

PARISH NEWS

Britton Lutheran Parish

January 2012

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Britton Lutheran Parish Annual Meetings

January 15 Noon Pleasant Valley Lutheran
January 22 Noon First Lutheran
January 29 Noon Lake City Lutheran at FL

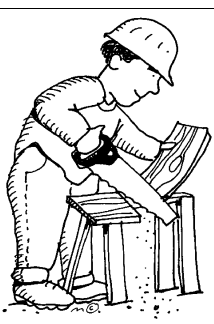


Annual Meetings

We encourage you to attend your annual meeting this year. Hear a report from what has been a very busy year with a lot of changes. Also help us look forward to a new year filled with exciting possibilities for our churches and our parish.

Each of our congregations will be adopting revised constitutions as well as approving budgets for the coming year.

If you have a report for the annual report please get it into the church office as soon as possible. It would help a lot if all reports could be in no later than January 5.



We are looking for wood-workers to help with a project at First Lutheran.

We have had a lot of Baptisms at First (Which is a great blessing that we thank God for.) and we could use some help building Faith chests for them. If you have a few tools and would like to help out with this great project we could sure use your help. Contact one of the Men Of First or Pastor Terrill if you have any questions.

Thank You

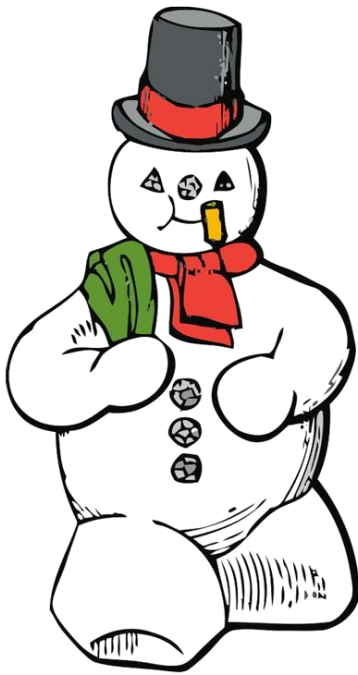
Thanks for all the many gifts, thoughts, prayers, and acts of kindness to me and my family from all of you good folks of the Britton Lutheran Parish. You are a great blessing and I am blessed to be your pastor. May you all have a blessed new year.

Pastor Terrill, Pastor Sara, Katie & Liz

A Note from the Financial Secretary

Envelopes will be mailed out the last week of December. If you are doing the automatic transfer, you will not be receiving envelopes. You will still receive statements of giving quarterly, but your number will be in the four hundreds. I hope this is satisfactory with everyone. It saved us the cost of envelopes for 2012.

You will find that the envelopes are not staying glued in the folder. They had some bad glue and reimbursed us a small amount for the inconvenience.



From the Pastor . . .

The other evening I came across the movie *Cast Away* on television. In the movie Tom Hanks plays a systems manager for FedEx and in the process of training new employees and trying to impress on them the importance of making every second count he says, “We cannot commit the sin of turning our back on time.” The irony of the movie is that soon after that his plane goes down in the south Pacific and he is marooned on a tiny island with nothing but time.

One of the most common struggles among us is our struggle with time. We are a busy people: work, community commitments, family responsibilities, school activities, volunteering, the needs of our church, friendships and family relationships that need our time, and then we are told we need to make time for self-care, exercise and just time to reflect as well as time to pray. Sometimes it feels like we live always with the clock ticking in our ears, like

there just isn't enough time.

I am not a time management expert and I don't have much advice to give you as to how to free yourself from the tyranny of time, but I do know that you and I have been given time. It is January and we are just opening the gift of a whole new year that our Lord has given us. God is very fair in the distribution of this gift. All of us, every single one of us, will get 12 months, 366 days (An extra one this year.), 8784 hours, 527,040 minutes.

The difference in how we experience our time this year will be in how we spend it. We can spend it in anxiousness, worrying about how fast it's going. We can spend it in regret, or anger, or fear, or frantically trying to make something of ourselves. If we do, the clock will bear down hard and the ticking will set us on edge.

On the other hand we can spend the same time in the knowledge that the giver of this new year will be with us as we go through it. We can trust him to give us the energy and strength needed for each days needs. We can begin each day praying for his arm to bear us up. We can use the time he has cleared away each Sunday to hear his Word and his forgiveness and so have reason to hope. We can remind ourselves that this year is only the beginning of the time God is going to give us, that he Jesus has opened to us the way to his kingdom whose days and hours are without number.

If we do these things the clock will not be a tyrant, the ticking will not strike fear in us as the minutes slip through our fingers like sand. If we look to and listen to and trust the one who gives us this new year, then each tick of the clock, each chime marking a new hour will be a reminder of the good gift of time and of how it is opening up God's future. A blessed new year to you all, enjoy the time.

Pastor Terrill

Service Roster

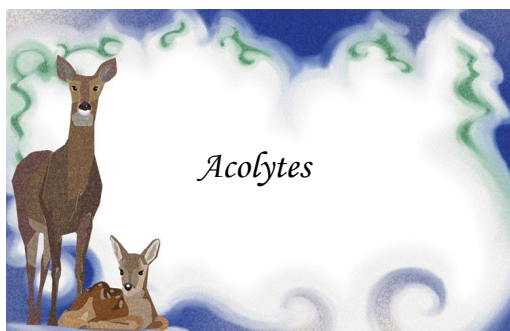
Worship With Us

	First Lutheran	Pleasant Valley
	9:00 AM	10:30 AM
Jan 1	John Bruce	Bonita Tory
Jan 8	Rosemary Heitmann	Suzanne Svard
Jan 15	Kurt Zuehlke	Tammy Bergh
Jan 22	Missy Storley	Christina Bosse
Jan 29	Brian Rabenberg	Jennifer Eye



January	
First Lutheran	9:00 AM Andresen Family
Pleasant Valley	10:30 AM Dennis Roehr

January 1	
First Lutheran	9:00 AM Kim Buhl
Pleasant Valley	10:30 AM Jim Eye



First Lutheran	
	9:00 AM
Jan 1	Jared Rabenberg
Jan 8	Karsten Stiegelmeier
Jan 15	Toni Symens
Jan 22	Nathan Wegleitner
Jan 29	Ben Boyko



FROM OUR PARISH RECORDS



*Blessing
of Baptism*

The Blessing of Baptism of **Liam Leo Peters**, son of Brandon and Jenna Peters, held at First Lutheran Church on Sunday, December 4, 2011.

His sponsors are Michelle Hofer, Levi Peters and Jason and Kelly Teveldal.

Bernell and Marilyn Likness transferred from Langford to First Lutheran by Affirmation of Faith.

First Lutheran Memorials



In Memory of Hazel Holland

Endowment Fund

† Kervin and Cindy Olson

There was a mix-up on the Women of First program ! We were having some computer problems at the time. We DID have someone proof it and it still wasn't caught. We will be sending out letters to those affected. Sorry for the inconvenience.

FIRST LUTHERAN ATTENDANCE

	5:30 PM	9:00 AM	Total
Dec 4	43	184	227
Dec 11	19	143	162
Dec 18	31	127+281	439

Men of First News

The Men Of First held their Christmas gathering on Sunday Jan. 11. There was a good attendance and a great Pot Luck Supper. We discussed the very successful pancake brunch, next summer's Twin's Bus trip, and taking on hauling the excess rummage away from the Women Of First rummage sales. We also thanked Kenny Stillson and Don Oberlander for all the Faith Chests they have so generously made for the newly baptized at First. We discussed looking for other Faith Chest builders to help producing these very nice items.

We had a great time with our annual Christmas gift game and closed the evening with a Christmas devotion.

Next Men Of First Meeting

Sunday, January 15th

6:00pm at First

Pot Luck Supper

Attention!!!

Annual Reports are due January 5!!!!

HELP! HELP! HELP!

Sunday School is in need of a Third grade and a Seventh grade teacher for the second half of the year. If you feel you could help out in this way, please let Teresa Aman know.

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2011
7:00 PM**

The First Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, at 7:00 pm in the First Lutheran basement.

President Gretchen Christenson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Terrill suggested in honor of this being the end of the year to go around the table and each member present express a highlight for the church from the past year.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Transfer in - Jeff Roehr made a motion to accept the transfer in of Bernell and Marilyn Likness of Langford by Affirmation, motion passed.

The Ministerium is working at doing a "Walk through the Bible" on Saturday, March 3. There will be a charge for those attending roughly \$25 per adult and around \$17 for children. A motion was made and approved to use \$700 of the 2011 Lent line item towards cost of bringing the "Walk through the Bible" program to Britton. A motion was made and approved to use Lenten funds to award scholarships for youth wishing to attend this program.

David Christenson donated a storage unit to the church. The new dishwasher was installed yesterday (12/13) at the parsonage.

Christmas services are coming up; they will be at 6 and 10:30p at First Lutheran.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes of the November 16th meeting were reviewed, amended and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The budget reports were reviewed and approved

OLD BUSINESS:

- Constitution: The revised Constitution for First Lutheran's church affiliation with LCMC was discussed brought to the Annual meeting for approval.
- Benevolence fund: The Council discussed several different options to follow the guidelines of the fund.
- Doyle Estate: The following are the Committee members serving to following the requirements of the trust: Dennis Mattson, Jeff Roehr, Tammy Bender, Lorene Bender and Ralph Skare. The yearly interest and only \$5,000 of the principal can be spent per year.
- Nominating Committee to fill spots being vacated on the Council:
Bobbie Kuske has agreed to be the Vice President
Ed Jerde for a Trustee position

Jenna Peters for Stewardship position
Education - have not been able to find someone.
Worship -have not been able to find someone

NEW BUSINESS:

Augustana District: A motion was made and approved to recommend that the parish become a member of the Augustana District upon approval at the Annual meeting of the congregation

Brett had received an e-mail from Aaron Deutsch and he is interested in coming back to Britton to assist with the summer services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

WOMEN OF FIRST -Potluck Christmas party was held on December 7th. The Cookie walk went well. Christmas Cantata is a week from tonight at 7:30 pm. They are looking for a co-chairperson and chairman for the Cookie walk for next year.

MEN OF FIRST-Christmas celebration and gift exchange was held last Sunday. Plans are underway for a Twins bus trip again. The cost will be \$118 if they can get at least 40 people signed up for the trip. It will be on July 1st. They are looking for new carpenters willing to build the Faith chests presented to Baptismal members.

WORSHIP-Readers are secured for January. The Altar Committee is now part of the Worship Committee. They are looking into purchasing new banners. They want to purchase a new Baptismal banner and stand. There are new candles in the fellowship hall. Worship Committee members are picking the hymns for worship services. Still need to get the microphones updated.

EDUCATION-Christmas program coming up on December 18th, there will be a practice on the 17th. There will be no Sunday school on the 25th or on New Year's Day. There is a need for teachers for the 1st and 7th grade for the second half. The last Sunday for school will be May 13th.

STEWARDSHIP-No meeting.

TRUSTEES:-Dean Zierden will be here to work on the fascia and soffit work in January. Ryan Carlson has been approached about doing the cement work in the spring. Discussed salt for slippery walks.

A vacuum needs to be purchased. It was suggested we look a commercial vacuum cleaner.

The next meeting will be January 18th at 7:00 p. Education and Worship will meet at 6:30 p; Trustees and Stewardship will meet on their own. Motion to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Dinger, Council Secretary

Women of First News



January

Coffee Hour

- Jan 1 JAWS
Dallas Goedert
Matt Muth
Allison Stiegelmeier
Paige Oelkers
- Jan 8 Library Board
- Jan 15 7th Grade Confirmation
Ben Boyko
Miranda Henning
Dylan Hinman
Will Persell
- Jan 22 Darla Larson
Jeanne Remele
Leonard Eikamp
- Jan 30 Gary and Judy Greeno
Pearline Greeno
Shad and Melissa Storley

I hope each of you had a happy holiday.

As we begin a new year, I want to thank everyone who furnished cookies, purchased cookies, and helped at our annual Cookie Walk. I especially want to thank Lori Buntrock for co-chairing the event. It was a great success and a very enjoyable day. Again THANK YOU!

Also, thank you to those who helped with the coffee hour after the Ministerial Cantata. The Ministerial concerts really seems to bring our hearts closer to the meaning of Christmas and community.

The Women of First will be meeting January 3rd at 3:00 PM. Marcia Forrester and Sheila Anderson will be presenting the program. Our new officers will be installed and the 2012 budget will be presented. Julie Elsen will be the coordinator, Melissa Storley & Anita Patterson - advisors, Judy Ewings - Secretary, Marlene Hardina & Kathy Bruce - Mission/Stewardship Secretary, Rosemary Oberlander & Judy Greeno - Education Secretary, Betty Beck - Archives/Historian and Marcia Forrester - Communication Resource. Thank you ladies for your willingness to serve as officers for the ensuing year. We are still looking for a vice-coordinator.

The hostesses for January will be Connie Patterson and Kathy Bruce.

All of the meeting this year will be the first Tuesday of every month with coffee at 3:00PM followed by the program at 3:30 PM. May and December meetings will be on different days and at different times so be sure to check your programs in regards to these months. We will not be meeting during the summer months of June, July and August. Please consider attending these meetings for a time of good fellowship and sharing.

May God continue to bless us now and in the coming year. Happy New Year!

Anita Patterson, Co-chairperson

Women of First

January 3

Program: *Marcia Forrester/Sheila Anderson*

Installation of Officers

Hostesses: Connie Patterson

Kathy Bruce

Mission Action News

JANUARY 16

9:30 am Quilting and Potluck Dinner

Quilters did not meet in December.

Without Fail

I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of his work. He has never failed in his promise, so I cannot fail in my service to him.

—William Carey



BYTES

JAWS Enjoy Christmas Meeting

Nearly 30 of our parish's High School youth went Christmas Caroling at Spruce Court on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Then they gathered at the Parsonage for a delicious supper. Then we had a meeting in which we discussed upcoming events including skiing as well as a Lock in. We also talked about a Mission Trip this summer to volunteer at the House of Mary in the Twin Cities.

Following the meeting we had a candlelight telling of the Christmas story followed by our goofy gift game. Several of the young people hung around and played games. A good time was had by all. Thanks to Pastor Sara for preparing a great supper for all of us.

Next JAWS Meeting

Wednesday, January 4th

6:30pm @ First

Families serving: David Flannery, Aria Meyer, and Haylee Carlstrom

Thank You!

Pastor Terrill and folks at First Lutheran,

We want to thank you so much for again allowing us to use your fellowship hall to celebrate the annual Thanksgiving dinner. About 65 people fellowshipped together that day.

We collected \$110 in free will for the food pantry that day.

Your help in making it a great event is appreciated.

Maurice and Dorothy Jones and families

And

Kenny and Dorothy Stillson

What Not to Take Into the New Year

Self-help books — Trust in God first; don't turn to him as a last resort. (See Proverbs 3:5-6.)

Tape measure — Consider only God's standards; don't compare yourself to other people. (See Luke 18:9-14.)

Rearview mirror — Don't live in the past. You'll miss out on what God is doing in your life now. (See Philippians 3:12-14.)

Gavel — Instead of judging others, pray for them, help them and team with them. (See Luke 6:37-38.)

Life vest — Don't be overly cautious spiritually. Peter experienced Jesus in a real way because he dared to step out of the boat. (See Matthew 14:22-33.)

Garage-door opener — We think we're networked but often isolate ourselves from our neighbors. God intended for us to live in community with one another. (See Hebrews 10:23-25.)

Pleasant Valley News

Thank you to both the November and December ushers and coffee servers. Greg and Kim Johnson and Doug Chapin and Sharon Chapin served in November. In December, Lyle and Jane Hansen, John and Debbie Eye, and Jen Eye served.

Our next PVW meeting will be Saturday, January 21, at 9:30 a.m. Hostesses are Mary Ann Eye and Jen Eye. Don't forget to sign up to be a PVW hostess in 2012!

Dec 25-31	Deb Hannasch Tammy Bergh Kari Feldhaus
Jan 1-7	Ruby Hagen Julie Hagen Joyce Smith
Jan 8-14	Karole Chapin Lynda Luttrell Sharon Chapin
Jan 15-21	Norma Baker Christina Bosse, Joyce Chapin
Jan 22-28	Deb Hawkinson Kim Johnson Angela Hawkinson
Jan 29-Feb 4	Carolyn Andrews Susan Smith Deb Eye



Thank You!!!

Thanks to everyone who helped decorate Pleasant Valley and First for the Christmas season. Your efforts help to make the season special.

We also want to thank all of you who helped to make First's Sunday School program and Pleasant Valley's Living Nativity possible. These traditions make wonderful memories and help form the story of Jesus in our hearts. Thanks to all of you!

**Annual Report
Deadline
January 5**

Epiphany Family Night

Sunday, Jan. 8, 7:30pm

At Pleasant Valley

The season of Christmas ends on Epiphany (Which is Jan. 6, but the 8th is pretty close.) which recalls the Three Wise Men who were led to Jesus by the light of a star. We are going to celebrate Epiphany this year with a fun and relaxing event for all ages.

We'll play bunko, a game people of all ages can play. (We also think it may be the game the wise men played in the evenings as they traveled to Bethlehem.) Then we'll have a short and fun service to mark Epiphany. (There will be a surprise in the service.) We'll close the evening by enjoying Three Kings Cake and other goodies. If you're lucky you'll get the right piece of cake and get to wear one of the crowns.

Everyone is welcome from all the parish as well as neighbors and friends. If you have left over Christmas goodies on the 8th we invite you to bring them to share.

Come Join the Fun!!

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Holy Communion Food Pantry Weekend Worship Schedule 9:00am FL Worship 10:00am FL Coffee 10:30am PV Worship 9:30am PV Coffee	Parish Office Closed	3:00pm Women of First	8:30am Ministerium 4:00pm Confirmation 6:30pm JAWS at First			5:30pm Worship at FL
9:00am FL Worship 10:00am FL Coffee 10:15am FL Choir Rehearsal 10:15am FL Sunday School 9:30am PV Coffee 9:30am PV Sunday School 10:30am PV Worship 7:00pm Epiphany Family Night at PV		2:00pm Eager/Love	Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 4:00pm Confirmation 6:00pm FL Hope Circle 6:30pm FL Ed. & Worship 7:00pm FL Council 7:00pm PV Charities 8:00pm FL Trustees 7:00pm PV Charities		9:30am Headstart at FL	9:30am Share Circle 5:30pm Worship at FL
Noon PV Annual Mtg & Potluck 6:00pm Men of First	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE		8:30am Ministerium Noon Brown Bag Bible Study 4:00pm Confirmation			5:30pm Worship at FL
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Noon LC Annual Mtg & Potluck at FL						

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Annual Meetings: January 16 Pleasant Valley
 January 23 First Lutheran
 January 30 Lake City



**New
 Year's
 Day**

January 2012						
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Believe.
HOPE.
Encourage.
PERSEVERE.

