseph (I), Jesus (F), Wise men (T), Shepherds (O), Camel (F), Star (L), Census (O), Sheep (V), Inn (E), God's gift of love (F).

Holiday Bake Sale

The First Lutheran Bake Sale will be held December 13, 2025 at 2pm, in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to come and contribute.

Selling will begin promptly at 2 pm. Pie and coffee will be served for \$5 starting at 1 pm. Encourage your friends to come for some delicious homemade goodies.

Bake Sale Committee- Faith Circle & Hope Circle

All baked goods should be boxed, covered in Saran Wrap and packaged by the dozen or ½ dozen. Bring each item labeled and priced. Please bring items to the Fellowship Hall by 10 am on Saturday December 13, 2025. The Pie check-in will be on the kitchen counter.

We would like each family to consider contributing baked goods. If you are unable to bake, a cash donation would be appreciated! Flatbread and lefse bake will be Tuesday December 9, 2025.

Lefse	\$8 (3 per package)	Sandbakkels	\$10 per dozen
Flatbread	\$8 per box	Krumkaka	\$10 per dozen
Plain Bread	\$5-10 per loaf	Rosettes	\$10 per dozen
Fancy Bread*	\$5-10 per loaf**	Fattigman	\$10 per dozen
Julekaka	\$8-10 per loaf	Berlinerkranser	\$8 per dozen
Buns	\$5-7 per dozen	Spritz (decorated)	\$10 per dozen
Fancy rolls	\$12 per dozen**	Bars	\$7-10 per dozen
Candy	\$8-12 Per dozen	Almond Cake	\$12 per cake
Plain Cookies	\$6 per dozen	Fruit Cake	\$10-12 per loaf
Fancy Cookies	\$8-10 per dozen	Popcorn Cake	\$12-15 per cake
		Kuchen	\$10-12 per cake

*Cranberry, Date etc.

**Price depending on size and decor

Children & Youth Programs

FLC Sunday/Wednesday School Calendar 2025 - 2026

December 14th - Christmas Program

14th - Gingerbread Houses

January 7th - Family Event

February 18th - Family Event

March 18th - Family Event

29th - Palm Sunday

April 2nd - First Communion

8th - Family Event

26th - Last Day of Sunday School

29th - Last Day of Wednesday School

May 3rd - Confirmation

10th - Muffins with Mom/Someone Special

June 21st - Donuts with Dad/Someone Special



7th - Whole Group
Practice
(During Sunday School)

8th - Committee Meeting
(6:00pm in the Parlor)

14th - Christmas Program
(During Sunday School
including Wednesday
School)

14th - Gingerbread Houses
(After Church Service)

21st - No Sunday
School

23rd - No Wednesday
School/Confirmation

25th - Christmas Day

28th - No Sunday
School

30th - No Wednesday
School/Confirmation

December 2025

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

Sunday Schools

Wednesday Schools

No Sunday School or Wednesday School

First Day/Last Day

Special Event

Family and Youth Committee Meeting

- ⇒ **CHRISTMAS COOKIE DECORATING**
- ⇒ **All youth group (grades 6-12)**
Christmas Cookie Decorating in the Kitchen
Sunday December 7th from 1:00-4:00 pm
- ⇒ **Please RSVP to Baylee Hanson 701-770-2179**

January 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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March 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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April 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
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WELCA

December Newsletter

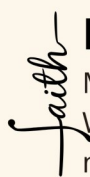


Hope Circle

Meets the 3rd
Saturday of each
month at 10:00 a.m.



Meets weekly
Wednesdays 2-3 p.m.
Parlor



Faith Circle

Meets the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month at 9:30 a.m.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Thank You to all our volunteers who:

- donated to the Thankoffering
- attended the WELCA General Meeting
- helped bake lefse at Bethel Home
- helped bake cookies at church
- donated cookies
- committed to help with the Bake Sale & Flatbread Bake

Unwrapped Gifts for Bethel Home



*Drop off Unwrapped Gifts at Bethel Home

The residents would greatly appreciate gift cards to local restaurants to enjoy both a meal and outing. Additionally, they love receiving candy, sweatshirts, and sweatpants.

Upcoming Dates

Dec 9 @ 9 am Flatbread Bake
Dec 13 @ 1-coffee/pie 2-Bake Sale
Dec 15 @ 9 am Board Meeting/Baskets
Dec 17 @ 9:30 am Faith Circle Potluck
Dec- No Hope Circle- Merry Christmas!

For more details contact:



Lisa Zunich
(701) 570-4604
lzunich@me.com

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Contributions 2025

2025	11/25/25	11/25/25
Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
\$620,000	\$568,333.	5511386*

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Sunday

Nov	2	121
Nov	9	108
Nov	16	127
Nov	23	106

* unofficial

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

LIVESTREAM

You can sit in the Director's Chair! We are looking for more people to run the Sunday Morning Livestream. Contact the church office @ 572-6363 or join us upstairs during the service.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Please prayerfully consider signing up to help with Sunday services: greeters, ushers, communion servers, readers, and coffee hour!! Call the office to sign up!!!

Attention All Committees!

Please submit your annual committee reports to Randi by **Friday, December 26, 2025**. Reports can be dropped off at the main office or emailed to **office@flewliston.com**.

Thank you!



Gloria Dei Food Pantry Needs Volunteers!

The need for food assistance in our community is growing every day.

It takes volunteers to help distribute food boxes Tuesdays and Thursdays at Gloria Dei between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm.

They are only asking for you to commit to 2 hours of your time.

What a great way to show our gratitude this holiday season for all of the blessings our Heavenly Father has showered on us this year. For more information

contact Joscelyn the Gloria Dei church office at 701-572-2667.

LUTEFISK TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE OFFICE.



Ticket Prices for Lutfisk Dinner 2026 will be:

Adults & High School: \$25

Youth – Junior High & Grades: \$10

Pre-School Free

The Lutfisk Committee Needs empty ice cream containers with lids.

The containers may be left on the counter in the kitchen. Thank you!



Donation envelopes for 2026 have arrived and are located next to the Receptionist Desk.



STEWARDSHIP

It's all about gratitude.
It's all about giving back'
It's all about God.

Direct – Cash or check donation into the plate, always welcome!

Online – Make a donation on our website:

www.flcwilliston.com



Text to Donate – Make a donation via Text message.

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PRAYER & VISITATION REQUESTS

Please contact the office staff or Pastor with any of your prayer requests or if you would like a visit from the Pastoral staff!!

Those listed on the Weekly Bulletin Prayer list will remain there for a period of four (4) weeks unless a request is received to be removed earlier.

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Winter Worship – Warm Hearts, Cold Days

Even when the weather turns cold, our church family stays warm through worship, fellowship, and faith. Join us this Sunday and be reminded that there's no better place to find warmth than in God's presence and among His people. #ChurchFamily #TogetherInChrist

DECEMBER

Monday, December 1

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
Preachers text study
11:00 am WELCA Board - P
1-3 pm Quilting for adults - FH
3:30 - 5:30 pm Quilting for Kids - QR
6 pm Williston Chorale Practice - Chapel
7 pm Property Committee - MR

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's
5 pm Executive Committee - MR
6:30 pm Personnel Committee - MR
6:30 pm Christmas Meal Planning Team Pa

Wednesday, December 3

11:30 am to 1:30 pm WELCA General Mtg - P
2:00 pm Weekly WELCA Bible Study
6 pm Advent Meal FH
6:30 pm Wed School
6:30 pm Advent Worship Service - Chapel

Thursday, December 4

10: am Coffee Group - P
Noon - Men in Mission - P
1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat - P
3:30 - 5:30 pm Quilting for Kids - QR
6:30 pm Cub Scouts - YR

Friday - December 5

Saturday, December 6

Sunday, December 7

9:30 am Worship Service - S
9:45 am Sunday School following Children's Sermon
10:30 am Coffee Hour-FH
1 - 4 pm Youth Group Cookie Decorating - Kitchen

Monday, December 8

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
Preachers text study
3:30 to 5:30 pm Kids Quilting Class QR
6 pm Youth Committee - P
6 pm Williston Chorale Practice - Chapel

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's
9:00 am Flatbread Bake - K/FH
6 pm Council - MR

Wednesday, December 10

9:30 am Faith Circle - P
1 pm Golden Estates
2 pm Weekly WELCA Bible Study - P
6 pm Wed Advent Meal
6:30 Wed School
6:30 pm Advent Worship Service - Chapel

Thursday, December 11

10:00 Coffee Group - P
1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat - P
3:30 - 5:30 pm Quilting for Kids -
6:30 pm Cub Scouts - YR

Friday, December 12

Saturday, December 13

NO Hope Circle - P
10 am Williston Chorale Dress Rehearsal S - P
1 pm Coffee & Pie - FH
2 pm Bake Sale - FH
3 pm Shriner's Christmas for Kids FH
7 pm Wonder of Christmas Concert - Williston High School

Sunday, December 14

9:30 am Worship Service-S
9:30 am Sunday School Program
10:30 am Family Activity Gingerbread Houses
10:30 am Coffee Hour-FH
2 pm Williston Chorale Concert - S

Monday, December 15

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
Preachers text study
9 am WELCA Board Mtg/Baskets - FH/K/
1-3 pm Quilting for adults - FH
3:30 - 5:30 pm Quilting for Kids - QR

Tuesday December 16

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's

Wednesday, December 17

9:30 am Faith Circle - P
9:30 Faith Circle /Potluck - P
2:00 pm Weekly WELCA Bible Study - P
6 pm Advent Meal
6:30 pm Wed. School
6:30 pm Advent Worship Service - Chapel

Thursday, December 18

10:30 Coffee Group - P
11:00 am Finance Committee - MR
12 Noon Trust Committee - MR
1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat - P
3:30 - 5:30 pm Quilting for Kids - QR
6:30 pm Cub Scouts - YR

Friday, December 19

Saturday, December 20

NO Hope Circle

Sunday, December 21

9:30 am Worship Service-S
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour-FH

Monday, December 22

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
Preachers text study
1 pm Arbor House
1-3 pm Quilting for adults - QR
3:30 - 5:30 PM Quilting for Kids - QR

Tuesday, December 23

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's

Wednesday, December 24

2:00 pm Weekly WELCA Bible Study - P
NO Wed/ School/Confirmation
4:30 Christmas Eve Service - S

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day Office Closed

No Activities

Friday, December 26

Office Closed

Saturday, December 27

Sunday, December 28

9:30 am Worship Service-S
NO Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour-FH

Monday, December 29

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
Preachers text study
1-3 pm Quilting for adults - FH

Tuesday, December 30

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's

Wednesday, December 31

NO 2:00 pm Weekly WELCA Bible Study - P



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As we approach the Advent and Christmas Season we think of traditions. It is a tradition at First Lutheran Church to display many poinsettias around the altar during the Christmas season. If you would like to share a poinsettia, either in memory of a loved one or in honor of a special person, it will be placed with others for the Christmas services and then it is yours to take home **AFTER THE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE**. Each plant purchased this year comes in a 6-inch covered pot for \$15.00. Please fill out the form below and bring it in or mail it to the church office **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 7TH. PLEASE PRINT!!!**

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