




# 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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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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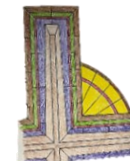


The upcoming **Ash Wednesday** service is **March 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00pm.



**CONFIRMATION** - February 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**STAINED GLASS GROUP PROJECT** – Starting **Feb 8<sup>th</sup>** following the church breakfast, you are invited to join us Saturday mornings from **9 am to noon** to help create the stained glass for the new Sanctuary Wall. We hope to have it completed by Easter Services.



**Bible Study**  
February 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00pm.

**LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST**  
Saturday **February 8<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am.  
Please come and invite a friend or two!



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

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

The family of *Julie Hansen*

*Douglas Shultz*

The family of *Lowella Clarin*.



## WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. – Wed, February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mtg & Bible Study at 7 pm.

All women are invited.



### PASTOR SCOTT YOUNT

(Jan 22) A fun week at the school for hearing impaired and at the Cerebral Palsy Center. 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](http://locw.org). Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston](https://www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston).

**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”.

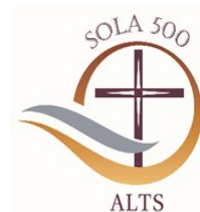
### ONLINE OFFERING now available!

We now offer ONLINE OFFERING on our church website. Just go to [www.locw.org](http://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.

**SEMINARY SUPPORT** - American Lutheran Theological Seminary (ALTS) is the seminary for the AALC. **SOLA 500** is a fundraising campaign to support their work of training up future pastors. You can support them at [www.alts.edu/sola\\_500](http://www.alts.edu/sola_500)



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

### PILL BOTTLE DONATION UPDATE -

The empty plastic pill bottles we collect are used in shipments of medical supplies to disaster and less developed parts of the world. Our pill bottle program fulfills the dual needs of improving medical care in developing countries and in disaster relief. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!



## FEBRUARY 2025 READINGS

DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Feb 2nd	Jer 1:4-10 (17-19)	Psa 71:1-11	1 Cor 12:31b - 13:13	Luke 4:31-44
Feb 9th	Isa 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psa 138	1 Cor 14:12b-20	Luke 5:1-11
Feb 16th	Jer 17:5-8	Psa 1	1 Cor 15:(1-11) 12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Feb 23rd	Gen 45:3-15	Psa 103:1-13	1 Cor 15:21-26, 30-42	Luke 6:27-38

## STEPHEN's MINISTRY CONTINUING ED

Tues, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7:30 pm

Major Medical Crisis – Part 2



### LOC SOUP MINISTRY!

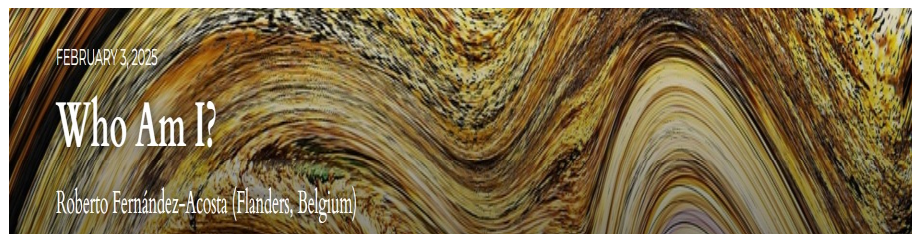
You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. Someone living alone, recovering from an illness or surgery, someone experiencing loss or grief, or anyone in need who might benefit from some warm soup. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers.



THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!

Interested in helping make the  
stained glass cross? Go to YouTube  
and search for  
"Light Leaded Designs"  
Watch a few videos  
on how it's done.

## THE UPPER ROOM®



*Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" - Exodus 3:11 (NRSVUE)*

Moses is one of the most important figures in history. However, he spent most of his life in anonymity. After living the early part of his life among the Egyptian aristocracy, he became a shepherd and was quite old when God called him to a great mission.

God spoke to Moses through a magnificent revelation of power: a bush that burned with fire and was not consumed. However, Moses responded to God's call with a question: "Who am I that I should go?" Moses' question makes sense. After all, he was a murderer and a fugitive (see Ex. 2:11-15). When Moses made excuses based on his incapacity, God refuted them saying, "I will be with you."

Many times in my life I have had to face circumstances that seemed beyond my capabilities. Better candidates always came to mind — people who could fulfill a divine mission more excellently. But the heavenly answer is always the same: "I will be with you." Then I understand: it is not about who I am but about the Holy One who calls me.

*Dear God, thank you for being with us. Help us to trust you when you call us to do something we feel unprepared for. Amen.*

## 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

Amy Reep

Jed and Melissa Rider

Kelly Klem and Janice Deesten

Steve and Lisa Peterson

Gary & Bonnie Wendel

Thank you for serving!



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Matt Haugen ..... 2/01

Erin Olson ..... 2/06

Kelsey Ginther..... 2/15

Thea Holter..... 2/22

Amy Haugen..... 2/26

Melanie Heller..... 2/28

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Tommie & Amy Giordano ..... 2/17

Dwight & Shelli Patch ..... 2/20

Seth & Kayla Fenster ..... 2/23

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





## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

### DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

*John 4:9-10 - The Samaritan woman said to Him [Jesus], "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."*

This devotion pairs with this weekend's Lutheran Hour sermon, which can be found at [lhm.org](http://lhm.org).

Almost without exception, Jews and Samaritans hated each other. To the Jews, the Samaritans were half-breeds and bad sports. They claimed kinship with the Jews when it served them but distanced themselves when it didn't. To the Samaritans, the Jews were pompous hypocrites who added books to the Bible (the Samaritan Bible had only five books, the first five written by Moses). And by the time that God's Son Jesus was born among us, the conflict between these two groups had reached a feverish pitch.

One source of contention was that Jewish neighborhoods were divided between north and south, and the Samaritans were in the middle. So, the Jews had to travel through Samaria regularly. Three times a year, Jews in the north had to travel south to Jerusalem for their holy days. According to the Jewish historian Josephus, many Jews, rather than going around, took the direct route through Samaria. Eventually, some Samaritans got fed up with these trespassing Jews. So, they ambushed their camp, raided their tents, murdered their people.

The northern Jews appealed to the Roman governor for revenge, but the Samaritans bribed him, convinced him to stay out of it. So, the Jews took matters into their own hands. They raided and burned Samaritan villages. Then the Roman emperor got involved. Several Jews got crucified. Samaritans were slain. And one of the ringleaders was drug through the streets and slaughtered in the town square (see Josephus, *Antiquities*, 20.6).

So Jesus, like other northern Jews of His day, traveled through Samaria on His way to Jerusalem. But on this trip, Jesus takes a risk (humanly speaking). He doesn't just pass through, but He stops in Samaria, exposes Himself and His followers to grave danger, lingers at a well. It was a famous well dug over a thousand years ago by the Jewish patriarch Jacob—Jacob who'd received the promise of God that through his family all the families of the earth would be blessed—all of them, Jews, Samaritans, Gentiles, you, me, everyone. All would be blessed with new life through the Messiah, who would come from Jacob's descendants so that He could die and rise and rule and return one day, to quench a thirsty world and make us one. That's why Jesus strikes up a conversation with this woman and invites her to put all her trust in Him, which she does, and immediately joins Him in His unifying mission.

Jesus is doing the same for you today. He invites you into His life so that together we can cross borders, build bridges with people who are different from us, to do the things that make for unity, to participate with people from every tribe, language, and nation in a bigger mission, for a bigger harvest, to the praise of a bigger God, who will take all of us, no exceptions.

**WE PRAY:** Dear Jesus, even if our divisions remain for a time, make them smaller in the light of Your expansive love. Amen.

## Light of Christ Lutheran Church

### Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Dwight Ebel. A prayer was said for our meal.

The following members were in attendance: Dwight Ebel, Kelly Klem, Gary Hansen, Matt Haugen, Wendy Johnson, Kayla Fenster, Bev Quale and Pastor Kevin Berd.

**Pastor's report:** Pastor Beard reports that everything is going well. There have been lots of funerals this year, 11 funerals and 4 weddings. Greg Stenzel will be the new pastor for Our Redeemers. Worship is going well and Pastor Beard is very happy with how confirmation is going this year. Sunday school and bible study are also going well. Pastor Beard is doing his best.

**Treasurers report:** Kelly has completed the corporate registration, tax abatement and W2 balance for the church with the 10-99's soon to follow. There are \$80,000 more in assets than last year. There are \$300,000 in CD's vs the previous \$200,000. \$200,000 is at ASB with \$100,000 at First State. Overall income is slightly over budget with slightly less received in collections (\$8,000 less). Royalties received was \$3,000 which is less. Benevolences went out in Dec to the amount of \$8,400. There were less in ministry expenses than budgeted. Admin costs were less and building maintenance costs were down. Nov to Dec collections were up. So far, we are \$29,000 ahead ytd in the budget. The expenses are in line and less than planned. 2023 to 2024 expenses are similar and in line.

**Old business:** **Sanctuary altar remodel update:** Rick is working on getting brick samples. Around \$40,000 to \$45,000 for the building, brick, frame for the cross, panels, tape/texture, data and led lights. This does not include the stained glass which Pastor Beard advised that he would do with the help of the congregation. Timeline for the project could start

around the end of March with a possible completion of around Easter. Pastor Beard to order the stained glass necessary.

**Door stops:** Matt is still looking into these with no update from last meeting.

**Daycare lease:** The daycare lease has been signed and that this is the same 3-year lease as the last lease at \$3,000 a month with an option to add another 3 years on the form. If a new 3-year lease is signed after this 3 year, the rent will be upped to \$3,300 a month.

**Pastor retirement program:** Kelly got Pastor Beard all set with AALC and he is good to go.

**Final budget:** Per Kelly, there is not going to be a lot of differences on the final budget than what had been previously brought to the council.

**Parking lot:** Gary will be getting quotes to fix the East corner of the building to the end of the asphalt on the West end of the parking lot in the coming spring/summer.

### **New Business:**

**Annual Meeting:** Pastor Beard has texted those who need to submit reports as he is working on getting things ready to go prior to the annual meeting. Pastor Beard and Council President Dwight Ebel will be working on the agenda for the annual meeting.

**Council members:** Church council Secretary Matt Haugen and Vice President Bev Quale's terms on the council will be coming up. Matt has advised that he would like to remain on the council for another term as secretary and Bev advised that she would like to step down. Kayla Fenster informed the council that she would be interested in becoming Vice President and Amber Park advised that she would be interested in being on the council.

The Light of Christ Church Council would like to thank Bev Quale for all that she has done for our church and congregation and thanks her for her years of service to Mission Lutheran, Light of Christ and its members. You will be missed!

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 with meal provided by Gary Hansen.

## Strength of Soul

Find the 48 **bold** words from Psalm 138 (ESV)

N L U O S D S D N A H B M S Y  
W E Q G I V E E L B U O R T L  
O T N H X T R L A H U W C R O  
R I S E L V U I L T D R A E H  
K A N A M E D V H A U G H T Y  
L S X R F I N E X R C G G C P  
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T A E R G L O R Y L W O L W L

I **give** you **thanks**, O LORD, with my **whole heart**; before the gods I **sing** your **praise**; I **bow down** toward your **holy temple** and give thanks to your **name** for your **steadfast love** and your **faithfulness**, for you have **exalted** above all things your name and your **word**. On the day I **called**, you **answered** me; my **strength of soul** you **increased**. All the **kings** of the **earth** shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have **heard** the words of your **mouth**, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for **great** is the **glory** of the LORD. For though the LORD is **high**, he regards the **lowly**, but the **haughty** he knows from afar. Though I **walk** in the midst of **trouble**, you **preserve** my **life**; you **stretch** out your **hand** against the **wrath** of my **enemies**, and your right hand **delivers** me. The LORD will **fulfill** his **purpose** for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, **endures forever**. Do not **forsake** the **work** of your **hands**.

## Valentine's Day

Find the words on the list in the word search below!


X Z N E I H  
H Z B M S W Q X F  
Z Q J F O O A A M C S  
C B I G L R R R T A F D X  
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FLOWERS  
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KINDNESS  
NICE  
ROSE  
SWEET

CHOCOLATE  
FRIENDSHIP  
HAPPINESS  
LETTERS  
PINK  
SERVICE  
THOUGHTFUL

# February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 10am Sunday School. 11am Wor- ship. Communion.	3	4	5 7pm Women of L.I.F.E. Mtg	6 6pm Stephen Ministry Supervision	7	8 9am LOC Church Break- fast & Stained Glass Project
9 10am Sunday School. 11am Worship	10	11	12 7pm Bible Study	13 6:30pm Confir- mation	14 	15 9am Stained Glass Project
16 10am Sunday school. 11am Wor- ship. Communion.	17 <i>Presidents' Day</i>	18	19	20	21	22 9am Stained Glass Project
23 10:30am Next ser- vice group Meets. 11am Worship.	24	25	26 7pm Bible Study	27 6:30pm Confir- mation	28	1 9am Stained Glass Project



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