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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

Sunday, October 18, 2026

21st Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. WORSHIP

Pastor Stephen Hilding

WELCOME VISITORS.

***IF YOU ARE SEEKING A NEW CHURCH HOME,
PLEASE CONSIDER FIRST LUTHERAN***

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

What A Fellowship, What A Joy Divine

WOV 780



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

C Amen.

P Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,
C we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

P Hear this good news:
We have peace with God through ✝ Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
Receive freely this healing gift of grace.
C Amen.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray:
Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image;
created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Stephen Hilding

(All kids age 3 up to 5th grade are welcome at Sunday School whether they are registered or not! If they are new and are anxious about going, parents are welcome to come and join!)

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

¹ Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains;
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name;
I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the LORD, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel.

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art;

thou my best thought by day and by night.

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
 Music: SLANE, Irish tune

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF ST MATTHEW...

MATTHEW 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they

brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?”
²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things
that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.” ²² When they heard this, they
were amazed, and they left him and went away.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Meditation

Pastor Stephen Hilding

Please Stand



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A Seeking the Spirit of God who makes all things new, we pray for the church and the world.

A brief silence.

A Living and true God, you inspire us to share the message of the gospel. Give your spirit of love to seminarians and those beginning their lives in ordained ministry. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We give you thanks for the majesty of our oceans. Protect the abundant life within them and sustain all those who work to preserve them. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We seek your wisdom in all things. Direct all who hold positions of authority around the world, that they act with compassion, seeking the good of all. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We pray for all people who work in dangerous or degrading environments. Grant them safety and courage, and heal all those who are injured, sick, or suffering especially those we name at this time... Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We ask your blessing on those who do the quiet, unseen work of the church. Encourage them in their work of faith and labor of love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A We thank you for our ancestors who have been called home to you. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

A Trusting in your boundless grace, O God, we lift up these spoken prayers and those in our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

PEACE

A The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share Christ's peace with those around you.

OFFERTORY

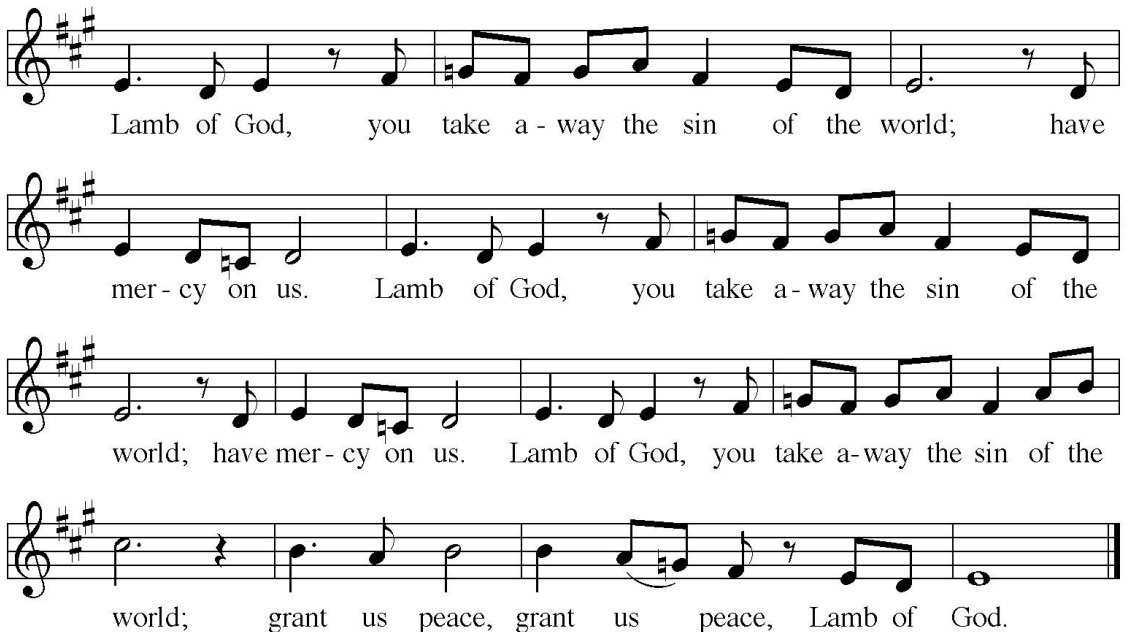
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

(The offering is a part of our service when God's people respond to His goodness with gifts to support God's work in the world. Malachi 3:10 promises us that our 10% tithe of our wealth will not go unrewarded, and we are encouraged to give offerings above the tithe. An offering is not expected of our guests, but if you consider First Lutheran to be your church home, know that all your gifts support ministries both locally and globally.)

OFFERING MUSIC

Lamb of God

WOV 622



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

OFFERING *Please stand.*

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Words of Institution

THE LORDS PRAYER

**☩ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION DISTRUBUTION/ MUSIC

Please stand

Holy Ground

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Admin. at CAPITOLCMGPUBLISHING.COM

Words and Music by
CHRISTOPHER BEATTY

Reverently

Reverently Eb Ab/Eb

This is ho - ly ground, ____ we're stand - ing on ho - ly ground, ____
ho - ly hands, ____ He's giv - en us ho - ly hands, ____

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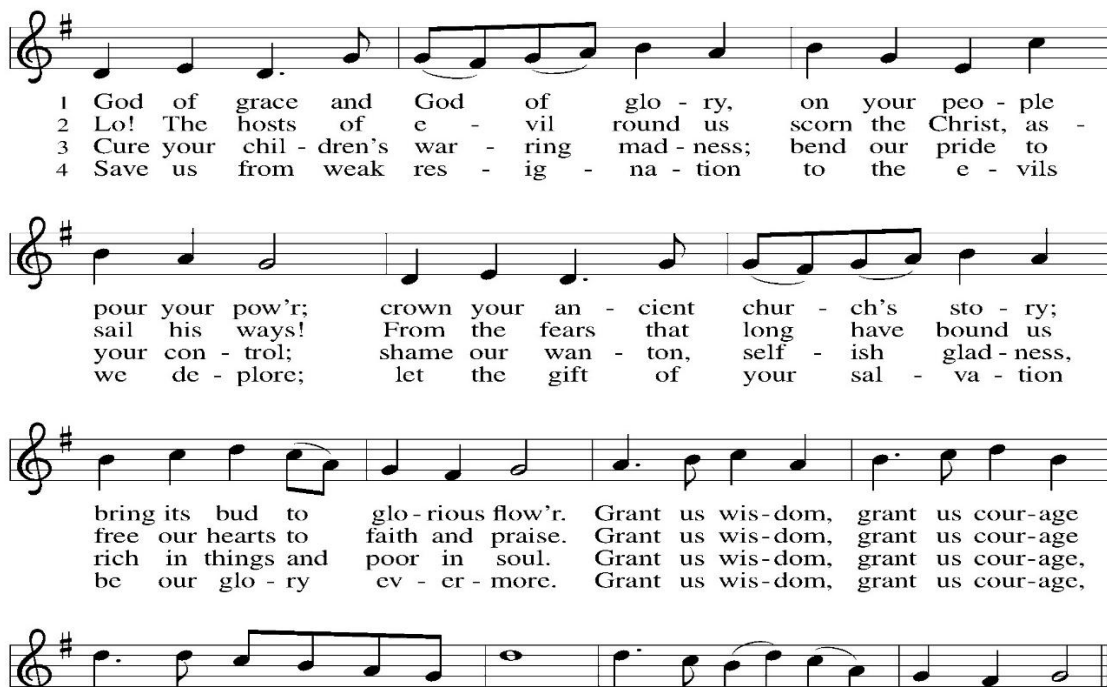
These are ho - ly.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION - BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

God Of Grace, God Of Glory

ELW 705



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C Thanks be to God.

Remember our Mission:

“The Mission of FLC is

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

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CROSS TALK

You are welcome to experience God's love here at First Lutheran, where our lives are changed by the promises God has made to us through Jesus Christ. We pray that the Holy Spirit will profoundly engage you as we worship our Lord, together!

Hearing transmitters are available at the Main Street entry. If you need assistance, ask one of the ushers or greeters. Please return the transmitter after worship.

If you are interested in electronic giving, please contact the church's Financial Admin, Randi Jangula, at 572-6363 or office@flcwilliston.com.

Help us help you! If you or a family member is hospitalized or homebound and need a visit, please contact the church office. We have no way of knowing unless you speak up.

Restroom locations - Downstairs at church entrance, in north & south hallways to Fellowship Hall. A handicapped facility is near the door to the big kitchen.

SERMON SERIES



Engage. Inspire. Renew. — A New Wave of God's Love
God's love is on the move. This fall, as a new season begins at First Lutheran, we will follow Matthew's Gospel into the heart of our mission: to share God's love by engaging, inspiring and renewing. Jesus gathers the church into real community, breaks open the power of forgiveness, disrupts our ideas of deserving, calls us beyond words into action, asks us to bear fruit, and sends us to invite others into the feast of grace. This is more than the start of another program year. It is a renewed calling.

Gathered by grace, we are sent in love.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS REMINDER

**There is a meal served before church services on
Wednesday each Week unless otherwise noted.**

*Once a month, on the first Wednesday,
will be a POTLUCK for the
congregation to participate in.*

**Wednesday, October 21 will be served by Gospel Singers
& Thursday Coffee**

Please join us for the meal at 5:30 pm and worship at 6:00 pm

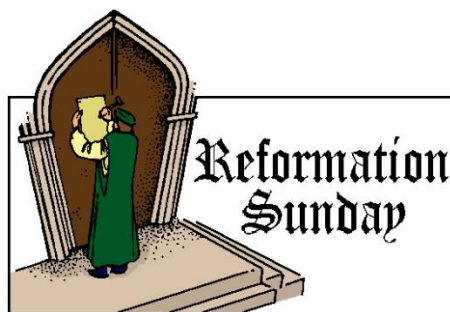
Pastor	Stephen Hilding
Deacon	Lynea Geinert
Director of Worship & Music	Anthony Morris
Musician	Noelle Zugg
Our Saviors	Cindy Gardner
Sound Tech	Zach Myhrer
Greeter	Marilyn Sandaker
Ushers	Steve Rehak, Phyllis Stokke
Reader	Beverly Conway
Coffee Hour	
Communion Servers	Beverly Conway, Kathy Loomer, Liz Lund, Ron Lund

WELCA has cards available at the reception desk for Ministry Appreciation Month.

Help Needed!!

We need volunteers to help with the radio broadcast on Sunday mornings!! With a little bit of training, you will be good to go.

***Text Zach Myher for more Information!
218-688-2333***



OCTOBER 25TH

THIS WEEK AT FLC

Sunday, October 18

Quilt Blessing & Blessing of Hands

9:30 am Worship Service -S

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, October 19

1:00-3:00 pm Adult Quilting - QR

6 pm Scouts - FH

Tuesday, October 20

7 am Men's Bible Study Gramma Sharon's

1 pm Staff Meeting – MR

Wednesday, October 21

2 pm -Women's Bible Study P

5:30 PM meal (new)- FH

6:00 pm contemporary worship (new) – chapel

NO Wednesday School NO Confirmation

TBD Youth Group Dates

Thursday, October 22

10 am - Coffee Group - P

12 Noon Trust Committee – MR

1:30 pm Pray, Knit, Chat – P

6 pm –Cub Scouts Mtg - YR

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday

9:30 am Worship

NO Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Prayer for healing and comfort:

Tara Gratz, Dustin Clark,

Ron Raymond,

and Sawyer Smith

Military Service Members

Tayder Jones, Isaac Haugen,

Lars Conway, Cecilio Benn, Jorn Everson

Prayer List Updates?

Please look at the prayer list.

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

Call 701-572-6363

**Week of
October 11–October 16**

Weekly Giving - \$8,895.62

Attendance

- **Sunday, October 11 - 149**
- **Wednesday October 14 - 67**
- **216 - DISCIPLES were sent**
out in God's name to make a
difference. We go out to do the same
this week.



**Today's Radio Broadcast is in
Honor of Pastor Stephen and
Deacon Lynea and is given by
WELCA**

Quarterly Devotionals are available at the reception desk and in the narthex. These are free and available for everyone.

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” in your
phone App Store or Google Play.

Simply download and find

First Lutheran Church, Williston ND

Click on the Give button.

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THE GOSPEL CHOIR GROUP IS HOLDING PRACTICE

- All are welcome!
- On the 2nd Sunday of each month
the Gospel Choir practices in the
parlor before the 9:30 am Worship
Service.
- On the 3rd Sunday of each month,
the Gospel Choir sings in
church.
- *Contact Karla Osborn at*
- *(701) 570-3987 for more info.*

Upcoming Events

Sunday, October 18

9:30 am Shipping Fund & Quilt Blessing
Blessing of Hands

9:30 am Worship

9:45 am Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Wednesday, October 21

9:30 am Faith Circle – P

5:30 pm Wed Meal 6:pm Worship

- NO Wed School & Confirmation
- 4 pm LAOS Newsletter deadline.

Sunday, October 25

Reformation Sunday

9:30 am Worship NO Sunday School

10:30 am Coffee Hour

Friday & Saturday October 23 & 24

Women's Retreat Camp of the Cross

Wednesday, October 28

Serve Night – Fresh Start Ministry

Friday, October 30th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Movie Night

Grades: Pre-K through 9th Grade – P

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1ST FALL
BACK**

Sunday, November 1

- All Saints Sunday
- 3rd Grade Bible presentation

9:30 am Worship

PROJECT OF THE MONTH

Lutheran World Relief Shipping Fund

As the work continues to grow in complexity and reach, LWR has streamlined our efforts to be good stewards of the gifts you entrust to us. To ensure efficiency, we have updated the suggested shipping donation to \$4.00 for each donated item. Please remember this is a suggestion; it is not a requirement. Any amount that you can donate to help your quilts and kits reach their destination is much appreciated!

Please help us to raise money to send to help cover these costs. Our goal will be to raise \$500 to send to LWR to help offset the cost of shipping quilts and kits.

CONTACT INFO

For more information contact:
Lisa Zunich (701) 570-4604 lzunich@me.com

CHILDREN & YOUTH

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:
Parents the online registration form is available now!

Please use the online registration form to register for: Sunday School, Wednesday School, Confirmation and Youth Group.



Student Registration:

- Register here by scanning the QR Code



Serve Night: Wednesday October 28 **Fresh Start Ministry**

Our new ministry is filling a huge need in our community. We have already given out 57 full hygiene kits and 110 individual items to the Caring Closet at Williston High School. Thank you all so much for your generosity.

In order to keep stocked up on items and kits we will be holding another serve night Wednesday, October 28 and we are short a few items. We are asking for your generosity once again to purchase and donate full-size items for the kits. A short list of what we are in need of is below:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Children's soap, body wash, and shampoo
Dental floss, Brushes for women, and children, Nail clipper,
Feminine pads,

Items can be dropped off in the box by the door off the parking lot.



WE NEED YOUR NEWS!

Do you have events or activities that your committee is planning for the months of November, December, January or February? We need your information for upcoming newsletters and bulletins.

Please forward your Print ready

PROJECT OF THE MONTH 

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner

Sunday, November 1st

4 – 7 pm

American Lutheran Church

401 1st St SW

Stanley-ND

**Don't forget our Radio
Broadcast's
in honor or memory
of
your loved ones!!!**



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the radio broadcast on Sunday
mornings!!**

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Thank you!

First Lutheran Congregation –

Thank you to all who helped me
celebrate my 90th birthday. It was a
wonderful day.

I feel so blessed to be a member of such
a warm, welcoming church family.

I am fortunate to have so many family
and friends who love me and felt that for
me making to 90 years old, I deserved a
90th birthday celebration.

Thank you so much!

Lyla Semenکو

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COFFEE HOUR SERVING VOLUNTEERS

Help set up and serve
coffee for the 10:30 AM
Coffee Hour following
Sunday worship.

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

The Mission of FLC is to share God's Love by
Engaging, Inspiring and Renewing.

Volunteer sign-up sheet in the Narthex
on Sundays and at the reception desk
during the week.



**Volunteers needed to
help make coffee hour
welcoming for everyone.**

RECEPTION DESK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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*Looking for a meaningful way
to serve at First Lutheran Church?*

Volunteer Shifts Available

**Monday • Tuesday • Thursday
2-3 Hours Per Shift**

Responsibilities:



Greeting visitors and guests



Answering phones and taking messages



Assisting with bulk mailing projects



Printing bulletins and church materials



Providing general office support



*Sign-up sheet with specific dates
and times is available at the reception desk.*

Interested or Have Questions?



Beckie Youngs



rebecca@flcwilliston.com



701-572-6363



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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who serve as volunteers on Sundays, Wednesdays, and the many activities during the week. There are many opportunities. Please call the office 701-570-6363 if you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities at First Lutheran.

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USHERS, GREETERS, AND READERS

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Can you Help? We need
individuals to serve as
ushers, greeters, readers
for Sunday morning
worship and
Wednesday evening
worship.



Sign-up sheets are in
the Narthex on Sunday morning
and at the reception desk
during the week.

Membership

Are you curious about becoming a member of First **Lutheran Church** or learning more about our faith, mission, and community? We would love to talk with you!

☎ *Church Office Phone*
701-572-6363

✉ *Pastor Stephen's Email:*
stephen@flcwilliston.com

MOVIE NIGHT

WHERE: FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH PARLOR

WHEN: OCTOBER 30TH 6:00-8:00PM

WHO: PRE-K THROUGH 9TH

MOVIE: HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH PIZZA TO ORDER



Ministry Appreciation: Grateful for Faithful Leadership

October gives us a special opportunity to thank the clergy who teach, encourage, pray and care for our congregation. May we honor their faithful service, support them with our prayers and remind them that their ministry makes a meaningful difference in the lives of many.

Student Name: _____

Confirmation Sermon Notes October 18th

Matthew 22:15–22

1. What is one thing you heard in the sermon today that made you think, wonder, or see something differently? Why?

2. Jesus says, “Give to God the things that are God’s.” What do you think belongs to God? Where do *you* fit into that answer?

3. Lutherans believe we belong to God because of God’s grace, not because we have earned it. How could knowing that you belong to God change the way you live this week?

4. God has given you gifts, relationships, time, and opportunities to serve. What is one way you could use something God has given you to show God’s love to someone else?