

# Light of Christ Lutheran Church



## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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

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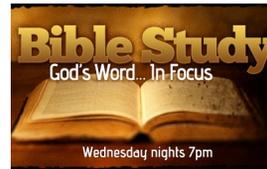
If you or someone you know is in the hospital or going into the hospital or a shut-in, let Pastor Kevin know.

**GREAT NEWS!**  
Both Light of Christ Church and Mission Lutheran Church voted unanimously at the annual meeting to become ONE! Together God can accomplish even more!



**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!

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



**Bible Study February 9th and 23rd 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!

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

*TRINITY's Facebook Page:*  
[www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex](http://www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex)  
*LIGHT OF CHRIST Facebook Page:*  
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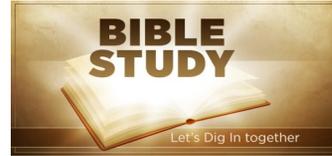
**IT IS IMPORTANT** that the church has your correct contact information, Cell phone numbers, Home phone, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversary, etc. You can send your information to Pr. Kevin at [kevinrbeard@gmail.com](mailto:kevinrbeard@gmail.com) or call him at 701-580-7030



**GREEN SERVICE GROUP**  
(Feb, May, Aug, Nov)

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

**Thank you for serving!**



**BIBLE STUDY** will be held Wed,  
**February 9th and 23rd** in the  
 Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm. Please  
 come and invite a friend!

**Women of L.I.F.E.** will meet on Wednesdays **February 2nd and 16th.** If you are interested, please join them!



**BIRTHDAYS**

- Matt Haugen .....02/01
- Beau Rider.....02/03
- Erin Olson.....02/06
- Myrna Tveter .....02/08
- Kelsey Ginther.....02/15
- Amy Haugen .....02/26
- Melanie Heller.....02/28

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Tommie and Amy Giordano .02/17
- Dwight and Shelli Patch .....02/20
- Seth and Kayla Fenster .....02/23



**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!

If there is no school, then there is no Bible Blocks.



**A new council was elected at the last annual meeting!**

- President—Dwight Ebel
- Vice Pres—Roger Bearce
- Treasurer—Rick Tofte
- Secretary—Dianne Cummings
- Members at large—  
 Bev Quale  
 Kim Oyløe  
 Matt Haugen



Remember to thank them for all the hard work they put in!

**LOC/M CHURCH BREAKFAST** on February 12th in the Fellowship Hall, 9 am.



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

FEBRUARY BIBLE READINGS				
DATE	1 <sup>ST</sup> LESSON	PSALM	2 <sup>ND</sup> LESSON	GOSPEL
Feb 6	Isa 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psa 138	1 Cor 14:12b-20	Luke 5:1-11
Feb 13	Jer 17:5-8	Psa 1	1 Cor 15:(1-11) 12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Feb 20	Gen 45:3-15	Psa 103:1-13	1 Cor 15:21-26, 30-42	Luke 6:27-38
Feb27	Deu 34:1-12	Psa 99	Heb 3:1-6	Luke 9:28-36e

## LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES



### DEVOTION from LHM.ORG

*Luke 5:27-32 - After this He [Jesus] went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And He said to him, "Follow Me." And leaving everything, he rose and followed Him. And Levi made Him a great feast in his house, and there was a large company of tax collectors and others reclining at table with them. And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*

Author Tim Townsend, in his book, *Mission at Nuremberg*, tells how Henry Gerecke, a U.S. Army chaplain at the end of World War II, was sent to minister to the most despised sinners on the planet: the 21 Nazi officials charged with crimes against humanity at the infamous Nuremberg Trials. When Gerecke was notified, his boss told him that it was the most unpopular assignment around, and that he didn't have to go. And because of his age, Gerecke could have gotten out of the assignment. But after days of prayer, he came to see the situation in a different light. "Slowly," he said, "those men became to me just lost souls whom I was being asked to help."

It's not the calling of a medical doctor to assign blame and punishment, but rather to heal and to help. And it's not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. So, Chaplain Gerecke went to do what may have been the most unpopular job on the planet, a job for which he would later be condemned by people who were convinced of their moral superiority.

When Jesus said that it's not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick, many of the Jewish people who heard Him that day knew He was the doctor they needed, and that their need was more than just physical. But a group called the Pharisees were skeptical about Jesus. They were convinced of their moral superiority.

If you have walked with Jesus, you know the relief that comes when you surrender your moral superiority, when you stop looking down on other people and sit down at the table with them, as a forgiven sinner no better than the next guy. But even then, you may not be able to shake the skepticism. It's hard to understand how Jesus can offer forgiveness and healing and friendship to people like them.

Eleven of the Nazi agents tried at Nuremberg were justly sentenced to death for their crimes. And seven of them, before they were executed, through the ministry of Henry Gerecke and the other chaplain assigned, seven confessed their sins and turned to Jesus for forgiveness. I don't understand how Jesus can do it—through His life and death, through His resurrection and promised return—I don't understand how He can heal the sickness and consequences of those sins—of all sins. I don't understand it. But I'm grateful for it. Especially as I see that sickness in me.



# Light of Christ Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes - January 11, 2022

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

This was the last joint council meeting of Light of Christ and Mission Lutheran congregations.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor reported that an anonymous donor has come forward and offered to pay for the new pew cushions. On behalf of our council, thank you for your wonderful offer.

The AALC has issued a letter of call to Pastor Kevin to be the official Pastor at Light of Christ.

Pastor is going to check into getting a defibulator for the church and daycare emergency use. He will try to get a grant for this.

The Pastor thanked the council for an enjoyable year of meetings. He was pleased with the way council members got along and worked together, which he said is sometimes not the case!

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick passed out copies of the December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 balance sheet and the Profit & Loss 2022 Budget. He also suggested that we close out the existing special fund accounts such as carpet, etc. and add to the general fund. Moved, Seconded, Approved.

**Old Business:** Rick provided an update on the daycare; A lease agreement was written for us by Ryan Geltel. Amy Giordano has signed a 3 year lease with LOCLC and the daycare will be in operation soon. The elevator should be operational after this week, and the fire marshal has been in checking on things. The Star Fund will also be in to see the finished product. Rick said that they have been good to work with.

Amy's Angels Daycare will be holding an open house from 4-7 PM on January 21, 2022. The congregation is welcome to come and see how good our basement looks!

Our new Sanctuary carpet will probably be installed sometime in February.

Rick gave some updated ideas in considering a possible kitchen remodel, as well as appliances needed at present. He said a kitchen remodel could run \$50,000-\$60,000. with appliances. Gary moved and Bev seconded to go ahead with the purchase of the needed appliances. Motion carried. The desired kitchen upgrade will remain under consideration for future discussion. M/S/A

Rick moved, Matt seconded and motion carried, to accept the revised wording under insurance & fees in our facility use agreement.

**New Business:** Shelli reported that the nominating committee has a list of nominees for the 2022 council positions. There is still time to add your name to the list before we vote on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting.

There are some budget category changes under the Pastor's compensation regarding retirement. A section on the questionnaire that the AALC office requires us to fill out asks questions on the Pastor's retirement compensation. Some of the council officers met with Pastor Kevin and it was decided that the Pastor's compensation would be shown as wages, housing and retirement, based on the amount for wages already budgeted for 2022. Roger moved to accept the changes to the Pastor's compensation information. Wendy seconded and motion carried.



# Light of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregational Meeting January 30, 2022

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

Forty two (42) voting members were signed in and present. This exceeded our required quorum number of sixteen (16).

Reports for the year past were assembled in booklet form and made available to the congregation for review two weeks before the annual meeting. Included were last year's annual meeting minutes, 2021 financial report, LOC balance sheet report, Pastor's report, Council report, Women of Life report and Sunday School report. Rick T. made a motion to accept last year's minutes as written, Renee G. seconded and motion carried.

**Financial Report:** Rick Tofte went over the 2021 financial report. He explained that the profit & loss was based on an eleven (11) month year since January was not included. Our total income for 2021 was around \$105,000. We gave out \$14,828.00 in benevolences. Rick suggested that we consider eliminating our small designated accounts and combining them with our established accounts. He further suggested that we take the Light of Christ funds, that were from before the merger between Mission Lutheran and Light of Christ, and add \$25,000.00 to the designated building upgrade fund that Mission Lutheran was bringing with the merger, and putting the balance in our combined general fund. This would give the congregation a total of 3 established bank accounts; a building upgrade savings account, a regular savings account and a checking account. Wendy J. suggested that any funds for youth activities be set up in their own bank account, as the Women of Life account is. This idea was readily accepted. Melissa H. made a motion to accept Rick's suggestion to eliminate the small designated accounts, add \$25,000 to the building upgrade account and the balance of LOCLC funds to the general fund. Shelli P. seconded and motion carried.

**Pastors Report:** The members of Mission Lutheran church held their required two (2) meetings before the annual meeting to vote on dissolving Mission Lutheran and merging with Light of Christ Lutheran. The vote was approved to merge with LOCLC and dissolve Mission Lutheran. We are now one Lutheran congregation of AALC affiliation. Pastor Beard passed the required colloquy testing to become rostered as an AALC pastor. He will be formally installed as an AALC pastor at Light of Christ in the near future. Our newly merged congregation will formally be known as Light of Christ Lutheran Church.

**Council, Sunday School & Women of Life Reports:** Dwight E, Jody B, & Kim O. commented on their reports included in the booklet. Moved, Seconded, Approved.

**Old & New Business:** Rick T. reported on the church basement daycare progress over the past year. Work started in July, 2021 and the daycare will now officially open on February 8, 2022. There are 43 children enrolled with the capacity to handle 89 if so desired. Amy Giordano has signed a 3 year lease for the space, which is called "Amy's Angels".

The nominations for the new seven (7) member 2022 church council were unanimously approved by a congregational vote.

Members are Dwight Ebel, president, Roger Bearce, Vice President, Rick Tofte, Treasurer, Dianne Cummings, Secretary, Matt Haugen, Bev Quale & Kim Oyloe, members at large.



## Bible Trivia & Game page

The phrases "Do not fear" or "Fear not" shows up how many times in the Bible.

- A. 96
- B. 127
- C. 365
- D. 941

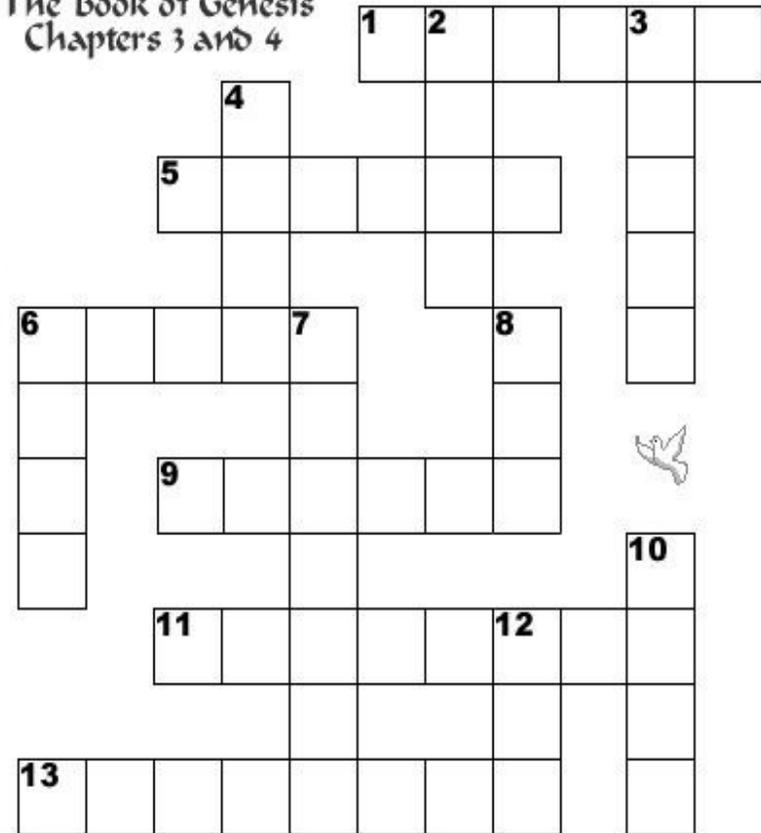


**SHARING**  
**BRINGS JOY**  
 TO US. TO OTHERS. TO GOD.



## Crossword No.2

The Book of Genesis  
 Chapters 3 and 4



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### Down

- (2) Adam's second son
- (3) Cain's first son (Gen.4:17)
- (4) Adam's first son
- (6) Adam's third son
- (7) What creature tempted Eve
- (8) Cain lived in this land
- (10) First man
- (12) First woman

### Across

- (1) Cain's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (5) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Eden
- (6) Adam and Eve's first clothes(Gen.3:21)
- (9) Because of sin the ground was \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen.3:17)
- (11) Abel's occupation (Gen.4:2)
- (13) Cain became a \_\_\_\_\_ and a vagabond (Gen.4:12)

# February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1 Bible Blocks 3pm</i>	<i>2 Women of L.I.F.E meeting. 7-8 pm.</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>6 11am worship— Communion</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8 Bible Blocks 3pm</i>	<i>9 Bible Study 7pm.</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12 Church Break- fast 9-11 am.</i>
<i>13 11am worship</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15 Bible Blocks 3pm</i>	<i>16 Women of L.I.F.E meeting. 7-8pm.</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>20 11am worship— Communion</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22 Bible Blocks 3pm.</i>	<i>23 Bible Study 7pm.</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>27 10am next service group meets 11am worship</i>	<i>28</i>					
						<i>Trivia answer C. 365</i>

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