



PARISH PARTYLINE

Concordia Lutheran & First Lutheran

January 2022

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Announcements

If you have any changes to your contact information and/or would like to update your picture for the directory, please email it to Bridgett at secretaryatcf@gmail.com by January 10th.

Annual Report information must be to Bridgett by January 10th.

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.

CLC 2022 Yearbook Sign Ups – Please stop at the bulletin board in the Narthex by January 10th and sign up for 2022 volunteer opportunities.

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

FLC 2022 Yearbook Sign Ups are on the back table in the sanctuary. Please help fill the needs within our church by **JANUARY 10th**.

FLC WELCA are collecting supplies for Bridges to Hope. A full list of items can be found on bridgestohopene.org/donate.

FLC WELCA will meet on January 12th at 1:30 p.m. - Lesson by Karen & Hostess will be Jean Morgan

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.

CLC Opportunities to serve! It's that time of year where our church members will soon be voting on several serving positions within the church: Synod Assembly Representatives (2); Head Usher; Memorial Fund Coordinator, and Auditor. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee - Grant Settje, Dawn Addison-Corbit, Trisha Reifenrath, or Dustin Thompson.

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
313 Kearney Blvd
Goodfellow AFB, TX 76908



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

Vicar Deb & Family
 Keith & Elaine Lubberstedt
 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)

We remember those serving in the armed forces.

Chris Wordekemper
 Taylor Johnson

Concordia Members

Les Bohlken
 Betty Bothwell
 Frieda Bowman
 Jeremy & Mandy Bruning;
 Harper, Presley
 Darlene Cuba

First Lutheran Members

Jay & Shelly Jones; Brogan
 Barb Karmann
 Faith Keil
 Heidi Keil; Wyatt, Cheyenne
 Steve Keil; Wyatt, Cheyenne

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
Ushers & Greeters	Hingst Family	Hart Vollers & Dan Nolte
Acolytes	1/2 1/9 1/16 1/23 1/30	1/2 Lane Fischer 1/9 Kassidee Holz 1/16 Cade Johnson 1/23 Tanner Thompson 1/30 Kolten Settje
Lay Readers		Peg Lutt
Communion Steward		Mary Vollers
Altar Guild	Henry & Clarice Johnson	Mary Vollers
Altar Flowers		Peg Lutt
Coffee after Service	1/2 1/9 Denise Hingst 1/16 Henry & Clarice Johnson 1/23 1/31 Denise Hingst	

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

First

1/1 Darlene Roberts
 1/11 Nick Tramp
 1/13 Hunter Connell
 1/16 Barb Sands
 1/24 Richie Monteith
 1/30 Katie Olesen

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

Concordia

1/3 Leila Fischer
 1/5 Cris Bathke
 1/8 Jim & Doris Nelson
 1/8 Katie Bathke
 1/9 Lyla Swanson
 1/11 Toni Thompson
 1/13 Peg Lutt
 1/15 Joyce Johnson
 1/19 Ryker Settje
 1/22 Presten Wayman
 1/25 Kolton Fischer
 1/28 Richard Fischer
 1/29 Melvin Vanderheiden
 1/31 Valerie Hangman



Ministry Opportunities

Confirmation Class January 5, 12, 19, & 26 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at CLC

FLC Council Meeting January 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

GIGP Council Meeting January 9th 6:00 p.m. at FLC

CLC Council Meetings January 10th at 7:00 p.m.

FLC WELCA January 12th at 1:30 p.m.

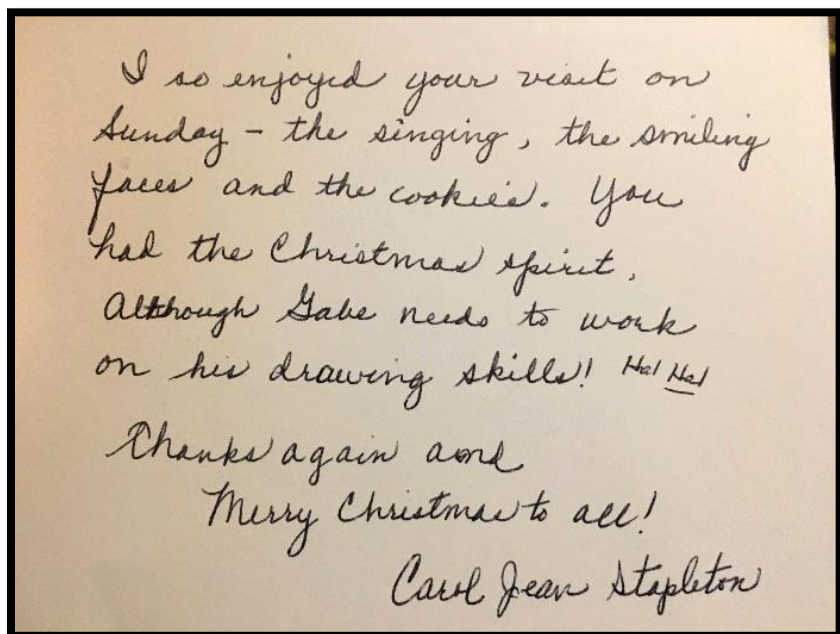
FLC Ministry Celebration/Annual Meeting January 16th following worship

Mutual Ministry Meeting January 18th at 7:00 p.m. at CLC

CLC Ministry Celebration/Annual Meeting January 23rd 10:15 a.m. worship, meeting following worship, & potluck following meeting

Newsletter Deadline January 24th

Thank You received addressed to G.I.G.P



A BIG
thank
you
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I wish to thank all of you for walking with me through the time of my grief. I am beyond grateful for all the support you have shown to me throughout this time. Your kind messages, thoughts, prayers and hugs are greatly appreciated. I am so grateful for the loving sense of community that our churches provide to one another as we faithfully bring God's light to one another in this world. Blessings, Vicar Deb

Vicar's Report



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts! Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today!

Happy New Year! I pray God's blessings be poured upon you in this new year. I pray that your Christmas celebrations were blessed by God and filled with joy – joy at the gift God has given us in His Son, and joy of the many other gifts God daily grants. And now a new year has arrived, and with it, the opportunity to look ahead and be God's light in the world? How do we live out being God's child, a child of light, a Holy child in today's world? How can we be the light for the world to see? *"No one after lighting a lamp hides it under a jar, or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand, so that those who enter may see the light." (Luke 8.16)*

Jesus said, we can do nothing but be a light for the world to see. Another of Jesus's disciples, John, said it this way: *"This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:5-7).*

Light cannot be anything other than what it is. It's bright; it dispels darkness; it enables people to see what they are doing. God is light, and since He sent His Holy Spirit to live inside believers, so we are therefore God's light. As his ambassadors on earth, we shine even when we don't know it. For me, I so much appreciate being surrounded with the light of Christ that has flowed from all of you during the last couple of months as I grieve the loss of my husband. Your love and light have been uplifting for me. Your light which brings so much support comforts me! I pray we continue to be the guiding light for one another in all that we do. May our witness of Christ continue to shine to others. Peace to you in the New Year!

Vicar Deb

Seminary update for Vicar Deb:



I am now about mid-way through seminary. The next step is my **Endorsement Approval**. The Endorsement requirements were to be half way through with classes, an approval from a Clinical Pastoral Education Class, and an Essay were to be submitted to proceed for the Endorsement approval. An interview is set up for January 7th with the team at Wartburg, a Candidacy Representative and a Churchwide Representative. Once they approve my progress, I then meet with the Nebraska Synod Candidacy team for their approval with the interview set for January 14th.

After the Endorsement is approved, I am required to do a one-year **Internship** which takes place in our current church setting with a team or teams evaluating my gifts for ministry. The Internship would begin soon after the Endorsement Approval and be completed by December of 2022.

In addition, I have six more course to take. I will be taking one intensive course on January 28 & 29 in Dubuque, Iowa. This will be my first on-campus class unless once again they decide to return to Zoom because of Covid.

I could not do this without your prayers and support! I am truly thankful for this opportunity!

Vicar Deb

First Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

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

First Lutheran Council met on December 13, 2021. Present were Vicar Deb Hammer, Gloria Dowling, Rod Ketelsen, Gregg 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.

Old Business:

- Council continues to work on staff job descriptions and evaluations.
- Food Pantry Challenge with CLC will end December 19.

New Business:

- FLC will be sending a \$200.00 donation to Haven House.
- We set new dates for several calendar items for the upcoming year.
- A preliminary budget review for 2022 was held.
- We need two new council members. Gloria has volunteered to run again. We still need to find at least one other person.
- The annual meeting will be held January 16 after the service.

Upcoming:

- Christmas Eve service – Dec. 24 at 7:00 P.M.
- Annual meeting – Jan. 16

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Sands, Secretary

Next meeting is January 3 at 7:00 P.M.

Joint Council Meeting Highlights

First Lutheran Council and Concordia Lutheran Council met for a joint council meeting on December 13, 2021. Present were Vickie Sands, Vicar Deb Hammer, Gloria Dowling, Katie Olesen, Greg Carr, Rod Ketelsen, Lee Johnson, Hart Vollers, Carolyn Alt, Judy Martindale, Doug Krie, and Brandi Settje.

- We will be having a joint service the last Sunday in August. Mercy Meals may possibly be taking part in this service.
- The food pantry challenge runs through Dec. 19. With monetary donations, each dollar equals one pound.
- Mutual Ministry meeting on Jan. 18 at 7:00 at CLC.
- There will be a raise for Vicar Deb in 2022. This was part of the original compensation worksheet.
- Vicar Deb will be gone on Jan. 30
- Vicar's report was read, discussed and approved.

Motion approved to adjourn.

Closing prayer by all.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Sands, Secretary

Concordia Lutheran Council Meeting Highlights

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

The Concordia Council met on 12-13-21 in the church basement at 8 pm following the Joint Council Meeting. The Pastor's report was given and approved at Joint Council. The financial reports were presented by Peg Anderson and Lee Johnson and were both approved as given.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nominating committee is working on securing nominations for 2022 election.
- Carolyn has contacted property committee regarding paving bids for east parking lot project.
- VANCO rollout will wait until new Financial Secretary is in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

- More review and recommendations were done with 2022 proposed budget to get ready for final proposal for annual meeting. The annual meeting will be held at 10:15 following regular worship service and a potluck will follow meeting.
- Brandi has picked up the apples and candy bars for the Christmas Program.
- We have received several year end requests for financial support. A motion was made and approved to give a total of \$1500.00 to a variety of local and ELCA organizations.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Martindale
Secretary

Concordia Lutheran Special Meeting Minutes

A special meeting of the Concordia Congregation was called to order following regular worship on 12-12-21 by Council President Carolyn Alt and with a quorum of 27 voting members present. The purpose of the meeting was to elect 2 new council members and thank the outgoing members, Lee Johnson and Hart Vollers for their 3 years of service. We also discussed meeting time for future Annual Meetings.

A vote to change meeting time of annual meeting was approved with all in favor of changing time to 10:15 following regular worship services.

Dustin Thompson as representative of nominating committee asked for additional council nominations from floor and as there were none a motion was made and carried to cease nominations. As there were 2 open positions and 2 nominees, a verbal vote was conducted, and the nominations were approved. Tamara Sterling and Dan Nolte will be new council members beginning in January 2022.

A motion was made and seconded and approved by consensus to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Martindale
Secretary