



Light of Christ  
and  
Mission Lutheran



## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, fire departments, and EMT's around the country.

Prayers for our family, friends, and community. Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

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If you or someone you know is in the hospital or going into the hospital or a shut-in, let Pastor Kevin know.

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**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 locw.org and look at the bottom of any page. Click the button to securely give to the general fund of Light of Christ / Mission Lutheran Joint Account. Thank you!

**Pastor Kevin Beard**  
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**Services at 11:00 am**  
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If you have anything for the bulletin or our monthly newsletter, please send it to the church email address;  
kevinbeard@gmail.com

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December 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm. Fellowship Hall - “Stuff they didn’t teach you in Sunday School” Remember that the

studies are also live on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)  
Invite a friend!

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

*TRINITY's Facebook Page:*

[www.facebook.com/trinitycalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitycalex)

*LIGHT OF CHRIST Facebook Page:*

[www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](http://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston)

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Update your contact info!

**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, Cell phone numbers, Home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc. You can send your information to Pr. Kevin at kevinbeard@gmail.com or call him at 701-580-7030

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**1<sup>st</sup> Communion Classes have been completed.**

The celebration will be December 5<sup>th</sup> during Worship Service.

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## CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE – Dec. 24th

Trinity Lutheran – 5:30 pm

Light of Christ / Mission – 7:30 pm



**LOC/M CHURCH COUNCIL** meets Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. There will be a light supper followed by the meeting.

**BIBLE BLOCKS! TUESDAYS** after school. Ages K-6<sup>th</sup> grade, snacks at 3 pm, lesson starts at 3:30, finished by 5 pm. Bring your friends!



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

**LOC/M CHURCH BREAKFAST** on **DECEMBER 11<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall, 9 am.

Everyone is invited to come. Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make breakfast!



**SUNDAY, DEC. 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS SING** during worship service.

**ADVENT FAMILY GATHERING: A POTLUCK** for everyone with family games and crafts following worship.

Pastor Kevin has decided that he would like the minutes from the council meetings printed in the newsletters each month. This is a good way for everyone to stay abreast of what decisions are being made for the church.



## ADVENT TRADITION!



Christians in many countries have adopted various traditions of lighting candles during Advent to observe this as the time of the coming of Christ who is the light of the world. One tradition is the use of an Advent wreath both in the church and the home to mark each Sunday in the Advent season. The Advent wreath is made out of evergreens in the shape of a circle to represent eternal life. It consists of four candles; usually three purple or blue candles to match the liturgical colors and one pink candle lit on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent. This 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday is known as *Gaudete* Sunday, meaning “rejoice” in Latin and comes from Philippians 4:4. Lighting this 3<sup>rd</sup> candle, Christians celebrate that the promised Messiah is coming soon. Many Advent wreaths also have a 5<sup>th</sup> candle, the Christ candle in the center, which is lit during the time of Christmas, symbolizing that Christ, the light of the world, has entered the darkness.



**WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. GROUP** will be meeting the on only the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of December this month at 7 pm for Bible Study and prayers. . They will resume meeting the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month in January. Please consider attending! December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Dec 5	Mal 3:1-7b	Psa 66:1-12	Php 1:2-11	Luke 3:1-14 (15-20)
Dec 12	Zep 3:14-20	Psa 85	Php 4:4-7	Luke 7:18-28 (29-35)
Dec 19	Mic 5:2-5a	Psa 80:1-7	Heb 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45 (46-56)
Dec 24	Isa 9:2-7	Psa 96	Tts 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)
Dec 25	Isa 52:7-10	Psa 2	Heb 1:1-6 (7-12)	John 1:1-14 (15-18)
Dec 26	Exo 13:1-3a, 11-15	Psa 111	Col 3:12-17	Luke 2:22-40

**YELLOW SERVICE GROUP**  
**(Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec)**

Brian and Misty Beard  
Clint Chamberlin  
Bob and Dianne Cummings

Seth and Kayla Fenster  
Wendy Johnson  
Josh and Erin Olson  
David and Kim Oyloe  
Amber Park  
Rick and Linda Tofte



**Thank you for  
serving!**

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## BIRTHDAYS

Renee Ginther..... Dec 07  
Donovan Fenster..... Dec 11  
Quentin Fenster..... Dec 11  
Finley Park..... Dec 11  
Kailee Patch..... Dec 18  
Cody Shanks ..... Dec 19  
Erin Wegner ..... Dec 17  
Melissa Heller ..... Dec 24



## ANNIVERSARIES

Rick and Linda Tofte ..... Dec 28

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed here, please let Pr. Kevin know.*

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**Worship  
& Praise**

## DEVOTION from LHM.ORG



*1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 - For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in*

*holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.*

The apostle Paul was definitely feeling some "thanksgiving" vibes for the church at Thessalonica. Paul here writes to the Thessalonian believers how Timothy told the apostle about, "the good news of your faith and love and reported that you always remember us kindly and long to see us, as we long to see you" (1 Thessalonians 3:6b).

Paul goes on to say that in whatever distress or affliction he and his companions experienced, "For now we live, if you are standing fast in the Lord" (1 Thessalonians 3:8). That's what did it for Paul: he rejoiced over these believers who were transformed by the immovable truth of "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" (1 Corinthians 2:2b). This is truth only God can anchor in a person's heart. For all the competing narratives and clever arguments we may encounter, the world's wisdom is DOA in the face of the Holy Spirit's life-changing work through the power of God (see 1 Corinthians 2:3-5).

We see what Paul was thankful for and how his ultimate thanks were always tied to God. On this Thanksgiving Eve, what are some of the things you're thankful for—family, home, a sense of wellbeing for the days ahead? These are blessings to be sure. But, perhaps, people, health, and hearth aren't happening for you right now. And maybe looking for a silver lining in the middle of half a dozen problems you can't fix doesn't leave you feeling very thankful at all.

In this case, you're not alone. This is the day-to-day struggle for countless millions who deal with problems they feel powerless to manage. In this, the apostle Paul has another valuable lesson for us, and it's tied to faith—faith in a God who can meet any and every need we have regardless of what's going on, or our power to fix it. "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen" (Philippians 4:19-20).

This is faith that sees God's grace in all life's situations—no matter what we're facing. It's knowing that God is with us whether our plate is full or not. He sees our lack. He understands our cries for help. It was for this reason Jesus came into this world. For Him we are always thankful—for His care, His life, His death, and His resurrection.

In Jesus, God has met all our needs—now and through eternity.

**THE PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, let our hearts be thankful in You—for calling us, receiving us, and saving us through Your Son Jesus. In His Name we pray. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Paul Schreiber.

**Light of Christ/Mission Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes - November 9, 2021**

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

Rick made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, Mov/secd/appv.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Kevin is happy with the way things are going in the church. He has one confirmation student and three first communion students. Pastor is now rostered in the AALC.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick went over the financial report and balance sheet as of October 31, 2021. Financially the church is doing well. Mov/secd/appv.

**Old Business:** Rick reported on the construction progress for the daycare. Things have been going well and they are still hoping for a January completion date. Discussed the possibility of making kitchen cabinet and counter changes, adding a dishwasher and a different sink set-up. Rick will look into this. Mov/secd/appv.

Discussion on insurance issues, such as Pastor's liability for counseling, harassment, etc., and found that our current coverage does cover those concerns.

Discussed the possibility of installing chairs in place of pews in the sanctuary, Pastor Kevin is now going to check on prices of cushions for the current pews.

Kim has posted a calendar for events on the fellowship hall bulletin board. This is to specify dates that the church fellowship hall may be in use by other groups or individuals.

Pastor made it clear that alcohol use would not be allowed at any event in the church. He is going to make a list of rules for anyone using the fellowship hall for personal events.

Church council openings and upcoming elections were discussed. 7 members will be elected. This will be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 members at large.

The results of the Sunday service time preference survey in Williston and Alexander showed Williston prefers the 11 AM time slot and Alexander the 9 AM slot.

**New Business:** Weekly Advent services. It was suggested having one family Advent service. The council & Pastor agreed. The date and time of the service will be announced later by Pastor Kevin.

Pastor Kevin said he would like to see envelope holders added to the pews for visitor envelopes.

It was suggested that we make up a list of fundraisers that we would like to support. The council all agreed that it was a good idea to support the Ft. Wayne Seminary. Other organizations; AALC, Youth for Christ, Heifer International, Salvation Army, Meals on Wheels, Food Bank, and Issues, etc. We currently give to National & NWRP Bible camp, which would continue.

It was suggested that we hold a council meeting in December to prepare for year end reports, etc. Rick will contact attorney, Ryan Geltel, to prepare a merger agreement.

Matt motioned that the meeting adjourn, Mov/secd/appv.

In closing we joined in the Lord's prayer

**Post Meeting Notes: 11-17-2021**

An email was sent to council members by President, on issues needing approval before next council.

The Pastor's office is ready for occupancy and still in need of a few furnishings. Mov/secd/appv.

The joint LOC/Mission annual meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** December 14, 2021, 5:30 PM

**Light of Christ/Mission Lutheran Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, September 14, 2021**

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

**Treasurer's Report:** General fund income for August was up \$2500. from July. The insurance money for hail damage to the church and roof was \$29,147.17.

**Old Business:** Rick reported that the daycare work is pretty much on track for completion for January 1, 2022. Voted to have an attorney write up the lease for the daycare provider.

Pastor Kevin had a church directory sample from Ink Spot Printing. It was estimated that the total cost of the directories would run around \$1200.

The monthly church breakfasts will begin on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9 AM.

It was decided that we would keep our old hymnals in the church for now.

**New Business:** Daycare discussion covered wall removal under the sanctuary, cleaning up visible wires and conduits and purchase of a new water heater and recirculating pump.

Carpet samples for the sanctuary and upstairs offices were viewed and voted to purchase. Discussed possibility of replacing the pews with chairs while replacing the carpet.

Pastor Kevin would like to get a Helping Hands ministry started. He handed out ideas of things we might be able to help others with, to see if the council was agreeable, which it was..

Our Sunday school year started on September 12<sup>th</sup>. At present we have two teachers on board, Marilee Beard & Jody Bearce. The curriculum this year is from Sola Publishing.

The Pastor is teaching Bible Blocks on Wednesday after school.

The suicide walk will be taking place on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Beard will be attending the National Pastor's Conference in Minneapolis October 25-29. While there he will be interviewed for his application to be AALC rostered.

A short discussion on daycare expenses took place. The possibility of raising the rent and then covering the monthly utility expenses for Amy was considered as a possibility. Amy will take care of the snow removal during the week.

Pastor is going to conduct a survey with the Williston & Alexander churches to determine the feelings on Sunday service times. There may then be a vote on the results.

Kim Oyloe will print an event calendar to post in the fellowship hall so we can keep track of activities scheduled to take place in the church. The council has approved the use of the fellowship hall for the Heller rehearsal dinner on October 1<sup>st</sup>, and the Quale benefit on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The day care association also holds their meetings there on the second Monday of the month.

October is Pastor appreciation month and also our church secretary Penney Waurio's last month in Williston. Shelli Patch will be our new church secretary.

We hope to again have an October or November polka service, depending on the Jory's availability.

A nominating committee for finding new church council candidates, to be voted on at the annual meeting in January, was formed. Shelli Patch & Wendy Hansen volunteered to be on the committee. One more person, not on the council, will be selected, for a total of 3.

The meeting was adjourned and we joined in the Lord's Prayer in closing.

# Bible Trivia

How many words are in the shortest verse of the Bible?

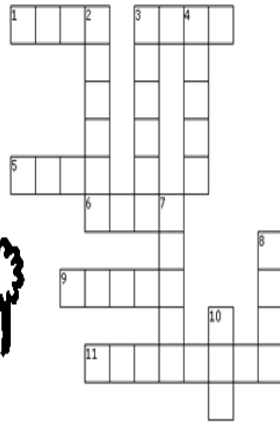
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What were they? \_\_\_\_\_.



## The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

1. Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
3. The period from birth to death
5. A strong feeling of affection
6. Goes faster than walking
9. What we use to speak
11. One who takes care of the sheep

**DOWN**

2. The male parent
3. To hear or pay attention to something
4. A group of sheep herded together
7. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
8. The opposite of bad
10. A small place where animals are kept

**Words Used**

good	sheep	runs	listen
shepherd	wolf	father	pen
life	flock	voice	love



## Creation



Adam  
Animals  
Birds  
Create  
Days  
Earth  
Eden  
Eve  
Fish  
Fruit

Garden  
Herbs  
Man  
Mist  
Moon  
Paradise  
Rest  
Rib  
Seeds  
Sky

Stars  
Sun  
Trees  
Woman

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## December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> Women of L.I.F.E. Bible Study. 7 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 11a Worship Communion	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Bible blocks 3-5p	<b>8</b> Confirmation 4-6p  Bible Study 7pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Church breakfast 9-11am Fellowship Hall Confirmation 10a
<b>12</b> 11a Worship Advent Gathering after church 12p	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Bible blocks 3-5p	<b>15</b> NO Women of L.I.F.E. Bible Study tonight	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 11a Worship Communion	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bible blocks 3-5p	<b>22</b> Bible Study 7pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 11a Worship No Sunday School Next Service Group meets	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Bible blocks 3-5p	<b>29</b> No Bible study tonight	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	Trivia Answer: Part 1: 2. Part 2: "Jesus wept." John 11:35

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