

# Neighbors in Christ

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

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<https://www.neighborsinchristmn.org>

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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

*“A king who dies on the cross must be the king of a rather strange kingdom. Only those who understand the cross can also understand the whole meaning of Jesus’ assertion: my kingdom is not of this world.”*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Almost all the Feast Days of the Church that we celebrate every year have been around for many years—most of them since the very early years of the Church. Some of them are these: Christmas Day, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, and, since the Reformation, Reformation Sunday.

But not the feast day we will celebrate this month: Christ the King Sunday.

In fact, our celebration of Christ the King on November 23, 2025 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of this Feast Day.

How did that happen? This day was established by our Roman Catholic brothers and sister in 1925.

They set up in a way that was not very nice. They set up to be celebrated at the end of Octobers--as a rival worship day to our Lutheran Reformation Sunday.

But we all make mistakes, and our Catholic members of the One Body of Christ admitted that they had erred in trying to outdo Lutherans. So, they changed their ways in 1970 (some of us remember things got a little easier between Catholics and Lutherans around that time) and moved the Celebration a month ahead. After they made the change, we Lutherans got on board.

But why a feast of Christ the King in the first place? And why did it get going in 1925?

In 1925, the Vatican looked out and saw two kinds of government in the world that they thought were wrong: Fascism in Italy; Communism in Russia.

In the 1930s, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran Pastor in Nazi Germany, looked at Germany and saw that his homeland was being run the wrong way.

So what do Catholics and most Protestants celebrate on Christ the King Sunday?

We celebrate a King who rules the world not with violence or force but with love from a cross.

That is the good news of Christ the King Sunday. That is the news that lifts us up.

Yes, we often see that bad leaders rule the world in unrighteous ways.

But, on Christ the King Sunday we are promised something more than what we often see: The power of love from a King on a Cross who promises to make this world a place of peace and love.

May our hearts be lifted by this good news: the news of a king who rules from a cross!



# Neighbors in Christ

Interim Pastor Leonard Hummel

<https://neighborsinchristslmn.org/events>

| Sunday                                                                                                          | Monday                                            | Tuesday                                          | Wednesday                                                                                                                                     | Thursday                                          | Friday                                       | Saturday      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------|
| <div>26</div> <div>Note - FLC Dinner<br/>after Worship on Nov 2nd</div>                                         | <div>27</div>                                     | <div>28</div>                                    | <div>29</div>                                                                                                                                 | <div>30</div>                                     | <div>31</div> <div>Halloween</div>           | <div>01</div> |
| <div>02</div> <div>ALL SAINTS SUNDAY<br/>8:30 Worship - SJB<br/>9:00 Fellowship / 10:00<br/>Worship - FLC</div> | <div>03</div>                                     | <div>04</div>                                    | <div>05</div> <div>NIC WoW 6:00 pm</div>                                                                                                      | <div>06</div> <div>Pastor Hummel - Vacation</div> | <div>07</div>                                | <div>08</div> |
| <div>09</div>                                                                                                   | <div>10</div> <div>7:00 pm ALC Council Mtg</div>  | <div>11</div> <div>Veteran's Day</div>           | <div>12</div> <div>12 pm Prayer Luncheon<br/>Faith United Church<br/>NIC WoW 6:00 pm<br/>Christmas Practice<br/>NIC Council Mtg 7:30 pm</div> | <div>13</div>                                     | <div>14</div>                                | <div>15</div> |
| <div>8:30 Worship - SJB<br/>10:00 Worship - ALC</div>                                                           | Pastor Hummel - Vacation                          |                                                  | Pastor Hummel - Vacation                                                                                                                      |                                                   | Pastor Hummel - Vacation                     |               |
| <div>16</div> <div>8:30 Worship - ALC WELCA<br/>9:30<br/>9:00 Fellowship / 10:00<br/>Worship - FLC</div>        | <div>17</div> <div>Pastor Hummel - Vacation</div> | <div>18</div>                                    | <div>19</div> <div>NIC WoW 6:00 pm<br/>Christmas Practice</div>                                                                               | <div>20</div>                                     | <div>21</div>                                | <div>22</div> |
| <div>23</div>                                                                                                   | <div>24</div>                                     | <div>25</div> <div>7:00 pm FLC Council Mtg</div> | <div>26</div> <div>NIC WoW<br/>NO NIC WoW<br/>Thanksgiving Eve Service<br/>7 pm - ALC</div>                                                   | <div>27</div> <div>Thanksgiving Day</div>         | <div>28</div> <div>Newsletter deadline</div> | <div>29</div> |
| Christ the King Sunday                                                                                          |                                                   |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                              |               |
| Pastor Hummel - Vacation                                                                                        |                                                   |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                              |               |
| <div>9:30 Joint Worship SJB</div>                                                                               | <div>01</div>                                     | <div>02</div>                                    | <div>03</div>                                                                                                                                 | <div>04</div>                                     |                                              |               |
| <div>Advent</div>                                                                                               |                                                   |                                                  |                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                                              |               |
| <div>9:30 Joint Worship FLC</div>                                                                               | <div>7:00 pm ALC Council Mtg</div>                |                                                  | <div>NIC WoW 6:00 pm<br/>Christmas Practice</div>                                                                                             |                                                   |                                              |               |



## **First Lutheran Fall Meal Moved to November 2nd**

First Lutheran postponed their Fall Dinner and will hold it on Sunday, November 2nd following 10 a.m. worship at First Lutheran.

### **WINTHROP AREA MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION (WAMA)**

#### **MONTHLY PRAYER LUNCHEONS**

Serving the community through prayer and fellowship, WAMA presents the "Monthly Prayer Luncheons" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of the month at 12 noon. All are welcome. A free will offering will be taken. Upcoming dates are:

- November 12<sup>th</sup> at Faith United Church
- December 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
- January 14<sup>th</sup> at Peace Lutheran

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**Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> – 7 pm**

**NIC WoW Christmas Program at ALC**

#### **Council Meetings Dates**

|     |    |           |                         |
|-----|----|-----------|-------------------------|
| Nov | 3  | 7:00 p.m. | ALC Council Meeting     |
| Nov | 11 | 7:00 p.m. | SJB Council Meeting     |
| Nov | 12 | 7:30 p.m. | NIC Council Meeting/ALC |
| Nov | 18 | 7:00 p.m. | FLC Council Meeting     |

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

**Visitations** – 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
- (SJB) Mary TenEyck 507.217.1577

NIC Parish Administrative Assistant – 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/>

Thrivent cards are a great way to help with our NIC WoW program. If you would like to contribute to this go to: <https://www.thrivent.com/about-us/membership/thrivent-action-teams>

## 2025 Council Members

| <u>Augustana Lutheran</u> |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Don Bentz                 | President |
| Dan Stark *               | VP        |
| Jesse Taralseth           | Secretary |
| Otto Hartmann             |           |
| Randy Olson               |           |
| Larry Neville             |           |
| Barb Couell               | Treasurer |

| <u>First Lutheran</u> |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| Cal Roberts *         | President  |
| Lynette Froehlich *   | VP / Treas |
| Patti Edlund          | Secretary  |
| Deb Burgstahler       |            |
| Roger Jones           |            |
| Steve Anderson        |            |

| <u>St John's – Bismarck</u> |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| 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

**Steve Saxton, Christy Johnson, Tom Rabe, Carolyn Johnson, Dale & Pat Ericson, Wyatt Fischer** (grandson of Don & Sue Bentz), **Dean Dilger, Reiden Cichoski** (grandson of Kim & Steve Neuman), **Mark Campbell, Barb O'Brien, John Johnson, Arlys Schiltz, Jerome Sabo, Dean Schreiner, Tony Kachelmeier** (husband of Paula Kachelmeier), **Charlotte Pagel** (daughter of Micah Pagel; granddaughter of Bruce & Jean Pagel), **Neil Burns, Pastor Cathy Hoffbeck, the family of Brandon Hartmann** (son of Greg & Ann Hartmann)

### Neighbors in Christ

#### Worship Schedule

|          |      | 8:30                         | 10:00 |
|----------|------|------------------------------|-------|
| 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 |       |
|          | S 30 | 9:30 - Joint Worship - FL    |       |

|    |                   |
|----|-------------------|
| 1  | Steve Klukas      |
| 3  | Janice Ogren      |
| 3  | Mike Mueller      |
| 5  | Arlys Schiltz     |
| 5  | Nathan Pagel      |
| 11 | Virginia Anderson |
| 12 | Dan Weber         |
| 12 | Desirae Schmidt   |
| 14 | Duane Lange       |
| 18 | Bonnie Hartmann   |
| 18 | Dorothy Peterson  |
| 19 | Sharlene Anderson |
| 20 | Dale Ericson      |
| 24 | Kevin Dreier      |
| 25 | Martha Lucas      |
| 26 | Ethan Stark       |
| 27 | Audra Forst       |
| 28 | Mark Turtle       |
| 29 | Marlon Holmquist  |
| 29 | Mayona Lind       |

*November Birthdays*



*Happy Anniversary*

|                  |                       |    |
|------------------|-----------------------|----|
| November 17 2018 | Max & Kari Pagel      | 7  |
| November 19 1988 | Jon & Carol Forst     | 37 |
| November 20 1976 | Jim & Joyce Evenson   | 49 |
| November 21 1992 | Calvin & Mary Roberts | 33 |
| November 26 1988 | Roger & Sharon Schiro | 37 |
| November 28 1969 | Roger & Peggy Jones   | 56 |
| November 29 1975 | Bruce & Jean Pagel    | 50 |