

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church



*December 2018
Newsletter*

Pastor's Pen...

Dear Friends in Christ,

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas..." How many ways can/ did you prepare leftover turkey? Did you participate in "Black Friday, buy local Saturday, or Cyber Monday" (or did you just veg out with football, football, football. Tree up yet? Cards written? Schedule full? Or maybe its loneliness, grief and memories which fill your days. Or maybe you are tempted to just throw your hands up in the air and say "bah, humbug." Yes, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

I know you need one more thing like you need... (I'll let you fill in the blank). But I will suggest it anyway. As you prepare the house, the food, the gifts. As you rush through the next few weeks, what are you doing to nurture your spirit? Is there a space for soul-care?

One of the simple and yet most profound spiritual disciplines I can recommend is to light a candle in the darkness. Candles have a way of slowing us down, calling us to pause, take a breath, and slow down. Silence is not empty, stillness is not wasted time. It is a doorway, and someone is knocking. Two verses speak of the silent knocking,

*Be still and know that I am God... (Psalm 46: 10)
Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door
I will come in and eat with you and you with me (Revelation 3: 20)*

Can I find 10 minutes in the morning or evening to take a breath, light a candle and open the door? So how do I begin?

Prepare

- * find a time, and a space.
- * In Advent a candle is lit for each of the four weeks. If you don't have four, if your candles are not blue, do not let the tradition distract you.

Listen

- * Begin your time with a simple prayer. I like Samuel's late night prayer, "*Speak Lord, your servant listens*"
- * Advent devotions are available via the net on several sights. Here are a few I have found useful

+You Version.com (it has several devotion options)
+sacredspace.ie— a wonderful way to pray Scripture
+livinglutheran.org— check out their spiritual practices file

Journal

- * What did you read? What questions, insights, ponderings do you have?
- * What is happening in your life today? How does your life and Scripture intersect?

I would be honored if you share with me your Advent journey. It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, my prayer for you and for me is that we would find time for stillness, for preparation, for listening... someone is knocking.

On tip-toes of anticipation.

Pastor David



Advent 2018

Meet a Shepherd, an Innkeeper and a young couple. Strangers in one moment, their life-stories are brought together in another.
Listen to the story

Ponder their questions

Find yourself there

Advent Worship & Prayers of Preparation
Saturday 5pm//Sunday 8:30 & 10:45 am
Beginning December 1 & 2
Because a baby changes everything



Committee Info!

Season's Greetings from the Worship Committee!!

The Holiday Season is fast upon us, and that means it is a busy time of year here at church! Saturday, December 1 we will be decorating the sanctuary at 9:30am. The beauty of our sanctuary takes many hands, and we invite you to join us to decorate, laugh, and eat chili when we are done!

Mark Your Calendar!!! Sunday December 9th from 4-6:30 we are bringing back Family Advent Fun! We will be meeting in the gathering area and making Chrismons! Chrismons are the beautiful white, gold, and sparkly decorations that adorn our Christmas tree, and some of the older ones are beginning to fall apart. What better way to ensure we have decorations for years to come! Upon completion of our Chrismons, we will then decorate the Sanctuary tree, have a light meal, and close with an evening prayer. The children will also have their very own tree to decorate with their creations!

Holiday Worship Schedule:

December 23 - Unified Worship at 9:30am

December 24 - Candlelight Services at 4pm and 9pm

December 30 - Unified Worship of Lessons & Carols at 9:30am

Please feel free to join us on December 11th at 6:00pm for our next meeting.



Hello from Parish Ed!

Well this is the season for many activities and events for families and individuals. The kids have been busy too bringing in items for the Chem care kits. They brought in items like blankets, cross word puzzles, gum, hand sanitizer and more! We had enough items to put together over 30 kits! Way to go!

December 10th will be a combined Christmas Concert for the Wednesday and Sunday Church School kids. The concert will be between services! Please join us for some Christmas Cheer.

Operation Christmas Child was a huge success this year. We collected 300 shoe boxes total from Williston, Wild Rose, Tioga, Watford City and Alexander. Thank You to everyone that brought boxes and thank you to Margaret Maxfield and JoAnne Colebank for helping with the cartons.

The 400 Youth kids did a food shelf collection night. They braved the cold weather and went around the neighborhoods collecting items for our food shelf here at Gloria Dei.

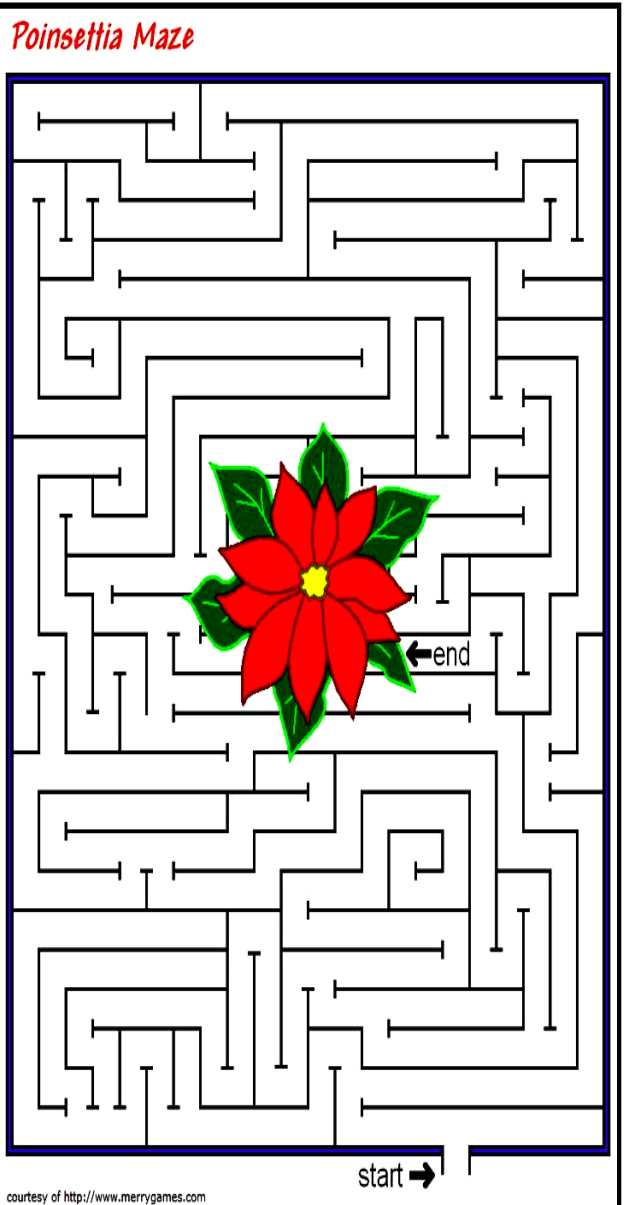
The Confirmation kids were busy too making Christmas ornaments with for Bethel Homes. These ornaments will be decorated and then given to the Bethel residents when they go to sing Christmas Carols in December.

It's hard to believe that half of the education year is over already. We have really enjoyed the kids this year again. We have a awesome group of teachers! Thank You to all the parents that bring their kids each week.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Joyous New year!

Parish Education,

Kami Dornfeld, Sherry Weyrauch, Georgette Huravitch, Heidi Clemes, and Ann Nelson



courtesy of <http://www.merrygames.com>

Happy Birthday!

LETA	BERG	12/01	JORY	SKALSKY	12/18
KAZUMI	REEB	12/02	CALVIN	NASS	12/18
KENNA	HARSTAD	12/02	ALYSON	RONDESTVEDT	12/19
JAMES	GROSULAK	12/02	NEVAEH	BARTEN	12/19
KAELYN	SIME	12/03	JESSICA	JORDAN	12/19
GLORIA	JORDAN	12/03	NASH	DOUCHETTE	12/19
SABRINA	NICE	12/04	MOLLY	HAAGENSON	12/20
RACHEL	MAXFIELD	12/04	ALYSSA	SMITH	12/20
PATRICIA	GREENFIELD	12/04	MADISON	WILKIE	12/20
BRETT	FISKETJON	12/04	NATHAN	TANGEDAL	12/21
SOFIA	WATTERUD	12/05	CHERYL	ENGBERG	12/21
TY	WATTERUD	12/05	DOROTHY	BERCE	12/23
RYAN	SWENSON	12/05	AMANDA	HAGEN	12/23
JACKIE	TESKEY	12/06	MALAKAI	SMALTZ	12/23
JUDY	HOGUE	12/06	SHARI	NASS	12/23
CUTTER	RONESS	12/07	TODD	PARISIEN	12/24
RYAN	MCKINZIE	12/07	SHIRLEY	SKARPHOL	12/26
EMMA	MCKINZIE	12/07	GRANT	HAAGENSON	12/26
HAYLEE	SUNDBY	12/08	JOSEPH	SKAARE	12/27
CREW	HENNIX	12/08	RHYS	ENGET	12/27
LORI	HAHN	12/08	KARLA	SYVERSON	12/27
HAYLEE	SUNDBY	12/08	RUSSELL	FRISINGER	12/27
MELISSA	MEYER	12/08	GRAYSON	VADER	12/27
BRIAN	ENGBERG	12/08	HAYDEN	KEMP	12/29
SLOANE	THEIGE	12/09	RYLEE	MURRAY	12/30
KAIN	LACOUNTE	12/10	CAITLYN	ANDERSON	12/30
DAXON	LUND	12/10	ALYSSA	JAGER	12/30
MEAGAN	WENSTAD	12/10	CHELSEY	VINGER	12/31
BRETT	COLEBANK	12/11			
GARY	SKARPHOL	12/11			
IONE	NICE	12/12			
HOLLY	CHRISTIANSON	12/12			
AIDEN	SAILER	12/13			
KRISTOPHER	REDKA	12/14			
GAVIN	HEGGE	12/15			
MYRNA	BUMMER	12/16			
GRAADIN	BARKIE	12/16			
LANCE	ENGBERG	12/17			
WINTON	VESTAL	12/17			



November Memorials

In Memory of Marjorie Andre
Gerald & Ruby Bauer—Mortgage Reduction

In Memory of John Thorpe
Duane & Dorothy Fenster—Quilting

In Memory of Diane Bervig
Gerald & Ruby Bauer—Mortgage Reduction
John & Lois Kuester—Mortgage Reduction

In Memory of Lilian Soholt
Duane & Dorothy Fenster—Mortgage Reduction

In Memory of Chuck Williams
Bill & Lola Christensen—Mortgage Reduction
Rae Olson—Campership

In Memory of Loran Gross
Bonnie Kolden—Youth

In Memory of Michael Anderson
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In Memory of Dr. Robert Olson
Doug Hogle—Mortgage Reduction
Bobbie Kohler—Mortgage Reduction
Bill & Lola Christensen—Mortgage Reduction

In Memory of Joan Amsden
John & Lois Kuester—Mortgage Reduction



POINSETTIA MEMORIALS



Given By:	In Honor of:	In Memory of:
		Ruth Rosslund
Georgianne Tofte		Wyatt E. Tofte
Chelsey & Amari Vinger	Mike & Polly Vinger and Sylvia Vinger	Rose & Thorfin Slette, Clifford Vinger
Keith & Barb Overland family		Gordon & Ardelle Overland, Roy & Thelma Lohse & Zachary Hagen
Wayne & JoAnne Colebank	Our children and grandson, Everhett	Harold & Claire Burau
Cheryl Haugenoe		Earl Haugenoe
Jerry & Cheryl Fleck		Marilyn Germundson & Deb Benter, Ralph, Ann & Mark Fleck
Mike & Polly Vinger	Chelsey, Amari & Kris Vinger, and Sylvia Vinger	Rose & Thorfin Slette, Clifford Vinger
Roger Altenburg		Pearl Altenburg
Floyd & Donna Peterson	Our Grandchildren	
Dick & Marg McKennett	Gloria Dei Church Family	
Deb, Chris & Zim Oseland - niece of the Penfields		Floyd & Hildegard Penfield
Jerry & Lori Hahn	Jen & Cam, Jordan & Judy	Ryan Hahn
Lynn & Melissa Sundby	Our children & grandchildren	Sheryl Rehder
David, Margaret, Rachel & Linnea Maxfield		Bill & Darlene Maxfield, Sue Mehlich, Larry & Eleanor Sathre
Wayne & Sheri Retzer	Our families	
Jerry & Val Opsal	Mark & Jacob DeChandt	Thomas DeChandt, Loyal, Marcy, Edna, Oliver & Larry Opsal
The Rauser Family		Erik Rauser, Sadie Rauser
Gary & Linda Knudsvig	Erick, Amy, Destiny, Mason & Isaac Njos, Aaron, Amber, Paxton & Parker Knudsvig	Florence Magnuson, Murell Knudsvig
Sue Zavalney		Milo Langberg, Phil Anderson
Larry & Brenda Grondahl	Tanner, Brit, Hudson & Fletcher Farstveet	Rudale & Arlene Nelson, Joseph & Millie Grondahl
Larry & Brenda Grondahl	Dalton, Dawson, Bella & Gabby Tangedal, Toni Magrum	Char Grondahl, Darrel Daniels
Mark & Wendy Telehey and Family		Matthew Telehey, Bob Priebe, Mel & JoAnn Telehey
Lois and John Kuester	Grandchildren and great-grandchildren	
Brian, Sharon and Logan Knox		Orlane Maruskie and Alvin Knox
Lucille Paluck		Toni Sue and Tony Paluck
Bill and Irene Bell	Grandchildren and great-grandchildren	
Kent and Lois Reierson	Children & Grandchildren	Parents Bud & Mavis Reierson and Carl and Avis Miller
Tom and Anne Ator	Avy and John Ator, Grandma and Grandpa Kuester	Papa Marvin
Etta Miller and Family		Bob Miller
Ron & Deb Bingeman	Our children & grandchildren	Hank & Dora Farver, Barney & Opal Bingeman

Faith Lutheran Church Service Schedule

December 2—10:00 am-Communion
December 9—10:00 am
December 16—10:00 am- Communion
December 23—10:00 am
CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24TH—5:00PM—
COMMUNION & CANDLE LIGHT
December 30—10:00 am



Faith News December 2018

John 19:1 Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him.

This year at Faith Lutheran we have again planned a special Christmas Eve service. Yes there will be puppets and singing, and lots of the old favorite Christmas carols and of course we will end the worship service with candle lighting. The sermon will end with a special short homily on the candy cane. The candy cane remains a favorite Christmas Holiday treat.

A candy maker wanted to make a candy that would witness the love of Christ Jesus, He began with a stick of pure white hard candy. White to symbolize the virgin birth, and the sinless nature of Jesus, hard to symbolize the Solid Rock, the foundation of the church and the firmness of the promise of God. The promise that God would send a savior to save his people from sin. Whose birth we are celebrating. The candy maker used the symbol "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus who was to come to earth to be our Messiah. Thinking that the candy cane was plain, he stained it with stripes of red.. He used three narrow stripes to show the scourging Jesus received and by those stripes we are healed. The large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross so that we could receive the promise of eternal life. It remains to this day a symbol of hope to witness the love of God for all or us. A love which remains a force in our world today.

Bill Christensen

Merry Christmas To All!

Faith LCW will meet December 1 at 10 AM at Bethel Nelson Manor. Lunch is potluck. Bring goodies for shut-ins, 11 boxes will be assembled. Bible study leader is Phyllis Sylte.

Faith Council will meet December 12 at 7 PM at Faith.

Cleaning for December is Larry and Joanne Njos.

Last month at Gloria Dei...



Bible & Brew

Where: J-Dub's Bar and Grill
When: 6 pm – 8 pm,
 Thursday Nov 29th, Dec 6, Dec 13th, Dec 20th.
Come join the conversation.

Discussion Topic:

The Christmas Story
 Nov 29th focus: Luke 1:26-56
 Dec 6th focus: Matthew 1:18-25
 Dec 13th focus: Luke 2:1-19
 Dec 20th focus: Matthew 2:1-15

Bake Sale

SATURDAY DEC. 8TH
2 PM
 Pie, Rommegrot, and Coffee Served at 1 pm

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
 WILLISTON, NORTH DAKOTA



377 Meals served in the first 6 weeks by Lunch Connections

209% Increase in homeless from 2017

558 hours number of volunteer hours, January - October 2018. Value = \$13,777.02

Client Needs

Category	2017	2018
Referrals to Partners	161	268
Gas	202	232
Lodging	127	206
Referrals to Steve	188	188
Rental Assistance	151	152
Phone Card	103	119
Utilities	65	95
Food	22	77
Transportation Out of Town	22	34
Security Deposit	22	32

Community Connections 2018

Client Story

Juan came from Germany as a baby with his family and they settled in Georgia. As he got older, he branched out and decided to come to North Dakota to look for work. He works at the Command Center whenever they have work for him. One day he took the Post Office test for a job. After waiting several weeks, he learned that he passed the test and would be offered a job. But because he was born in another country, immigration got involved and he had to make a trip to Minneapolis to get everything straightened out.

Juan came to Lunch Connections to get something to eat and he wanted someone to talk to. He came every day for about 2 weeks sharing his frustration in the hurry up and wait game. But, through all his frustration he stayed upbeat and positive.

One day he came for lunch very excited. That very afternoon he was going to the Post Office for his final job interview and was positive he would be starting to work for them. He has not been back to Lunch Connections, so we assume he got the job and we wish him well.

Client Breakdown

Category	2017	2018
Vets	21	39
Homeless Children 17 or under	0	40
Homeless Adults	114	238

Community Connections 2018

Total Clients

Year	Total Clients
2017	1002
2018	781

Client Story

William came into Community Connections not knowing what to do. He was paying more rent than he could afford plus his utilities, with his only income being a small SSI check. He had already had his electricity shut off, was behind in his rent and had no minutes left on his phone. Due to his medical condition it was important he have communication with his doctors as he was receiving weekly treatments. Community Connections provided him a phone card and made two referrals, one to help him with housing and one to help him with his budgeting. William now has affordable housing and a case worker to help him with his funds.

Community Connections
 603 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1
 WILLISTON, ND 58801
 701-713-6783

Western North Dakota Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
 Call with Curators



November Council Minutes



Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Council Minutes
November 8, 2018, 6:00 PM.

Call to order/prayer concerns –
Present: Wendy, Judy, David R, Kathy, Ashley, Jeramy, Heidi, Cheryl, Rick, Pastor David
Absent: Terry, Sherry, Mark
Devotions – Cheryl Nelson
Prayers – By Pastor David

CONSENT AGENDA

Secretary's minutes from October's council meeting

Treasurer's report

Approve Bills

Executive Committee actions – One License annual renewal for \$355 by unanimous Executive Action. Wendy moved that

Property committee purchase a new washer for the parsonage and to be installed as soon as possible. Seconded by Rick.

Motion carried.
Pastor David reported that they were able to repair the washer at this time instead of replacing.

Judy moved, Heidi seconded to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Committee Reports – (Note: It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that the committees use the Committee Communication form – please email them to Ann shortly after committee meetings.)

Pastor's – Pastor David

David – Monthly Update – Written report

Community Connections Statistics

Evangelism – Judy Hogue and Cheryl Nelson –

Ashley moved that January Noisy offering got to motel assistance for Community Connections. Judy seconded. Motion carried.

Property – Mark Telehey

Worship – David Rod and Kathy Molland –

Stewardship – Rick Clemes and Terry Olson –

Parish Education – Heidi Clemes, Sherry Weyrauch

Youth –

Website Committee (Computer/Technology Update)

Nominating –

Personnel – Verbal Update to Report

Unfinished Business

Call committee

Pastor David to update

The call committee to update the congregational profile

Parsonage committee

Church Security Discussion – HIGH PRIORITY –

Leininger Family Giving Fund Grant

Lyle Nelson Mineral Rights –

Calendar Review

Review long term calendar & notify Ann of any changes. Info for the 2018-2019 calendar is needed.

To-Do List Review

Budget Request from committees

New Business

Personnel – Office Hours – Ashley moved to approve the office hours of Monday-Thursday from 9-3, Friday 9-noon. Cheryl seconded. Motion carried.

Property – Parsonage Washer

Annual Committee Reports – Ashley handed out what the committees need in their reports,

Set Annual Meeting Dates – Sunday January 27th, potluck after the 2nd service, then the annual meeting.

Offering Key Exchange – Keys to Ashley, Terry is backup.

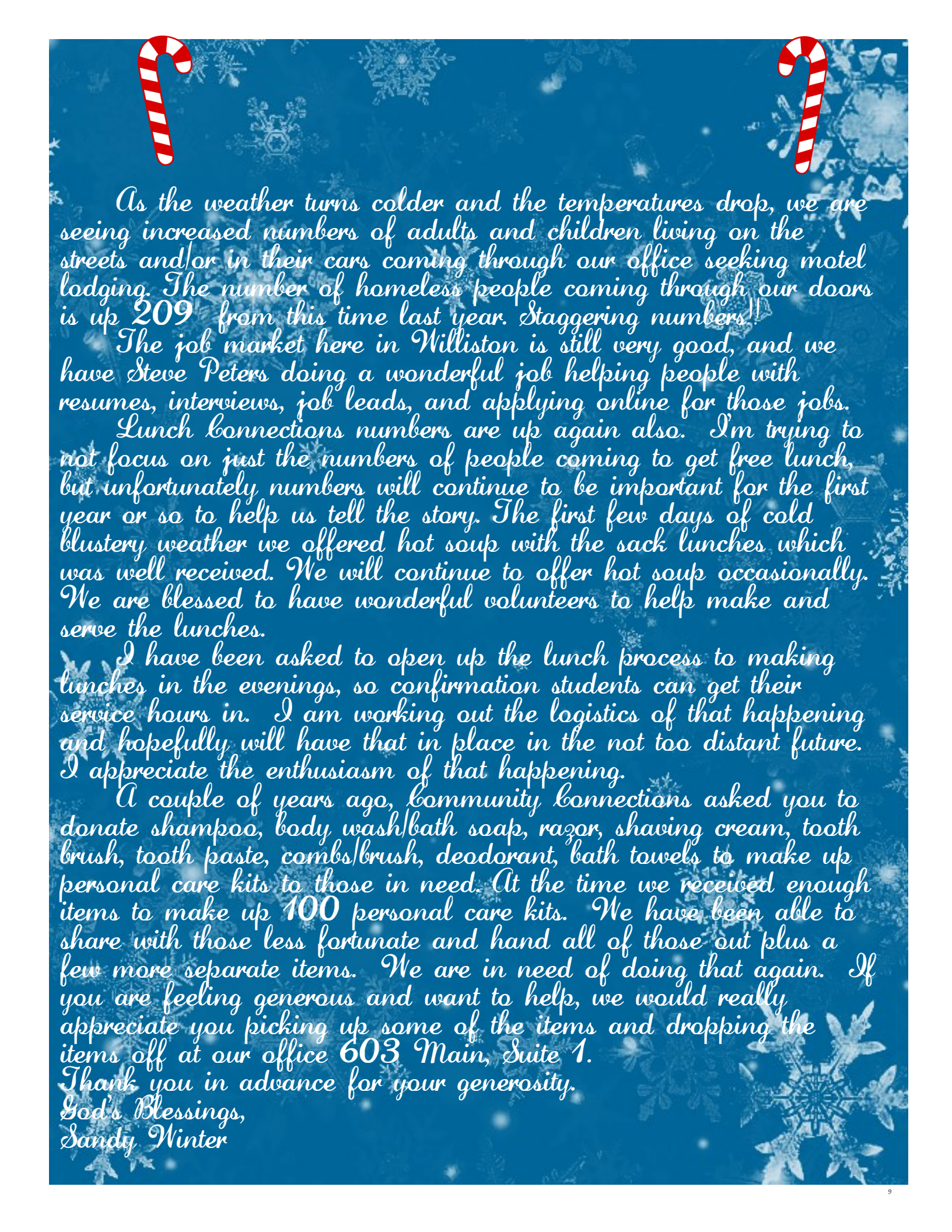
Adjournment/Lord's Prayer

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday, December 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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ONLINE**

Visit www.gloriadeiwill.org and sign up for online giving.
Click on the 'Give' tab and create an account. If you have any questions,
please call the office at 701-572-2667.



As the weather turns colder and the temperatures drop, we are seeing increased numbers of adults and children living on the streets and/or in their cars coming through our office seeking motel lodging. The number of homeless people coming through our doors is up **209** from this time last year. Staggering numbers!!

The job market here in Williston is still very good, and we have Steve Peters doing a wonderful job helping people with resumes, interviews, job leads, and applying online for those jobs.

Lunch Connections numbers are up again also. I'm trying to not focus on just the numbers of people coming to get free lunch, but unfortunately numbers will continue to be important for the first year or so to help us tell the story. The first few days of cold blustery weather we offered hot soup with the sack lunches which was well received. We will continue to offer hot soup occasionally. We are blessed to have wonderful volunteers to help make and serve the lunches.

I have been asked to open up the lunch process to making lunches in the evenings, so confirmation students can get their service hours in. I am working out the logistics of that happening and hopefully will have that in place in the not too distant future. I appreciate the enthusiasm of that happening.

A couple of years ago, Community Connections asked you to donate shampoo, body wash/bath soap, razor, shaving cream, tooth brush, tooth paste, combs/brush, deodorant, bath towels to make up personal care kits to those in need. At the time we received enough items to make up **100** personal care kits. We have been able to share with those less fortunate and hand all of those out plus a few more separate items. We are in need of doing that again. If you are feeling generous and want to help, we would really appreciate you picking up some of the items and dropping the items off at our office **603 Main, Suite 1**. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

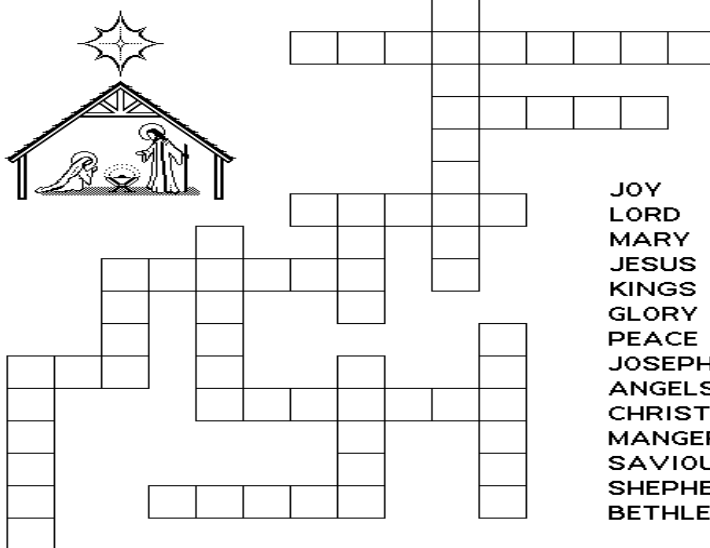
God's Blessings,
Sandy Winter

FAITH CHURCH
CHRISTMAS CAROLING
DECEMBER 23RD AT 5:00
GLORIA DEI MEMBERS
ARE INVITED
TO COME AND SING ALSO!
PLEASE MEET AT GLORIA DEI.



Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOUR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

DECEMBER 2ND—STEWARDSHIP Kickoff

Please wear your "I Love My Church" shirt
to church Sunday, December 2nd.
*Watch for a letter from the Stewardship
Committee about counting your blessing!*

October 2018 Financials

General Checking Account:

October 1 2018 General Checking Account Balance	177,927.46
October Offering	+26,399.73
October Expenses	<u>(29,195.58)</u>
October 31 2018 General Checking Account Balance	\$175,139.35

Special Checking Account:

October 1 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	259,111.84
October Specials Offering	\$7,534.20
October Expenses	<u>(\$14,036.11)</u>
October 31 2018 Special Checking Account Balance	\$252,609.93

Benevolences :

WND Synod—ELCA Benevolence	1620.08
WND Synod- WND Benevolence	185.15
UMM Bible Camp Benevolence	231.44
Bethel Lutheran Home Benevolence	162.01
Lutheran Social Services Benevolence	115.72
Community Connections	<u>115.72</u>
Total Benevolences for May	\$2430.12

Thrivent Mortgage Payment	\$6552.00
Building Loan Balance as of October 21, 2018	\$95,245.33

December 2018 Gospel Seeds

A Monthly Update from Western ND Synod Staff

Rev. Mark Narum, Serving as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod

A world turned upside down...

As we enter the final month of the year, I invite you to begin reading the Gospel of Luke as part of your devotional reading. Luke is the Gospel we will hear in worship most weeks for the next 12 months.

While you read, look for examples of ordinary people being used for extraordinary purposes. For example, an elderly couple, barren all of their lives are told they will have a child. Another example, a very young woman is told she will have a child,

"...therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God." (Luke 1:35)

Ordinary people called by God to change the world.

We believe that God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, continues to work in the world. Ordinary people, with ordinary lives are living their faith every day! What about you? How is God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, calling you to serve? In what ways might the work of your hands, head and heart turn the world upside down for the sake of others?

The Gospel of Luke is a testimony that God works through ordinary people. Enjoy some time just reading that story and let it bless you.

We Did It!! Thank you!!

We are excited to announce because of your generosity, we have surpassed the \$20,000, "Walking With You" Annual Appeal goal!! As of November 15, \$20,820 has been contributed. Thank you!

From Bowman to Ray, Tioga, and Williston, over to Bottineau, down to Hettinger and back up to Underwood-a significant amount of synod staff time this fall was spent on the road meeting with congregations in transition and people in the midst of discernment.

On November 16th, a special dinner was held with time for prayer and conversation for those in discernment about where they may be called to serve their church. This dinner was attended by 4 young adults with their parents, youth director and/or pastors. Because of your generous contributions to the WND Synod Annual Appeal, this important work that God has for us can continue.

As it can be with any challenge, it sometimes feels like climbing a snow-covered mountain without the right equipment. And just when you think you cannot take another step forward, you discover you are not alone and that feeling of support propels you forward. As a synod, we are walking together on this journey of call to serve the church and bring the good news to the world. We are grateful for every gift received, no matter the size and will continue to receive gifts to the appeal until the end of the year. Gifts to general synod mission support will continue to be received from congregations and individuals.

Planning for the future...

As we approach the end of the year, just a quick reminder, gifts of \$5,000 or more to one of the three synod endowment funds can be of significant tax advantage to you. If you have questions call the synod office. Your gifts help provide scholarships for seminarians, funding for creative, Christ centered ministries or can help ensure there are people walk with future ministry candidates.

Call Process Updates...

-Rev Renee Johnson and Rev Charles Johnson have accepted calls to the Dakota Lutheran Parish and will begin serving Amidon, Bowman as well as Bethany & First of Rhame.

-Deacon Jodi Lorenz has accepted a call to serve the people of Augustana, Underwood and Birka, Washburn.

-Rev. Sandy Anderson resigned her call to First and Trinity of Tioga

-Rev. Gary Erdmann has begun his work as Intentional Interim Minister at Trinity, Bismarck.

Candidacy Committee News...

Your synod candidacy committee has approved two people for ordination. Bethany Haberstroh who has been serving the Horizon Parish (Flasher, Carson, Bethseda) as a TEEM candidate will soon move into the interview process with the parish for call. Mike Olson who has been serving White Earth and McGreggor as a TEEM candidate has already been interviewed for call and soon a vote will take place. We are excited about the gifts of these two candidates. They will serve the Gospel well in the years to come.

If you know of someone who you believe has the gifts for ministry begin praying for them now. Let them know what you see in them. Finally, encourage them to reach out to synod staff we would love to have a conversation with them about ministry possibilities.

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