

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.

NIC WoW Christmas Program

Wednesday, Dec 10th at ALC 7:00 pm

Come see what we have to share

With our message about Jesus

If We Do It – It Will Work!



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

Dear Friends,

As we enter the Season of Advent, I share with you below words from Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945).

This year marks the 80th Anniversary of his Martyrdom.

This advent I will be sharing many more reflections from this witness to our faith.

Peace be with you,

Pastor Leonard Hummel

The Advent season Is a season of Waiting. Jesus stands at the door knocking (Rev. 3:20). In total reality, he comes in the form of the beggar, of the dissolute human child in ragged clothes, asking for help. He confronts you in every person that you meet.

As long as there are people, Christ will walk the earth as your neighbor, as the one through whom God calls you, speaks to you, makes demands on you. That is the great seriousness and great blessedness of the Advent message. Christ is standing at the door; he lives in the form of a human being among us. Do you want to close the door or open it?

The Advent season is a season of waiting, but our whole life is an Advent season, that is, a season of waiting for the last Advent, for the time when there will be a new heaven and a new earth.

NIC WOW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - Wednesday, December 10th 7 pm at ALC

"If We Do it – It Will Work"

Please bring a dozen cookies to share after the Christmas program! Your support means a lot to our kids, and this is a simple way to make the evening extra special for everyone. Parents are asked to help serve. Thank you!

Council Meetings Dates			
Dec	1	7:00 p.m.	ALC Council Meeting
Dec	9	7:00 p.m.	SJB Council Meeting
Dec	16	7:00 p.m.	FLC Council Meeting
Dec	17	7:00 p.m.	NIC Council Meeting/FLC

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Council Minutes

November 12, 2025

Members present were Cal Roberts, Lynette Froelich, Curtis Olson, Bonnie Hartmann, Steve Klukas, Mike Trebesch, Justin TenEyck. Administrative Assistant Carol Forst. Members absent Steve Anderson, Dan Stark, and Pastor Hummel

Meeting was called to order by Cal Roberts. President Roberts read a letter of Resignation from Carol Forst effective 1/1/2026. with her duties as A.A and council treasurer.

Motion to approve agenda motion made by Steve K and seconded by Lynette F motion passed Secretaries report motion to approve by Lynette F and seconded by Bonnie H motion passed

Treasurer report after discussing some upcoming budgeting items and other expenses. Motion was made by Lynette F and seconded by Mike T. Motion passed.

Administrative assistant report. Looking into CPA services. Website renewal, 2026 budget discussions. 2026 budgeting was tabled until Dec meeting. Motion made by Steve K and seconded by Bonnie H motion passed.

Committee reports were discussed still could use help on meals for WOW.

Christmas Program is Dec. 10th at Augustana

Motion made by Lynette F and seconded by Steve K to adjourn motion passed. next Meeting is set for Dec. 17th at First Lutheran at 7:00.

Meeting closed with Lord's prayer

Submitted by Curtis Olson

DECK THE PARISH WITH CHRISTMAS BLOOMS

It's time to order poinsettias and Christmas plants to deck our sanctuaries this Advent and Christmas season. If you wish to donate a plant for any of our three NIC Parish churches, check your narthex for a sign-up sheet. Details on plants available, prices and order deadlines are on the order sign-up sheets.

SANTA'S HELPERS

The Gibbon Lion's are assisting with collecting gifts for the Sibley County Santa's Helpers. Donations of toys, games, teen gifts, hats and mittens can be dropped off at Ogren Insurance. Mittens only can be dropped off at MinnWest Bank. Cash donations can also be dropped off at the Gibbon Farmer's C-Store, Gibbon Lumber, Code 3 Bowling or The Local. The donation deadline is Friday, November 28th. If anyone wishes to help wrap gifts at the event, it is December 9th & 10th at American Lutheran Church in Gaylord. You can contact Sue Bentz for details.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH, WINTHROP – THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Thursday, November 27th – 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

510 Brown Street, Winthrop, MN

Public is invited to St. Francis Church for Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Meal includes turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, gravy, green bean casserole, corn, dinner roll, & dessert. Donations will go to Santa's Helpers.

Reservations are welcomed, but not necessary. Please call Bill or Che May at 507-647-2238 or Ted or June Oman at 507-647-5771 and leave a message. Please leave your name, phone number & number of meals needed.

WINTHROP AREA MINISTRIES ASSOCIATION (WAMA) MONTHLY PRAYER LUNCHEONS

Upcoming "Monthly Prayer Luncheons" dates are:

December 10th at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church

January 14th at Peace Lutheran

TCA CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The T-Bird Community Arts (TCA) Christmas Cantata, "*This is Christmas*". Performance dates will be Saturday, December 6th at 7 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church in Winthrop and Sunday, December 7th at 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Fairfax.

RESIGNATION – Carol Forst submitted her resignation from her staff role as Administrative Office Assistant and Council Treasurer, effective January 1, 2026. She will continue with her current duties until that date and will assist with transitioning responsibilities as needed until that time.

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Leonard is always available and can be contacted directly at any time by email: 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 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>

December 2025

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Interim Pastor Leonard Hummel
<https://neibcd.bosind.tosstmn.org/events>

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Joint Worship - FLC 9:30 AM 30	01	02	03 NIC WOW Christmas Practice 6:00 PM	04	05	06 TCA Christmas Cantata Peace Lutheran 7:00 PM
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship - SIB 8:30 AM Worship - FLC 10:00 AM Fellowship @ 9:00 TCA Christmas Cantata St Andrew's 4:00 PM 07	08	09 NIC WOW Christmas Program - ALC 7:00 PM	10	11	12	13
Worship - SIB 8:30 AM Worship - ALC 10:00 AM 14	15	16 NIC WOW CHRISTMAS BREAK	17	18	19	20
Worship - ALC 8:30 AM Worship - FLC 10:00 AM Fellowship @ 9:00 21	22	23 CHRISTMAS EVE FLC Worship 4:00 PM ALC Worship 5:30 PM SIB Worship 7:00 PM	24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27
Joint Worship - ALC 9:30 AM 28	29	30 NEW YEAR'S EVE NIC WOW CHRISTMAS BREAK	31	01 NEW YEAR'S DAY	02	03
JANUARY Worship - SIB 8:30 AM Worship - FLC 10:00 AM Fellowship @ 9:00 04	05	06 NIC WOW Resumes 6:00 PM	07	08	09	10

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, 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 families of Gloria Remus**, (sister of Paula Kachelmeier) and **Wally Beranek** (uncle of Chris Beranek and brother-in-law of Noreen Beranek)

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Worship Schedule

8:30 10:00

Dec 2025	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
	T	25	9:30 - Christmas - FL	
	S	28	9:30 - Joint Worship - AL	

- 1 Alan Stark
- 1 Paula Holmquist
- 2 Ryan Magnusson
- 3 Terri Sievert
- 4 Jacob Holmquist
- 4 Mary Turtle
- 5 Becky Rehbein
- 7 Dulci Schmidt
- 9 Livvy Jean Holmquist
- 15 Leslie Schueller (nee Burgstahler)
- 15 Jason Fritz
- 18 Weston Schmditke
- 18 Bruce Froehlich
- 19 Preston Johnson
- 19 Mary TenEyck
- 19 Max Pagel
- 22 Elaine Woods
- 26 Felesha Driemeyer
- 26 Kirk Hartmann
- 26 Mason Schmidt
- 28 Peyton Pagel
- 29 Katelyn Beranek
- 31 Maryn Forst

Birthdays



Happy Anniversary

December	13	1975	Gary & Jerilyn Honl	50
December	15	1973	Dale & Pat Ericson	52
December	30	2006	Aaron & Mary Humphrey	19