



NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2025

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Council Minutes December 10, 2024

Called to order by Vice-President Janelle Gordon.

Devotions by Marion Wigen, "Gratitude" *Christ in our Home* Psalm 126.

Non-Council members/visitors – none.

Last month's minutes – M/S/C Dawn/Michelle.

Secretaries report - Read and accepted.

Treasurer's report - Report will be in Newsletter. No additional information to provide. Read and accepted. M/S/C Louise/Marion

Pastor's report -

-Blue Christmas service will be at ULC on 12/22 at 6:30 pm. The Blue Christmas is a quiet service that gives people the space to pray and remember those who are not with us this holiday season.

-Thank you to Adyson Micheels for leading worship while I was on vacation Nov 22-30.

-Thank you to Rev. Diane House, Director for Evangelical Mission (DEM), for her presence and words on December 1st.

-The Children's program will take place on Sunday, the 22nd at 11 am.

-Christmas Eve worship service will be on 12/24 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Sara will be leading one of her favorite liturgies called "an Insta-pageant".

-Kristal Gifford continues to share new information with our confirmation students about various figures in the Bible with stories we don't always hear in Sunday school.

-Thank you to the students who participate and help wherever help is needed.

January 5-9th (afternoons) Moses Project in Des Moines, IA.

-Luther Park Bible Camp 2025 Registration is open. Early bird deadline is March 1, 2025.

Three main Camper Programs: Day Camp, Evergreen and Jump. Check out the website for more details. <https://lutherpark.org>

Deacon Ministries –

Adopt a Family nosy offering was successful in October and November. We were able to send 7 of our college students, a Kwik Trip gift card. We purchase a couple of our nursing home members a gift. We donated monies toward a Family who lost their home due to a house fire in Cameron.

-WELCA will be packing Christmas Boxes for a few of our older members.

-There will be a **Christmas Luncheon at 11 am on 12/12 ~all are invited.** There will be a program first, and then lunch.

Trustee Ministries -

A request from a member has been brought up to check into better lighting for the front parking lot and then a flood light to put on the shed in the back to help light the back of the building and side parking lot. Robert will research this and bring back information to the next meeting.

Children Youth and Family Ministries – Kristal would like to thank everyone who participated in the Hanging of the Greens Service. The service remains to be a great tradition to our ministry. The Sunday School Program will be held on 12/22 at 11 am.

Old Business –

-150th Anniversary of NSLC will be held on 10/12/25 with Klub dinner. We will be asking to form the following committees at the Annual Meeting on 1/19/25: Food Committee, Program Committee, Media Committee, Advertising Committee and if there is interest a Cookbook Committee. -2025 Council Vacancies: President, Vice President, Board of Ed, Trustee and Deacon. Kristal nominated Kelly Martinson as a possible candidate for Board of Ed.

New Business –

-Discussion on Noisy Offering for January and February. January will go to the Benjamin House and February will go to Shop with a Cop. M/S/C Kristal/Rob

-Secretary Rhonda Candler's last day at NSLC was 12/10. A resume was submitted by Chris Broten. A motion was made to accept the resume of Chris Broten for our new NSLC Secretary. M/S/C Louise/Dawn.

-The Administrative Assistant job description was reviewed with a few revisions to make. The Executive Committee will meet in 3 months for a review and update financial package at that time.

Next meeting – No meeting in January. Next meeting – February 11, 2025. Devotions-
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Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Kristal Gifford, NSLC Acting -Council secretary

Present- Chris Broten, Kristal Gifford, Robert and Dawn Bryngelson, Janelle Gordon, Deb Schieffer, Louise Driver, Marion Wigen, Pastor Sara Feld

Absent – Kelly Martinson, Shelly Shipley, Sue and Dave Dau, and Doug Severude

WELCA MET December 12, 2024

WELCA met December 12th, 2024.

We had our Christmas luncheon.

Gladys opened with devotions.

We sang "What Child Is This"

Barb Huset, Doug Severude, Marion Wigen and Gary Reichert gave a reading from a book illustrating the Christmas story.

We sang "Silent Night"

We closed with the Lord's prayer and sang the Table Prayer.

Chris Broten Secretary.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Luther Park Bible Camp:

Registration Opens: December 1st

Early Bird Discount Ends: March 31st

Final Camper Payments Due: June 1st

An email will be sent to Sunday School Families with the discount code for which NS(Church and WELCA) will pay \$300.00/65% toward campership for a full week and \$150/65% for a 3-day camp. Contact Kristal Gifford/Pastor Sara for questions.

Upcoming Events January 2025:

January 1: Happy New Year!

January 5: Sunday School/Confirmation Class Resume

THIS IS OUR CORE CURRICULUM BEFORE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:

Pre-K and K: 2 or 3 table prayers and or bedtime prayer, The Lord's Prayer, and



church manners.

1st and 2nd Grade: The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd The Commandments.

3rd and 4th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Bible usage (looking up verses).

5th and 6th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Matthew 22:37-39, John 14:6, Matthew 7:7, Matthew 7:12, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Isaiah 40:3,5, Matthew 7:1-2, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 28:19-20.

7th and 8th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 18:20, John 11:25-26, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 9:23b, Psalm 100, Roman 3:28, John 8:31b, 32, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 20:23 and Matthew 18:18.

High School: Be a leader and good role model, open your Bible and devotion books 3-4 times a week or daily;), read any of the above Bible verses, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23.

Make homemade cards for our shut-in members. Smile often and sing -Hugs to you all!

Kristal Gifford Superintendent~ Board of Education and Family Ministry- Kelly Martinson, Michelle Klefstad, and Shelly Shipley

It is MANDATORY to fill out at least 10 Sermon Notes during the school year. Note pages are on the back of the NS Church on the information table.

#1 Wednesday Night Confirmation

Lite meal from 5-5:30 pm

Classes will run from 5:30pm and last until 7 pm on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

Location United Lutheran Church Parsonage in Prairie Farm.

January 1 - NO CLASS New Years

January 15

February 5

February 19 - This will be the last class as Ash Wednesday and Lenten Services begin on March 5.

It is recommended that confirmation students attend as many Lenten Services as possible. The dates, times and locations will be determined later and communicated to you.

#2 Sunday Morning Confirmation For those unable to attend class on the first and third Wednesdays - Kristal Gifford will be available to teach on Sunday during Sunday School.

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Time - 10am to 10:55am

Location - New Scandinavia Lutheran Church.

January 5
January 12
January 19
January 26

February 2
February 9
February 16 - Last Class

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2025 Camp Registration Opens December 1st | Luther Park Bible Camp

We have some new programs for this year. Below are the blurbs about the new programs. Also attached is a flyer for Day Camp Program.

Day Camp -- Full Summer

Day Camp will now be offered during all our program weeks in the summer! This is a great affordable summer childcare option for families or can be a way for the youngest campers to get their first camp experience. Campers can sign up for one day, or up to the full week. Trained staff will lead age appropriate activities including Bible story time, games, swimming, arts and crafts, and much more. While we do many of our activities each day, we also have a unique theme every week to keep things fun and different. Day camp is provided Monday through Friday 8:30 am — 4:30 pm with lunch and snacks provided. Grades: K-5

Evergreen

Introducing Evergreen, a brand-new program at Luther Park designed for high school campers to deepen their faith, build lasting friendships, and grow in their relationship with God in a close-knit community. This exciting program focuses on leadership development, personal reflection, and confidence-building, while leaving plenty of time for adventure, intentional community, and classic camp activities. Campers will enjoy everything Luther Park has to offer, along with special experiences like an overnight at Luther Woods, a service project, and a specialty worship just for high schoolers, making Evergreen an unforgettable week for our next generation of leaders! Grades: 8-11

Jump! (Junior Mentorship Program).

Take the leap into a transformative 3-week program designed to equip you with real-life leadership skills while experiencing the best of Luther Park. Spend the first week enjoying all the fun of camp, the second week learning and practicing leadership, and the third week shadowing a

counselor to mentor younger campers. Grow in confidence, faith, and leadership while making a meaningful impact on others! This program takes applications, meaning our high schoolers that choose to participate will apply online and interview with our Program Director Abby. There is no fee for this program, as you are an active participant in the leadership of our camp program. Grades: 10+ Cost: No fee,

Noisy offering for January will go the Benjamin House.

Benjamin House s a place for homeless people that covers Barron County.



January Birthdays__

Visuth Sanmai	1/2
Billie Jo Peterson	1/4
Bryan Hundley	1/11
Dawn Bryngelson	1/12
Ricky Reichert	1/15
Emily Dau	1/17
Judy Ebler	1/20
Duane Olson	1/22
Sage Ebler	1/25

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

11/24/2024	22	1879.02
12/1/24	70	1731.00
12/8/24	33	682.00
12/15/24	52	2897.98

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
			1 No Confirmation Class	2	3	4
5 2 nd Sunday after Christmas 10:00-10:55 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 11:00 Worship Annual Conference to Congregation	6	7	8 5:30-7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Pastor Sara's home in Prairie Farm	9	10	11
12 Baptism of our Lord 10:00-10:55 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 11:00 Worship	13	14	15 5:30-7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Pastor Sara's home in Prairie Farm	16	17	18
19 2 nd Sunday Epiphany of our Lord 10:00-10:55 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 11:00 Worship Annual Meeting with Potluck	20	21 9:00 a.m. Quilting 1:30 p.m. Bible Study	22 5:30-7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Pastor Sara's home in Prairie Farm	23 9:00 a.m. Quilting	24	25
26 3 rd Sunday Epiphany of our Lord 10:00-10:55 a.m. Sunday School and Confirmation 11:00 Worship	27	28	29 5:30-7:00 p.m. Confirmation at Pastor Sara's home in Prairie Farm	30	31	

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***Return Service Requested**

"In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God's Word."

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