

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.

Senior Recognition

Sunday, May 18th

At Augustana Lutheran

Class of
2025!



Neighbors in Christ Parish Council

Augustana Lutheran

2026 Dan Stark *
2027 Curtis Olson
2028 Bonnie Hartmann
NIC Treas Carol Forst

First Lutheran

2026 Lynette Froehlich
2027 Steve Anderson *
2028 Cal Roberts

St John's Lutheran

2026 Mike Trebesch *
2027 Steve Klukas
2028 Justin TenEyck

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Happy Easter to All of You.

I am grateful to be your pastor through the Easter Season---a church season that lasts through all of May and into the First Week of June. One website describes the meaning of the Easter Season this way:

It's a time for Christians to reflect on the meaning of Jesus's death and resurrection.

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-when-is-easter-over-what-comes-next>

As your pastor, I look forward to sharing with you in my sermons the meaning of Jesus's death and resurrection for you and for the world.

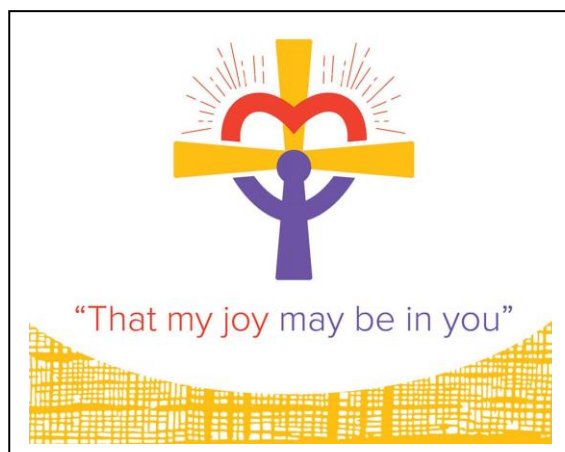
In this Easter Season, I would like to take a moment to thank all you members of the Neighbors in Christ Parish for all that you do to maintain and care for your congregations. Your stewardship of your own time and talents always helps me in my ministry to you. In this message, I won't specifically thank any of you individually or as a group because I don't want to leave out any individuals or groups in my thanks. I'll simply say: Thanks to all of you for all that you do.

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.



Council Meetings Dates

May	5	ALC Council Meeting
May	13	SJB Council Meeting
May	20	FLC Council Meeting
May	21	NIC Council Meeting

NIC Parish Administrative Assistant - Please reach out to Carol Forst at 507.276.2477 or nicparish1@gmail.com for announcements or parish information.

NIC WOW Schedule

Apr 30 – WoW at ALC (*SJB Serves*)
May 7 – WoW at ALC (*FLC Serves*)
May 14 – WoW at ALC (*Pizza Party*)

Living with Purpose: A Faith-Centered Retreat for Women!

The women of First Lutheran in Hector are hosting a Saturday retreat on May 17th with inspiring speakers, worship music, a nice lunch, door prizes and more. Women of all ages are welcome! Registration is open now until May 10th Registration – 320-848-2845 or hectorfirstlutheranwelca@gmail.com - \$35.00

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

CREATING A LIFE FILLED WITH HOPE AND FAITH

A FAITH-CENTERED RETREAT FOR WOMEN
ALL ARE WELCOME!

MAY 17, 2025
9:00AM-1:00PM

First Lutheran Church
220 5th Street West
Hector, MN 55342



DEB HADLEY

NATIONALLY SOUGHT-AFTER SPEAKER,
AUTHOR, CREATOR OF THE MORNING
GOD BOOST, GRIEF COACH & FOUNDER
OF KT HUMBLE HEARTS

Rooted in Christian faith,
Deb shares her powerful
story of resilience to help
individuals of all ages find
peace, hope, and strength
in life's challenges.

Registration: \$35

Includes:
Speakers
Worship Music
Lunch
Door Prizes
and more!



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TO REGISTER:

To register online, scan the QR code and fill in the registration form.
Payment can be made online through First Lutheran's
giving page or by mailing in a check.

To register by phone, call 320-848-2845 and leave a message with your
name, cell number, email address and town. Then mail your check, written to
First Lutheran WELCA to First Lutheran Church, PO Box 336, Hector, MN 55342

Registration Closes May 10

Contact Email: hectorfirstlutheranwelca@gmail.com



ANNE BRODERIUS

CERTIFIED CHRISTIAN LIFE COACH &
REGISTERED YOGA/MEDITATION TEACHER

Ground yourself and settle into
a guided peaceful session of
gentle meditation, mindful
breathing and journaling.



BETH RADLOFF-COSTELLO

LIFESOURCE AMBASSADOR, MOM,
MAKE-A-WISH GRANTER & RECRUITER

Beth will share her grief
journey and how she is still
finding gratitude and living
life with purpose.



T-BIRD COMMUNITY ARTS PRESENTS:



BOOK BY:
Terence McNally

MUSIC & LYRICS BY:
STEPHEN FLAHERTY & LYNN AHRENS

PERFORMANCE DATES:
JULY 31 – AUGUST 3, 2025

AUDITIONS

GFW JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
1001 N COTTONWOOD STREET, WINTHROP
Please enter through the north gym doors.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 – 4:30 – 7:30 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 6 – 5:30 – 7:30 PM

DIRECTOR: JOE VOS

MUSIC DIRECTOR: LYNNAE GRACK

Please prepare a song of your choice (2 minutes) accompanied or a cappella.
(Accompanist will be available.)
Children 14 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the
Prairie Lakes Regional Art Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the
Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.



THANK YOU!

We thank all those providing flowers to adorn our Easter gardens in memory of loved ones.

<u>AUGUSTANA</u>	<u>ST. JOHN'S</u>	<u>First Lutheran</u>
Don & Sue Bentz	Steve & Mavis Klukas	Patty Edlund/ Emery Jensen
Noreen Beranek	Keith & Lori Radtke	Froehlich Family
Kevin & Vickie Dreier	Jesse & Lisa Taralseth	Leonard Hummel
Dale & Pat Ericson	Justin & Amy TenEyck	Eric Larson
Otto & Bonnie Hartmann	Doug & Mary TenEyck	Laurie Larson
Dick & Diane Isakson	Mike & Deb Trebesch	Roger & Peggy Jones
Jan Ogren		Greg & Carolyn Johnson
Les & Diane Pettis		Ron Martin
Cindy Rubendall		Cal & Mary Roberts
Jesse & Lisa Taralseth		Jim Sallstrom
Mark Turtle		Memorial Fund for Laura Thorson



SENIOR RECOGNITION

Graduation is right around the corner! Senior Recognition will be held at Augustana on Sunday, May 18th. Fellowship after the 8:30 a.m. worship service will be held in honor of our graduates: Ethan Stark, Dylan Sabo and Desirae Schmidt.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILT AND KIT MISSION WORK

For 80 years Lutheran World Relief has been sending care to our neighbors around the world and now the United States are also receiving assistance when a natural disaster occurs. Augustana has completed 18 years of donating over 700 quilts, plus kits to areas in need. Assembled this year were 53 quilts, three blankets, 40 School Kits, 24 Personal Care Kits and 14 Fabric Kits in addition to 521 rolled bandages for Global Health Ministries.

The following helped this winter by giving their time and talents: Sue Bentz, Noreen Beranek, Diane Isakson, Sarah Isakson, Mavis Lindmeyer, Jan Ogren, Barb O'Brien, Mary Roberts, Judy Schafer, Doris Schweiss, Marlene Weller and the WOW Sunday School students.

Thank you to those who have generously supported these mission efforts with money, supplies and Thrivent Action Team funds. These donations help us to continue helping others whose lives are challenged.


Along with the making of the quilts and kits, the Augustana Women of the ELCA gives a cash donation to cover the cost of shipping.



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<https://neighborsinchristismn.org/events>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	01	02	03
04 8:30 Worship - SJB 9:00 Fellowship - FLC	05 CINCO DE MAYO ALC Council Mtg 7 PM	06	07 6 pm NIC WOW - ALC	08	09	10
11 MOTHERS DAY 8:30 Worship - SJB 10:00 Worship - ALC	12	13	14 6 pm NIC WOW - ALC <i>Pizza Party</i>	15	16	17
18 8:30 Worship - ALC Sr Recognition @ ALC 10:00 Worship - FLC	19	20	21 NIC Council Mtg SJB 7 PM	22	23	24
25 9:30 Joint Worship-SJB	26 MEMORIAL DAY	27	28	29	30 Newsletter deadline	31
01		03	04	05		07



2025 Council Members

<u>Augustana Lutheran</u>		<u>First Lutheran</u>		<u>St John's – Bismarck</u>	
Don Bentz	President	Cal Roberts *	President	Bruce Pagel	President
Dan Stark *	VP	Lynette Froehlich *	VP / Treas	Mindi Pagel	Secretary
Jesse Taralseth	Secretary	Patti Edlund	Secretary	Peter Hahn	Treasurer
Otto Hartmann		Deb Burgstahler		Mike Trebesch *	Deacon
Randy Olson		Roger Jones		Nate Pagel	Deacon
Larry Neville		Steve Anderson		Doug TenEyck	Trustee
Barb Couelle	Treasurer	Barbara Johnson	Comptroller	Brian Fredin	Trustee

Prayer List of

Neighbors & Friends

Orville Alsleben, Ila Anderson, Steve Saxton, Christy Johnson, Tom Rabe, Dale & Pat Ericson, Wyatt Fischer (grandson of Don & Sue Bentz), **Dean Dilger, Reiden Cichoski** (grandson of Kim & Steve Neuman), **Mark Campbell, Barb O'Brien, Felesha Dreimeier, John Johnson, 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) Family of Connie LaValley

Neighbors in Christ

Worship Schedule

May 2025	S	4	SJ	FL
	S	11	SJ	AL
	S	18	AL	FL
	S	25	9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ	



5	1	Philip Hartmann	5	17	Catherine Schiro
5	3	Linda Martin	5	17	Patricia Edlund
5	3	Anne Pagel	5	19	Taylor Olson
5	3	Claire & Charolette Pagel	5	21	Arden Sjogren
5	3	Tom Rabe	5	21	Carrissa Crain
5	5	Jean Kent	5	22	Carol Forst
5	7	Doug TenEyck	5	23	Steve Martin
5	9	Lynette Froehlich	5	25	Curtis Olson
5	10	Dylan Sabo	5	25	Steve Cole
5	11	Chaz Sievert	5	27	Beth Magnusson
5	12	Paul Woods	5	29	LuAnn Weber
5	12	Shelly Neville	5	29	Wanda Lange
5	12	Peter Hahn	5	30	Beverly Woods
5	12	Robert Larson	5	31	Charlotte Sievert
5	16	Kevin Taralseth			
5	16	Roger Schiro			

Happy Anniversary

1990	5	11	Lowell & Kathy Benson	35	Years
2017	5	13	Jesse & Abbi Ahlbrecht-Bue	8	Years
1991	5	18	Butch & Lauri Stark	34	Years
1979	5	26	Carroll & Joyce Woods	46	Years
1977	5	28	Don & Sue Bentz	48	Years