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| Neighbors in Christ Parish Council | | | | | | | |
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| Augustana Lutheran | |  | First Lutheran | |  | St John's Lutheran | |
| 2026 | Dan Stark \* |  | 2026 | Lynette Froehlich |  | 2026 | Mike Trebesch \* |
| 2027 | Curtis Olson |  | 2027 | Steve Anderson \* |  | 2027 | Steve Klukas |
| 2028 | Bonnie Hartmann |  | 2028 | Cal Roberts |  | 2028 | Justin TenEyck |
| NIC Treas | Carol Forst |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Join us for

Easter Worship

April 20th

St John’s 6:00 am

First Luth 7:30 am

Augustana 9:00 am

A cross and crown of thorns

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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.*

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St John’s—Bismarck

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**April 2025**

Pastor’s Message, April 2005

Dear Members of Neighbors in Christ Parish,

Grace and peace to you this month—a month that begins with Lent and ends with Easter.

For our Wednesday Lenten Worship, I have been blessed to share with you my reflections on “Consolation for Suffering: Good News in Scripture and Luther’s Theology.” I hope that my reflections have conveyed Gospel blessings to you.

As I have mentioned during our worship, my Lenten reflections are taken from a published work of mine. Clothed in Nothingness: Consolation for Suffering. (Fortress Press: Minneapolis) 2003.

Some of you have asked me how one might acquire a copy of that work **if one wished to do so.**

I underlined and highlighted the words, **“if one wished to do so,”** because I have no expectations that anyone might or should buy a book of mine.

On the other hand, I hope that whoever might choose to acquire the book will be blessed in some way by what I have written.

Here is a website that makes purchase possible:

<https://www.fortresspress.com/store/product/9780800634551/Clothed-in-Nothingness>

Again, I been blessed to be with you in sharing my reflections with you this Lenten Season.

And I am blessed to be your Pastor.

Pastor Leonard Hummel

**2025 SW Synod Assembly Conference** will be held June 6 & 7, 2025. Onsite location: Gustavus Adolphus College, St Peter Online: Zoom



The Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly will be once again be hybrid and tentatively begin around 1 pm on Friday, June 6 and tentatively end around 5 pm on Saturday, June 7. March 31, 2025 – Early registration closes

<https://swmnelca.org/synod-assembly/> Please refer to the website for additional information and registration.

**NIC Parish Administrative Assistant** position has been accepted by Carol Forst. Your help and patience in transitioning this task will be appreciated. Carol can be reached at [nicparish1@gmail.com](mailto:nicparish1@gmail.com) or 507.276.2477.

Neighbors in Christ Council Minutes

March 19, 2025 at First Lutheran Church, Winthrop MN

Meeting was called to order by Lynette Froehlich, VP at 6:03 pm. Members present – Lynette F, Cal R, Steve A, Curtus O, Mike T, Steve K, Justin T, Dan S, Treasurer Carol Forst and Interim Pastor Leonard Hummel. Absent – Bonnie Hartmann

Agenda reviewed and updated as necessary. Pastor Hummel opened with prayer.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes from February 19, 2025 were reviewed. Motion to approve by Cal R, second by Mike T. Motion approved.

**Treasurer Report:** Bank balance as of 03/17/25 was $40,115.54, NIC Youth Savings was $4,626.78. First Lutheran Pastoral Assessment has been overpaid by $262.50; April amount due will be reduced to $2,712.50 to bring them current. Motion to approve by Justin T, seconded by Dan S.

**Pastor’s Report:** Led Worship at NIC Congregations. Visited NIC Parishioners. Participated in WOW activities. Visited Residents at The Lodge in Winthrop. Met on Feb. 26 with Pastor Bob Minner and Pastor Bruce Bringle to discuss ministries at our three congregations-now and for the future. Prepared and Presenting Lenten Series: *“Consolation for Suffering: Good News in Scripture and Luther’s Theology”*.

**Committee Updates:**

**Education Committee/WoW**: Catherine S has reported hours for January at 39 hours and February at 42 hours. Students will be singing in church on April 2nd & 9th. They enjoy going to all the churches during lent services. Working on songs for church along with kids learning the Lord’s Prayer.

**Call Committee:** Has reported a second interview for a pastoral candidate is to be held during the first week of April. Continue to pray on their continued commitment to this cause.

**Media:** Amy S, Lisa T & Carol F met with Pastor Karl February 23rd to review and discuss video/audio options. Pastor Karl was very accommodating in showing how their system works. Wireless mics have been ordered and are on trial and a camera option is being looked into to assist with streaming our services to YouTube, FB and the NIC website.

The NIC Website has been updated with the Easter schedule and other announcements; everyone is encouraged to view it at <https://neighborsinchristmn.org/>

**Worship Committee:** A meeting is to be held in April – date TBD.

New NIC Council Members were welcomed – Bonnie Hartmann & Justin TenEyck have joined.

**New Business:**

**SW Assembly Conference** will be held June 6 & 7, 2025. Announcements will be posted in the newsletter & weekly announcements

**NIC Administrative Assistant** position has been filled by Carol Forst. Meetings with church personnel will be scheduled.

**Officer Elections:**

President – TBD – Augustana member

Vice President – Justin TenEyck

Secretary – Cal Roberts Treasurer – appointed Carol Forst

The next NIC Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at St John’s Lutheran - 7:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m. by Curtis O, second by Cal R.

Lenten Worship service held at 7:00 p.m.

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Submitted by Carol Forst

Secretary Pro Tem

A logo for lenten day

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**NIC WOW Schedule**

Apr 2 – WoW at ALC – Lenten Supper 6pm

Apr 9 – WoW at ALC – Lenten Supper 6pm

Apr 16 – Holy Week – No WoW

Apr 23 – WoW at ALC *(ALC Serves)*

Apr 30 – WoW at ALC *(SJB Serves)*

May 7 – WoW at ALC *(FLC Serves)*

May 14 – WoW at ALC *(Pizza Party)*

**Council Meetings Dates**

April 7 ALC Council Meeting

April 8 SJB Council Meeting

April 15 FLC Council Meeting

May 21 NIC Council Meeting

**Lenten Schedule**

Supper at 6 pm Worship at 7 pm

April 2 7:00 pm Lenten Worship – ALC

April 9 7:00 pm Lenten Worship – ALC

A close-up of a calendar

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# 2025 Council Members

# NIC Representative \*

St John’s – Bismarck

Bruce Pagel         President

Mindi Pagel          Secretary

Peter Hahn      Treasurer

Mike Trebesch \* Deacon

Nate Pagel            Deacon

Doug TenEyck     Trustee

Brian Fredin        Trustee

Augustana Lutheran

Don Bentz President

Dan Stark \* VP

Jesse Taralseth Secretary

Otto Hartmann

Randy Olson

Larry Neville

Barb Covelle Treasurer

First Lutheran

Cal Roberts \* President

Lynette Froehlich \* VP

Patti Edlund Secretary

Carolyn Johnson Treasurer

Deb Burgstahler

Rodney Fischer

Roger Jones

Steve Anderson

Barbara Johnson Comptroller

A calendar with a schedule

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April Birthdays

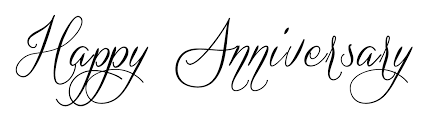
*Neighbors in Christ*

*Worship Schedule*

Prayer List of

Neighbors & Friends

**Orville Alsleben, Ila Anderson, Steve Saxton,  Christy Johnson, 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, Arlys Schiltz, Jerome Sabo, Lisa Trebesch, 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)



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| 1 |  | Kari Pagel |
| 3 |  | Kathy Campbell |
| 4 |  | Lisa Taralseth |
| 5 |  | Mary Mueller |
| 6 |  | Rodney Fischer |
| 8 |  | Melanie Schiro |
| 9 |  | JoAnn Collins |
| 10 |  | Rachel Eckerman |
| 13 |  | Lucas Pagel |
| 17 |  | Amy TenEyck |
| 17 |  | Andrew Eckerman |

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| 19 |  | Roger Jones |
| 19 |  | Mark Campbell |
| 20 |  | Dylan Schimmelpfinning |
| 21 |  | Don Bentz |
| 21 |  | Leslie Pettis |
| 23 |  | Jesse Bue |
| 24 |  | Norma Cole |
| 26 |  | Cade Kachelmeier |
| 27 |  | Benjamin Forst |
| 30 |  | Lisa Trebesch |
| 30 |  | Doug Guenther |

A group of colorful eggs and flowers

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| April 8, 1989 |  | Gary & Amy Schimmelpfennig | 36 | yrs |
| April 9, 1994 |  | Steve & Mavis Klukas | 31 | yrs |
| April 11, 2006 |  | Ben & LaNae Schmidt | 19 | yrs |
| April 16, 1999 |  | Brad & Mary Turtle | 26 | yrs |
| April 20, 2002 |  | Justin & Amy TenEyck | 23 | yrs |
| April 30, 1960 |  | Al & JoAnn Collins | 65 | yrs |