



# PARISH PARTYLINE

## Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

February 2022

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## Announcements

**Looking for hymn suggestions!** Please write down your favorite hymns and place in the container on the table in the Narthex at CLC and in the basket on the table at the back of the sanctuary at FLC.

**FLC Online Giving** is available at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z1PQ>

**FLC WELCA are collecting supplies for Bridges to Hope.** A full list of items can be found on [bridgestohopene.org/donate](http://bridgestohopene.org/donate).

**FLC WELCA** will meet on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. - Lesson by Jean

**CLC Volunteer Opportunities** – A new sign up sheet is in the Narthex for volunteer Sunday School teachers, January through April 2022. Sunday School runs 9:30-10:10 am (40 minutes). Please consider using your gifts to bless our children.

**CLC Property Repairs** – Review the list on the bulletin board and if you can assist the property committee with any items, please contact Warren Hanson or Dan Nolte.

**Dixon County 4-H Junior Leaders will be having a Soup Dinner** on Sunday, February 20, 2022, at the Dixon Community Center, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Serving chicken noodle soup and chili, desserts, and drink for a free will donation. Raffle tickets are for sale now until the drawing at 1 p.m. on the day of the dinner. Money raised goes for scholarships and Citizen Washington Focus Trips.

**FLC Soup Supper will be on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.** They will be serving Chili, Beef Barley, Oyster, and Chicken Noodle with sandwiches, and desserts. Dine-In or Curbside Order/Pick Up. Free Will Donation.

**Concordia - No Perfect People Allowed - T-shirts** are available for \$12.00. Contact Trish Reifenrath via email at [rtreif@yahoo.com](mailto:rtreif@yahoo.com) to order.



**Service men and women** continue to need to hear from home, friends, and family. Please consider sending a “Thinking of You”, “Thank You for Your Service”, or just a short personal note to our current service members:

Sgt Christopher Wordekemper  
53 Barclay Place Court, Apt. D  
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Taylor Johnson  
7541 Murray Hill, Apt 838  
Columbia, MD 21046



*We remember in our prayers those who are ill or in need of prayers.*

Phyllis O'Brien's Family  
 Forrest Smith's Family  
 Frieda Bowman  
 Betty Carr  
 Fern Erickson  
 Marilyn Wallin

*We remember those in care facilities or homebound.*

Bonnie Kellogg (Homebound)  
 Frieda Bowman (Hillcrest)  
 Lyla Swanson (Kinship Pointe)  
 Marilyn Wallin (CountryView)  
 Fern Erickson (Kinship Pointe)  
 Elaine Lubberstedt (Homebound)

*We remember those serving in the armed forces.*

Chris Wordekemper  
 Taylor Johnson

*Concordia Members*

Gretchen Dietrich  
 Fern Erickson  
 Brad Erwin  
 Jason & Amanda Fischer;  
 Mitchell, Kolton, Lane  
 Rich & Leila Fischer

*First Lutheran Members*

Bonnie Kellogg  
 Rod & Barb Ketelsen  
 Shelly Klug  
 Shirley Lanser  
 Duane & Barb Lund

If you know of any person in need of prayers, please call the church office at 635-2461 and leave a message if no one answers.

# Worship Helpers & Celebrations

	First Helpers	Concordia Helpers
<b>Ushers &amp; Greeters</b>	Scott & Jean Morgan	Jeff Grone & Joe Grone
<b>Acolytes</b>	2/6 2/13 2/20 2/27	2/6 Presten & Jayson Wayman 2/13 Tanner & Turner Thompson 2/20 Hunter Nolte 2/27 Cade Johnson
<b>Lay Readers</b>		Danita Hanson
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Karen Clausen Smith	Danita Hanson
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Karen Clausen Smith	Alissa Thompson, Andrea Johnson, Brandi Settje, & Trish Reifenrath
<b>Altar Flowers</b>		Lynette Krie
<b>Coffee after Service</b>	2/6 Jean Morgan 2/13 Jean Carlson 2/20 2/27 Barb Sands	



## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary First

2/1 Loren Carr  
 2/8 Jean Morgan  
 2/9 Tristan Connell  
 2/12 Scott & Jean Morgan  
 2/12 Gerald & Barb Sands  
 2/14 Court & Darlene Roberts  
 2/15 Rett Hingst

## Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary Concordia

2/3 Warren Hanson  
 2/9 Alissa Thompson  
 2/11 Izac Reifenrath  
 2/14 Hart Vollers  
 2/18 JoAnn Hauptmann  
 2/19 Carolyn Alt  
 2/19 Bentley Nolte  
 2/25 Josh Grone

# Ministry Opportunities

**Confirmation Class** February 2, 9, 16, & 23 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at CLC

**CLC Choir Practice** February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Cluster Nomination Meeting** February 5<sup>th</sup>

**FLC Council Meeting** February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**FLC WELCA** February 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

**CLC Council Meetings** February 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Newsletter Deadline** February 21<sup>st</sup>

**WELCA Spring Gather** February 26<sup>th</sup> at Our Savior, Wayne

**FLC Soup Supper** February 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Concordia Lutheran Church Welcomes Delight Ministries to partner with us** as they share mission work with us. They are an invitational communal group wanting to find ways to serve outside of the WSC campus. As educational majors, they will offer their gifts in the next couple of months by teaching our Sunday School youth on February 13 and March 27. Delight Ministries is a nationwide organization focused on strengthening the faith of college-aged women through fostering vulnerability and transforming stories. May we wrap them in our prayers and give them thanks for their willingness to focus on the ministry of sharing God's Word.

## Our Core Values

### 1. INVITATIONAL

We believe in going out of our way to pursue people. We intentionally invite women to be a part of our community and into a deeper relationship with Jesus.

### 2. VULNERABLE COMMUNITY

Delight is a place to be fully known, loved, and challenged. We believe in community that carries each other's burdens and celebrates the victories.

### 3. EFFECTIVE INNOVATION

We intentionally look for new, innovative, and effective ways of doing ministry. We're not afraid to do things that haven't been done before.

### 4. EQUIPPING & DISCIPLING

We believe in taking the time to bring others closer to Jesus while resourcing them to become strong and servant-hearted leaders.

### 5. SPIRIT LED

We desire to look to Jesus in every decision, plan, and strategy. We will follow faith over fear.

Thank you to everyone at Concordia Lutheran Church and WELCA for the notes of love and concern I have received during this past year.  
Lyla Swanson

*Thank You*



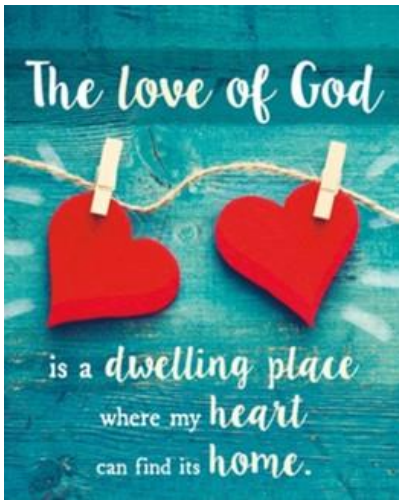
*Thank you to the WELCA/Heaven Circle for thinking of me at Christmas time with the card + cross. and also throughout the year. It brightens my day to know you are thinking of me and praying for me. God bless you all!  
Marilyn*

*Concordia Lutheran Church, 1-15-22  
On behalf of the Seeking the Spirit Within Advisory Board, I express our gratitude for your financial gift. Your support of this ministry of the Nebraska Synod assists participants to grow in faith and deepen their relationship with God. We*

*greatly appreciate your support.*

*Peace,  
Pastor Brad Meyer*

# Vicar's Article



## We Are Called to Be Good Stewards of Ourselves

*Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35*

We as Lutherans take caring for our neighbor seriously and put forth much energy in doing so; so sometimes it's good to be reminded that caring for our neighbor also includes caring for ourselves. It's like being reminded by the flight attendant that we must first put on our own oxygen mask before we can take care of others. God wants us to serve from a place of renewed strength, not depleted energy. Jesus modelled this for us many times!

During February, I pray we take the time to tend to our own self-care. As we remember Valentine's Day, and share caring acts of God's love with others, let us also find a way to love ourselves. Do something that makes you smile every day. Figure out what it is that makes you smile and then make it routine. If you haven't had your smile fix already today, go find it now. You'll get bonus points and smiles if you are able to share what lit you up with somebody else.

*Vicar Deb*

## LENT SERIES CREATED FOR COMMUNITY

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>

MARCH 9 – In Community with Creation

MARCH 16 – In Community with all the Saints

MARCH 23 – In Community with our neighbor

MARCH 20 – In Community with those on the margins

APRIL - 6 In Community with Christ

# First Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

*One unified body of Christ, called to be agents of love and service to all!*

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First Lutheran Council met on January 3, 2022. Present were Vicar Deb Hammer, Gloria Dowling, Greg Carr, Katie Olesen, and Vickie Sands.

Opening prayer by all.

Secretary's report was read and approved.

Treasurer's report was read, discussed, and approved.

Property items were discussed. Still working on finding a new door for the kitchen.

## **Old Business:**

- We reviewed the budget for 2022.
- Finalized job description for church custodian.
- We still need 1 person to serve on council. We also need to find 2 Synod Assembly Delegates. The new bishop will be elected at this year's Synod Assembly.

## **New Business:**

- Gloria will get flyers made and signs up for the soup supper on February 27.
- Council made goals for 2022.
- Vicar Deb will be gone on January 30. The council will do the service that day.

## **Upcoming:**

Annual meeting – Jan. 16

Mutual Ministry – Jan. 18

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Sands, Secretary

**Next meeting is February 7 at 7:00 P.M.**



# Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

*Reflecting God's love in service to all through our family of faith!*

The Concordia Council met on January 10, 2022 in the church basement with Vicar Deb, Carolyn Alt, Judy Martindale, Brandi Settje, Doug Krie, and Dan Nolte in attendance. Tamara Sterling was absent. Thanks were extended to Lee and Hart for their years of service and Dan Nolte was welcomed to council. All reports and Vicar's report was presented and approved.

Council positions for 2022 were established with Dan Nolte taking over as Vice President and Judy Martindale taking the Financial Secretary duty. Tamara Sterling will be new secretary. All other positions will remain the same.

## Old Business:

- Prayer Pal Program still in the works. Vicar and Carolyn are working on documentation and Vicar will be creating a formal mentoring program as part of 2022 internship.
- Property committee has submitted an estimate for concrete paving of east parking.

## New Business:

- We will have lay led services on Jan 16<sup>th</sup> to allow Vicar to attend FLC annual meeting
- Concordia's annual meeting will be on Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> following regular services with a potluck meal to follow.
- We looked at 2022 council goals. We will finalize these at February meeting.
- There will be a communion class for youth (and anyone else) on 3-26-22 and an acolyte training/refresher course on 1-26-22 along with confirmation class.
- Discussed having an alter guild training/refresher class. Carolyn will discuss with Peg Lutt and Lynette Krie.
- Vicar Deb will set a date for a new member service.
- Doug and Lynette Krie will take over the council prayer list and send out the notes to members being prayed for by council.
- The 2022 proposed budget was finalized and motion made and approved to present at annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Martindale

Secretary

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.