

# Neighbors in Christ

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

Interim Pastor Leonard Hummel

<https://www.neighborsinchristmn.org>

## Augustana Lutheran

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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.*



## ST JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

### STEEPLE FEST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

9:30 WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M.

WINDSOR CHOP DINNER

WELCA GARDEN & BAKE SALE

### 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

## Pastor's Message

As the congregations of Neighbors in Christ—Augustana Lutheran Church, First Lutheran Church, and Saint John's Lutheran Church—are beginning to discern the future of their ministries in conversations with other congregations in our Conference, I offer my prayers for the well-being of all these congregations.

Peace Be With You!

Pastor Leonard Hummel

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PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Leonard is always available and can be contacted directly at any time by email: [leonard.hummel@gmail.com](mailto:leonard.hummel@gmail.com) or cell phone: 410-949-0060

Visitation – please contact the following if someone needs visitation:

(ALC) Bonnie Hartmann 507.766.5474, (FLC) Peggy Jones 507.647.5913, Carolyn Johnson 507.217.6088 or (SJB) Mary TenEyck 507.217.1577

NIC Parish Administrative Assistant – please contact Carol Forst at 507.276.2477 or by e-mail at [nicparish1@gmail.com](mailto:nicparish1@gmail.com) for announcements or parish information.

Refer to the NIC Website for more information - <https://neighborsinchristmn.org/>

### Council Meetings Dates

|      |    |                     |
|------|----|---------------------|
| Sept | 8  | ALC Council Meeting |
| Sept | 9  | SJB Council Meeting |
| Sept | 10 | NIC Council Meeting |
| Sept | 16 | FLC Council Meeting |

There is a new **Worship Schedule** for 2025-2026 included in this newsletter; there are also full-page copies and wallet calendars at your home church.

St. John's Lutheran Church  
24481 – 561<sup>st</sup> Avenue  
Winthrop, MN

# 2025 Steeple Fest

## Sunday, September 14, 2025

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Windsor Chop Dinner  
with scalloped potatoes, corn, bun, cookie,  
coffee & milk

Price \$14.00

Indoor seating or drive-through available

Also Featuring  
WELCA Garden & Bake Sale

**NIC WOW - RALLY DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 PM SUPPER**  
**AT AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN**



NIC WoW – Rally Day – September 10, 2025 at ALC starting with supper at 6:00 p.m.

Catherine is back as our Edu Director. We have some great ladies heading up the meals and help for them is greatly appreciated. Consider helping serve, provide food items, giving an hour of your time. Thrivent cards are a great way to help with our financing this endeavor. If you would like to contribute to this go to: <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams> or contact Carol Forst for details.

***Thrivent Action Teams***

***Here is one way you can help with NIC WoW – Apply for a Thrivent Action card to help with meal & education costs. A request for \$250.00 is a great contribution!***

***4 simple steps to project success***

***1. Apply to lead a project***

Log into your Thrivent account to complete your application.

*Generosity -> Thrivent Action Teams*

***2. Get your Thrivent Action Kit***

*You will receive a package with a Thrivent Card.*

***3. Take action***

*Help and/or support our project in feeding and to help educate our kids.*

***4. Share your success story***

*Tell us about your project's positive impact so we can celebrate your success.*



# *Augustana Lutheran Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale*

*Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>*

*9 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Morning Coffee 9 to 10:30 a.m.*

*Cinnamon Rolls & Muffins*

*Lunch served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

*Hot Sandwiches*

*American & German Potato Salad*

*Desserts*

*Raffle*

*Bake Sale, Produce, Lefse, Greeting Cards*

*Join us for food, fellowship and fun!*



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Women <sup>of the</sup> ELCA 

**Augustana  
Women of the ELCA  
Meeting**

Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m.  
All are welcome!

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## **Augustana Church Fall Cleaning**

All hands on deck! The fall cleaning of the Augustana church will be held on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 a.m.

(This does not include the church grounds.)



# Neighbors in Christ Worship Schedule 2025-2026

|          |      | 8:30 AM                      | 10:00 AM |
|----------|------|------------------------------|----------|
| Sep 2025 | S 7  | SJ                           | FL       |
|          | S 14 | 9:30 - SJ Dinner             |          |
|          | S 21 | AL                           | FL       |
|          | S 28 | SJ                           | AL       |
| Oct 2025 | S 5  | SJ                           | FL       |
|          | S 12 | SJ                           | AL       |
|          | S 19 | AL                           | FL       |
|          | S 26 | 9:30 - FL Dinner             |          |
| Nov 2025 | S 2  | SJ                           | FL       |
|          | S 9  | SJ                           | AL       |
|          | S 16 | AL                           | FL       |
|          | S 23 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ    |          |
|          | W 26 | 7 pm - Thanksgiving Eve - AL |          |
| Dec 2025 | S 30 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL    |          |
|          | S 7  | SJ                           | FL       |
|          | S 14 | SJ                           | AL       |
|          | S 21 | AL                           | FL       |
|          | W 24 | Christmas Eve                |          |
|          |      | FL                           | 4:00 PM  |
|          |      | AL                           | 5:30 PM  |
|          |      | SJ                           | 7:00 PM  |
| Jan 2026 | T 25 | 9:30 - Christmas - FL        |          |
|          | S 28 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - AL    |          |
|          | S 4  | SJ                           | FL       |
|          | S 11 | SJ                           | AL       |
| Feb 2026 | S 18 | AL                           | FL       |
|          | S 25 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ    |          |
|          | S 1  | SJ                           | FL       |
|          | S 8  | SJ                           | AL       |
|          | S 15 | AL                           | FL       |
|          | W 18 | 7:00 pm - Ash Wed - FL       |          |
|          | S 22 | 9:30 - AL Dinner             |          |
|          | W 25 | 7 pm - Lent - FL             |          |

31 Augustana  
31 St Johns  
32 First

|          |      | 8:30 AM                        | 10:00 AM |
|----------|------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Mar 2026 | S 1  | SJ                             | FL       |
|          | W 4  | 7 pm - Lent - AL               |          |
|          | S 8  | SJ                             | AL       |
|          | W 11 | 7 pm - Lent - AL               |          |
|          | S 15 | AL                             | FL       |
|          | W 18 | 7 pm - Lent - SJ               |          |
|          | S 22 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL      |          |
|          | W 25 | 7 pm - Lent - SJ               |          |
| Apr 2026 | S 29 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ      |          |
|          | T 2  | Maundy Thursday                |          |
|          |      | FL                             | Noon     |
|          |      | AL                             | 7:00 PM  |
|          | F 3  | 7 pm - Good Friday - SJ        |          |
|          | S 5  | Easter                         |          |
|          |      | AL                             | 6:00 AM  |
|          |      | SJ                             | 7:30 AM  |
|          |      | FL                             | 9:00 AM  |
|          | S 12 | SJ                             | FL       |
| May 2026 | S 19 | SJ                             | AL       |
|          | S 26 | AL                             | FL       |
|          | S 3  | SJ                             | FL       |
|          | S 10 | SJ                             | AL       |
| Jun 2026 | S 17 | AL                             | FL       |
|          | S 24 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - AL      |          |
|          | S 31 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL      |          |
|          | S 7  | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ      |          |
| Jul 2026 | S 14 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - AL      |          |
|          | S 21 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL      |          |
|          | S 28 | 9:30 - Clear Lake Worship - AL |          |
|          | S 5  | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ      |          |
| Aug 2026 | S 12 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL      |          |
|          | S 19 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ      |          |
|          | S 26 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - AL      |          |
|          | S 2  | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL      |          |
|          | S 9  | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ      |          |
|          | S 16 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - AL      |          |
|          | S 23 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL      |          |
|          | S 30 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - SJ      |          |

# 2025 September

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| Sunday   | Monday                        | Tuesday                       | Wednesday  | Thursday                         | Friday                    | Saturday   |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 31<br>9:30 Joint Worship-FLC   | 01<br><b>LABOR DAY</b>        | 02                            | 03<br>1:30 pm ALC WELCA Mtg                      | 04<br>1:00 pm Gibbon Bloodmobile | 05                        | 06   |
| 07<br>8:30 Worship - SJB<br>9:00 Fellowship - FLC<br>10:00 Worship - FLC | 08                            | 09                            | 10<br>NIC WoW - Rally Night<br>6:00 pm Supper    | 11                               | 12                        | 13<br>9:00 am ALC Fall Cleaning                  |
| 14<br><b>STEEPLE FEST - SJB</b><br>9:30 Joint Worship-SJB                | 15<br>7:00 pm ALC Council Mtg | 16<br>7:00 pm SJB Council Mtg | 17<br>7:30 PM NIC Council Mtg<br>NIC WoW 6:00 pm | 18                               | 19                        | 20<br>11:00 am Douglas Guenther<br>Funeral - SJB |
| 21<br>8:30 Worship - ALC<br>9:00 Fellowship - FLC<br>10:00 Worship - FLC | 22                            | 23<br>7:00 pm FLC Council Mtg | 24<br>NIC WoW 6:00 pm                            | 25<br>LaGrande Bande - FLC       | 26<br>Newsletter deadline | 27   |
| 28<br>8:30 Worship - SJB<br>10:00 Worship - ALC                          | 29                            | 30                            | 01<br>NIC WoW 6:00 pm                            | 02                               | 03                        | 04   |
| 05<br>8:30 Worship - SJB<br>9:00 Fellowship - FLC<br>10:00 Worship - FLC | 06                            | 07                            | 08<br>NIC WoW 6:00 pm                            | 09                               | 10                        | 11   |



## 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   |
|                           |           |                       |            | Brian Fredin                | Trustee   |
| Barb Covell               | Treasurer |                       |            |                             |           |

### 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), **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, Neil Burns, Pastor Cathy Hoffbeck, The family of Douglas Guenther**

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Teresa Olson      |
| 4  | Barb Covell       |
| 6  | LaNae Schmidt     |
| 7  | Summer Covell     |
| 8  | Sue Bentz         |
| 9  | Loretta Ahlbrecht |
| 11 | LuVerne Otto      |
| 11 | Ann Stark         |
| 11 | Brenda Rehbein    |
| 12 | Kevin Otto        |
| 12 | Joseph Beranek    |
| 14 | Barb Johnson      |
| 17 | Joyce Evenson     |
| 18 | Jessica Meyer     |
| 20 | Ella Schmidtke    |
| 21 | Chris Beranek     |
| 23 | Hannah Neuman     |
| 24 | Mike Trebesch     |
| 25 | Diane Isakson     |
| 27 | Dawn Fritz        |
| 27 | John Pagel        |
| 29 | Earl Lindstrand   |

*September Birthdays*

|           |    |      |                          |    |
|-----------|----|------|--------------------------|----|
| September | 2  | 1989 | Jesse & Lisa Taralseth   | 36 |
| September | 5  | 1975 | Mark & Jan Larson        | 50 |
| September | 10 | 2011 | Jason & Kari Fritz       | 14 |
| September | 11 | 1993 | Loretta & Lynn Ahlbrecht | 32 |
| September | 17 | 1983 | Mike & Mary Mueller      | 42 |
| September | 17 | 1985 | Dan & Ann Stark          | 40 |
| September | 21 | 1979 | Tommy & Kathy Matray     | 46 |
| September | 23 | 2000 | Alan & Tara Ernst        | 25 |
| September | 26 | 1981 | Dawn & Jerry Fritz       | 44 |
| September | 30 | 1960 | Harlen & Dianne Gehrke   | 65 |

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#### Worship Schedule

|          |      | 8:30             | 10:00 |
|----------|------|------------------|-------|
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|          | S 14 | 9:30 - SJ Dinner |       |
|          | S 21 | AL               | FL    |
|          | S 28 | SJ               | AL    |

*Happy Birthday*

*Happy Anniversary*