

Light of Christ
Lutheran Church




MARCH 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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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME starts
March 10th! Remember to
Spring ahead!



LENTEN SCHEDULE:

No Bible Study during Lent or Holy Week!

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Maundy Thursday	Mar 28 th	LOC at 7 pm
Good Friday Service	Mar 29 th	TLC at 5:30 pm
		LOC at 7 pm
EASTER!	Mar 31 st	Normal Time



NO Bible Study
during Lent / Holy Week

LOC MONTHLY CHURCH BREAKFAST –
March 9th at 9 am. Please come
and invite a friend or two!



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

Maylin Bell
Kristi Barnett
Darrin Baker
Randy Edin

*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. MEETING is **March 13th** at 7 pm. All women of LOC are encouraged to attend their meeting and Bible Study. **THANK YOU** to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!



(Feb 13th) It's always a good time at the CP center!

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



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!
March 7th & 21st 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!



IT IS IMPORTANT that the church has your correct contact information, cell phone numbers, home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc.

EASTER LILIES! If you would like to donate an Easter Lily for worship services, please purchase one and bring it to the church early on the 31st.



EASTER FESTIVAL: Saturday, March 23rd.

MARCH 2024 READINGS

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Mar 3rd	Exo 20:1-17	Psa 19	1 Cor 1:18-31	John 2:13-22 (23-25)
Mar 10th	Num 21:4-9	Psa 107:1-9	Eph 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Mar 17th	Jer 31:31-34	Psa 119:9-16	Heb 5:1-10	Mark 10:(32-34) 35-45
Mar 24th	Zec 9:9-12	Psa 118:19-29	Php 2:5-11	Mark 14:1—15:47

LOC CHURCH COUNCIL meets on **March 19th** at 5:30 pm.
Light meal followed by our meeting.

BENEFIT FOR DARRIN BAKER

Thank you to everyone who contributed for the auction, provided food, and those who attended!



YFC ANNUAL MEETING — April 8th

A fine meal and annual YFC report.
8 Tickets are available at the back of the church.

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. Renee G. and Pr. Kevin will begin the interview process soon and work out a training schedule for this Fall and Winter.

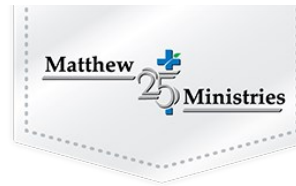
LOC SOUP MINISTRY!

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.



A new ministry opportunity for LOC!
We are now 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[®]

MARCH 1, 2024

A Pattern of Prayer

Susan Thogerson Maas (Oregon, USA)

My husband, Gary, and I enjoy morning walks. We enjoy the fresh air, vent about problems, and make plans for the future. When I walk daily, I am eager to get out and move — and I have more energy. But on days when the weather is bad, I tend to hunker down inside, letting Gary walk alone. The longer I avoid walking, the less enthusiasm I have for it.

My prayer life follows a similar pattern. When I simply offer a few quick prayers during the day, my prayers tend to skitter along the surface like a flat pebble across a lake. However, when I spend the time in longer, deeper prayer, I become more eager to reach out to God again. Prayer then becomes a regular and meaningful part of my day.

We all have places in our lives where we could improve spiritually. I find it helpful to set a specific goal — for example, reading a chapter of the Bible each day or praying for a set amount of time every morning — then finding an accountability partner to hold me to it until the habit becomes a natural part of life. Morning walks can improve our health, but walking with God enriches the soul.

TODAY'S PRAYER

Faithful God, thank you for all the ways we can draw closer to you. Help us to walk daily in the presence of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

BLUE SERVICE GROUP
(Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)

Roger and Jody Bearce
Kevin and Marilee Beard
Marilyn Bell
Dwight and Luane Ebel
Gary Hansen
Wendy Hansen
Matt and Amy Haugen
Holter Family
Mayo Miller
Dwight and Shelli Patch
Lisa Sauber
Cody and BreeAnn Shanks

Thank you for serving!

 **Birthdays &**
Anniversaries 

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Jody Bearce3/04
Breanna Ginther3/15
Faye Horn3/18
Savonne Messer3/21
Rylee Quale3/22
Dwight Ebel.....3/23
Amy Reep3/23
Brie Olson3/27
Garrett Oyløe.....3/27
Roger Bearce3/28
Luane Ebel3/30
David Oyløe3/30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Gary and Bev Quale..... 3/27

If you don't see your name or anniversary, please let Pastor know.



**Light of Christ Lutheran Church
Annual Meeting Minutes - Sunday, January 28th, 2024**

These minutes are abbreviated.

-The annual meeting was called to order by council president, Dwight Ebel. 35 attended.

-Rick Tofte verified the call for quorum. Pastor Beard opened the meeting with prayer.

-Jody Bearce was appointed parliamentarian. Approved last years minutes.

Reports: Financial: Rick Tofte advised \$26,906 was in checking for years end. Building / Savings had \$87,939. Regular Savings was \$194,909. \$309,000 is in cash/savings. \$153,695 in the general fund.

Rick advised that \$80,000 from the building fund along with \$120,000 from the regular savings account was put in CD at American State Bank and Trust with a 4.95% interest rate.

Light of Christ received \$500 from MVEC toward the AED that was purchased. Insurance was increased to \$1,882,900 for the building and to \$200,000 for the contents.

Capital improvements 2023:

AED: \$2600 was spent on a new AED for the church/daycare.

Furnace: A new furnace for the sanctuary and AC in the basement at a cost of \$15,000.

Doors: The North and East doors of the fellowship hall were installed.

Front wall: a wall with stain glass Wall: \$25,000 to \$30,000, Glass: \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Pastors report: Pastor Beard advised that things were going well and that he is honored having a place to preach. Pastor Beard is assisting Faith in Columbus and Our Redeemers.

President's report: President Dwight Ebel advised that things are going very smooth/well.

Stephen's Ministry: Pastor and Renee Ginther have four (4) ministers that will be trained soon.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business:

Proposed 2024 budget: Daycare rent was lowered to \$3,000 in 2023.

\$144,000 for 2024 is budgeted, with a projected income of \$189,000.

Benevolences: Salvation Army was budgeted for \$1,950.00. \$1,000 was budgeted for pastor's discretion. \$26,000 is budgeted for benevolences for 2024 which is 18% of the general fund.

Office supplies: Erin Olson will no longer be helping with books. Rick Tofte will be stepping down as treasurer and recommends Kelly Klem to replace. The office supplies budget increased to purchase Quick Books or get assistance from a 3rd party. \$3,000 is budgeted with \$4,000 for bookkeeping.

Pastor's compensation: \$6,000 was initially budgeted but was decreased to \$3,000 at pastor's request. \$2,520 for insurance and \$480 into retirement fund at his designation.

A net income of \$49,700 is expected. Approved.

Elections:

President: Dwight Ebel is willing to come back for another 2-year term if elected. Unanimous.

Members at large: Rick Tofte nominates Kelley Klem for treasurer position. Wendy Johnson is willing serve a term on the council. Approved.

Nominating Committee proposes the following executive officers: Bev Quale as Vice President, Matt Haugen as Secretary, and Kelly Klem as Treasurer

Motion to accept the executive officers as proposed with these executive officers and the President authorized to sign on bank accounts and conduct financial transactions on behalf of the church. A huge thank-you to Rick Tofte for serving as treasurer and for all of his help given to help Light of Christ!

Motion to adjourn the annual meeting. Motion carried.



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

In the temple Jesus found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, He drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And He poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And He told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make My Father's house a house of trade." (John 2:14-16)

Would you expect to find an animal market in the middle of the temple courts? I wouldn't. Flies, stink, the sound of sheep baa-ing—how is anybody supposed to worship with that going on right next to them?

So Jesus cleans it out. God's house is not going to be a marketplace if He has anything to say about it! And He pays the price—because the temple authorities get their revenge when they crucify Him later.

But that isn't the only temple Jesus cleans out. As Paul says, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16). God knows my heart needs a good cleaning—and I expect you would

say the same.

So Jesus provides it. But this time, the whip doesn't fall on the guilty parties. No, it falls on Jesus Himself, during His suffering for us. He takes our sins and evil and carries them away, destroying them at the cross. Through His death He takes them out of the world forever. And now that He has risen from the dead, He gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit—God living in us, in peace and joy forever.

WE PRAY: Lord, live within me always. Amen.

Reflection Questions:

Why were there animals in the temple?

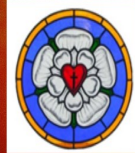
Why did the temple authorities care what Jesus did?

Pray silently: What is one specific thing you'd like Jesus to clean out of your heart?





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EASTER FESTIVAL

**Saturday, March 23rd
9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

HOP ON OVER TO THE EASTER FESTIVAL

**GAMES AND CRAFTS
CAKE WALK
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**ADDRESS: 512 17TH ST. W. WILLISTON
EVERYONE IS WELCOME**



EASTER word search

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Can you find these words?

EASTER	EGG HUNT	JELLYBEANS	RESURRECTION
BUNNY	BASKET	SPRING	SUNDAY
FUN	CANDY	GRASS	MARCH
HE IS RISEN	CHOCOLATE	GAMES	

March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship. Communion.	4	5	6 7pm Lenten Service	7 6:30pm Confirmation	8	9 9:00am Breakfast at the church.
10 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship	11	12	13 7:00pm Women of Life	14	15	16
17 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship Communion	18 	19 5:30pm Church Council Meeting	20 7:00pm Lenten Service	21 6:30pm Confirmation	22	23 9:30am <i>Easter Festival</i>
24 10am Sunday School. Next service grp meets	25	26	27	28 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	29 7pm <i>Good Friday Service</i>	30
31 	1	2	3	4 6:30pm Confirmation	5	6

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