

Ambassadors of Christ Lutefisk

It is said that about half the Norwegians who immigrated to America came in order to escape the hated lutefisk and the other half came to spread the gospel of lutefisk's wonderfulness.
- Norwegian-American saying

It's that time! Lutefisk dinner is on!

After 2 years without this opportunity (due to Covid and safety), it's back. About time, huh?

Lutefisk at First Lutheran Church in Glasgow is being served on Sunday, February 20, from 11:00 to 1:30 pm. Menu includes Lutefisk, meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, coleslaw, lefse and orange sherbet for dessert.

Tickets will be sold at the door, adults \$20, students \$10 and children under 6 are free. We look forward to seeing you for some good food and fellowship at First Lutheran Church, 641 2nd Ave. N., Glasgow, Montana. Proceeds from this event will go towards a handicap bathroom. Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent.

Jenn Fewer, Debby Cornwell, Jon Mattfeldt, and a host of others are heading up this event and are even now getting ready to promote and hang up posters. If you would like to help, please contact them. (Jenn 406-263-8506 or Debby 406-263-0366).

Pastor Scott Kiehn

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- President** - Donna Lee
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- Discipleship** - Bev Johnson
- Stewardship** - Lynn Lipczyk, Doug Allie
- Worship** - Judi Martin

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- Church Maintenance**
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- Organist/Pianist**
Audra Breigenzer
Jennifer Fewer

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Message from Pastor Scott

Three Quarters of a year has just flown by and here we are looking ahead to Ash Wednesday and Lent in March. But before we get to March, we still have the time after Epiphany which lasts through most of February until the Transfiguration of Our Lord on February 27 which is followed by the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 2. A lot to look forward to in the next month or so. I mention some of the church year not to bore you with "church stuff" but to show you that our church year and lectionary are actually designed to tell the story of Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection. This is the story that we focus on year-round because it is the story that gives us life. The story that brings us salvation and the forgiveness of sin through Jesus Christ. The story that is always "for you".

At Jesus' baptism we heard the words "And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The end of month we have the Transfiguration and we hear the words "Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" In both instances we have words from God above. At Jesus' baptism the words are directed to Jesus, at the transfiguration the words are directed to those who

were there on the mountain with him and very possibly to each one of us. We are told that Jesus is God's Son that he is beloved and is God's chosen and we are told to "listen to him." Listen to Jesus....how do you do this? Where do you hear Jesus? Is it from the top of a mountain? Is it when you are on the lake or working the fields? Where do you hear Jesus? Does it happen when you are around other people? Maybe we hear Jesus when we have hit rock bottom and are in deep need. Do you hear Jesus when you pray? One thing that is for certain is that Jesus hears us when we pray. We have God's promise on this. We hear Jesus when we are involved with scripture – God's Word. I encourage you put yourself in a position to listen to Jesus, this can be in worship as you hear the words given and shed for you or when the scriptures are read to you or when a sermon is based on Jesus' words. Or when we listen to Jesus and pray as he taught us in the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer is our focus in Confirmation class right now where we are learning that listening is just as important or maybe even more important than praying. "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

In Christ, Pastor Scott

"Where do you hear Jesus?"

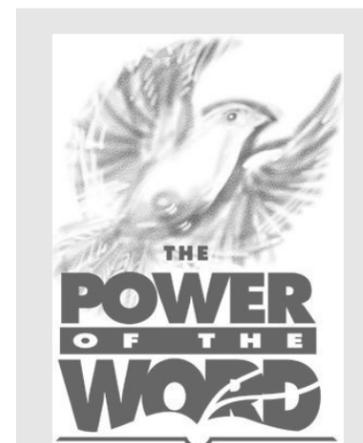
"Taking Faith Home"

A simple bible study you can do at home or in small groups. This study is designed to help you dig deeper and enhance your faith. It is free in the narthex, on website or sent by email. Give it a try.

Sample from January 30th Worksheet. Read: Luke 4:21-30

In this reading, what was the crowd's reaction when Jesus told them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing?"

- A They jumped for joy and danced in the streets.
- B They were dumbstruck and confused.
- C They were amazed at his gracious words.
- D They grumbled that the reading took too long.





Lutefisk (and meatballs) Dinner

SUNDAY FEB. 20TH
11:00 TO 1:30
641 2ND AVE N
ADULTS: \$20 K-6 gr: \$10

Menu: Lutefisk, Meatballs,
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy,
Coleslaw, Lefse, Sherbet

*Proceeds to go to ADA
Handicap Bathroom Fund.*

Supplemental Funding by
Thrivent Financial Action Team

Scandinavian Cookie Contest *

by Sandy in the Office

While Christmas and Holiday baking is over for the time, we are going back to December to think about Cookies. Most of December (with a day in November) was filled with days of baking at the Church. We could smell the fattigmand from the office! Lefse, spritz, rosettes, sandbukkels and krumkake were made along with the fattigmand. I ate my Rosettes first.

According to Christy Olsen Field, Taste of Norway editor, "The first cookies, such as krumkaker and goro, were made by iron plates like waffles, and others, such as fattigmann, were fried in oil. These cookies date back to the Middle Ages.... " and, "In my research, I learned that the Norwegian Christmas cookie baking tradition as we know it today didn't really get its start until the 1800s, when stoves and ovens became more available, and cookbooks exploded in popularity.

I received the cookies statistics and was astounded how many were made. So, that being said, do you know how many cookies were made for December 2021? Let's have a little contest!

*Rules: 1. **Guess how many individual Scandinavian cookies were made.** Not the dozens but actual single cookies. 2. Send your guess to me in the office—mail, email, phone call or stop in. 3. And no cheating. Do not call those people who made and sold them! Well, call them if you want and just say, "Thank you!" for all the wonderful cookies. Winner announced in next newsletter.

Notices

- Need Sponsors for upcoming Radio Broadcasts. \$65 for this extension of Worship ministry.
- 2nd Sunday Brunch will be a light brunch with youth selling donuts.
- Service group call list will be from **Kemp to Markle**.
- Friends of Reynold's number is #1006.
- 2021 Annual Report at flcglasgow.org

Amazon Donates to First Lutheran Church

Did you know you can support First Lutheran Church by earning donations each time you shop on Amazon?

If you want Amazon Smile to donate to First Lutheran Church of Glasgow, **you need to start each shopping session at smile.amazon.com**. They will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases.

The first time you go to the above website you will be able to choose which charity to donate to, just type in "First Lutheran Church of Glasgow" and "select". Your Amazon account will now be linked to earn \$ for FLC!

Happy Valentine's Day

"For the sacrament [of Holy Communion] has no blessing and significance unless love grows daily and so changes a person that he is made one with all others."

From Luther's 1519 essay, "The Blessed Sacrament of the Holy and True Body of Christ,"



Food Bank

Feb 6	2 cans veggies
Feb 13	2 cans fruit
Feb 20	4 rolls toilet paper
Feb 27	2 cans no salt veggies

Mar 6	2 boxes Kleenex
Mar 13	2 cans low/no sugar fruit
Mar 20	2 cans soup
Mar 27	1 box cereal



Youth Summer Camp Registration Open

From FLBC.net, "All programs at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp are designed to be a fun highlight of the summer, while providing opportunities for growth in faith, leadership, and friendship."

Lutefisk History:

Lutefisk (pronounced LEWD-uh-fisk) is dried cod that has been soaked in a lye solution for several days to rehydrate it. It is rinsed with cold water to remove the lye, then boiled or baked, and then served with butter, salt, and pepper.

The finished lutefisk usually is the consistency of Jello. It is also called lye-fish, and in the United States, Norwegian-Americans traditionally serve it for Thanksgiving and Christmas. In many Norwegian homes, lutefisk takes the place of the Christmas turkey. In Minnesota and Wisconsin, you can find lutefisk in local food stores and even at some restaurants. It is a food that you either love or hate, and, as some people say, "Once a year is probably enough!"

Usually every Norwegian church will host at least one lutefisk supper between October and the end of the year or late winter. The dinners have become so popular that lovers of this special cod dish drive great distances, and these are not just people of Scandinavian descent.

The history of lutefisk dates back to the Vikings. On one occasion, according to one legend, plundering Vikings burned down a fishing village, including the wooden racks with drying cod. The returning villagers poured water on the racks to put out the fire. Ashes covered the dried fish, and then it rained. The fish buried in the ashes thus became soaked in a lye slush. Later the villagers were surprised to see that the dried fish had changed to what looked like fresh fish. They rinsed the fish in water to remove the lye and make it edible, and then boiled it. **The story is that one particularly brave villager tasted the fish and declared it "not bad."**

Norwegian-Americans believe that lutefisk was brought by their ancestors on the ships when they came to America, and that it was all they had to eat. Today the fish is celebrated in ethnic and religious celebrations and is linked with hardship and courage.

Go to www.flcglasgow.org to find:

- Current Monthly Calendar (Google)
- Weekly Bulletin PDF, Monthly Newsletter PDF
- FLC History, Ministries, Worship & Bible Study
- Link to Giving



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

December 20, 2021



Council members attending: Doug Allie, Greg Forrester, Shelly George, Chris Helland, Donna Lee,

Judi Martin, Jon Mattfeldt. Not attending: Lacey Flatten, Lynn Lipzyc. Others attending: Pastor Scott Kiehn, Bev Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Leanne Fontaine

- Team assignments for 2022: Worship-- Judi, Finance-Greg, Youth/Education-Lacey, Property-Marvin, Discipleship-Bev, Stewardship-Doug and Lynn
- The elevator was inspected on December 3, 2021.
- The biannual meeting will be January 30, 2022.
- The audit will be held January 24, 2022.
- The January 5th Sunday noisy offering will be for Sunshine music books used at Valley View,
- The employee payroll policy is being updated.
- Elected Donna Lee as president, Greg Forrester as vice-president, and Shelly George as secretary.

Motions Passed

- Approved paying: Johnson Organ Service-\$1297.80, J & L inspection and reporting-\$1377, 2 beehives and garden supplies from Good Gifts-\$440 (noisy offering paid \$184.65 approved additional \$255.35), Synod House-\$1000 (4th of 5 payments)
- Background check policy was approved.

- Approved the Visionary Budget for 2022 which will be presented at the Biannual meeting.
- Thrivent Choice Dollars and some 2017 end of year funds were given to two individuals for medical expenses.

Reports

Preschool discussed teacher bonuses and teacher continued education.

Discipleship is planning the January brunch. A Thrivent Action Team card has been approved to pay for the brunch.

Finance reported the audit will be January 24, 2022. Any church group with a checking account needs to have someone at the audit.

Stewardship sent thank you cards to those who filled out the time & talents sheets.

Executive sent letters to staff receiving raises. Disposed of the broken fax machine. Approved the purchase of binders for new council member orientation.

Pastor Scott performed 1 graveside service, 1 funeral, and Christmas memorial service at Bell Mortuary. The Preschool program was December 17. He visited members at the hospital, went to Prairie Ridge and Valley View. The New Divine Drama course begins January 11, 2022. There were 3 services Christmas weekend. Pastor Scott will be gone the week before January 2, 2022.



How come they didn't play cards on the Ark?

Answer: Because Noah was standing on the deck.

First Lutheran Church

Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of God's world as Ambassadors of Christ.



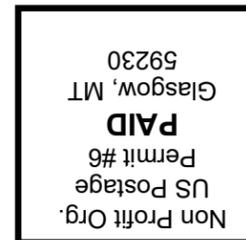
Donuts February 13th after church.

Come have a Donut!

And a light brunch after church.

All donations* will go to Luther League and the Minneapolis 2022 ELCA Gathering.

*Free will offering



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