

# Neighbors in Christ

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN - GIBBON / ST JOHN'S - BISMARCK TOWNSHIP / FIRST LUTHERAN - WINTHROP

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### Mission Statement of Neighbors in Christ

*God calls us to mission and ministry in our rural communities and to the world. Gathered in faith and nurtured by Word and Sacrament, we commit ourselves to share a hope for the future, to use our resources and talents guided by the Holy Spirit, and to work together to expand our ministry to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.*



## Epiphany of Our Lord

We have observed his star at its rising,  
and have come to worship him.

Alleluia

Matt 2:2

### Neighbors in Christ Parish Council

#### Augustana Lutheran

2025 Lisa Taralseth / Sec

2026 Dan Stark \*

2027 Curtis Olson

NIC Treas Carol Forst

#### First Lutheran

2024 Steve Anderson

2025 Cal Roberts

2026 Lynette Froehlich / VP

#### St John's Lutheran

2025 Mary TenEyck / Pres

2026 Mike Trebesch\*

2027 Steve Klukas

Pastor's Message  
January Newsletter

We have entered the New Year! New Year is a time for each one of us to pause and reflect on both the challenges and the blessings of this past year and to thank God for bringing us to this year. It is also a time to plan for a Good New Year.

It has been a blessing to me to be Pastor to you, the congregations of Neighbors in Christ, through 2024 and to be entering into this New Year with you.

As we enter this new year, the Annual Meetings of our congregations will take place. These meetings are also New Years Meetings. That is, they are assemblies for each congregation to reflect on its life and ministry during 2024 and to plan for its life and ministry in this New Year.

My prayers for blessings on our Annual Congregational Meetings and for our work together as Neighbors in Christ for the coming year.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Leonard

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### **NIC Parish Administrative Assistant**

Our dynamic and welcoming NIC Parish community is seeking a skilled and compassionate individual to fill the role of NIC Parish Administrative Assistant. This essential position will play a central role in supporting the pastor by managing bulletins, newsletters, and overseeing general communication channels to foster a connected and informed congregation.

Please contact Mary TenEyck, Lynette Froehlich or Lisa Taralseth to apply and for more information.

*Thank you* to everyone who helped make the NIC WOW Christmas Program a success!!

Thank you to Catherine for your leadership – Thank you to those teaching for your dedication and assistance – Thank you to the ladies serving supper each week – Thank you to Pastor Leonard for your direction and prayers – Thank you to everyone who shared cookies – and thank you to our kids for helping spread the word of Jesus!!

*Merry Christmas!!*



### NIC WOW Schedule

- Jan 1 NO WOW – Happy New Year
- Jan 8 Classes resume – FLC serves
- Jan 15 ALC serves
- Jan 22 SJB serves
- Jan 29 FLC serves

Council Meetings Dates	Annual Meeting Dates
January 6 ALC Council Meeting	January 12 SJB 9:30
January 8 NIC Council Meeting	February 02 FLC 11:00
January 14 SJB Council Meeting	February 09 ALC 11:00
January 21 FLC Council Meeting	

**The Augustana Lutheran World Relief** quilting season begins on January 3, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and will meet each Friday through March. The Great News this year is that in addition to serving those in need abroad, the Quilt and Kit Ministry is expanding to reach those in need here in the United States! Please join us in this mission project by contributing your time and talents or giving a monetary donation.

There is always a need for Thrivent Action Team funds to purchase kit supplies plus white cotton bedsheets for rolled bandages.

In 2024 LWR quilters were able to send 44 quilts, 41 personal care kits, 40 school kits and 25 fabric kits to those experiencing hardships. Thank you for caring.

# 2025 JANUARY

SUNDAY

## Neighbors in Christ

<https://neighborsinchristism.org/events>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	01	02	03	04
05 8:30 Worship - SJB 9:00 Fellowship - FLC 10:00 Worship - FLC	06 ALC - 7pm Council Mtg	07	08 NIC WOV 6-7:30 / ALC NIC Council Mtg - 7:30	09	10 Quilting @ ALC 1pm	11
12 8:30 Worship - SJB <b>SJB - Annual Mtg</b> 10:00 Worship - ALC	13	14 SJB - 7pm Council Mtg	15 NIC WOV 6-7:30 / ALC Worship Mtg 7:30 pm	16	17 Quilting @ ALC 1pm	18
19 8:30 Worship - ALC 9:00 Fellowship - FLC 10:00 Worship - FLC	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 FLC - 7pm Council Mtg	22 NIC WOV 6-7:30 / ALC	23	24 Quilting @ ALC 1pm Newsletter deadline	25
26 9:30 Joint Worship - FLC	27	28	29 NIC WOV 6-7:30 / ALC	30	31 Quilting @ ALC 1pm	01

### Annual Meeting Dates

SJB - January 12 / 9:30 am

FLC - February 2 / 11:00 am

ALC - February 9 / 11:00 am



2024 Council Members

Augustana Lutheran

Don Bentz President  
 Dan Stark \* VP  
 Jesse Taralseth Secretary  
 Noreen Beranek Treasurer  
 Randy Olson  
 Kevin Dreier  
 Larry Neville

First Lutheran

Cal Roberts \* President  
 Lynette Froehlich \* VP  
 Patti Edlund Secretary  
 Carolyn Johnson Treasurer  
 Deb Burgstahler  
 Rodney Fischer  
 Roger Jones  
 Steve Anderson

St John's – Bismarck

Bruce Pagel President  
 Mindi Pagel Secretary  
 Peter Hahn Treasurer  
 Mike Trebesch \* Deacon  
 Max Pagel Deacon  
 Doug TenEyck Trustee  
 Brian Fredin Trustee

Prayer List

Friends & Members of  
 Neighbors in Christ

Barbara Johnson Comptroller

Orville Alsleben, Ila Anderson, Steve Saxton, Dale & Pat Ericson, Wyatt Fischer (grandson of Don & Sue Bentz), Alex Braulick, Kevin Bjerke, Dean Dilger, Reiden Cichoski (grandson of Kim & Steve Neuman), Mark Campbell, Barb O'Brien, Felesha Dreimeier, Jerome Sabo, Lynell Van Asperen (sister of Carol Forst), Marlene Marti (sister of Kathy Eckstrand), Alicia Rathmann (daughter of Doug & Mary TenEyck), Tony Kachelmeier (husband of Paula Kachelmeier), Lynn Ahlbrecht (husband of St. John's organist, Loretta Ahlbrecht), Charlotte Pagel (daughter of Micah Pagel; granddaughter of Bruce & Jean Pagel), Jennifer Hart (sister of Jean Pagel), Lisa Trebesch

*Neighbors in Christ*

*Worship Schedule*

Jan 2025	S	5	SJ	FL
	S	12	SJ	AL
	S	19	AL	FL
	S	26	9:30 - Joint Worship - FL	
Feb 2025	S	2	SJ	FL
	S	9	SJ	AL
	S	16	AL	FL
	S	23	9:30am - AL Dinner	

January Birthdays

3 Jay Martin  
 4 David Pagel  
 7 Erika Curiskis  
 7 Bonnie Binger  
 8 Gary Honl  
 8 Donna Stuber  
 10 Arthur Forst  
 11 Milo Pagel  
 12 Brad Halvorson  
 15 Tommy Matray  
 22 James Halstead  
 22 Kay Pagel  
 23 Beth Pagel  
 28 Kevin Pagel  
 29 Margaret Larson



*Happy Anniversary*

Brian & Beth Magnusson January 3  
 David and Beth Pagel January 8