


Light of Christ Lutheran Church



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

Sunday School at 10 am (During school year)
Coffee Hour at 10 am - Services at 11 am

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Prayer Requests

Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMTs around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community. Pray for persecuted Christians in all places. Prayers for Ukraine. Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



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BENEFIT FOR DARRIN BAKER
February 4th at 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Soup and Silent Auction to end at 2:00. Proceeds to help defray Darrin's medical expenses.



LENTEN SCHEDULE: No Bible Study during Lent or Holy Week!

Ash Wednesday.....	Feb 14 th	LOC at 5:30 pm
		TLC at 7:00 pm
Wednesday Lent 1	Feb 21 st	LOC at 7 pm
Wednesday Lent 2	Feb 28 th	TLC at 7 pm
Wednesday Lent 3.....	Mar 6 th	LOC at 7 pm
Wednesday Lent 4.....	Mar 13 th	TLC at 7 pm
Wednesday Lent 5.....	Mar 20 th	LOC at 7 pm



Bible Study NO BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

LOC MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST -
FEB 10th at 9 am. Please come and invite a friend or two!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

During the month of November, our congregation has prayed for the following parishioners. Please continue to pray for:

*Pr. Steve Lundblom, Maylin Bell
Darrin Baker, Coreen Beard,
Phylis Hystad, Kristi Barnett
Makaya Bearce and
The family of Ernest Halseth*



WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. MEETING is **February 7th** at 7 pm. All women of LOC are encouraged to attend their meeting and Bible Study.



(Jan 25th) Written by Alexis Amendson. Greetings to all. Today, the charity of David Breidenbach and Spiritual Orphans Network. SON has provided full funding for the purchase of an electric generator. Our orphanage is very grateful for this. God's blessing to all those who do not leave our children unprotected.



Joy 4 Ukraine is the ministry of Pastor Scott Yount and his wife Lena in Billa Tserkva, Ukraine. If you would like to support Pastor Scott and Lena and their ministry to the handicapped in Ukraine, you can give online by going to the following link. <https://SONetwork.org/give/>

Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online!

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org
Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/ lightofchristwilliston](https://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)

SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. They have begun a fundraising campaign, **SOLA 500**, to financially support their work of training up future pastors for the AALC. You can support them at www.alts.edu/sola_500.



CONFIRMATION IS UP AND RUNNING!

February 1st, 8th and 22nd at 6:30pm for students in the 7th and 8th grade.

THE SUNRISE WOMEN'S CLINIC in Sidney MT offers free pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, and parenting classes, bible studies, baby items such as diapers, wipes, clothing, etc. Sunrise offers love, support, and spiritual guidance. Thank you for supporting them!



MEMBERSHIP – Talk to Pastor Kevin if you are interested in becoming a member of our church. Remember to invite your friends and neighbors to “come and see”.

ONLINE OFFERING now available!

We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to www.locw.org and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ. Thank you!



FEBRUARY 2024 READINGS

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Feb 4 th	Isa 40:21-31	Psa 147:1-11	1 Cor 9:16-27	Mark 1:29-39
Feb 11th	Exo 34:29-35	Psa 50:1-6	2 Cor 3:12-13, 4:1-6	Mark 9:2-9
Feb 14th	Joe 2:12-19	Psa 51:1-13	2 Cor 5:20b - 6:10	Matt 6:1-6,16-21
Feb 18th	Gen 22:1-18	Psa 25:1-10	Jam 1:12-18	Mark 1:9-15
Feb 25th	Gen 17:1-7, 15-16	Psa 22:23-31	Rom 5:1-11	Mark 8:27-38

YFC "CAMPUS LIFE"

Open Youth Center: Fridays 3-6 pm at the Campus Center. Gr. 7-12



Snacks, games, and discussions!

STEPHEN'S MINISTRY!

Stephen's Ministry is a wonderful service for people who are hurting and need someone to talk to and care about them. We will begin training Stephen Ministers this Spring!



LOC SOUP MINISTRY!

You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. Someone living alone, recovering from an illness or surgery, someone experiencing loss or grief, or anyone in need who might benefit from some warm soup. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!



Worship Services, Bible Studies, Bulletins, and Newsletters are online! Light Of Christ Website: locw.org. Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston.

If you have anything for the bulletin or newsletter, you can send it to the following email address:
kevinrbeard@gmail.com.

Matthew 25 Ministries

A new ministry opportunity for LOC! We will soon be collecting empty prescription bottles and over-the counter medication containers for distribution to other countries. Look for a collection box at the back of the church.

THE UPPER ROOM®

FEBRUARY 9, 2024

A Bird in the Storm

Jack L. Bodden (Texas, USA)

My wife and I sat in our sunroom and watched a storm rage outside. As we watched the rain pour down and heard the thunder rumble, we noticed a purple martin flying through the wind and rain. She flew up to her nest under the eaves at the corner of our house. We could hear the chirping of her babies as she brought them a tiny insect, and then with a chirp of her own, she took off to find more for them to eat. Time after time she returned and then took off again. The heavy rain and strong wind occasionally blew her off course, but she never stopped. Our admiration for her grew with each trip she made, and we both remarked that there was something inspirational about her behavior.

Long after the storm ended, I kept thinking about what we had witnessed. The mother bird's behavior made me think of the sacrifice that Jesus made for all of us. Like the purple martin, his sacrifice was an act of intense love! The little bird's determined care for her young reminded us that God really does care about and provide for all of creation. God's love will endure and will not be turned aside by the storms of adversity. I pray that the devotion of the little bird will stay alive in my memory and inspire me to show love to others and to trust God to provide for God's children.

YELLOW SERVICE GROUP
(Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

Darrin Baker & Jolyssa Marquart
Ted and Peggy Bearce
Kelsey Ginther
Steve and Renee Ginther
Scott and Melissa Heller
Gary and Bev Quale
Nick and Jessica Quale
Stan and Amy Reep
Jed and Melissa Rider
Kelly Klem and Janice Deesten

(This is the revised list of Servers)

Thank you for serving!

*Note: The Service Groups are shuffled around
at the beginning of each year.*



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Matt Haugen..... 2/01
Beau Rider..... 2/03
Erin Olson..... 2/06
Kelsey Ginther 2/15
Thea Holter 2/22
Amy Haugen 2/26
Melanie Heller..... 2/28

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Dwight & Shelli Patch 2/20
Seth & Kayla Fenster 2/23



**Light of Christ Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 9th, 2024**

These minutes are abbreviated. If you would like the full minutes, ask a council member.

The meeting was called to order by President, Dwight E.

A prayer prior to the meal was said by President, Dwight E.

The following members were in attendance: Dwight E, Rick T, Gary H, Matt H, Wendy J, Kayla F, and Bev Q.

A motion to accept the previous meetings minutes was made by Kayla and was seconded by Rick. Motion passed.

Treasurers report: Rick went over the financial report. 2023 year end the church has \$309,755.89 in savings/checking.

Rick advised that he would be putting \$200,000 in the CD as discussed in the next week or so.

The benevolences went out in November in the amount of \$24,613.00.

Gary made a motion to accept the treasurers report which was seconded by Bev. Motion passed.

Old business: There was no old business discussed.

New business:

Daycare lease: The lease was lowered to \$3,000 a month from February 2023 to January 2024. A motion was made by Rick to keep the payment at this same amount until January 2025. This was seconded by Wendy. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Rick's daughter, Erin O, has been assisting Rick with the bookkeeping but is getting busy with her job and won't be able to continue assisting the treasurer. Rick advised that Kelly K. has shown interest in being on the church council. Kelly has approximately 40 years of experience as a CPA and also has experience in church. Rick mentioned talking with

Klem about the possibility of being on the council in the treasurer's position.

Rick mentioned there might be a need to purchase Quick Books to assist with the treasurer's position as well as possibly hiring another firm to help with accounting and payroll. Possibly Lee Sues?

Proposed budget: The office supplies budget for 2024 may need to be upped if Quick Books needs to be purchased. \$1,950 for discretionary funds will go to the Salvation Army for assisting people in the community on the church's behalf.

Salary: The \$6,000 voted on a raise in salary for Pastor Beard during the last meeting is being amended to \$3,000. This will be split into insurance and retirement at Pastor Beard's input.

Bookkeeping: This has been increased due to the possibility of adding the expense of outside accounting/Quick Books purchase.

A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Gary and seconded by Kayla. Motion passed.

Annual meeting: The annual meeting will be on January 28th with a potluck to follow. Reports for the annual meeting need to be into Pastor Beard by Sunday, January 14th in order to give Pastor Beard time before the meeting to get things out to the congregation.

Appreciation: A motion to give Pastor Beard \$200 for pastor appreciation month along with \$250 to Luanne and \$100 to Laura Bearce for all that they do throughout the year was made by Bev and seconded by Gary. The motion passed.

The next council meeting will be March 12th, 2024 with meal provided by Matt.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

Psalm 147:4-6 - He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure. The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

One estimate suggests that there are one septillion stars in the universe. That is a one followed by 24 zeroes. In other words, there are a lot of stars. We give names to some stars, like Sirius or Antares. Astronomers document other stars with letters and numbers, but these are human designations and estimates. God, whose "understanding is beyond measure," created every one of those stars. He "determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names."

Our gracious, all-knowing God pays close attention to details, including numbers and names, and not just for the stars. Scripture sometimes mentions a few of those interesting details and numbers. In those days, five sparrows were sold for two pennies. God does not forget even those little birds, but we are worth so much more to Him than sparrows. He knows the number of hairs on our heads (see

Luke 12:6-7). After Jesus' resurrection, Peter and some of the other disciples went fishing and hauled in a net "full of large fish, 153 of them" (John 21:11b). On Pentecost "about three thousand souls" were baptized and added to the church (Acts 2:41b).

God counts souls and stars, fish and sparrows—and sheep. In one of Jesus' parables, a shepherd leaves 99 sheep to find one lost sheep. The story is about Jesus Himself, who came to seek and to save the lost. Names and numbers fill the story of our salvation. Guided by one special star, wise men found the Holy Child named Jesus in Bethlehem. Years later, three crosses were set up at a place called Golgotha. On the center cross Jesus suffered and died to save the lost, to save us all! Then, on the third day after His death, the early light of dawn revealed one empty tomb. Jesus has risen from the dead! On the Last Day when He returns, "all who are in the tombs will hear His voice" (John 5:28b), and through faith in His Name, we will rise to live in His presence forever.

In Baptism, God adopts us as His sons and daughters. The Lord who gives names to the stars names us as His own: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine" (Isaiah 43:1b). One day we will stand before the throne of God in "a great multitude that no one could number" as we cry out in praise to our God and Savior, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9b, 10b). We may not be able to number that multitude, but God can, and He knows every name.

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler.

Lent:

Getting ready for Jesus' death and resurrection

Lent is the special time when we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. We get our souls ready by doing prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



Prayer is talking with God. We need to talk with God even more than we need to talk to our family and friends. Lent is a good time to get into a habit of talking with God every day.

Fasting is eating less than you normally would. It's a good idea to give up a little something you like for Lent. Giving things up helps us remember we need God, not just food.



Almsgiving means giving to those who are in need. It helps us to be generous like God. Maybe you have a bit of money you can give to the poor or to the Church.



Answers to True or False: 1. true, 2. false, 3. false, 4. true, 5. false, 6. true, 7. false.

The Kids' Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent
February 17, 2013



Jesus spent 40 days in the desert preparing for His work. During Lent we spend 40 days getting ready to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.

Can you find your way into the desert to be with Jesus?

February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:30pm Confirmation	2	3
4 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship Communion.	5	6	7 7:00pm Women of Life	8 6:30pm Confirmation	9	10 9:00am Breakfast at the church.
11 10am Sun- day School. 11am Worship	12	13	14 5:30pm Ash Wednesday Service 	15	16	17
18 10am Sun- day School. 11am Worship Communion	19	20	21 7:00pm Lenten Service at LOC.	22 6:30pm Confirmation	23	24
25 10am Sun- day School. Next service grp meets	26	27	28 7:00pm Lenten Service at Trinity.		1	2

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