NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity

If you have anything for the bulletin or our monthly newsletter,
please send it to the church email address; kevinrbeard@gmail.com

BOTH CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1ST LESSON	PSALM	2ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Nov 1st	Rev 7:(2-8) 9-17	Psa 149 1	Joh 3:1-3	Matt 5:1-12
Nov 8th	Amo 5:18-24	Psa 70	1 Ths 4:13-18	Matt 25:1-13
Nov 15th	Zep 1:7-16	Psa 90:1-12	1 Ths 5:1-11	Matt 25:14-30
Nov 22nd	Eze 34:11-16, 20-24	Psa 95:1-7a	1 Cor 15:20-28	Matt 25:31-46

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

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”.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:



Prayers for this country, our leaders, law enforcement, military, fire departments, and EMT’s around the country. Prayers for our family, friends, and community.

Pray for persecuted Christians in all places.

Prayers for nursing home and assisted living residents as well as shut-ins.



PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT (October 21st)

I visited kids at the Cerebral Palsy Center again and the school for the hearing impaired. We were interrupted by air raid sirens again. Thank you for all your prayers and support, we really need them right now. The constant blackouts and air raid sirens make life very hard for the Ukrainian people, but God is good and we know He is our light in the darkness and our hope in these tragic times.

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/***

BOTH CHURCHES

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY
www.lcms.org/worship/liturgy-parts

Holy Communion

As we come to the Lord's Table, the pastor invites us, "Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. Take, drink, this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins."

After we receive the Sacrament we hear the comforting words spoken by the pastor, "The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to life everlasting." We respond, "Amen," for this is our sincere desire.

It's a good practice to offer a silent prayer of thanks when we return to our pews. While the meal is being distributed, the congregation should remain in silence as a sign of devotion toward God.

BIBLE STUDY

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES (Formerly "Wed")
TLC – **Nov 4th** and **18th** at 2 pm
LOC – Wed, **Nov 11th** and **TUE**, **Nov 24th** at 7 pm

NOTE FOR LOC: Bible Study dates are going to be a little weird due to a ***tight*** Confirmation Schedule.

LUTHERANISM 101 at LOC – Mon, **Nov 9th and 23rd.** from 6:30 to 7:30 pm**.** See the schedule on bulletin board.

COMMUNION SERVICES

BOTH CHURCHES – Sun, **Nov 1st** and **15th**
ASSISTED LIVING – Mon, **Nov 2nd**
Arbor House at 1 pm; Briarwood at 2 pm

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

TLC – Wed, **Nov 18th** – Classes from 4 to 5:30 pm
LOC – Wed, **Nov 4th** – Classes from 6 to 7:30 pm

BOTH CHURCHES

JOINT LOC/ORLC THANKSGIVING SERVICE on **Nov 25th** at Our Redeemers Lutheran in Williston. 7 pm. Join us!!!

SEMINARY SUPPORT - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. Help train up future pastors. You can support them at **www.alts.edu/sola_500**

OUR LUTHERAN LITURGY

GATHERING:
- Prelude Music
- Greeting
- Announcements
- Invocation
- Confession and Absolution
- Introit
- Opening Hymn
- Greeting
- Kyrie Eleison
- Gloria In Excelsis
- Salutation
- Prayer of the Day

GOD'S WORD:
- First Reading
- Psalm
- Second Reading
- Hallelujah
- The Creed
- Sermon

RESPONSE:
- Hymn of the Day:
- Prayers of the Church
- Offering and Prayer

COMMUNION:
- Preface to Communion
- Propers
- Sanctus
- Lord's Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Agnus Dei
- Distribution
- Nunc Dimittis
- Thanksgiving

SENDING:
- Benediction
- Sending Hymn

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES - Drop Off Week is Nov 16th – 23rd

LOC is an authorized area drop off site for Samaritan's Purse. Please consider making up a gift shoebox for a needy child. You will find shoeboxes at the back of the church and **volunteers** are needed to help receive and pack the shoeboxes.







God Uses a Gift and a Letter to Change Lives

As a 7-year-old in Mongolia, Jargalmaa (pictured left) described one particular day as "unexpected." After school, her teacher invited her to a church where she received her very first gift! This Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift included, among other fun toys, stationery, and a set of hairclips. Inside, she also found a letter that said, "You are valuable and so loved by God." Jargalmaa cherished this message because her parents and grandparents had never told her that they loved her. Jargalmaa went on to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program where she especially appreciated the lessons about God as Creator. Five of her family members and two close friends also became believers. Now 15 years after receiving her shoebox gift, Jargalmaa, her husband, and two young children have recently moved to a new community where they are ministering to youth in hopes of starting a church. *"I would like to challenge people who are preparing shoebox gifts to also write a letter showing God's love,"* Jargalmaa said. "What's written there may be very simple, but those simple words could completely change somebody's life."

TRINITY LUTHERAN



BIRTHDAYS

Phyllis Link **11/04**
Tim Nelson **11/07**
Anne Mrachek **11/11**
Garrett Rider **11/14**
Sara Grieger **11/16**
Carson Getzlaff **11/17**
Charles Aasen **11/23**
Taylor Dwyer **11/29**
Lane Rider **11/30**

TLC ANNIVERSARIES

Cody & Asha Kirkland **11/9**

If we don't have your birthday or anniversary, let the pastor know.

LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

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

PASTOR's OFFICE HOURS – Mon, Wed, Fri from 10 am to noon. (Schedule permiting)
Come and go as you wish. Come for coffee, bring your joys, your troubles, or just to visit. Individual Confession and Forgiveness should be scheduled with the pastor.

BIRTHDAYS

Auburn Byman 11/02
Rebecca Karvonen 11/04
Clint Chamberlin 11/08
Steve Peterson 11/09
Ruby Byman 11/10
Dick Beard 11/17
Kim Alton 11/23
Ivory Byman 11/26
Coleen Johnson 11/30
Coreen Beard 11/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Bonnie Wendel 11/25



WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. - Wed, **Nov 4th** at 2 pm. Bible Study and Meeting. All women are invited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is running each week before Worship Services.
Please pray for our kids and their teachers and music leaders.

LOC CHURCH COUNCIL meets Tues, **NOV 17th** at 5:30 pm. We start with a light meal followed by the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, **Nov 21st**! Please come and invite a friend or two!

STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES – Thur, **Nov 12th** and **19th** from 6 to 8:30 pm.

THE ANNUAL SOUP AND CHILI SUPPER AT LOC is Nov 29th at 5 pm.
Come with family and friends to enjoy a meal and judge which meal has the best taste. A nice traveling trophy and long lasting bragging rights will be awarded to the winner!

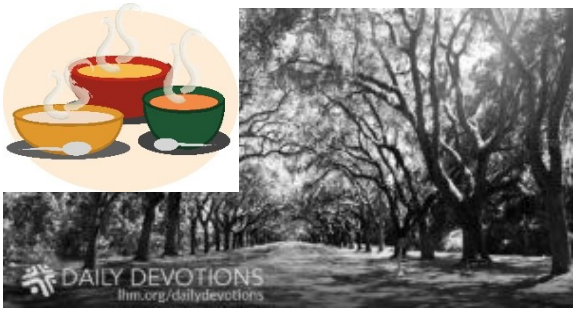
NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY coming in December! (???)

MEN'S GROUP – Upcoming Class - We will draw on Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions to challenge you to abandon the comfortable, self-serving masculinity that society encourages and embrace a masculinity defined by our Lord's example: sacrificial giving, courageous duty, and selfless love.

YOUTH GROUP??? The church is looking at starting up a Youth Group for ages 7th grade through High School. We are looking for **adult volunteers** to organize and run this ministry.

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

Darrin Baker & Jolyssa Marquart
Ted Bearce
Kelsey Ginther & Family
Steve and Renee Ginther
Scott and Melissa Heller
Gary and Bev Quale
Nick and Jessica Quale
Kelly Klem and Janice Deesten
Gary & Bonnie Wendel
Kevin & Melissa Sederquest
Aidan McCartney
Seth and Kayla Fenster
Blaine & Jennie Jorgenson
Glenn & Susan Jorgenson



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:11)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure." (1 John 3:1-3)

This weekend, many Christian churches will celebrate "All Saints Day." We will remember inspiring Christians who have gone before us, examples from the past. This is a good thing to do. We often learn best by example. We need role models, people who inspire us to be our best. At the same time, these words from the apostle John help us remember that none of us Christians are the mature saints that we will be one day, that is, on the Day when Jesus returns to make all things new and raise us from death.

Martin Luther once expressed this truth in a clear and beautiful way. It was the year 1520, shortly after Luther's teaching had been condemned by the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church at the time. One question debated was, "Can any Christian, even the saintliest of the saints, ever attain full maturity or perfection *in this life*?" Luther echoed Scripture and said "No." With John's words and many other Bible passages in mind, Luther explained: "This life, therefore, is not godliness but the process of becoming godly, not health but getting well, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not now what we shall be, but we are on the way. The process is not yet finished, but is actively going on. This is not the goal but it is the right road. At present, everything does not gleam and sparkle, but everything is being cleansed" (*Luther's Works*, vol. 32, p. 24).

What we will be has not yet appeared. But what we are, even now, is God's adopted kids, His children. And we're growing up, as kids do. We're practicing and failing, saying sorry, being forgiven, trying again. We are not yet what we will be. That's why we still need the Bible. Even if you've read it all the way through multiple times, you're not done with it, and it's not done with you. You are God's child. And children need words to grow—many words—words of care and correction, words of welcome and warning, words of protection and pardon.

Later in the third chapter of John's first letter, he will say that we are what we are because "God's seed abides" in us (1 John 3:9b). God has planted the seed of His Word in our hearts. And one day He will grow us into mighty and towering oaks of righteousness (see Isaiah 61:3). Some days, you will look back and celebrate all the growth you've had in the last season. Some days, you may feel like a flimsy sapling or tender seedling. Others, you might wonder if you're still an acorn. Wherever you fall, remember that in Jesus—crucified, risen, ruling, and returning—you're already an oak, a saint, a child of God.

WE PRAY: Dear Father, what love You have lavished on us that we should be called Your children. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

This Daily Devotion was written by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of **The Lutheran Hour**.

The Beatitudes

Find the 34 ***bold*** *words from Matthew 5:2-12 (ESV)*

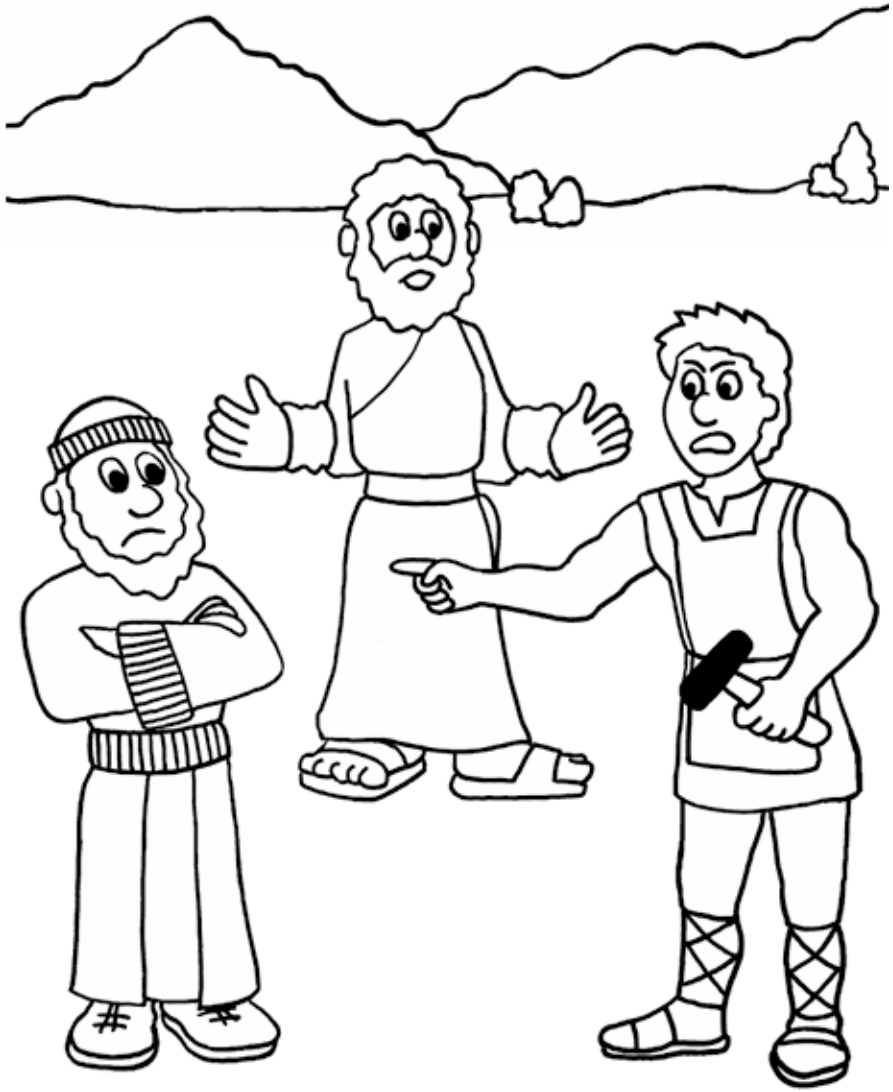
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And he opened his mouth and **taught** them, saying: "**Blessed** are the **poor** in **spirit**, for theirs is the **kingdom** of **heaven**. "Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they shall be **comforted**. "Blessed are the **meek**, for they shall **inherit** the **earth**. "Blessed are those who **hunger** and **thirst** for **righteousness**, for they shall be **satisfied**. "Blessed are the **merciful**, for they shall receive **mercy**. "Blessed are the **pure** in **heart**, for they shall **see God**. "Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they shall be **called sons** of God. "Blessed are those who are **persecuted** for righteousness' **sake**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when others **revile** you and **persecute** you and **utter** all kinds of **evil** against you falsely on my account. **Rejoice** and be glad, for your **reward** is **great** in heaven, for so they persecuted the **prophets** who were before you.

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Today's Gospel Lesson

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026



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for they shall be called sons of God."