

First Lutheran Church October 2023



Ambassadors of Christ

Observing 100 Years on the Corner

In 1923, the First Evangelical Lutheran Church was built on the corner of 7th Street and 2nd Avenue North. It was built for \$6,500 in 3 months in the summer of 1923. Land for the church & a parsonage was purchased 1912. For the next 10+ years, the Lutherans would meet in the Odd Fellows Hall and the Congregational Church. When the land was purchased, a sidewalk was placed on the west side as a reminder that a church needed to be built and to bring hope for a physical church. Unfortunately, bad crops for 4 years in a row impeded the funding efforts. They had \$1200 in cash donated by the Ladies Aid and a loan from the church extension fund and finally got the building dedicated October 7, 1923!

This month, we are honoring the 100 years of a physical church at this address: 641 2nd Avenue North. There has been so much history in these last 100 years. Great Depression, building Fort Peck Dam, WW2, Glasgow Air Force Base, the building of the education wing on the east side in 1960, building Valley View Home, Vietnam War, and the fire of 1974. Now we have computers! Here is to the next 100 years of being on the corner.

Pastor Scott Kiehn

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As harvest begins to wind down and October is upon us, we are starting to get settled into our fall programs. Confirmation started on September 20, CSI also began on September 20, the Divine Drama bible study started on September 19. The choir is practicing and will sing during worship beginning in October. The quilters continue to meet, and their numbers are growing. As October begins, we look forward to our stewardship activities, celebrating the 100th year of the dedication of our church building and Reformation Sunday on October 29th. As many of us know, football, volleyball and cross country are in full swing. Summer is over and life seems to pick up with all of the things that compete for our time both in the church and in our everyday lives.

In the midst of the business and burdens in our lives and in the church, take and make time to be quiet and put yourself in position to hear God. Make time to listen to God speaking to you. A time of prayer, a time of devotion, a time of worship, a time for a walk in God's creation. Listen for the promises of God that are "for you". Looking for and hearing God's promises is a theme that we discussed at our first CSI worship and is a theme

that will be lifted up throughout the year. God's promise that Christ has taken on your sins and troubles and trials. Listen for the Words of Jesus that we heard a couple of times this summer, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30).

In Christ,
 Pastor Scott



FOR MY YOKE IS EASY,
 AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT.

MATTHEW 11:30, NRSV

"...and I will give you rest."

FLC Quilting History

Quilting Missions in Lutheran World Relief began in 1945 with quilts sent to families in war-torn Europe following the Second World War. Within a decade, the ministry was reaching around the globe to villages far removed from the world's attention. Today, an average of 300,000 quilts are lovingly given worldwide each year.

In FLC records, quilter Karyl Barnes found an early attendance sign-in record from 1976 that shows a full crew of people working on quilts. For example, in November 1976, you can find these names (apologies for any wrong spellings): Helen Martens, Elsie Eliason, Doris Hanvold, Irma Songsteng, Nola Holtberg, Dorothy Peterson, Minnie Olson, Christine Scanson, Catherine Buechler, Ed Novak, John Rasmussen, CO Christiansen and Mabel Hovland. In the beginning, quilts took some time to finish as old clothes were unseamed and cut with meticulousness. 30 Quilts in a year would be a good amount. Between 1991 and 2023, Karyl tallied 5459 quilts made at FLC. In 2014/2015, a whopping 668 quilts were made. Joy Nelson made over 500 herself! (She must have had a nifty system set up. Joy now lives in California.) Quilting numbers are still holding steady.

Join any Wednesday at 1:00 to help piece a quilt together. Donations of colored bed sheets & other cotton fabrics are always accepted.



[Reformation Sunday] God, you have reformed the church countless times. Reform my heart again today so I may live for you.

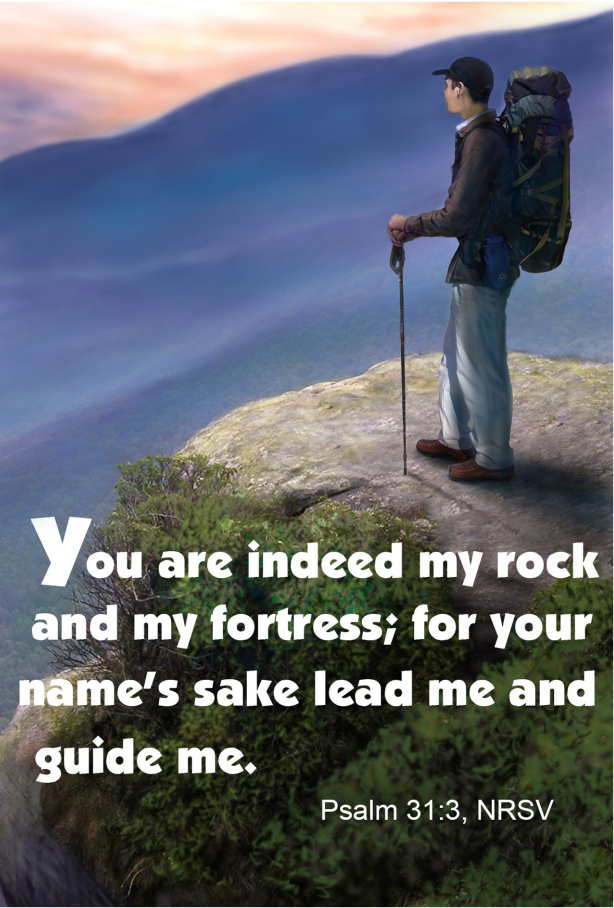
Lifting to New Levels

Log on to the church’s website at flcglasgow.org to review the plans. Please consider participating in these significant improvements. Donations may be mailed to the church, delivered in person, or made online through Tithe.ly.com.

On September 24, the congregation overwhelmingly approved the purchase of the lift equipment and architect fee. It will be stored until all funding is in place. Every year, as we all know, the prices for everything keep going up and hopefully the purchase now will keep costs closer to the goal.

Jon Mattfeldt built a wooden model and then turned it into a nifty bank. If everyone dropped in the price of a specialty drink, think how much it would add up to? We can do this. Bit by bit.

“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.” Hebrews 3:4



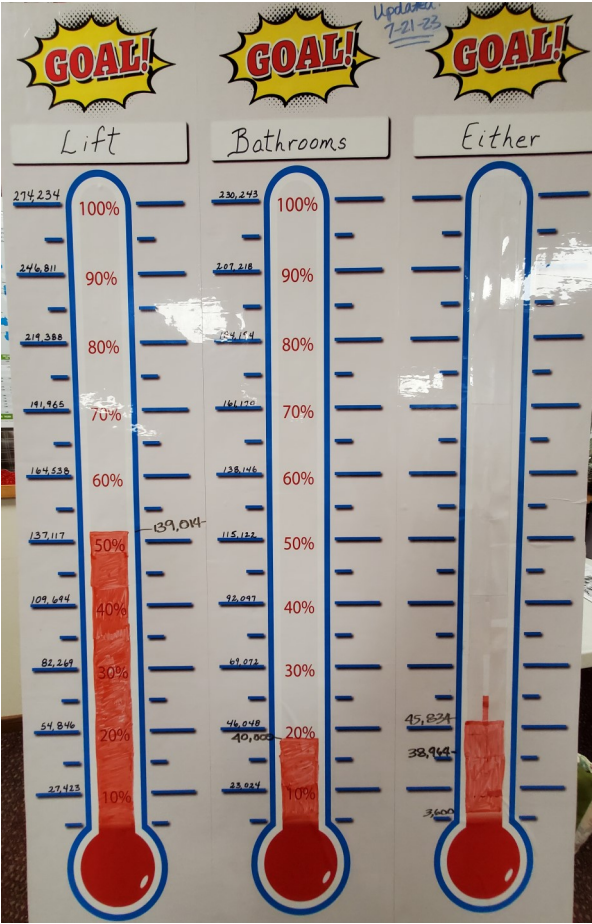
A Mighty Fortress

Although my understanding of this great hymn has changed since I was a boy, I still love to sing “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” on Reformation Sunday. Now rather than being merely the “Battle Hymn of the Reformation,” the hymn is so much more for me. It is the great hymn of comfort in the midst of trial, suffering, and temptation.

This hymn reminds us how Martin Luther, and other, preached the truth in love in the face of many obstacles and hardship. Rather than finding a single event behind this hymn, we can see how the plague, the death of his child, the controversies of the church, and other struggles in his life caused Luther to cling to his Lord, who is the Mighty Fortress for all of those who trust in him.

Because of this, we can sing this great hymn of comfort, not only on Reformation, but also during Lent and whenever we are in need of comfort.

By Dr. Oliver Collver



Notices

- **Service/Event Team** is **Team D: Shelly George & Jackie Bird** followed by Team E: Karyl Barnes & Mary Sue Knodel. **October ON CALL list is from Cassel to Fast.** Coffee Leader for October is Mona Amundson.
- If you want to help out with services and events, it is welcomed. Every little bit helps when putting together a luncheon. Even if all you want to do is bake some bars or a make a salad! Call Sandy in the office to get on the list.

College Addresses Wanted!

We would love to send the newsletter to you!



Login or register on Reynold’s website. Then go to rewards and my rewards. Click on the **Friends of Reynolds** button and add the charity (#1006) you would like to support. You can only support one charity at a time. For help, come see Sandy in the office and she’ll get you set up. Your grocery shopping is worth it. Use #1006 as charity. Last quarter: \$315.62 and donated for hygiene packets for the Health Department.

Food Bank

- Oct 1 Baby/Toddler Foods
- Oct 8 Toothpaste/Hygiene
- Oct 15 Kleenex
- Oct 22 Nuts
- Oct 29 Seasonings/Vanilla

Remembering Luther

Reformation Sunday will be October 29 and it should serve as an impetus for us to remember the great reformer, Martin Luther. This quotation from Luther reminds us of a principal focus of his life:

"We should learn well how to please Christ. We do please him by dedicating our entire life with all possible diligence solely to the service of our neighbor. 'Down, down,' says Christ 'you will find me in the poor, you are rising too high if you do not look for me down there.'"

Luther’s Focus

From Luther the Reformer. The Story of the Man and his Career. 2nd edition by James M. Kittleson and Hans II. Wiersma.

The collection of literature written by and attributed to Luther spans more than 100 volumes, most of them quite thick. Stacked vertically, these tomes (including indexes) stand nearly twenty feet tall. It is the sheer reach and extent of Luther’s notes, lectures, letters, commentaries, treatises, hymns, translations, prefaces, and table talks that make it difficult to reduce him to any one thing. Yet in St. Mary’s church in Wittenburg’s center hangs a painting that comes close to a fitting summary. This painting by Lucas Cranach Sr. was completed in the year after Luther’s death. The painting stand just above the altar, front and center, then and now, for all the churches parishioners and visitors to see. On the right-hand side of the image, Luther is shown preaching from a pulpit. The left-hand side of the image depicts his hearers, which include his wife, Katie, their son Hans, and their daughter Magdalena. With his left hand atop an open Bible, Luther’s right arm is extended and his right hand points with two fingers at the crucified Christ who stands at the center.



FLC Council Highlights

August 21, 2023

(Complete printed or electronic copies of the minutes are available from the church office.)

Council members present: Shelly George, Beverly Johnson, Marvin Johnson, Max Knodel, Tara Wesen, Mandy Rasmusan, Donna Lee, Judi Martin and Darcie Waarvik. Others present: Leanne Fontaine, Pastor Scott, Doug Allie, Linda Allie, Jon Mattfeldt, John Fontaine, and Tom Mar-
kle.

Devotions: We discussed chapter 6 from the book Reclaiming the “L” Word. God has called everyone to do a job and everyone has something to offer. Everyone is a minister.

REPORTS:

Special Project Request: John Fontaine presented updates on the lift project. The steering committee is recommending that we preorder the mechanical part of the lift at about \$35,000. We discussed getting bids for the project so we will have a good idea of the cost of the project before ordering the mechanical part of the lift. John Fontaine will sign off on the specs if the congregation gives its approval. The council approved the motion to ask the congregation for their input and approval to preorder the lift, sign off on the specs and get a bid for the lift project. These requests will be on the agenda for our biannual meeting on

September 24, 2023.

Treasurer’s report:

Total income for July was \$20,210.85. Total expenses were \$15,408.35. June’s cash flow was \$4.084.02.

YTD cash flow is -\$8,733.81.

We paid G & J Enterprises \$1440 for the annual lift maintenance.

Friends of Reynolds: We gave the \$315.62 from FOR to the Health Department for hygiene packets.

CSI: The youth/ed team will work to get the Wednesday evening CSI program going. Teachers for K-6 are Chrissa Nelson, Alicia Odem and Max Knodel. Pastor Scott will lead the 7th and 8th grade confirmation class. CSI will begin September 20, 2023. This year they are planning on having more parent, volunteer, and student involvement.

Pastor Scott: 2 burials, 1 funeral, meetings with youth and family, visitations, communion, Valley View, and Prairie Ridge visits. Bible camp was a good time. He took campers fishing and lead Bible studies. Will take four vacation days—September 11-14.



A Good Old Fashioned Potluck & Food Drive
Celebrating 100 Years on the Corner!

Bring your favorite dish or desert to share!
October 29th after church
Church Dining Room

Please bring a non-perishable item to fill up the Food Bank food bin at church.

What is a frog's favorite flower?

Answer: A croak-us.

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.



Quilt Shipping Day October 18

Quilts as well as personal, baby and school kits will be boxed and shipped out on October 18, headed to Williston to meet up with other quilt shipments bound for Lutheran World Relief. Additional 30 quilts are also sent to Intermountain Children’s Home in Helena as well locally. Volunteers are needed to help pack up the trailer our volunteer drivers will be driving to Williston. Come and see what these efforts can do. Should be close to 40 boxes by that date!



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