

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER for LOC and Trinity

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BOTH CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

DATE	1 ST LESSON	PSALM	2 ND LESSON	GOSPEL
Dec 7 th	Isa 11:1-10	Psa 72:1-7	Rom 15:4-13	Matt 3:1-12
Dec 14 th	Isa 35:1-10	Psa 146	Jam 5:7-11	Matt 11:2-15
Dec 21 st	Isa 7:10-17	Psa 24	Rom 1:1-7	Matt 1:18-25
Dec 24 th	Isa 7:10-14	Psa 110:1-4	Joh 4:7-16	Matt 1:18-25
Dec 28 th	Isa 63:7-14	Psa 111	Gal 4:4-7	Matt 2:13-23

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, 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

(11/06/25) Today our little Sofia Michelle is 1 month old! This has been the most amazing month of our lives! For that reason today I wanted to share a photo of our baby girl. 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/>

1ST COMMUNION CELEBRATION will be held **Dec 7th** during Worship for those who have completed the class. Please come 15 minutes before church to prepare. Please Pray for our kids!



BOTH CHURCHES

BIBLE STUDY

Trinity Lutheran (Wed, 4 pm) – Dec 3rd and 17th

Light of Christ (Wed, 7 pm) – Dec 10th, Not the 24th, obviously, because of Christmas.

CONFIRMATION

Trinity (Wed, 6:00 – 7:30 pm) – Wed, Dec 3rd and 17th

Light of Christ (Thu, 6:30 – 8:00 pm) – Thur, Dec 11th, Not the 25th because of Christmas.

COMMUNION

Both Churches – Dec 7nd, 21st, and 24th.

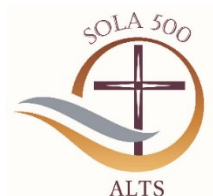
ADVENT - WHY???

The word "advent" is from the Latin word for "coming," and as such, describes the "coming" of our Lord Jesus Christ into the flesh. Advent begins the church year because the church year begins where Jesus' earthly life began — in the Old Testament prophecies of his incarnation. Advent specifically focuses on Christ's "coming," but Christ's coming manifests itself in three ways — past, present, and future. The traditional use of Advent candles originated in eastern Germany even prior to the Reformation and involved three purple candles and one pink candle. The purple candles matched the purple paraments on the altar (purple for the royalty of the coming King). The pink candle was lit on the Third Sunday of Advent. "The white "Christ candle" in the middle is lit during the 12 days of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS AND MARTIN LUTHER

In the theological tumult that was Martin Luther's life, the great reformer seemed to be heartened each year by the great festivals of the church, particularly Advent and Christmas. The man was sustained by a blazing sense of humor and a happy home life. It was open-house all year in the large, converted monastery where Luther, his wife Katie, and their six children lived, along with numerous students who stayed there as well. One of them wrote that as Christmas approached, Luther grew increasingly cheerful: "All his words and songs and thoughts concerned the incarnation of our Lord. Then he sighed and said, 'Oh, we poor people that we should be so cold and indifferent to this great joy that has been given us. For this is indeed the greatest gift, which far exceeds all else that God has created. Yet we believe so sluggishly, even though the angels proclaim and preach and sing, and their lovely song sums up the whole Christian faith, for 'Glory to God in the highest' is the very heart of worship."

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



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KID'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Dec 14th for both LOC and TLC! Come and support our kids...

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES – Dec 24th

Trinity Lutheran – 5:00 pm

Light of Christ – 7:30 pm

TRINITY LUTHERAN

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

TRINITY's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/trinitylcalex



BIRTHDAYS

Linda Paulson	12/05	Jim Jacobson	12/21
Carol Mjelstad	12/13	Ian Delaney	12/26
Carlton Turnquist	12/17	Tessa Dwyer	12/29

ANNIVERSARIES

None that we're aware of...

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

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LIGHT OF CHRIST LUTHERAN

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

Light Of Christ Website: locw.org

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/lightofchristwilliston



BIRTHDAYS

Renee Ginther	12/07	Carson Holter	12/23
Donovan Fenster	12/11	Melissa Heller	12/24
Quentin Fenster	12/11	Allen Lake	12/24
Finley Park	12/11	Micah Lake	12/27
Kailee Patch	12/18	Flint Karvonen	12/30

ANNIVERSARIES

Josh & Erin Olson	12/20
Rick & Linda Tofte	12/28

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STEPHEN MINISTRY CONTINUING ED - Tues, Dec 2nd from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Advanced Christian Caregiving – Part 3

WOMEN OF L.I.F.E. CHURCH DECORATING – Dec 3rd - Everyone (Men and Women)

are invited to come to the church at 7 pm to decorate the church for Christmas.

LOC CHURCH BREAKFAST – Sat, Dec 13th!

Please come and invite a friend or two!

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. Thank you all who have made this LOC church ministry possible!

THE ANNUAL SOUP AND CHILI SUPPER – What fun! We had a good turnout and everything was delicious! 1st place – Josh Olson; 2nd – Jody Bearce; 3rd – Peggy Bearce.

CONFESSION – Pastor is making a change in how we do our Confession. Currently, the pastor proclaims “We poor sinners confess to you...” In the old hymnals, the congregation says these words which seems more appropriate. Talk to pastor if you have any concerns...

LOC SOUP MINISTRY!



You are invited to take a quart of soup to someone you think may need it. The soup is located in the kitchen freezers. THANK YOU to the Women of LIFE for this ministry!

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

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
Steve and Lisa Peterson
Jerry and Sharon Gardner
Roger and Jody Bearce





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Acts 4:18-20 – So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the Name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

Over the years, I've run into many people who think they are comedians when it comes to their faith. One of the lines these imaginary comedians love to say goes something like this: “I don't have to go to church on Sunday. I know what I believe, and that's enough. After all, faith is a private matter between me and God, isn't it?”

I know they think they're being funny because they say those words with a wink and a smile.

At first, when people said such things to me, I would reply, “Where did you get that idea? That's just about the silliest thing I've ever heard.” My response was neither welcomed nor appreciated. More often than not it ended the conversation.

So now when people say their faith is a private matter, I agree with them and say, “You know, I've looked through the Bible, and I've found a number of people who agree with you.”

When they say, “Really? Who?” I am free to share:

“Well, there was Moses. He didn't want to talk to Pharaoh about freeing God's people.”

“Then there was Jonah. He didn't want to tell the folks of Nineveh about their sins.”

“Then there were the disciples who, after Jesus' crucifixion, kept themselves locked away.”

“There also were the Jewish leaders who told the apostles to keep their faith to themselves.”

The reaction is usually something like this: “I didn't know that.”

All those folks thought their faith was a private thing.

The only problem with their thinking was God didn't agree. It's then I mention to the fellow who wants to keep his faith private, “Of course, you realize God shot down all of Moses' excuses and sent him to Egypt. And the Lord used a miracle to turn Jonah around to go and preach words of repentance. And the disciples were eventually given the Holy Spirit, and then they couldn't stop talking about Jesus. And when the Jewish leaders told them to be quiet, they said, “We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

The last thing I share is this: “My friend, you are a believer today because for 2,000 years people have shared Jesus' story. Through the ages, people around the world have conveyed their faith to others. I finish with, “But, of course, I could be wrong. Can you tell me where in the Bible you've heard the Lord say, ‘Don't go and preach the Gospel’ and ‘Don't baptize them in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,’ and ‘Don't teach others all that I have commanded’?”

Of course, you won't find that because that is our mission.

Blessings on you as you share Jesus' love today.

WE PRAY: Dear Heavenly Father, bless the Good News I share with others about Your Son who died to redeem us. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

Based on “Comedians” a message by Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, former Speaker of The Lutheran Hour



The King of the Jews

Find the 42 **bold** words from Luke 23:32-38 (ESV)

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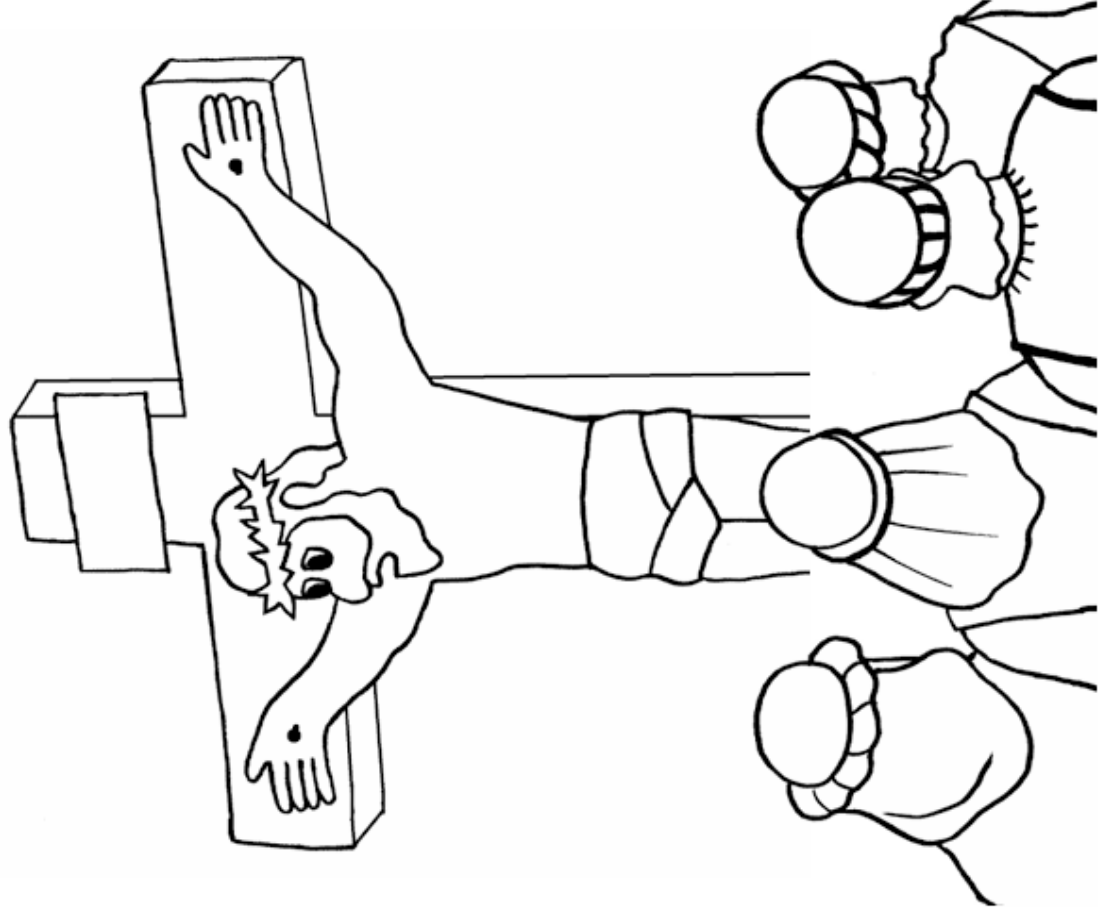
Two others, who were **criminals**, were led away to be **put to death** with him. And when they came to the **place** that is **called The Skull**, there they **crucified him**, and the criminals, one on his **right** and one on his **left**. And **Jesus** said, "**Father, forgive them**, for they **know not what they do**." And they **cast lots to divide his garments**. And the people stood by, **watching**, but the **rulers scoffed** at him, saying, "**He saved others; let him save himself**, if he is the **Christ of God, his Chosen One!**" The soldiers also **mocked him**, coming up and **offering him sour wine** and saying, "**If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!**" There was also an **inscription** over him, "**This is the King of the Jews.**"

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Today's Gospel Lesson

Christ the King

November 23, 2025



Jesus prayed for those who were mean to him.

Light of Christ Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes - Tuesday, Sep 16th, 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. Attendance: Dwight Ebel, Kelly Klem, Gary Hansen, Matt Haugen, Wendy Johnson, Kayla Fenster and Pastor Kevin Beard.

A motion to accept the previous meetings minutes (regular and daycare water issue) was made by Kelly and was seconded by Kayla. Motion passed.

Pastor's report: Pastor Beard advised that confirmation and Sunday school have started for the year and that bible study is going ok and worship is going well. The 30th Anniversary Service for Light of Christ went very well. Pastor Beard has helped with 3 homeless that have contacted the church.

Treasurers report: Kelly advised that currently there is \$10,000 in checking with \$20,000 in savings. Almost \$100,000 in building improvements have been made between the new sanctuary and the basement due to water issues with the daycare. There will be an upcoming expense of \$10,000 for the new basement kitchen floor. The issues with the gutters and downspouts have been taken care of and replaced. The cd's that the church has will be coming due in November and December. So far, the church is under budget. \$6,300 has been spent on ministry expenses. We are right on budget to a little ahead on budget to where we were expecting.

A preliminary budget for 2026 was handed out. Lawn care for 2026 will be less than 2025. Kelly advised that the church insurance renewal is coming due and there is a 1% to 2% deductible for the roof for wind/hail, around \$26,000 deductible to \$52,000. Quotes were looked into and the coverages are in line, nothing excessive. Kelly did find that additional insurance coverage to buy down the deductible to around \$5,000 would be \$2,662.80. A motion was made by Gary and seconded by Wendy. Motion passed. A motion to accept the treasurers report was made by Matt and seconded by Gary. Motion passed.

Old business:

Daycare turf project: Gary is still getting quotes for this project.

Church parking lot: Gary has been filling potholes in the alley, but there are more to be filled. The larger paving project has been put on hold for now.

New Business:

Daycare kitchen floor: The new floor for the daycare kitchen area is tentatively scheduled for October 4th thru October 13th and will be out of service. Rick will talk with Amy about this schedule.

White roaster issues: The white roasters are overheating. It was brought up that this could be due to water not being put in them that was causing the issue. Dwight will look into this and clarify the issue.

Sanctuary Christmas trees: The current Christmas tree that is up front is causing issues with space by the piano. It was mentioned that "skinny" Christmas trees could be purchased. A motion to get this issue taken care of was made by Kelly and seconded by Kayla. Motion passed.

AALC regional conference: The AALC conference will be hosted at Light of Christ on October 3rd and October 4th 2025. Pastor Beard hopes to see anyone that can attend there.

Pastors conference: Pastor Beard's yearly conference in MN is coming up on October 20th thru October 24th. Pastor Beard asked for the church to cover expenses. A motion to have the church cover expenses for Pastor Beard was made by Kelly and seconded. Motion passed.

North side steps: It was brought to the attention of the council that the north side steps of the church are coming away from the building. This is something that will be taken care of when the alley is fixed.

New church council president: Dwight Ebel will be done at the end of this year and a new president will be needed. The council was advised and will keep this in mind this year until the annual meeting.

The meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

The next council meeting will be November 18th, 2025 with meal provided by Pastor Beard.