

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.



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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August Pastor's Message

Dear Members of Neighbors in Christ,

I am looking forward to continuing to serve you as your Interim Pastor.

During this interim, I will have two major areas of focus for my ministry to you:

1. Developing Lay Ministries to serve your congregations
2. Assisting you in your conversations with neighboring churches to consider agreements with them for new ministries

In subsequent newsletters, I'll elaborate on these two areas of my ministry to you.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Leonard

Neighbors in Christ
Council Meeting - July 23, 2025
Augustana Lutheran - 7:00 p.m.

All council members present along with Pastor Hummel and administrative assistant / treasurer Carol Forst present.

President Cal Roberts called meeting to order at 7:00

President Roberts called to approve agenda Steve K made motion to approve and Mike T seconded. Motion passed

President Roberts called for approving the previous meeting minutes, motion made by Lynette F and seconded by Justin T. motion passed.

Treasurer report was presented. Discussion on forgiving August dues; motion was made by Steve K. and seconded by Curtis O. motion passed. Also discussed Thrivent Choice dollars and how they can be donated and used.

New Business:

Education Coordinator, Catherine Schiro will stay on in the position at same pay scale. Rally Night is September 10th at Augustana Lutheran.

First Lutheran secretary resigned, Sue Bentz will be doing their bulletins for now. Cal, Lynette and Deb B will be helping out also.

Old Business: none

Pastor Hummel's contract was discussed with a 3% salary increase and the housing allowance resolution, approved with Lynette making a motion and Dan seconding Motion passed

The 2025 -2026 Worship Service calendar was presented and discussed with single Sunday services during the summer months. After some discussion Lynette F made motion and seconded by Bonnie H. Motion Passed. There will be one worship service per week beginning May 24, 2026 thru August 30, 2026.

Pastor report : Pastor Hummel led services at the lodge and met with other clergy in the area discussing ELCA options and opportunities. Lisa T gave report from meeting held at First Lutheran at Lafayette with FOG representatives and Pastor Scott Richards from Gaylord on how we can explore options in our area. Swan Lake will be leaving FOG and the ELCA on Jan. 1, 2026.

Next meeting -- September 10, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. at ALC.

President Cal Roberts called for meeting to adjourn. Motion by Dan S and seconded by Steve K. motion passed

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Curtis Oson

Council Meetings Dates

August 4 ALC Council Meeting
August 12 SJB Council Meeting
August 19 FLC Council Meeting
Sept 10 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.

Visitations – please contact the following if someone needs visitation:

ALC – Bonnie Hartmann (ALC) 507.766.5474, Peggy Jones (FLC) 507.647.5913 or Mary TenEyck (SJB) 507.217.1577

NIC WOW – RALLY DAY

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

AT AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN

WATCH FOR MORE UPCOMING DETAILS

Steeple Fest

September 14th at St John's

Windsor Pork Chops by Pork Producers

Bake Sale by St John's WELCA ladies

Watch for more details to come!



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August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:30 Worship - SJB 9:00 Fellowship - FLC 10:00 Worship - FLC	28 04 ALC Council Mtg 7 PM	29 05	30 06	31 Anastasia - GFW Arts 7/31 - 8/03	01 Anastasia - GFW Arts 7/31 - 8/03	02 Open House Bridal Shower - ALC Olson/Grunewald
10 8:30 Worship - SJB 10:00 Worship - ALC	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 8:30 Worship - ALC 9:00 Fellowship - FLC 10:00 Worship - FLC	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Newsletter deadline	30
31 9:30 Joint Worship-SJB	01 LABOR DAY ALC Council Mtg 7 PM	02	03	04		
9:30 Joint Worship-FLC	ALC Council Mtg 7 PM					



2025 Council Members

Augustana Lutheran

Don Bentz	President
Dan Stark *	VP
Jesse Taralseth	Secretary
Otto Hartmann	
Randy Olson	
Larry Neville	
Barb Couell	Treasurer

First Lutheran

Cal Roberts *	President
Lynette Froehlich *	VP / Treas
Patti Edlund	Secretary
Deb Burgstahler	
Roger Jones	
Steve Anderson	

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

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, Dean Schreiner, Lisa Trebesch, Alicia Rathmann** (daughter of Doug & Mary TenEyck), **Lynell VanAsperen** (sister of Carol Forst), **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), **Carolyn Johnson**

August Birthdays



3	Dennis Rehbein
3	Jessica (Burgstahler) Gottenborg
4	Nanette Johnson-Curiskis
7	Joyce Fredin
7	Cody Guenther
11	Jesse Taralseth
11	Nicholas TenEyck
15	John Chrest
16	Brad Turtle
18	Greg Halvorson
18	Doris Schufft
18	Doug Otto

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Worship Schedule

		8:30	10:00
Aug 2025	S 3	SJ	FL
	S 10	SJ	AL
	S 17	AL	FL
	S 24	9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ	
	S 31	9:30 - Joint Worship - FL	

22	Chad Forst
22	Nevaeh Ahlbrecht
23	Carroll Woods
23	Axel Sievert
27	Jerilyn Honl
28	Bonnie Rabe
31	Ellen Johnson

Happy Anniversary

			Years
August	4	1962	Dick & Diane Isakson 63
August	5	1983	Grant & Debbie Burgstahler 42
August	15	1987	Curtis & Teresa Olson 38
August	15	1981	Dennis & Becky Rehbein 44
August	16	1980	Mike & Debbie Trebesch 45
August	18	1972	Jim & Berny Berger 53
August	20	1983	Marlon & Paula Holmquist 42
August	20	1988	Keith & Lori Radtke 37
August	25	2012	Jamie & Leslie Schueller 13
August	27	2016	Andrew & Rachel Eckerman 9
August	29	1964	Gregory & Carolyn Johnson 61
August	30	1994	Jim & Sheila Halstead 31