



## The Cross Word November 2022

### From Pastor Lisa

My cousin Naomi died yesterday.

I could go on at length about all the connections between us and how precious and important she was to me. I realize, of course, that I am not unique in this loss of one beloved to me. And I don't wish to talk about loss or grief today, but rather the latest gift she gave me.

Naomi was a wonder, not only because she beat an advanced colon and liver cancer over 20 years ago. She was an energizer bunny person with a sly grin and good humor and vivid white hair in a bob, which meant you could locate her in any crowd. She was a planner and organizer and family historian; as Norwegian as they come. And most of all, a person of deep faith.

Naomi's husband Don is a Lutheran pastor, retired now. He led a Bible study some years ago and encouraged participants to start a notebook that was their "Treasure Book." The hand-out from the Bible study says: "Following is a list of Treasures I have stored in my notebook. Include in YOUR notebook ones that are helpful to you and add others that you treasure. Don Rice" Then he proceeded to list his favorite scriptures.

Naomi took this to heart and started her own Book of Treasures in October 2005. In it she collected her favorite scriptures, hymns, poems, quotes, snippets from the ELCA's Gather magazine and others.

Recently she went from "feeling a little off" to realizing later with testing that the cancer had returned with a vengeance. And in just a month, she was gone.

Her children and grandchildren shared these Treasures as devotions each night and talked about them with her. Some of her treasures include Psalm 46, "God is our refuge and strength: a very present help in trouble"; the hymn "Have No Fear Little Flock"; their children's bedside prayer, "Jesus, Tender Shepherd, hear me. Bless thy little lamb tonight"; Psalm 103:1-5 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me." Matthew 11: 28-30, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

I am grateful that Naomi stored up these treasures that have been her guideposts in life, and shared their wisdom and guidance with her family. What a gift! Thanks be to God.

What would you put in your Treasure Book? I think I'm going to start one. I hope you do, too. Peace to you today.

## **Beer and Hymns!**

We have not been good at publicizing “Beer and Hymns”, which is held monthly – and for which our very own Marin Traynor plays guitar! You are invited to join in the fun (no beer necessary to participate) at the next session, which will be at the Bismarck Am Vets from 7-9 pm on Monday, November 21. Come and enjoy!

## **Scandinavian Supper at Camp of the Cross**

Camp of the Cross is once again hosting its delectable Scandinavian Supper at the camp’s Fellowship Center on Saturday, Nov. 19. Only one seating, at 5:30 pm! Sorry, lutefisk lovers – none here. But there is baked salmon, Swedish meatballs, root vegetables, lefse, and many Scandinavian desserts! Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$10 for children 10 and under. To make a reservation, please call the camp office: 701-337-2246. Some folks have indicated they would love to go, but don’t drive at night – so we will have a sign up in the narthex so we can carpool! Please note that you still have to call camp for your reservation – but we can travel up and back together! Call the church office or sign up on the poster if you’d like a ride or are willing to drive.

## **Gather Bible Study trying out a new time slot!**

Our Gather women’s Bible study has met at 1:15 pm on the second Tuesday for a while now. We have decided to try out a new time: that being the second Thursday, at 10:30 in the morning. This gives us a good hour to 90 minutes. We are encouraging each other to bring a lunch along to share some more fellowship afterward, and then – those who like, can stay for quilting – which as it happens, begins at 1:15 pm on Thursdays! New quilters are welcome – there is something for everyone, and no experience is required!

**PLEASE NOTE:** Pastor Lisa will be gone the second Thursday in November, so just this once, we are going to meet the FIRST Thursday, Nov. 3, at 10:30 a.m. If you don’t get the Gather magazine, come anyway, we will have copies!

## **All Saints Banner**

If you come in the door from the parking lot, you’ve probably seen the dark blue All Saints banner on a long table in the narthex. (If you haven’t, please walk down that way to see it and participate.) There are white paper doves, markers and pins. Please write the names of your dear ones whom you would like us to remember this All Saints on a dove, and pin it on the banner. We will process in carrying the banner on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 6. (If you notice the banner is running out of room, you may consolidate your loved ones’ names onto one dove instead of one name per dove, so that everyone’s can fit.) We look forward to this tribute.

## **Altar Focus: Teddy Bears for First Responders – and Harvest for CCM**

Each November for several years we have collected new Teddy Bears to place among us in the seats. We worship with them around us, and should you find one in your seat or near you, we encourage you to bring them forward for a blessing. At the end of the month, these bears will be distributed to children experiencing a crisis or trauma, and will carry a card from LCC saying that they are blessed to be a blessing. This project was begun by Shiela Mugaas in memory of her cousin and the cousin’s grandchildren, who were killed by an intruder in New Town. We continue it in their honor.

A second project you may choose to participate in is the list of items sent to us by CCM that could assist them through the winter retreat season. You may place items by the altar focus bulletin board or bring them to the office, and we will see they get to Camp of the Cross. Thank you!

**The River Rhapsody (Sweet Adelines) Chorus** invites you to join them in singing for the Christmas program on December 18. Beginning November 7th come to rehearsals (6 of them) to learn the Christmas holiday songs. Rehearsals are at 6:30—8pm at the Wells Fargo Bank at 1050 Interstate Ave; employee entrance. Info is on the bulletin boards. For more information, contact Barb Wilson.

### **Update from Missouri Slope – From Cathy Anhalt**

Dear members of Church of the Cross:

Hope you are all enjoying the crisp fall air and the colorful foliage that remains, mostly on the ground after the wind cleared the trees!

The leadership team at Missouri Slope wants to thank you again for your generous support towards our Chapel through your Love Your Neighbor campaign. You set a goal of \$50,000 and you raised close to \$67,000! What an incredible gift. **THANK YOU!**

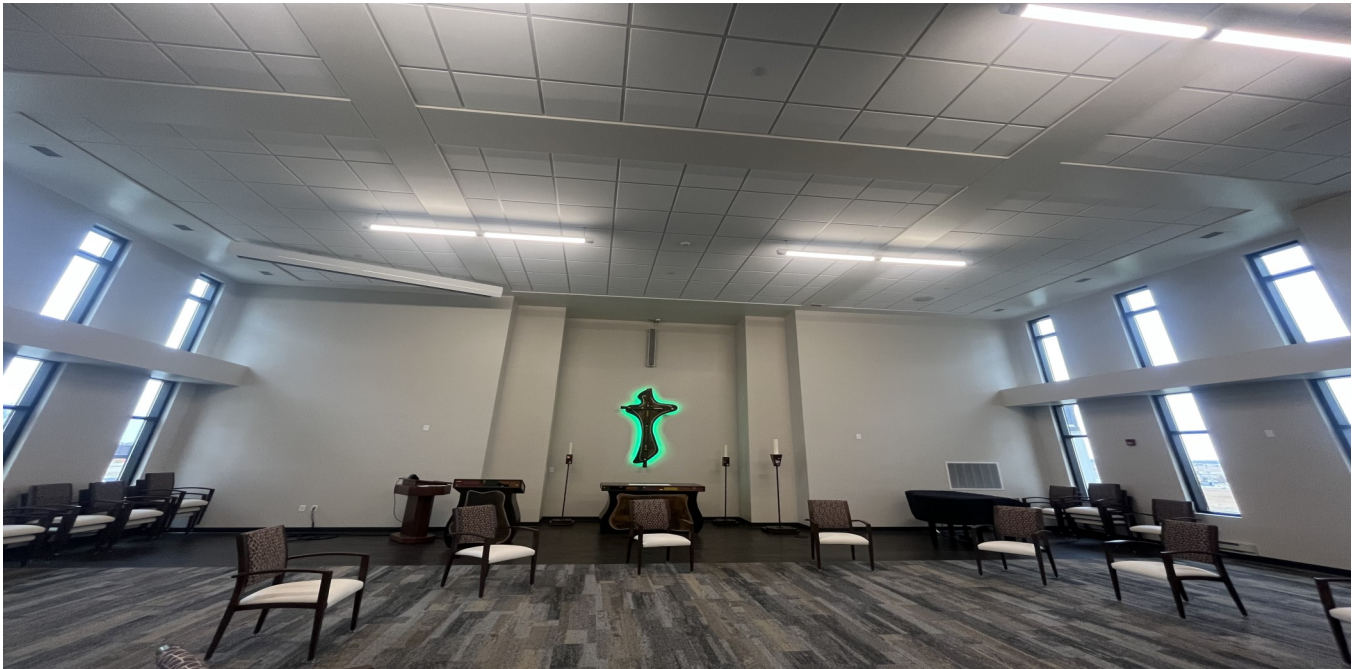
The income raised for our chapel is going to help furnish various expenses related to the chapel, including the projection screen, sound system, cross, altar, and candlesticks for example. Our chapel is very functional today, but we want to create a sanctuary where our residents and their families can embrace and enhance their relationship with a God of their understanding.

Our future goals are to add new lighting fixtures, wall coverings and ceiling beams. The stained glass windows have been designed, and we are waiting on installation, hopefully soon. All these added amenities will definitely create a more intimate space.

Thank you again for your support and generosity. Lutheran Church of the Cross will be recognized at Missouri Slope as a major contributor to the Chapel. We couldn't do this without the commitment of our member churches.

Pictures of the sanctuary .....





## Angels Among Us Myrtie and John Behan

As the writer contemplates what to say about the Behans she can hear Myrtice's laughter and she can see her and John walking through the back door to volunteer for yet another event here at LCC particularly for Faith and Care planning and funerals. John comes along sets the tables, and washes the dishes. Whether it's their turn or not they step up to the plate and do what needs to be done.

John served as President of the Church Council at the time of the building renovation. One can only imagine the number of extra meetings that took place during that endeavor. He has done projection and ushered throughout the years. John also participated in the Living Last Supper. Rumor has it they as a couple participated in the Newlywed game and helped organized the spaghetti suppers years ago.

Myrtice is a go getter; she loves to sing so she has been a River singer and has gone along on the Christmas caroling. She's participated in the Women's Bible Studies, the Women's Retreats. And has been s Scripture Reader. She is a fabulous host, baking delicious cookies for Sunday's fellowship. She has also been one of the original overall Faith and Care Coordinator. After 30 + years she is stepping down from that position.

Next time when you see the Behans thank them for the time they have given to this church and for the quiet example that they have set for us each to follow.

## Book Club Choices:

Meets the 2nd Wednesday at 1:30 in the Library.

November: Where the River Ends by Charles Martin

December: The Lost Apothecary– by Sarah Penner

January: The Sunflower Sisters by Martha Hall Kelly



**Update The Directory** Have you moved to another house? Changed email addresses? Deleted your land line? Please review your listing in the paper directory on the round table in the narthex and make the necessary changes. Initial the listing if everything is correct. The secretary hope to distribute or have available by the middle of December an updated paper directory..

### **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service**

We join together with Faith Lutheran Church, St. George's Episcopal Church, and our neighbors the United Church of Christ to offer a Thanksgiving Eve service together. This year the Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at the UCC Church, just a couple of blocks down E. Highland Acres Road, at 7 pm on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The speaker will be LCC member Ryan Taylor, who will be reflecting on nature and faith. Afterward we will have pie and fellowship, because what is Thanksgiving without those! (Each church is invited to supply 6 pies. If you'd like to bake one, please call the church office! Thanks!)

### **You are invited to Friendsgiving!**

The Bismarck Interfaith (a group of interested individuals from Christian, Muslim, Baha'i, Unitarian Universalist, and other faith traditions) invites us to join in with neighbors of other faiths for a friendly potluck get together on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11:30 am – 2 pm at the UCC Church. Bring a dish that represents your culture or ethnic background and enjoy visiting with others!

### **Opportunity Sunday!**

Well yes, it's true – every Sunday is full of opportunities. But come one, come all to LCC on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – because it will be chock full of opportunities to worship, eat, and learn about all kinds of ways to be involved in ministry at and beyond LCC. Our worship service will have a Thanksgiving theme on this Sunday before the holiday, as we give thanks for all God's generosity. We will host a Pancake and (Wishek) Sausage breakfast to benefit Camp of the Cross from 11 am til 1 pm! And, there will be tables throughout the narthex with displays and information and sign up sheets. Come learn more about and sign up for quilting, music, book club, Bible studies, stitching group, ushering/reading/serving communion, cookie walk, and lots more! Fill out a time and talent sheet also – and suggest new ways to learn and serve that we haven't even tried yet!

All groups are welcome to have space to share info! We will plan to set up tables and displays at 10 am on Saturday, November 19. The more, the merrier! Please join in!

**Heat the Church.** The calendars are out on the round table in the narthex. Thank you for being willing to donate extra funds to the church during our cold winters months. November \$10/day, December—February \$25/day, March \$10/day.



# Deacon Janie's Corner



November 2022

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## Theology on Tap November 3rd 7:00pm

21 or older? Join Janie at Thomas & Moriarty's to dive deeper into faith and life questions.

## Confirmation Schedule

November	2	<b>Large Group Night Theme: Law + Gospel and Sinner + Saint</b> <i>Please read: Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 22:34-40</i>
	9	<b>No Confirmation</b>
	16	<b>Large Group Night Theme: Love your Neighbor – Parents Night</b> <i>Please read: Luke 10:29-37; Matthew 5:43-47</i>
	23	<b>No Confirmation—Thanksgiving Break</b>
December	7	<b>Service Project Night</b>

## Church School Schedule

### Sunday

November 6	The Red Sea
November 13	No Church School
November 20	Whole Family – David and Goliath
November 27	No Church School
December 4	Christmas Program Practice

### Wednesday

November 2	Memory Work – Memorize Old Testament
November 9	No Church School
November 16	Whole Family – David and Goliath
November 23	No Church School
November 30	Christmas Program Practice
December 7	Christmas Program Practice

## Children Youth and Family Events

**November 6th and 20th:** Middle School and High School Youth Group. Battle of the Pizzas: Join Janie at the church from 2pm-3pm to see who has the best pizza in town!

**November 10th:** Youth in Grades 3rd –5th are invited to join Janie for a late night “mock” in Lock-in from 7-10pm. Please let Janie know if your son/daughter is planning on attending.

## Advent Dinners

Advent dinners are back! Confirmation students will be serving meals before each Wednesday Service in Advent. Stop in between 5:15 and 6:00pm for homemade soup and support a good cause. A free will offering will be taken to help raise funds for camp scholarships. Confirmation students and parents: a detailed letter about when your group serves will be mailed out to you via email by November 16th. The menu is as follows: **Nov. 30:** Chili cook off with Corn bread **Dec. 7:** Chicken Noodle Soup with sweet rolls **Dec. 14:** Beef Barley Soup with rolls **Dec 21:** Knoephla Soup with rolls.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>November 2022</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Supper 5:15pm Worship Service 6:15pm Church School / Confirmation 7pm	<b>3 Women's Bible Study 10:30am</b> Quilting 1 pm <b>Theology on Tap</b>	<b>4</b> Wired Word 1:30pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 9:15am Church School 10:00 River Worship 11:00 Coffee Hour Middle, Sr. Hi Youth Gr 2pm Financial Peace 6:30pm	<b>7</b> Needlework Group 9:00am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Book Club 1:30 5:15pm Supper Worship Service 6:15pm NO Church School / NO Confirmation 7pm	<b>10</b> Quilting 1 pm 7:30pm AA Mtg. <b>Mock In Gr 3-5</b> 7-10pm	<b>11</b> Veteran's Day Office Closed	<b>12</b>
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## E-News

Worship Times:  
Wednesday Worship  
6:15pm (School year)  
Sunday Worship  
The River Service  
10:00am

Lisa Ahlness, Pastor  
Janie Hague, Deacon

Office Hours:  
M -TH 8-4pm  
Fri. 8-noon School Year  
Summer Hours 8—noon  
Mon.—Fri

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