

2024 JANUARY



Lutheran Memorial Church

Dear members, friends, and family of Lutheran Memorial:

Deep Thoughts.....**“Discipline in the Spirit!”** In Paul’s second letter to Timothy, he writes, “For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control” (2nd Timothy 1:6-7). As our New Year has dawned, a new year always comes with a sense of new goals to be accomplished—new ways to navigate the same things—new calendars to fill—and of course, remembering to write a different number on anything and everything needing dates on them.

I was in the gym yesterday, on New Year’s Day, and I wasn’t truly surprised by how many people I saw, striving for a new chapter in their physical fitness. It’s a great thing to achieve—an even greater thing if/when many of these colleagues in fitness find the drive and motivation to become “disciplined” into a routine of healthy living—a routine of sustainability—a routine of saying ‘Yes!’, when we’d rather say “NO!” What this is...is ‘discipline!’ There is a reason the word ‘discipleship’ comes from the root of ‘discipline’. When Jesus called his disciples—he didn’t just call them to men on a journey to socialize with him amongst days of quietness if he had chosen to be alone, instead. No...Jesus didn’t just need companions to talk to. Nor, did he call his disciples to be mere spectators or note takers on his journey, to simply document Jesus’ ministry, either. What Jesus did, was called a dozen men into the “DISCIPLINE” of hearing God’s Word—in the living flesh—mastering the laws of God in comparison to the Gospel that Jesus was teaching them to proclaim, and then ultimately disciplining them into trusting what they were about to see in His death and Resurrection! You see.....Jesus didn’t need them to solely be witnesses to his Gospel—He needed them to become the most disciplined evangelists that this world had ever

seen, so that peoples of all nations would one day know the Gospel of Christ! As Paul disciplined Timothy, along with many others, in the years of the disciples continuing in their work, Paul too, had to teach his followers the ‘discipline’ of the Spirit. He had to teach them the story—he had to proclaim the Good News with absolute clarity—he molded the theology and understanding of what all this means for generations to come—and what came after, is what we today call “The Church.”

With this New Year, I invite all of you to join me in diving deeper into the discipline of the Spirit of our faith as well. Our faith is more than just attending worship when it works for us and our schedules. Our faith is more than simply stating that “I’m a Christian” because that’s all I’ve known since I was child. Our faith is more than livestreams and clicks on social media in the name of Lutheran Memorial. Our faith is more than dropping our kids off at the doors. OUR FAITH, can be learned through discipline in reading scripture each day (We even gave you the tool to read the Bible in one year), our faith, can be studied in devout Bible study, which we offer weekly here at LMC. Our faith, can come through one-on-one conversations with your Pastor and other devout elders of the congregation who are very willing to share their stories of faithful journeys. As Paul said to Timothy centuries ago, “...fan into flame the gift of God...a Spirit not of fear, but of love and self-control.” Do not be afraid this New Year—be confident in God’s control—become more disciplined in His Word—actually study it and know what it says—not just what we think it says, or what we want it to say. Dive deeper into your faith journey—trust Christ to lead you along the way! Blessings to all of you, brothers and sisters, in Christ!

In Peace,

Pastor Craig Wexler



Calendar

Tuesdays 7am—Men's Prayer Breakfast—Perkins

Tuesdays 9:30am—Esther Schlueter's bible study—CR

Tuesdays 1pm—Painters—Fellowship Hall

Tuesdays 2pm—Stitched with Grace – Shalom Rm

Wednesdays 1pm—Quilters—Shalom Rm

Sundays—5:30pm Church Choir rehearsal

Monday, January 1—LMC Office Closed—New Year's Day

Sunday, January 7—Sunday School resumes

Monday, January 8—6:30pm Book Club—Rawlins

Tuesday, January 9—2pm Ruth Circle—CR

Wednesday, January 10—worship/church school/confirmation resumes

Monday, January 15—LMC Office Closed—Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday, January 15—2:30pm Miriam Circle

Thursday, January 18—9am-12pm Feeding South Dakota

Sunday, January 21—10am Romans Study—Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 23—12pm Romans Study—Sanctuary

Sunday, January 28—10am Annual Meeting, following worship

Tuesday, January 30—12pm Romans Study—Sanctuary

Noisy Offering

January Noisy Offering will go to Habitat for Humanity. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this ministry!

Church Records

Baptisms

Andi Jo Thorson—December 3, 2023

Brandon Edward Becker—December 9, 2023

Emelia Angelique Becker—December 9, 2023

Killian James Becker—December 9, 2023

Charles Roland Swanson—December 17, 2023

Griffin Alan Christianson—December 24, 2023

Weddings

Morgan Merriman and Connor Archer—December 2, 2023

Online Offering

We appreciate all of your support! Please visit our website and click the "GIVE" button on the upper right corner. You can also scan the QR code to the right to access online giving with Lutheran Memorial. These donations can be set up as a one-time payment or recurring—whichever works best for you and your family. Thank you!



Weekly Giving

December 4-8

\$7,256.00

December 18-22

\$7,133.00

December 11-15

\$4,306.00

December 25-29

\$16,415.00

January 80+ Birthdays

Janice Booth 1/3

Wayne Farries 1/29

Shari Forney 1/5

Mabel Kusler 1/9

Joann Lonbaken 1/21

Richard Melcher 1/2

Roger Mews 1/8

Betty Nelson 1/27

Gaylord Norman 1/30

Veona Prince 1/23

Alan Swanson 1/27

Radio Sponsors

January 14—Carmen Heyd, in loving memory of her husband, Darwin, and son, Kim Heyd

January 21—Becky Witlock, in loving memory of her sister, Deb Witlock

Attendance

Sunday, December 31—75

Saturday, December 30—71

Christmas Eve

3:30pm—560

6:00pm—143

10:00pm—74

Sunday, December 17—125

Saturday, December 16—93

Wednesday, December 13—225

Sunday, December 10—116

Saturday, December 9—98

Wednesday, December 6—249

Sunday, December 3—117

Saturday, December 2—74

What's Happening

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA

THURSDAY,
JANUARY 18
9AM-12PM

SIGN UP TODAY

CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE OR
SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX






JOIN US FOR THE LMC

ANNUAL MEETING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28
10:00AM




KNOWING THE BIBLE



ROMANS

A 12-WEEK STUDY

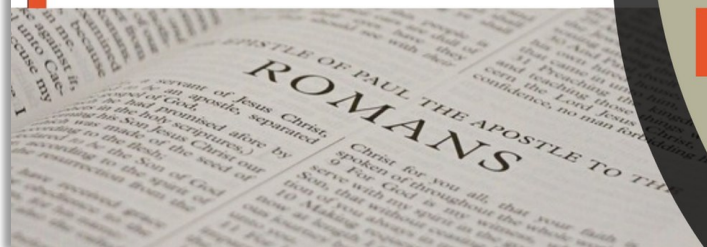
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ADULT EDUCATION
COURSE

Sundays at 10am
Tuesdays at 12pm

STARTING JANUARY 21

NO CLASS ON JANUARY 28
- ANNUAL MEETING -



Phase I/II

WE'VE RAISED OVER \$300,000!

RESULTS:

- Received \$200,000+ in matching grants
- Retired \$400,000+ of debt

DONATE HERE! >>>

Phase I
\$ 1 Million Opportunity

LMC

Gail & Delores Miller Challenge

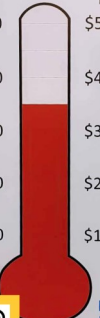

\$500,000 \$500,000 match

\$400,000 \$400,000 match

\$300,000 \$300,000 match

\$200,000 \$200,000 match

\$100,000 \$100,000 match

LUTHERAN MEMORIAL CHURCH

BLESSING BOX

HELP US KEEP IT FILLED

Donations can be dropped off during business hours in the Narthex

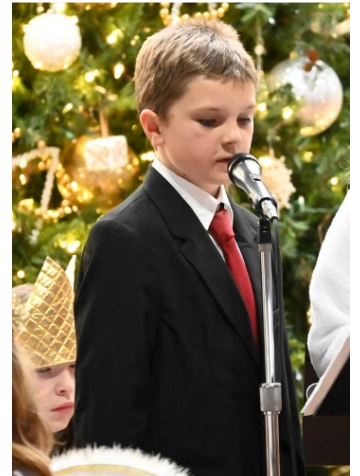
Monday-Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 9am-12pm



Recent Events

WOW! Children's Christmas Program–December 10



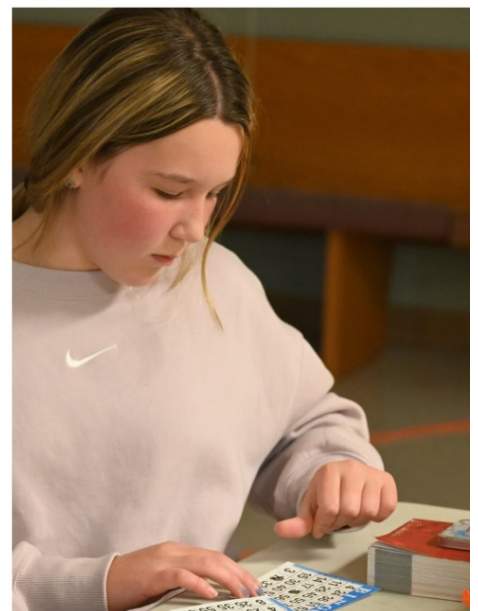


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Wednesdays at LMC



Recent Events

Christmas Eve at LMC



Children | Youth | Family

Youth Group

Thank you!

wreath sales

\$530.00 raised

flamingo

\$8,195.39 raised



We are so grateful for the support from all of you this past fall as we continue to fundraise for our 2024 Mission Trip to Logan County, West Virginia!



Recent Events

Feeding SD–December 21

This group had a great time packing 550 boxes at Feeding South Dakota in December! Pastor Craig & Rodd bagged several pounds of potatoes as well. What a productive group! Thank you to all of our volunteers throughout the year!! If you'd like to sign up for our January 18 date, contact the church office at 224-8608 or sign up in the Narthex.



Worship and Music 0

*"Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing."
--Psalm 100 V 1-2*

Imagine a worship service without music. I can't. I worship through music and song. God gave me the gift of music and singing, and it is my duty to worship Him with the gifts He has given to me. The job of Director of Worship and Music here at Lutheran Memorial Church is also a gift, and I am thankful everyday for the trust and faith that God and the people of this church have given me with this gift. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of music and worship these past four months. From church and youth choir to praise team and bell choir, to the organists and musicians for special music, the music provided by you, God's faithful servants, has taken worship at Lutheran Memorial to another level. It does not stop here. It will only continue to grow!

Earlier, I mentioned it is my duty to worship God with the gifts He has given me. Read the first two verses of Psalm 100 again. I look at those verses as commands and duties. It is our duty to make a joyful noise to the Lord, to serve the Lord with gladness, and to come into His presence while singing. We were created with the ability to sing and make music. There may be different levels of ability, but we all have the tools and the ability to sing and make music. Your voice is God-given. Use it!

As a musician, it is easy for me to say, "use your voice." It IS easy to use your voice to praise Him! Start by singing a hymn with the congregation. I'll even challenge you to open the hymnal and sing rather than follow the screen. When preparing the praise team or special music for a service, I've heard people say that since the music is for God, it is okay if there are mistakes. I used to think that since it is for God, then we should be giving Him our best. I still believe that. However, if there ever is a situation where mistakes can be welcome, it is in church praising the Lord. Do your best for the Lord and use your voice. He gave it to you. He wants you to use it.

Singing and praising the Lord will add to your worship experience. I've heard how enjoyable it has been for people to listen to the chanting of the Psalms, the church choir, the youth choir, and the special music selections. Join in the worship and join in the fun!

*"Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord."
--Ephesians 5:19 (latter half of verse 19)*

In music and song,

Rodd Bauck
Director of Music and Worship



Lutheran Memorial Trustees Minutes | December 18, 2023

Members Present: Slade Weller, Lindsay Rounds, Doug Hofer, Marne Dooley, Danette Cronin, Jeri Wilcox
(Those absent - Wayne Winter, Jeremy Mikkelsen, Matt Brakke)

Others present: Pastor Craig Wexler, Beth Leidholt

Meeting called to order by Co-chairman Doug Hofer at 5:30 pm

Opening devotions by Pastor Craig.

Changes to agenda: Add steel roof and parsonage roof to Old Business

Minutes: **Motion by Slade Weller/2nd Marne Dooley to approve November minutes. Motion carried.**

Financial Report:

- November ending balance \$139,189
- Weekly offering down from budgeted by \$12,123; YTD down \$57,644
- Income VS Expenses for November -\$4,224
- Rentals income (parsonage + Ministry House) \$17,025
- Long Term Equipment account will receive \$14,975 from rental income (difference is deposits of \$2050)
- Proposed budget was reviewed. No action.
- Discussion included a suggestion to Council to communicate LMC's operating budget as related to **stewardship**, so the congregation is informed on budgeted needs of day-to-day operation.

Tudor Report:

- Net income for month \$356.46. YTD Net Income \$15,739.82
- All 8 units are currently rented

Building Variance Application:

- Building variance permit was approved by the city of Pierre. Permit is good for 1 year.
- Discussion: With variance approval, BOT is recommending sale of ministry house this summer and to rent the house for the next 6 months.

Insurance claims:

- Parsonage roof- repair pending (Dakota Storm). Need to get roof replacement under contract as soon as possible.
- Ministry house- adjuster noted minimal damage on roof, will follow up on repair. Need to find out what allowance Church Mutual will make on this repair.
- Steel roof on church- LMC has received \$155,000 for damages. There may be insurance consequences if we do not repair the roof. It was suggested that a 3rd party roof repair expert look at roof to determine need to replace. Slade will make contacts for this and request a written report.
- KalWal- Discussed the need to get this work under contract ASAP. **Motion Slade Weller/2nd. Marne Dooley to approve and sign SpecPro contract now and not wait for further approval from Church Mutual.** This will get LMC on the schedule for repair asap. Continue working with Church Mutual to bridge gap on cost/taxes. **Motion carried.**

Gravel at Tudor:

- Wayne Winter is working with Brady Beck to complete this work in very near future
- Need to get work scheduled and give 48-hour notice for Mills to alert renters that work will be done on parking lot.

Insurance Coverage:

- A SF company has offered a reasonable quote for coverage, but LMC must close out claims with Church Mutual before they will accept LMC as a client.
- Due to urgency and limited options, BOT recommends accepting the State Farm quote for LMC liability and property insurance and employee workman comp insurance. Once the work is all completed for hail damages from last summer's storm and our claim is closed out with Church Mutual, BOT will explore more affordable insurance coverage. **Motion by Slade Weller/2nd. Marne Dooley to recommend acceptance of quote from State Farm for church property/workman comp insurance. Motion carried.**

Snow Removal Contract:

- Discussion. **Motion by Marne Dooley/2nd Slade Weller to contract with Dakota Sprinklers & Landscaping for snow removal in 2024. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Youth House Disposal Plans:

- **Motion by Danette Cronin/2nd Slade Weller to hire Dawn Iverson to be realtor for sale of the Youth House property. Motion carried.** Doug volunteered to be point of contact on this sale.

Ministry House Rental: Renters have been found. A 6-month lease will be written with no provision for renewal. Discussion of pets in LMC rental houses led to recommendation that future leases prohibit pets unless specifically allowed in advance in writing.

Lawn Care proposal:

- **Motion by Marne Dooley/2nd Lindsay Rounds to enter into a contract for 2024 with Easland Lawn Service for mowing church property (minus Parsonage). Motion carried.**
- Keep this item in old business as LMC continues to search for a long-term solution to lawn care.

Motion to adjourn Marne Dooley/ 2nd Lindsay Rounds. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Next Meeting: **January 16,2024**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Wilcox

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 31 9am Worship NO Sunday School	Jan 1 LMC Office Closed 5:15-6:30pm Bell Choir	2 7am Men's Prayer Breakfast—Perkins 9:30am Esther's Bible Study—CR 1pm Painters—FH 2pm Stitched with Grace—SR	3 1pm Quilters NO Worship/Wed Activities	4	5	6 5:30pm Worship
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Becoming people of God, for **ALL** people of God.

Pastor



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Boards

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Secretary Andrea Clarke (Youth Team Representative)
Members at Large
Todd Bernhard, Kim Farries, Jay Vogt

Trustees

Co-Chairs Wayne Winter & Doug Hofer
Secretary Jeri Wilcox
Members at Large Danette Cronin, Lindsay Rounds, Matt Brakke, Marne Dooley, Slade Weller, Jeremy Mikkelsen
Audit Committee Members John Hanson, Laurie Mikkonen, and Dustin Christopherson

Worship Schedule

Sundays 9:00am (+livestream, 1060 AM, 103.1 FM)
Wednesdays—6:30pm
Saturdays at 5:30pm
Holy Communion
Celebrated on the first and third Sat/Sun/Wed

Children | Youth | Family (Sept-May)

Sunday School—Sundays at 10am
Wednesday School—5:45-6:30pm preschool-5th grade
Confirmation—7:15pm on Wednesdays
Youth Group—8:00pm on Wednesdays

Office Hours

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