

Ambassadors of Christ

2021 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service



What a wonderful night!

Well attended with families & Individuals filling the pews.

INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS STORY based on Luke 2:1-20.

What do you think was everyone's favorite part?

Kennedy Flaten signing while singing "Silent Night"

"O Holy Night" by Chase Tarum as candles lit throughout the sanctuary.

Broadcast live on local radio, KLTZ.

Pastor Scott Kiehn

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Message from Pastor Scott

Happy New Year! I pray that the New Year finds you well and that you look forward to 2022 as a time for new possibilities. The New Year is about new beginnings – Starting over or starting something new. This is what we have been doing together for the last seven months, starting something new. Starting a new way of doing ministry at First Lutheran Church.

Our readings for the New Year seem to reflect this idea of new beginnings. Jesus' baptism is one of the first stories from the bible that we get in the New Year. With Jesus' baptism we also remember our own baptisms where we are made new in Christ. Baptism is about a new beginning. But it is not a onetime thing, we remember our baptisms new each day. We remember that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. That is what a life in Christ is all about being made new each day. Every time your sins are forgiven you are made new – you experience a new beginning. This happens each Sunday with Confession and Forgiveness when you hear the declaration that your sins are forgiven. This happens in the Lord's Supper where you receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. And of course, this happens in baptism where the old self is put to death and a new creation arises out of the water. In response to the question "What does Baptism mean for daily living?" Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism. "It means that our sinful self, with all its evil deeds and desires, should be drowned through daily repentance; and that day after day a new self should arise to live with God in righteousness and purity forever."

Knowing this might not fix all that is going on in your life, it might not end the trials and temptations that we all are faced with. What it does is give us something to cling to, knowing that we belong to God and that God is with us now. When Martin Luther would wrestle with moments of despair and depression, he would claim his baptism. He would remember that he was a baptized child of God and no matter what happens in this world nothing could change this. Live into this New Year knowing that you are a new creation in Christ and that you are God's own.

In Christ, Pastor Scott

Notices

- Radio Broadcasts \$65 Consider sponsoring an extension of our Worship ministry.
- 2nd Sunday Brunch Jan. 12th w/ Discipleship.
- Jan. Service Leaders are Donna Lee & Jeri Neumiller . Service group call list will be from Idler to Jones.
- Friends of Reynold's number is #1006.

"Taking Faith Home"

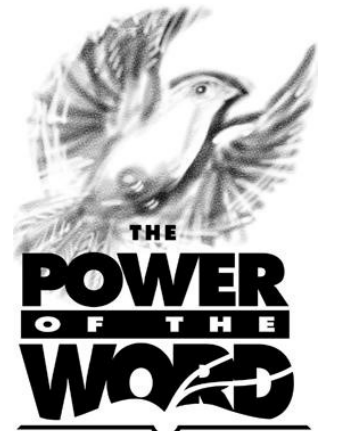
A simple bible study you can do at home or in small groups. This study is designed to help you dig deeper and enhance your faith. It is free in the narthex, on website or sent by email.

Sample from January 2 Worksheet:

GOSPEL READING: Read: John 1:1-18

In this reading from John, what does he say existed in the beginning?

- A Dinosaurs
- B Adam and Eve
- C The Word
- D Death and taxes



“YES I DO!”

New Year’s Resolution & Prayer

God help and guide me to LIVE among God’s faithful people;

HEAR the word of God and share in the Lord’s supper;

PROCLAIM the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;

SERVE all people following the example of Jesus; and to...

STRIVE for justice and peace in all the earth.

Amen

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Food Bank

- Jan 2 4 rolls toilet paper
- Jan 9 2 cans no salt veggies
- Jan 16 2 cans low/no sugar fruit
- Jan 23 1 box cereal
- Jan 30 1 toothpaste

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

The Stewardship Team would like to THANK everyone who participated in our Stewardship Drive . Thank you for supporting the ministry of First Lutheran Church through the use of your time, talents and finances. It is because of all of you that our ministry is touching more and more people in our community.

If you were not able to get your faith commitment turned in, we still welcome your response. We ask that you would prayerfully consider how God and First Lutheran Church can use your talents and finances and turn in your “Time and Talent” form and your “Estimate of Giving” card to the church office.

Remember that we have a God of abundance, who provides for all of our needs. God bless and guide you in prayerful consideration of how you will respond to God’s gracious provision.

In Christ,
The Stewardship Team

Scandinavian Bake Sale

Gratitude and Appreciation for another great bake sale with plenty of goodies going out the door. All lefse was sold—30 lbs. of potatoes were made!

Many thanks to all who came and helped out during December baking days.

What are your favorite Christmas cookies? Spritz, maybe?

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

Epiphany

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TREASURE
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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

OCTOBER 15, 2021



Council members present:
Doug Allie, Lacey Flaten,
Greg Forrester, Shelly

George, Chris Helland, Donna Lee, Judi Martin,
and Jon Mattfeldt. Not attending: Lynn Lipzyc.
Others present: Pastor Scott Kiehn, Leanne Fontaine,
Marvin Johnson, and Bev Johnson.

Motions passed

- The September 12, 2021 and October 18, 2021 minutes as well as the November financial report were approved.
- Council approved the closed session motion concerning staff wages.
- Motion to renew a CD at 0.05% was approved.
- \$111.14 from the Friends of Reynolds program will be given to FLC Preschool for scholarships.

Reports

Youth & Family: Served brunch 11/14, Stew feed 11/21, CSI caroling and meal 12/15, Preschool Christmas Program 12/18, Bibles for 3rd graders and new youth planned for December, commitment to attend the Minneapolis Gathering before Christmas

Preschool: The classes are almost full and there are needs for scholarships. The cookie dough sales went well.

Education: The CSI Christmas party will be December 15, 2021.

Discipleship: The team’s budget was approved. The October Noisy Offering went to purchase from Good Gifts the Honey Bees and materials for vegetables gardens.

• How do you make Holy water?

The team is working on the 2022 schedule for Service Group Leaders.

Finance: The 2022 visionary budget was presented.

Property: The projects architects were here for a meeting in October and a contract has been presented for their work.

Worship: Christmas Eve service will be at 5:00pm. It will be a youth and family service with candlelight, choir, and singing.

Executive: Expenses of \$163.63 for a pastor candidate to visit were approved for payment. There is now a file drawer in the church office for team usage.

Pastor Scott: There was one burial. The first Lutheran Education course is completed and the second one has begun. Confirmation is going well. The Bishop’s Convocation was online this year. Pastor Scott attended the Glasgow Ministerial meeting. Bellringers for the Salvation Army will be needed for December.

President: Newsletter articles are needed by November 22 to be included in the December newsletter. A reminder that team reports are included in the January biannual



You take some regular water and boil the devil out of it.

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.



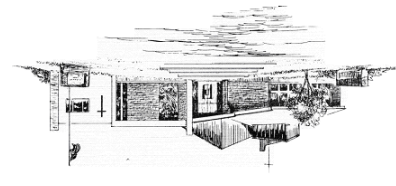
Noisy Offering

January 30, 2022 is the Noisy Offering. The Discipleship Committee will be collecting for songbooks at **Valley View Home** as theirs are falling apart.



Specifically, the *SONShine Society Songs and Scriptures Hymnbook*. The first edition of SON-Shine Songs and Scriptures hymnbook was published in 1974, the piano accompaniment book soon after. These song books have been used for ages and are well loved by everyone. These books come in a larger print and a lower key to make singing that much easier.

Thank you for supporting ministry in the nursing home.



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