

January

**NEW SCANDINAVIA
LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY
NEWSLETTER 2023**



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from your Pastor Ron Gerl, Church
Secretary Rhonda Candler, and the
Church Council at New Scandinavia
Lutheran Church!**

**Pick up your 2023 church offering envelope boxes.
They are ready with your family name. They are in the
entry way at church!**



SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

WORSHIP EVENTS COMING UP:

- No Sunday School on January 1st
- Stay Tuned for First Communion Classes for any student's 5th grade and up or any 4th grade that the parents approve of class coming up ☺
- Confirmation will be starting up on January 8th from 10:30-Noon along with Sunday School starting on January 8th at 10:30 AM until 11:30.

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, Janelle Gordon and Kris Skoug

WELCA MET IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

WELCA met November 17th, 2022.

Quilting and Layettees are done on Wednesday and Thursday.

Gladys opened the meeting with devotions 1 Kings 1:8 Just a Building without God Presence.

We sang "Now Thank We All Our God"



“Pastor Ron led the Bible Study Jesus and Nature Teachers of Faith
 Secretary and Treasurer report were given
 We had our Thank offering Program
 We sang “Praise and Thanksgiving”

New Business:

Discussed the Christmas Program. The Christmas luncheon will be held
 December 8th at 11:00. Everyone is invited to attend

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting will be our luncheon on December 8th.

WELCA met December 8, 2022 for the Christmas Lucheon.

Devotions was led by Pastor Ron .

A group of ladies sang and Pastor Ron sang “O Come all ye Faithful”

There was a reading by Marion Silent Night. We sang “Silent Night”.

Yhere was a reading Angels from the Realm of Glory. We then sang “Angels from the Realm of
 Glory”

Barb and Debbie did a reading O Come O Come Emanuel. We then sang “O Come O Come
 Emanuel. “

A group of ladies sang “I am so Glad each Christmas Eve” with Marion singing the first verse in
 Norweigian.

We closed with thr Lord’s Prayer, and Table Prayer.

We then enjoyed a great luncheon.

Chris Broten – Secretary.

**Mark Brown, guest harpist, will be providing special Christmas music during our morning
 worship on Sunday January 8.**

**Join us and bring family and friends to hear Mark who lives in Stillwater, Minnesota and a
 getaway place here in our area.**

His music touches the heart of listeners young and old.

Sunday, January 1 at 9:30 a.m.
There will be a Carol service and Holy Communion.

Join us for this traditional style worship the Sunday after Christmas here at New Scandinavia!



ANNUAL MEETING



CONNECTION • INSPIRATION • RECOGNITION

The Church Annual Meeting is on Sunday, January 15 immediately after the morning worship at 9:30 a.m.

Reports for the annual are due to Rhonda by December 27!!!!



meeting handout Tuesday,



The "Gift Away" banquet is on Sunday January 15 after the annual meeting. The meal is being catered and free. We will award financial gifts to those who submitted donation forms and reviewed by the committee. All gifts are awarded from the interest investments from the Fire Fund.

All are welcome!



CHRISTMAS OFFERING will be donated to "ELCA Good Gifts"

How it works



1 Choose your gift.

2

Get a card.



3

Change lives.



JANUARY NOISY OFFERING

will go to the Benjamin House



Visuth Sanmai	01/02
Billie Jo Peterson	01/04
Bryan Hundley	01/11
Dawn Bryngelson	01/12
Ricky Reichert	01/15
Emily Dau	01/17
Judy Ebler	01/20
Duane Olson	01/22
Sage Ebler	01/25

THANK YOU FOR EWER

Doug Severude and family donated a Baptismal Ewer to the church in memory of their wife and mother April.





LUTHER PARK IS HIRING SUMMER STAFF

As we start to plan for our 2023 camp season here at Luther Park Bible Camp, we are hiring staff for this upcoming year. The application portal for staff is now open on our website as well as camp registration. Thanks, you for continued support of Luther Park Bible Camp.

Blessings, *Lisa Ippolite*

GIVING MISSION CAMPAIGN APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 30, 2022

When we received the money from the insurance from the fire, there was lots of discussions as to how to spend it. When the building was rebuilt, we had \$250,000 left. Dave Driver took the responsibility to invest the money wisely. It was put in the mission Investment fund at the ELCA which was paying the most interest. The CD's, which were 6 years, are now coming due. The interest on these CD's is about \$56,000.

At the time of the building much discussion centered around giving some of the money to the Glory of God. It was decided at that time that we would use the interest for that work. This is money we did not plan for, nor did we earn it. It was a gift. The council voted to give ½ away in this program and the next half will be invested and given away in 3 years. Thus every 3 years we would have extra money for missions without touching the principle.

The council has taken into consideration that a furnace could break etc. but they feel that the \$250,000 would cover any such need.

We would like to have people pick up the application at the back of the church or the one in the newsletter and apply for grants for their missions. We would like to give priority to missions that people give to or work with within the church. You would be allowed to apply for more than one. Ex: quilting \$500... and maybe school kits \$ 500.00. Wells may need a larger gift. Apply for what you need, and we will adjust the amount given as to how many requests.

A committee of 5 would then review all the requests and make the awards.

We would like to accept applications in November and December. With the cutoff date being December 30. The money would then be awarded in a special dinner with a representative from the organization receiving the money present to give a little overview as to how the money would be used. Some publicity will be done to promote the fact that our church is working for the Glory of God.

Individuals that people have been working with are also included to receive the money should there be cancer etc. for need.

NAME OF CHARITY YOU WOULD LIKE THE GRANT FOR

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of charity you would like the grant for: _____

Amount Requested _____

Detailed use of the grant for: _____

Do you financially support or work for this Organization: Y N

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

DATE	ATTEND	OFFERING
11/27	61	904.47
12/4	52	2663.00
12/11	64	1075.00
12/18	102	4297.00

Thank You
FOR
GIVING
GENEROUSLY

JANUARY

2023

JANUARY 2023
 9:30 a.m. Worship Services
 Office Hours Tuesdays 9-2:00 p.m.

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church

9:30 a.m. Worship & FACEBOOK

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

Pastor Ron Gerl

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols Communion at the rail No Sunday School today	2	3 9-2:00 p.m. church office open	4 Pastor at Cnetek Clergy Meeting			
8 9:30 a.m. Worship with Noisy Offering Mark Brown Serenade Sunday 10:30 Sunday School	9	10 9-2:00 p.m. church office open 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 9:30 a.m. Worship with communion ANNUAL MEETING GRANT "GIFT AWAY" DINNER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16	17 9-2:00 p.m. church office open	18 Quilting	19 Quilting & 1:30 p.m. Bible Study	20	21
22 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	23 Pastor Theological Meeting at Luther Park	24 9-2:00 p.m. church office open	25	26	27	28
29 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School	30	31 9-2:00 p.m. church office open				

Send

Caring for others

What a sad day! Ben's apartment house was ruined . . . and his Christmas presents were all charred by the fire. What can Joe do to help? What would Ben need if his things were ruined by the fire?



Draw something Joe could give Ben. What would you do if Ben were your friend? What would you say to him?

this week

Let the youngest child in the family choose an activity to do together.

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kids Celebrate

First Sunday of Christmas



gather

Welcome to worship. Joseph was told in a dream to leave Bethlehem for a safer place. So he took Mary and Jesus on a long journey.

Follow the maze. Print the name of the first stop for Jesus' family:



Finish the maze. Write the name of their last stop:



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

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