



# The Cross Word

February 2020

*From Pastor Lisa,*

I was surprised when I opened the annual report and found that my letter to you was the same one from last year. Gasp! Somehow I must've named the document similarly enough that Connie grabbed that one instead of the new one.

Naturally, *I* noticed. Apparently, no one else did! (Or you are too kind to mention it.) If you didn't get, or would like, a copy of the annual report for 2019, we can make you one. And meanwhile, I still wanted to share these words with you:

***"Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart." Philippians 1: 3-4, The Message translation***

I love the way St. Paul writes to the groups of Christ-followers in communities across the area: he always begins with thanks and encouragement.

As we look back on the year just past here at Lutheran Church of the Cross, I find myself in the same frame of mind (remember I **was** a cheerleader!) Go team! Way to go! The reports in this document spell out progress and accomplishments. I thank the leaders of all parts of this church community for their dedication and leadership. We wouldn't be who we are without you, and all of you who help in so many ways.

Let me tell of a few other encouraging moments:

Paul Gurholt has been giving of his time and many talents coordinating, cajoling, building, fixing for several years now to help bring Camp of the Cross's new Dining Center to completion. This summer they dedicated the porch with view of the lake in his honor! Thank you, Paul.

The components of our worship "production" (projection and livestream) gave us some fits this year, with equipment needing to be replaced and software and livestream coordination companies being sold and changed. Several individuals stepped up with donations to help make upgrades possible. Tom Harris has ably overseen these upgrades and improvements. Thank you, Tom and team, for enhancing our worship experience, both here in person and from afar!

One of our confirmands received a gift from his grandma for his confirmation, part of which she asked him to use to help someone in need. He pondered possibilities, then chose one of the “Good Gift” animals off the tree to help a family eat and live better. Thank you, Parker and Rita, for modeling the importance of serving others.

In late December, one of our furnaces – the one that heats the sanctuary – went out. At Wednesday worship, one of our members said to me with a grin, “You know that ‘heat the church’ thing? I don’t think it’s working!” By the next day we knew it truly was out. At 50+ years old, it was iffy and a matter of time to get parts. Soon it was decided the furnace needed to just be replaced. H.A. Thompson had one on hand and they were able to install very quickly. The council took a communal deep breath and began to contemplate this beyond-the-budget expense. A message then arrived that the furnace would be a gift from the Thompson family. We are grateful, Thompsons.

The church school students, and some Pinterest-ed leaders, have renewed our bulletin boards. They are fantastic and we appreciate your artistic talents, everyone!

A young woman moved here in December on a plane from Alaska with two suitcases and rent money for a month. The first night she wrapped herself in a throw blanket and slept on the floor. The next day she thought she would call some churches, to see if they might help her find furniture. She started with us. So we sent out a message, and it was beautiful how many of you responded so close to Christmas. Alisa worshiped with us her first Sunday here and continues to get to know us. Thank you, warm hearts, for helping. Welcome to Alisa, and hopefully soon, her young son.

These are just a few isolated moments, and there are so many more. We have a wonderful staff: Thank you Janie, Connie, Robin and Art! We have a wonderful council (both former and new). This is a church family of generous people, truly “making Jesus known by sharing our gifts.” (our church mission statement)

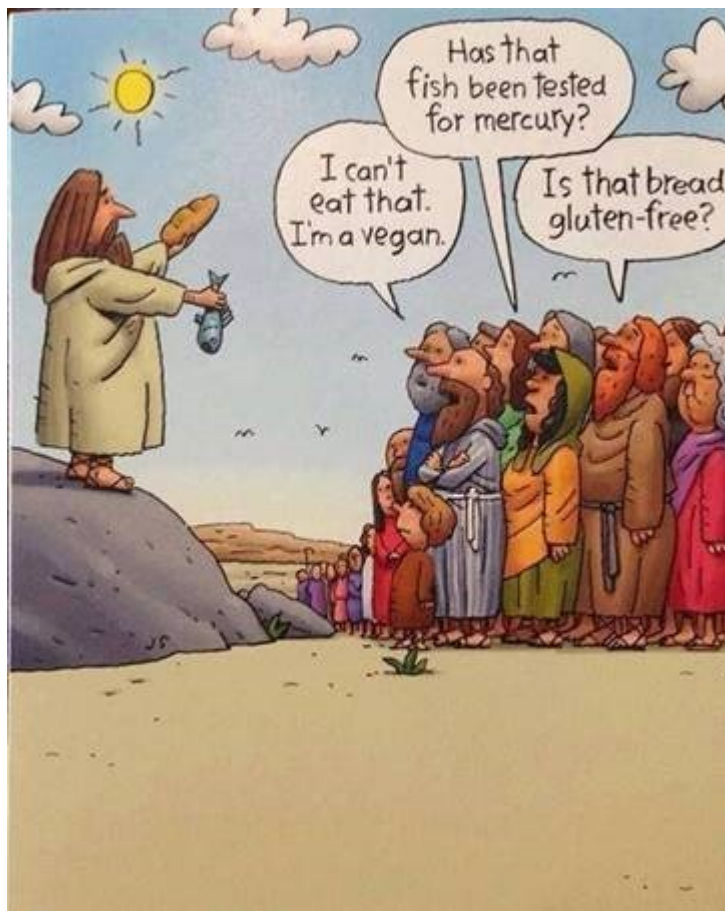
As we head into a new year, may we have thankful hearts. May we encourage one another. And may we continue to look for every opportunity to live our mission - God’s mission – in this community and far beyond.

Thank you for all your kindnesses to me and my family. It is a gift to be serving here with you.

In Christ, Lisa PS We are now in the season of Epiphany, when we hear stories from the Bible about God at work in the world. Where do you see glimpses of God? Watch for them, just like the moments listed above. Blessings!

## Lent Services

Have you ever wondered about the people who have written some of our most beloved hymns? Did you think they were “those” kind of people who lived lives so holy and perfect that the rest of us could never measure up? How did they come up with the kind of words that still speak to us, decades or even centuries later? We have something very special planned for Lent this year: we are going to hear the very real, and very surprising histories behind some of those well-known hymns, based on the great hymn stories from “Then Sings My Soul” by Robert J. Morgan. As Paul Harvey would say: this is the “rest of the story”. You will get to hear about people who are just like us, facing heartbreak, loss, danger, bitterness, sickness, who took the hand of God and let Him write a new song on their hearts.



## **Angels Among Us**

Our angel this month is someone who quietly goes about his business – and we couldn't do without him! LaVern Hanson is the chief mastermind behind our soundboard and one of our key "sound guys". He's the reason we can hear what's going on at worship, without screeching feedback. He is always willing to come in and help map out, say, 22 different microphones and connections for the Christmas Eve service, or figure them out for the church school program. He often wears cheerful, extraordinary ties – and we are so glad for his skills and cheerful willingness to share them! If you don't know LaVern – stop by the soundboard and say hi!

## **February's Altar Focus**

Our altar focus this month is for Lutheran World Relief and there are two options:

Fabric kits. There are sheets with explicit sizes and some restrictions on the table in the narthex by the coffee line, but basically these kits contain 2 pieces of fabric, cotton or cotton blend, and 2 spools of thread, 250-300 yards each. If 60" wide, the fabric piece should be 2-1/4 yards long; if 44" wide, then 3 yards long; if 36" wide, then 4 yards long. Please no flags, words, patriotic or religious symbols, or camouflage patterns. Wrap carefully with thread inside; secure with rubber bands, yarn or string. Do not enclose in plastic bags.

Fleece tied blankets

You can donate fleece for these – we will sponsor an upcoming day to tie them – or make the finished product yourself. Each blanket requires 2 pieces of fleece 58-59" wide and 80" long (please note this is longer than some are commonly made).

Both the kits and blankets will be packaged and sent with the next LWR shipment in May!

## **Altar Guild Meeting**

"The Annual Altar Guild meeting will be held on Saturday, February 8th at 9:30 am, in the sanctuary. We will be going over the Altar Guild guidelines and review the calendar for the year, to see if anyone would like to make any changes.

We welcome anyone that would like to be a part of this wonderful group of women. We are inviting any of you that would be interested in being a new member to come to this meeting to get to know more about what we do and how we help with the Altar work of our church.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask of either myself, Cherie Krueger or Jean Kraft, please contact us. Cherie's number is 226-7514 and Jean's number is 516-2667. We are the Co-Chairs of the Altar Guild."



**Lutheran Church of the Cross**  
"Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts"  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**1.12-20**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Kylie Blanchard and an opening prayer was given by Pastor Ahlness.

Parliamentarian Roger Kruger declared a quorum.

Minutes of the last annual meeting were unanimously approved on a voice vote by the congregation.

All committee, Pastor and Director of Discipleship reports were accepted and approved as published in the annual report.

The treasurer's report was given (see summary below) by LCC Treasurer Art Wheeler. See his notes and financial report as attached.

Elections were held as follows:

Council members replacing Tom Harris and Ken Will, who's terms were up: Scott Summers and Ron Borth. Both were elected on a unanimous ballot.

Endowment Fund Board: Ken Will, Kerry Carpenter, Jon Spilde, Brian Johnson were elected on a unanimous ballot.

Nominating Committee: Roger Kruger, Tom Harris and Dawn Houlton were elected on a unanimous ballot.

Missouri Slope Lutheran Care Center: Stacy Krumwiede and Paul Gurholt were elected to serve as LCC representatives.

Camp of the Cross (2): to be selected by the Council.

Western ND Synod Assembly representatives (2): Brett Gurholt and one more to be selected by the Council.

A motion was made by Doug Johnson and seconded by Steve Neu to approve the Council proposed budget for 2020 (see separate "2020 Proposed Budget"). It passed on a unanimous voice vote.

New business: On a motion from Heather Martin and a second from Lavern Hanson, the recommended changes in our constitution, as written by Murry Sagsveen, were approved unanimously.

The LCC annual meeting was closed with a table prayer song by the congregation.

## Annual Meeting Minutes continued

### Treasurer's Verbal Report

My annual written report is contained in the LCC Annual Report. The Church is financially sound, and we have no unpaid vendor's claims. The 2019 Giving Statements have been mailed. Please contact me if you have any questions about them.

The LCC annual report on page 11, in the 4th paragraph, indicated that the ending General Fund account balance was \$129,812. We closed contribution records on Thur., Jan. 2 so Connie could reprint them. On Fri., Jan 3, we received a significant contribution properly postmarked on Dec. 31. Our Auditor advised us to include that contribution with the 2019 records. With the last contribution, the actual General Fund account balance was \$137,862.25. While this number seems large, it is the depository not only for the General Fund expenditures, but also General Savings, designated projects and designated Savings.

Within the proposed Budget document, on the last page, the annual yearly income is \$441,514.47. With the accepted contribution just mentioned that annual yearly income should be noted as \$449,564.47. Of that total income, we have 29 members who use the Vanco Payment System, our electronic vehicle, for their contributions. Those contributions were in excess of \$90,600, a major increase from 2018. Total Income exceeded operating expenditures by \$29,117.37.

A word about Charitable Gifts. These Gifts have been a tremendous help to sustain the General Fund of LCC. Over \$64,000 in Charitable Gifts were contributed in 2019. Those Gifts are in addition to the contributor's regular contributions. All contributors are confidential. Their Gifts are acknowledged by letter on behalf of the Council and Congregation.

The 2019 Media Replacement of sanctuary projects and other equipment was funded entirely by other Charitable Gifts so designated. Those Gifts ARE NOT a part of the General Operating Fund, although our accounting software, QuickBooks, requires their entry. Those designated Gifts were nearly \$22,000. There remains about \$8,000 so specially designated to continue needed replacements.

And, in conclusion, a word about the Promissory Notes. The \$424,000 loaned to LCC by 22 members saved the church 1.5% of the original commercial bank loan or about \$57,000 over the loan's life. The current unpaid balance is \$294,000. \$65,000 in Promissory Notes were redeemed in 2019. In 2020, only \$40,000 in principle is scheduled for redemption. The reserve must be increased with the monthly \$5,700 transfers from the General Operating Fund so in 2021, \$90,000 can be redeemed. As a part of the LCC General Operating Budget, every contributor's offering is a part of the monthly Promissory Note transfer. The Promissory Note Committee, Ken Will, Roger Pommerer, Jon Hanson, and I, hope to redeem all notes by July or August 2023, nine years earlier than the original commercial loan.

CONCLUSION: LCC is blessed with a giving and generous Congregation. It has been my pleasure to serve as your Treasurer. I will be happy to respond to any questions. Pres. Kylie, I also move that the written and verbal Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Art Wheeler, Treasurer

## **Church Council Minutes**

01-12-20

LCC Council meeting

Outgoing President Kylie Blanchard called an organizational meeting of the Council immediately following the Annual Meeting.

Present were: Kylie Blanchard, Mark Kunze, Heather Martin, Krisi Kunz, Ken Will, Tom Harris and newly elected Council members Scott Summers and Ron Borth. Absent was Jon Hanson.

Newly elected Executive Board members include:

Krisi Kunz elected President

Jon Hanson elected Secretary

Heather Martin elected Vice President

Ken Will suggested that the Council continue the tradition, as begun by Pastor Lisa, of trying to have one Council member in attendance at the weekly staff meeting.

Conversation was had regarding when the Council would meet each month.

The meeting was adjourned.

Council Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2020

### **Call to Order**

President Krisi Kunz called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

**In attendance:** President Krisi, Heather Martin, Mark Kunze, Kylie Blanchard, Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Art Wheeler and Connie Werner.

**Absent:** Jon Hanson, Scott Sommers, Ron Borth and Janie Hague

### **Youth Programs Discussion**

President Krisi moved a new item of business to the front of the meeting agenda to accommodate a visit from Tom Harris regarding Youth Programs. Tom expressed his concern, along with other members of the congregation that had spoken with him, regarding the structure of the church's youth programs. He noted the programs have a great leader in Janie Hague, but need additional volunteer, parent, and church member support, as well as outlined structures, roles, scopes and expectations, for the programs to continue to grow and succeed. Tom volunteered to help in this process and noted the youth, church leaders and parents all have an important role in making the youth programs successful.

Pastor Lisa suggested a Youth and Family team be created to assist in this process and the Council agreed. The Council suggested Janie, Tom and Mark Kunze (Christian Education liaison) work together to form this committee to meet on a regular basis to develop the support system for the youth programs and address any questions or concerns that may arise regarding the church's youth programs.

(Note: Janie also set up meetings with the Church School teachers and volunteers, as well as Mark, to address any questions or concerns the teachers and volunteers may have regarding the church school structure and process. These meetings were held on Sunday, Jan. 19, and Sunday, Jan. 26.)

### **Devotions**

Pastor Lisa led the Council in a devotional prayer.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

No changes to the Dec. 2019 minutes were noted. A motion was made by Kylie Blanchard and seconded by Mark to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Lisa noted the success of the use of the Holden Evening Prayer Service for Wednesday services and one Sunday service during Advent. She reported both Christmas Eve services went well, with a larger than average crowd at the 10pm candlelight service.

A young woman who had recently moved to Bismarck from Alaska called Pastor Lisa just prior to Christmas and asked for help with furniture and furnishings for her apartment. Pastor Lisa put an email call out to the congregation and many members responded with a variety of furniture and household items to help address this need. Pastor Lisa said she was encouraged by the large response and thanked the congregational members who helped, and continue to help, this individual.

She noted confirmation and Church School are up and running again after the Christmas break.

Pastor Lisa also provided an update on the Worship and Music Committee meeting, noting 103 unique connections from all over the country were made to the church's livestream in a 30-day period. In addition, the committee is addressing the need for a backup for the projection system to address projector failure during a service. She noted one idea was to use the church's old iPad as a backup at the pulpit at the front of the church.

### **Director of Disciple Report**

President Krisi read an email report from Janie, which included the following:

The Church School Christmas program was a success.

The Youth going on the NY mission trip in July are holding a fundraiser at the Mandan DQ on Jan. 15.

A Youth Group Lock-In is scheduled at the church for Friday, Jan. 17.

No one from LCC signed up for the Ski Trip in conjunction with Faith Lutheran this year on Feb. 15-18.

Janie is looking for someone to lead the opening of church school on Wednesday nights following worship because the layout of Confirmation has changed, and church school and confirmation will now both be starting with their large group gatherings at 7pm.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was as follows:

All bills and statements as of Dec. 31 have been paid.

All December bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct. As of this date, our Auditor, Augie Ternes, has completed his review and all balances and entries are correct.

Total Adjusted Income for December was \$94,319.22, which far exceeded the budget goal of \$35,133. Included in the December contributions were Charitable Gifts of \$29,000. Also included in the Income were one-time General Fund contributions of \$33,250 in addition to the regular Sunday/Wednesday offerings. The Adjusted December expenses were \$31,199.67. The monthly income exceeded operating expenses by \$63,119.55. What a wonderful month.



The Adjusted Income excluded Endowment and Media gifts or other Income not a part of the General Operating Fund, which totaled \$21,694. The annual income was \$449,564.47. Total annual expense was \$420,447.10. The church realized a net Income of \$29,117.37 more than expenses for the General Operating Fund for the entire year.

The total Promissory Note liability is now \$294,000 for Phase 2 construction. This reduction was possible because approximately 22 LCC members loaned the church some of their savings. They are being repaid through the Promissory Note Reserve Fund. There is a transfer of \$5,700 monthly, or \$68,400 annually, from the General Operating fund to the Promissory Note Reserve Fund to handle the note redemption.

Art also noted the church's total giving to the Western North Dakota Synod in the month of December was \$4,150, or five percent of the total month's income. The total given to the WND Synod for 2019 was \$26,596.

Kylie made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Mark seconded. The motion passed in a unanimous vote.

### **Committee Portfolio Assignments**

Each Council member is assigned a portfolio following the Annual Meeting and serves as a liaison to the committees and events that fall under their portfolio. The following 2020 portfolio assignments were made:

**Worship and Music** - Ron Borth

**Generosity Team** - Kylie Blanchard

**Christian Education** - Mark Kunze

**Congregational Nurturing** - Heather Martin

**Congregational Operations** - Jon Hanson and Scott Sommers

### **Old Business**

#### **Bishop Narum's Farewell Dinner**

Lutheran Church of the Cross is hosting a Farewell Dinner for Bishop Mark Narum on Sunday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. The final day to submit numbers for attendees was Wednesday, Jan. 15. Pastor Lisa noted many individuals have stepped in to help, along with Faith and Care and Janice Martin with Lady J's Catering.

### **Church Security**

Art noted some members of the church had brought up the subject of having security at the church during its services. Other churches in the area have security present during services and it may be something to consider in the future. The Council decided to bring this topic to the attention of the Church's Safety and Security Committee and add the item to the February agenda for further discussion.

### **Closing Prayer**

The Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

### **Adjournment**

President Krisi adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

**Heat the Church for a Day** Heat for a Day donations are now being accepted. A monthly calendar is available in the entrance hallway for contributors to pick a day(s) to help heat the church. November and March will be \$10 per day, and December, January, February will be \$25 per day. Please enter your name on the selected date(s), and include if the donation is in memory of someone, or acknowledging a special event or purpose. Donations may be left with the secretary, or put in the offering or use electronic giving. Thank you to the families of Moser, Lauf, Staloch, Hanson, Spilde, Mattheis, Crane, Suess/Hocker, Zinsli, Tiffany, Anderson, Koch, Krueger, Hultin, Doerner, Kunze, Blanchard, Kraft, Hanson during the months of December and January for contributing to the Heating the church fund.



### **Financial Peace University Class Beginning Soon**

Did you know that 89% of the people in a typical American congregation don't have a financial safety net?!

Shocked? Me too. But there's hope! And that hope is Financial Peace University. FPU is a nine-lesson course taught by Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. With FPU, we will learn step by step how to handle money using biblical wisdom and common sense.

Through life-changing videos, online tools and resources, and group accountability, we'll learn how to create and stick to a budget, save for emergencies, pay off debt, and plan for the future.

Just imagine the impact we could have on the community if we were all debt-free! Marriages and families would be strengthened. People would be freed up to be outrageously generous. This kind of hope will ignite change in our entire community!

Tired of money stress? Join us! FPU includes your member workbook and a free year of Financial Peace Membership, with online tools created to support your journey.

Our class will begin on Sunday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. For more info, contact Pastor Lisa at 701-220-9011, or register online at [fpu.com/1108780](http://fpu.com/1108780)

## Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Thanks to all of you who donated items for the January altar focus options: feminine hygiene items for our high school help-pantries, and new towels, laundry items and shower soap/shampoo for Heaven's Helpers Soup Café's new laundry and shower facility. What a terrific response!

Thanks also to all who helped get ready for, serve and clean up after the farewell dinner for Bishop Narum. It was well attended despite the icy roads and everything was quick and smooth. Your gifts of hospitality were appreciated by all!

Movie Night has been moved to February 21 due to Valentine's Day.

February 21, 6:30 pm with a potluck first. Deb Carpenter previews many movies ahead of time and then selects what she feels is the best of the best for us to watch. Movies that are family friendly are a priority for her. She then sends out an enticing email without naming the movie. Go figure! which gets the secretary wondering what movie she is talking about. The potluck supper is always wonderful. In case you think one has to have movie style popcorn to accompany the movie Bob Wilson makes 2 different batches of wonderfulness. Other desserts are brought too. Unlike going to a movie theater intermission happens here so we may refill the popcorn and other treats.



Church Council is February 18th. They are now meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.

The various committees are meeting at 5:30pm that same day.

# Gospel Seeds - February 2020 Western ND Synod

## **Lasts and First...**

I am experiencing lots of “lasts” these days. As I write this newsletter I am at the last “First Call Theological Retreat” which I helped organize. I am in the midst of the last of the six “Thank-You and Farewell” events around the synod. I am spending many hours in the office looking through files, getting rid of unnecessary paperwork and setting aside pieces the next Bishop will need. As a staff we are living deeply in the land of transition.

It is a strange place to be in some ways. The last 11 ½ years have flown by and at the same time old files remind me of meetings and events that seem so long ago. Time moves on, God is present through the power of the Holy Spirit and ministry happens.

I am thankful for all of the faithful leaders who have served over these years, both lay and rostered. Congregational members who have been willing to ask difficult questions, dive deep into conversation and then roll up their sleeves for the sake of the proclamation of the Gospel.

I am thankful for the generosity of people across this synod. One document was the listing of seminary scholarships from the year that I was a senior at Wartburg Theological Seminary. In 1998 the synod was able to provide students with \$12,000 worth of scholarships. Because of your generosity we now have over \$70,000 dollars for scholarships and debt buy-down. When I started as Bishop we had about \$500,000 in the Ministry Endowment Fund. As I leave office we have added two more funds, the Mission Fund and the Accompaniment Fund. Combined the three funds have over \$3 Million dollars in assets. Last fall the endowment fund was able to capture just under \$100,000 in gains – that is money which will support ministry across this synod. It is all because of your generosity – thanks!

As I leave this office, I want to thank you for the privilege of serving as your Bishop. It has been an honor to be the voice of this synod in the Conference of Bishops, to work locally and across the larger church on issues of congregational renewal. I have been honored to serve as one of your representatives to your social ministry organization, Lutheran Social Services. We can be proud of the incredible ministry LSS does in the name of Jesus- helping infants through teens, to young families and senior citizens. LSS has 19 different programs which touch the lives of tens of thousands of people across this state.

## **The witness of another...**

Last fall I attended the installation of the new Bishop of Northwest Minnesota. As part of the service, retiring Bishop Larry Wohlrabe processed into worship with the rest of the Bishops who were present. In the midst of the installation service he took the synod cross off from around his neck and placed it upon newly installed Bishop Bill Tesch. Then Larry stepped off the platform. He did not return to sit with the Bishops who were present, instead he walked over and sat with the pastors of the synod who were present for the installation. I loved the imagery in that act.

The polity of our church is that a pastor is raised up by a synod assembly to serve as its Bishop, for a time. It is not a life time appointment. When the term comes to an end a bishop returns to being a pastor of the synod.

February 18<sup>th</sup> will be my last day in the office, I will take three days of vacation before beginning my new call at Trinity Lutheran in Bismarck. I am thankful for my days of serving as Bishop, but I am truly looking forward to returning to the role of parish pastor.

This is my pledge to the synod and whoever is the next Bishop: I will be a quiet positive presence. I will be deeply committed to my work in the congregation. I will work in cooperation with the other pastors in the community and in my conference.

Until the next Bishop is elected, I will be a supporter and advocate for Interim Bishop Dave Zellmer and the synod staff. God has richly blessed us with these servants and for that I am thankful.

### **Last Words...**

The best last word I can say is "Thank You." Your prayers and partnership have been a blessing. I am honored to have served you.

*God Bless All!*

Mark Narum

Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod

## Supporting the church through texting!

Don't carry cash or checks any more? You can now **give by text!**

Simply send a text message to 701-969-7030 (our dedicated giving line) with the amount you'd like to contribute. Example: 25 (for a \$25 donation). Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you'll receive a text verification and a receipt of your donation via email. For future giving, send a text with the amount you wish to give to 701-969-7030, and it will process automatically! You can even text "repeat" to make it a recurring donation. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and we thank you for supporting Lutheran Church of the Cross!



# Children Youth & Family



February 2020

## Freezer Meals

### Stock Pile Your Freezer with 5 meals for \$75!

Each meal serves 4 people. If you are a family of 2 you can split each of the meals into smaller portions and get 8 meals out of it. Join us on **February 22nd from 10am – 12:00 pm at church** for freezer meal assembly. The meals are: meatloaf, chicken pot pie, beef stew, three ingredient ranch pork chops, and breakfast burritos. Each meal includes a devotional and instructions, and the recipe. We do the shopping and most of the prep work – all you need to do is come to assemble to complete your meals and have a few hours of fun and fellowship! **Deadline is February 12th to sign up.** Please sign up in the narthex as spots are limited. If needed, child care can be provided, please indicate when signing up if needing childcare. If you have any questions or are willing to help prep the food, please contact the church office and ask for Janie. The more people that sign up, the total price of the meals will go down. Payment is due the day of the assembly.

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## Mark your Calendar!

- Valentines bake sale fundraiser! The youth going on the mission trip this summer will be having a bake sale on Sunday February 9th and Wednesday February 12th. Donations of baked goods and candy are welcome and need to be to the church by Saturday February 8th. There will be a free will offering taken for the bake sale.
- February 9th Family Fun Event at Huff Hills, as long as we still have snow we will meet at Huff Hills in Mandan at 1:30pm for an afternoon of skiing or snowboarding. Rentals are \$25, and Lift tickets are \$25. Talk to Janie if interested or if you have any questions.
- February 23th Youth participating in the Mission Trip will be selling caramel rolls during coffee hour after worship.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1st Communion Class for 3rd graders and their parents for Sunday School classes are March 29th and April 5th at 9am in the conference room. For Wednesday youth classes are March 25th and April 1st. At 7pm in the conference room.
- March 1st 6-12th grade youth group from 6-8:30pm. We will be playing broomball with other local churches. Meet at Church of the Cross at 6pm, we will return to the church at 8pm.

## Confirmation

- Lent is approaching! This year confirmation classes will continue throughout lent. Confirmation students are invited to come to worship at 6:15pm before confirmation.

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 2020 Altar Focus: Lutheran World Relief Fabric kits and fleece blankets						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 9:00 Church school 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour	<b>3</b> Needlework Group 10:00am	<b>4</b> Staff Mtg 10am Gather Bible Study 1:15pm	<b>5</b> 5:15pm Supper 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Church School, Confirmation	<b>6</b> LAF Quilting 1pm 8pm AA Mtg.	<b>7</b> WITW Bible Study 12:15	<b>8</b> Altar Guild Mtg 9:30am Book Club 12:30pm LCC
<b>9</b> Valentine Bake Sale 9:00 Church school 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour Family Fun Day @ Huff Hills 1:30pm Financial Peace 7pm	<b>10</b> Needlework Group 10:00am	<b>11</b> Staff Mtg 10am	<b>12 Valentine Bake Sale</b> 5:15pm Supper 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Church School, Confirmation	<b>13</b> LAF Quilting 1pm 8pm AA Mtg.	<b>14</b> WITW Bible Study 12:15	<b>15</b> Ski Trip to Bridg- er Bowl until 2/18
<b>16</b> 9:00 Church School 10:00 Worship/Baptism 11:00 Coffee Hour Financial Peace 7pm	<b>17</b> Needlework Group 10:00am	<b>18</b> Staff Mtg 10am 5:30 C2 Mtgs. 6:30 Council	<b>19</b> 5:15pm Supper 6:15pm Worship 7:00pm Church School, Confirmation	<b>20</b> LAF We Serve Quilting 1pm 8pm AA Mtg.	<b>21</b> WITW Bible Study 12:15 Friday Night at the Movies	<b>22</b> Freezer Meals 10-noon
<b>23</b> Carmel Rolls from youth 9:00 Church School 10:00 Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour Financial Peace 7pm	<b>24</b> Needlework Group 10:00am Knitting 4 Others 1pm	<b>25</b> Staff Mtg 10am	<b>26</b> M & M Bible Study 6:30am <b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> <b>No Church School or</b> <b>Confirmation</b>	<b>27</b> LAF Quilting 1pm 8pm AA Mtg.	<b>28</b> WITW Bible Study 12:15	<b>29</b>



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### Worship Times:

Wednesday Worship  
Living Water Service  
6:15pm (School year)

Sunday Worship  
The River Service  
10:00am

Lisa Ahlness, Pastor

Office Hours:  
M -TH 9-4pm  
Fri. 9-1pm School Year  
Summer Hours 9-1  
Mon.—Fri

### Lutheran Church of the Cross

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The Church Council meets once a month; the third Tuesday, at 6:30pm. The Council meetings are open to the congregation and all are encouraged to attend a meeting or to visit with a Council member if you have questions or concerns regarding the church.

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