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Letter to God's People



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Remember our Mission:

“The Mission of FLC is To share God’s Love by Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.”

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Sunday, March 20

Palm Sunday-S

Time: 9:30 am

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

Time: 7 pm First Communion - S

Friday, April 3

Good Friday

Time: 7 pm - S

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday 9:30 am

Worship – S



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA

First Lutheran Church BeFrienders

Presents:



LISTENING WITH HEART

When: Saturday May 2nd 2026; 8:30 am to 1 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall @ First Lutheran Church 916 Main St

Cost:

- Early Bird by April 15: \$20
- April 15 through May 2: \$25
- Cash or checks made out to First Lutheran Church with BeFrienders on the memo line

Registration:

- Call: (701) 572-6363
- Email: office@flcwilliston.com
- Mail form to: BeFrienders
First Lutheran Church
916 Main Street
Williston, ND 58801



Amy House is a Certified Dementia Practitioner, Licensed Assisted Living Director and PAC Trainer with Teepa Snow's organization who is recognized in the Twin Cities as a leader in dementia care and education.

Workshops:

Teepa Snow's Normal Vs. Not Normal Aging

In this session you will learn what normally changes in our minds as we age and what changes may not be normal and possibly a sign of dementia or other illnesses. Amy will discuss what to do if something is not normal and how to approach the subject with a loved one, family member, or Ministry Leader.

Listening with Heart: Navigating Conversations and Fostering Connections with Dementia

Learn to understanding the unique communication needs of individuals with dementia, discovering the feelings they are conveying when words no longer make sense and creating meaningful dialogues that promote a sense of belonging and well-being.

Name _____ Title _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Church _____

Get to know you!

Called together in Christ



Called Together in Christ!

A chance for us to know each other better

Whether you've been part of this church your whole life or are newer to First Lutheran Church, I'd love to begin learning more about you. There are no right or wrong answers—please share as much or as little as you'd like. Thank you for helping me get to know the people God has gathered at First Lutheran Church and for offering a springboard into our life together. I greatly look forward to following the Holy Spirit's call together as we seek to share God's love by *Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing*.

Please attach a photo to this form and drop it off at the church office or mail it to:

First Lutheran Church
916 Main St. Williston, ND 58801

The QR code above may also be used to access and complete this brief survey and attach photos.

Email _____

Preferred full name(s) / nickname (s): _____

Who shares life with you? (names, youth ages, pets absolutely count too!)

Do you have a favorite food, dessert or family tradition? _____

What Places have shaped you along the way? (cities, towns or countries you have called home)

What has your vocational or career journey looked like? _____

How do you spend most of your time these days? What makes your heart sing?
(hobbies, interests, sports, crafts, books, coffee, the outdoors, work, volunteering, caregiving, retirement, studies, etc.)

“What first brought you to First Lutheran Church, and how long have you been worshipping here?” Was there someone who inspired you to come? _____

“What experiences, relationships or moments have helped First Lutheran Church become your church home?” _____

“In what ways have you found yourself connected or involved in the life of this church, and are there other gifts or interests you’d like to explore?” _____

“What is a ‘God-sized dream’ you have for First Lutheran Church, and what would it look like if it came to life?” _____

Is there anything you’d like me to know as your pastor? (prayer concerns, hopes, challenges, or anything)

Thank you for sharing a snapshot of your story with me. I’m grateful to be your pastor, and I look forward to getting to know you. God is good!

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

March 10, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Pres Travis Feiring.

Prayer was shared by all.

Roll Call: Travis Feiring, Jean Lindvig, Kathleen Sinclair, Beverly Conway, Phyllis Stokke, Pauline Everson, Steve Rehak, Steve Slocum, Deacon Lynea Geinert, and Pastor Stephen Hilding.

Absent: Baylee Hanson

Devotions: Pastor Stephen provided the topic "A Fresh Infusion of Joy-Resting in Perfect Love, and prayer."

Minutes February 10 minutes were reviewed with amendment related to banking, and motion was made by Steve Slocum, 2nd by Kathy Sinclair to accept the amended minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

Consent Agenda Added 12.d. Reservations/Ad Hoc Committee; 12.e. ASBT info; 12.f. Art. Motion by Steve Slocum to approve the Agenda with additions made, 2nd by Beverly Conway. Motion passed.

Pastor Report – *Attached*. Pastor Stephen thanked everyone who planned and attended his first Sunday sermon and reception after. He is enjoying connecting with staff. He has introduced a brief 'team huddle' prior to worship to center our hearts and minds in prayer, review roles for the service and last minute details. He is enjoying the response to his 'Get to Know You' form. He explained a Ministry recap form he felt may be useful for committees and teams to use for post-event evaluation. Pastor Stephen also shared upcoming Holy Week and ministry events.

Deacon Report – *Attached*. Lynea shared the Lent and Holy Week schedule.

Befrienders are serving 43 individuals. They will be sending out Easter cards and continue to plan for the "Listening With Heart" ½ day conference Saturday, May 2, focusing on dementia, family and individual concerns.. Faith Methodist has discontinued their Saturday GIFT Meal indefinitely, and the Shepherd's Table Wednesday meal is still operating from 5-6 p.m. This is drive-up.

Staff Reports –Beckie reported on the Telephone after Hours attendant progress, and requested an Ad Hoc Committee be created to work on an operational policy and room reservation form. She will be sending out a director of council members and committee assignments.

Financial Report – Beverly pointed out in our monthly report what current assets are and mentioned a correction in the Thrivent CD maturity date, and Kathleen stated it is a 3 month renewal. She stated each month we need 8.3% of budgeted giving. As of February 28 we were at 14 percent. Motion by Kathleen Sinclair and 2nd by Jean Lindvig to accept the financial report. Motion passed.

Committee reports –

Marketing Committee. Cantata promotion is ready to go.

Memorial Committee – Steve relayed that the Bulletin information post on Memorial Committee was nice, and was pleased with the 'thank-you card' process going forward for all memorials. Committee would like a list of those sent.

Music and Worship – has not met but discussion was held on song sheets. This will be referred to committee.

OLD BUSINESS –

11a Pre-School Lease – Under review

11b Rural Church Contract & Terms – New contract is completed with Our Saviors. The changes were reviewed, SAM payment is a pass through and our facility and program offers remain the same. There are no other fees.

11c Transition – going well with Pastor Hilding and staff.

11d Phone Greeting – covered in Officer Manager's report.

11e Easter – Worship will be at 9:30 a.m. Brunch was discussed.

11f Meeting Length – Committee sheets and cover letter will go out to committees and teams.

NEW BUSINESS

12a Matching Fund Month (Trust Grant) – Motion by Kathy Sinclair and 2nd by Jean Lindvig that the Trust Matching Grant for Giving will be April and May, 2026. Motion passed. Trust will match up to \$54,500. Campaign was discussed for marketing purpose, as we would still like the campaign to be close to the last two years total amounts.

12b Action Follow Through – Kathy requests when council identifies an action there will be an individual or team identified to follow through.

12c Roberts Rule of Order (*Attached*) Travis presented a table displaying actions and motions. This

was tabled for further development.

12d Reservation Requests – Beckie presented requests for March 18 and June 6. Jean made a motion to approve the March 18 request for use of the parlor, and for Beckie to invite a group commonly using the space requested to relocate. Discussion was to have the group requesting use of the parlor to instead use the Fellowship Hall. Jean recinded her motion. Steve Slocum made a motion to approve the request for United Way to use space March 18, but invite them to use the Fellowship Hall. Steve Rehak 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Suggestions were made for request form renovation. Steve Slocum made a motion to allow the June 6 CHI Hospital Auxiliary request and allow decoration the day before if possible. Jean Lindvig 2nd. Motion passed.

12e ASBT – Randi provided information that ASBT, our General Fund bank, is implementing a monthly fee for anti-fraud service. She will be required to scan in all checks written on our accounts and approve checks submitted for payment. No action. The fund will be payable through the banking fee line on the budget. Information only.

12f Art. Jean shared she has been in contact with Capital Art Gallery in Bismarck, they have a certified appraiser now. The appraiser has looked at materials regarding our Wiederanders art collection gift, and is willing to do a current full appraisal for a fee. Jean will submit a request to Trust for the fee coverage. Motion by Steve Slocum and 2nd by Steve Rehak to take the request to trust and pursue the appraisal. Motion passed.

Consent agenda. Motion by Steve Slocum, 2nd by Beverly Conway to approve the consent agenda and all items and reports offered without motions made previously. Motion passed.

The meeting closed with prayer for congregation members and Blessing.

April Exec Committee meeting will be April 7, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m..

April Council meeting will be April 17, 2026 @ 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jean Lindvig, Council Secretary.

Approved _____, 2026. _____
Council President

Cantata Cancellation—Looking Ahead

We wish to inform our community that the planned performance of St. Matthew Passion this April has been canceled.

This decision was made after careful evaluation of current participation levels. As one of the most significant and demanding works in the choral repertoire, St. Matthew Passion requires a fully balanced and well-supported ensemble in order to be presented with the level of excellence it deserves. At this time, those conditions could not be adequately met.

We extend our sincere appreciation to those who had already committed their time and effort to this project. Your dedication and willingness to participate are deeply valued, and we are grateful for your contribution.

Our commitment to sacred music remains steadfast. In the Lutheran tradition, music has long been understood as a gift through which the Word is proclaimed and the faith is strengthened. Even as plans change, this calling remains unchanged—to offer music that supports the proclamation of the Gospel and invites the congregation into deeper reflection and worship.

Looking ahead, preparations are already underway for a patriotic concert this July, and we look forward to sharing further details in the coming months.

“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.”
—Psalm 96:1

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

WELCA April Newsletter



Weekly Bible Study
Meets weekly
Wednesdays 2-3 p.m.
Parlor

 **Hope Circle**
Meets the 3rd
Saturday of each
month at 10:00 a.m.
Parlor



 **Faith Circle**
Meets the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month at 9:30 a.m.
Parlor



ALL ARE WELCOME

Upcoming Dates

April 6 @ 11 am Board Meeting
April 15 @ 9:30 am Faith Circle
April 18 @ 10 am Hope Circle
April 25 @ 10 am (CST) Spring Cluster in
Westby
May 4 @ 11 am Board Meeting
May 6 @ 11 am WELCA General Meeting

GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday- May 6th 2026
11 am in Parlor**

We invite you to attend a Memorial Service honoring the beloved ladies of First Lutheran who have passed away in the past year. The event will include a program and refreshments.

WELCA FREEWILL BREAKFAST

Please Join Us For A
Freewill Breakfast
Sunday April 19th
After 9:30 service

SPRING CLUSTER

April 25th @ Immanuel Lutheran
Church in Westby, Montana.

Registration @ \$10 CST
Event 10:30-3:00 CST
RSVP to Kim Rust @ (406)385-7643
by April 20th

Love Offering: non-perishable items
for Westby Food Bank

Coloring Contest- Bring your
colored sheets to registration table-
available @ FLC registration desk.

Book Exchange- Bring & take books



**Project of the
Month
April
Cookies Needed
for April 6th
BLOOD DRIVE**

Please Sign-up @ the Reception Desk
Have cookies to the church by 9 am Monday
April 6th

For more details contact:



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

MEMORIALS

GOOD SAM

Dale Livdahl
Lila Lynne

Music

Dale Livdahl
Mary Ann Gaudreau

RADIO FUND

Dale Livdahl
Lyla Semenko
Arvid & Judy Johnson
Diane Hagen

Wanda Dokken
Kathy Sinclair

YOUTH & FAMILY

Larry Lynne
Diane Hagen



UNDESIGNATED

Lucy Wenko
Tim Ritter

Kathleen Hagen
Tim Ritter

Dale Livdahl
Wayn & Cindy Sorenson
Nancy Hoffelt

Dale Livdahl
Nancy Hoffelt

Jackie Monson Klimpel
Nancy Hoffelt

Wanda Dokken
David & VeAnna Selid

Opal Smith
Nancy Hoffelt

Memorial Donations

The Memorial Committee offers three categories for those who are interested in making contributions. These categories are:

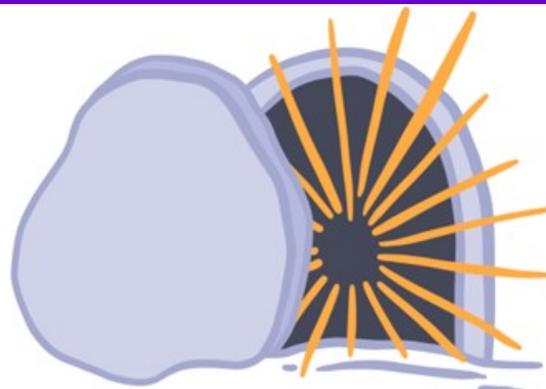
Property: Donations can be directed toward property, supporting the acquisition, maintenance, or enhancement of physical assets.

Programs: Contributions may be allocated to support various programs, ensuring the continuation and growth of initiatives within the church.

Undesignated: Gifts can also be made without a specific designation, allowing the committee to allocate resources where they are most needed.

Deaths

Wanda Dokken



Hope is Alive

STEWARDSHIP

YTD Contributions 2026

2026	3/22/26	3/24/26
Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual
\$620,000	\$155,000	\$124,498

WORSHIP & ATTENDANCE

Sunday

March	3/01/2026	93
March	3/08/2026	78
March	3/15/2026	94
March	3/22/2026	122

COMMUNITY

Office Hours

Mon- Thur 8 am - 4 pm
Fri - 8 am - 2 pm

Gospel Music Group

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.



FLC
Sunday/Wednesday
School Calendar
2025 - 2026

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

Youth Group
High School
10-12 Graders
Wednesday @ 6:30 pm
April 15-29
May TBD

6-9 Graders
Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

April 8, 22
May TBD

Sunday Schools
Wednesday Schools
No Sunday School or Wednesday School
First Day/Last Day
Special Event
Family and Youth Committee Meeting

April 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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 Zach Myhrer: zach@flcwilliston.com

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.
 Simply text the word
 “Give” to: **833-934-3039**

Click on the link in the response and follow the prompts to complete your donation!

Tithe.ly Church App – Search “Tithe.ly Church App”(the Blue one, not the green icon) in your phone App Store or Google Play. Simply download and find First Lutheran Church, Williston ND

Click on the Give button
First Lutheran Church,
916 Main Street, Williston, ND
58801

Thank you for your generous support!



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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!!



Men in Mission met on March 5th. Our program was Shawn Wenko, Williston City Administrator. A very informative Program was presented. The meal was provided by Bill Glen and Dave Mischke.

Thursday, April 2 Meeting

At our next Men-in-Mission meeting we will have Joe Barsch, Williston Parks & Rec Exec. Director

**Mary Ann Gaudreau 90th Birthday
 Open House - Sunday, April 12
 1 pm to 2:30 pm
 Fellowship Hall - First Lutheran Church
 916 Main - Williston**

The Family of Mary Ann Gaudreau invites you to an Open House on Sunday, April, 12 honoring Mary Ann on her 90th Birthday. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Coffee and Dessert.



Wednesday, April 1

2 pm Women's Bible Study - P
6 pm Wed Meal FH
6:30 Wed Church School FH

Thursday, April 2

10:00 Coffee Group - P
Noon Men in Mission - P
1:30 pm Pray, Knit/Chat - P
3:30-5:30 pm Kids Quilting QR
6:30 pm Cub Scouts - Off Site

7 pm Maundy Thursday

First Communion

Friday, April 3

7 pm Good Friday Service - S

Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5

Easter Service

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

Monday, April 6

Office Closed

11:00 am WELCA Board Mtg - P
1-3 pm Quilting for adults QR
NO Kids Quilting QR
5 pm Property Committee - MR

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's
5 pm Council Exec Committee - P

Wednesday, April 8

9:30 am Faith Circle - P
1 pm Golden Estates
2 pm Women's Bible Study - P
6 pm Weds Church Meal
6:30 Special Wed School Event

Thursday, April 9

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

Friday, April 10

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

9:30 am Worship Service-S
9:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am Coffee Hour-FH
1:00 pm to 2:30
90th Birthday Open House
Mary Ann Gaudreau—FH

Monday, April 13

8:00 am Pastors/Lay
Preachers text study
1-3 pm Quilting for adults QR
3:30-5:30 pm Kids Quilting QR
6 pm Youth Committee - P

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 am Men's Bible Study
Gramma Sharon's
6 pm Council - Media Room

Wednesday, April 15

9:30 am Faith Circle - Parlor
2 pm Women's Bible Study - P
6 pm Wed School Meal
6:30 pm Wed School/Confirmation

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

Private - Wedding Shower—P
10 am Hope Circle - Media/Rm

Sunday, April 19

9:30 am Worship Service-S
9:45 - 10:45 am Sunday School
10:30 am WELCA Free Will Brunch-FH

Monday, April 20

Preachers text study
1 pm Arbor House
1-3 pm Quilting for adults QR
3:30 -5:30 pm Kids Quilting QR
6:30 Music Committee - Parlor

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

2 pm Women's Bible Study - P
6 pm Wed School Meal
6:30 pm Wed Church School FH

Thursday, April 23

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

Friday, April 24

Saturday, April 25

10 am (CT) WELCA Sprint Cluster in
Westby

Sunday, April 26

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

Monday, April 27

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

Tuesday April 28

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

Wednesday, April 29

2 pm Women's Bible Study - P
6 pm Wed School Meal
6:30 pm Wed Church School FH
Last Day of Wednesday School
6 pm Confirmation Rehearsal Dinner -
FH

Thursday, April 30

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

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 2

Maundy Thursday

Time: 7 pm First Communion - S

Friday, April 3

Good Friday Time: 7 pm - S

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday 9:30 am Worship – S

Monday, April 6

Easter Monday – OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, April 12

90 Birthday Open House

1 pm to 2:30 pm

– MaryAnn Gaudreau - FH

Sunday, April 26

Last Day of Sunday School

Sunday, April 29th

Last Day of Wednesday School

Saturday, May 2

8:30 am – 1 pm

Listening with Heart – Workshop - FH

Sunday, May 3

Confirmation Sunday – 9:30 am – S

Sunday, May 10 –

Mothers Day

**10:30 am Muffins With Mom/Someone
Special – FH**

Sunday, May 17

Pastor Stephen Hildings Installation

Sunday, May 17

Senior Brunch following Service

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