

### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### The Poisoned Well

We human beings are very susceptible to drinking from a poisoned well. Poisoned well?

This ill-favored water of which I speak, is the little buzz that we get from gossiping, bad-mouthing, throwing shade on people, engaging in malicious chit-chat, and the passing on unverified stories.

It's a poisoned well. We easily drink the poisoned water when:

- We hear something (usually nasty) that we want to believe about someone.
- We hear it from someone (friends, news services) we think we can trust.
- We hear it from someone we perceive to be a victim.

At their best, these things are often just rumors. At their worst, they are often outright lies.

Before we know it, we've absorbed it, we've become emotional about it, and we begin to alter our behavior on the basis of it. Then we pass it on to others. Which makes us scandalmongers, and sales reps of poison.

It is sin; it is bearing false witness; it is something Scripture expressly forbids. And, it seems, we Christians are every bit as susceptible to this sin as anyone in the 'unwashed masses'.

There is a better way. Remember what our beloved brother Paul says, *"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things... and the God of peace will be with you."* Philippians 4:8,9

Amen, let it be so!

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Lutheran  
Church is  
a Sanctuary  
grounded in the  
Biblical  
Truth of God's  
Word, committed  
to  
inspiring Spiritual  
Growth,  
and reaching out  
to all to Proclaim  
Salvation through  
Jesus Christ.**

### Sweet Devotions

#### Resting in His Promise

**Titus 1:1-2** *Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ for the faith of God's elect and the knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness – a faith and knowledge resting on the hope of eternal life, which God, Who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.*

God made a plan for our Salvation before the beginning of time! Before He created man, He knew sin would enter the world and each of us would be born with a sinful nature. He knew each of our sins before one of them came to be! Jesus carried all the sins of mankind to the cross and became the perfect atoning sacrifice.

This is too profound for our complete understanding. But, know this, our God, Who is love, loves us so much that whoever believes in Him and in Jesus Christ will live eternally in God's Glory. Imagine, one day we will kneel before the Glory of God and purely worship Him!

*Most Holy Father, Your love for me is beyond my understanding. In Your promise I find my rest on the hope of eternal life with You in all Your Glory. Amen and Amen.*

### What's News

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From the Council

All committees and groups are encouraged to submit their information for the newsletter by the first of the month to Connie Berg at [ncberg@mncable.net](mailto:ncberg@mncable.net)

### Youth News



Youth Mission Trip 2025



#### Youth Groups Meeting times:

4th-6th grade meets 2nd Wednesday of the month 3:30-5:00 pm.  
transportation provided from school to church.  
7th-12th grade meet every Wednesday 7:00-8:30 pm.

Contact Paula if you'd like to join. All are welcome!

#### Youth Director

Paula Baumgartner  
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As we prepare for the start of school, each youth group had one last summer fun event. On August 13th, the high school group met for outdoor games and a bonfire. We had a special gift for Bella as she prepares for college, and we welcomed in new 7th graders, Emma & Jayden. The 4th-6th grade group welcomed upcoming 4th graders-Etta, Audrey, Eddison, and Logan as we went swimming and out for ice cream in Warroad!

Beginning in September, the younger group will meet the second Wednesday of each month. We also have a trip to the Corn Maze planned for Friday, September 12th. The high school group will begin meeting every Wednesday from 7-8:30pm on September 10th. We have special events planned for both groups, and I look forward to a great year!

### Women of the Word

(WOW) meets six times a year, on the second Monday at 6:30 pm.

We meet in February, April, June, September, November and December.

At our meetings we have a devotion and prayer and then discuss any necessary old business and whatever is coming up in the future. We try very hard to keep our meetings short and so are usually done by 7:30 – 8:15 PM.





### Missions and Outreach

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 11:00am after the church service.

#### We are active in our Community

- + Financial relief for local families with illness or disaster.
- + Support and organize benefits.
- + Provide free inspirational and faith growing books.
- + Roseau Community Food Shelf
- + Gideons
- + Provide opportunities for member to be involved in missions.

#### At First United we tithe 10 percent of our offerings to Missions and Outreach.

We provide disaster relief to local families for serious illness, accident, fire, etc. We support Psalm FM Radio on a monthly basis. We donate to the Sunshine House in Grand Forks. We donate to the Salvation Army; all donations stay local.

We support Feed My Lambs International in Mexico with Gary and Minnie Sandman and Chio and Betty and Jacob Broten in Chad Africa as our partners in the global outreach. We are grateful for the opportunity to support missions and through them bring God's Word and good works in our local area and throughout the world.

Team members: Collin and Doreen Jensen, Dorothy Monsrud, Esther Welin, Keith Rourke, Janet Hetteen, Mary Hites, Bruce Baumgartner, Jane Evans, Kim and Dave Reynolds.

### Shared Testimony:

A testimony is a solemn declaration used to witness to other's what God has done in your life. Testimonies can serve as inspiration and great encouragement to others.

Please consider sharing your testimony in this space.

## New Look for the Altar



The congregation voted to move ahead with the upgrade to the altar area. The center panel will be dark walnut panel slat with felt backing for acoustics. The sides will be vertical nickel-gap panels painted to contrast the center and blend with the paneling on the sides of the main sanctuary. The current cross will be back lit; the altar shelf and doors will not change.

## Grief Support

"Journeying through Grief" series is available for anyone who would like to reach out to a friend or family member grieving the loss of a loved one. Please contact any Missions and Outreach committee member.



### Sunshine Girls

If you would like to be involved, call Helene Wiskow at 218-242-1246 or contact the Church Secretary for more information.

### Roseau County Grief Support

13 week sessions using Grief Share materials at the Roseau Evangelical Covenant Church.

Next session is August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Contact Connie Berg for more information.  
218-242-0803



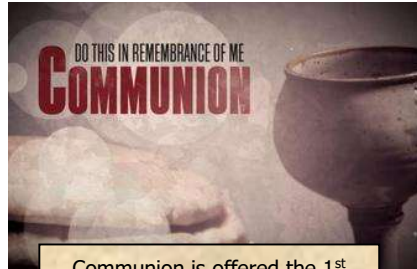
Join in this grief ministry by sharing a book with someone you know who is suffering loss. There are free copies in the narthex for all members.

## Upcoming Events



The first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 am. (at a different church each month). All are welcome to attend. There will be food and a devotional to help get your day started. Short enough to get you to work by 8:00 am or earlier if you need to. If you can stay longer, there is fellowship until 8:30 am.

***Hope to see you there!***



Communion is offered the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month



## Our Community



Hosted by the Roseau County Museum: Bring your favorite dish and a lawn chair to the Roseau Pioneer Village to enjoy old-tyme music that will put you on your feet!



### October 4<sup>th</sup> in Roseau

Many activities Including:

- Grannie's Flippin' Pancakes at 4 Seasons
- Sports Show at Event Center (formerly Eagles)
- Pet Costume Contest downtown
- Pucks and Pints at Memorial Arena
- The Poitin Band: Live music at the Arena
- Sloughgrass Live Band 11-2 Downtown



October 2, 2025 12:00 pm - October 4, 2025 11:00 pm  
Pioneer Farm & Village  
2.5 Miles West of Roseau on HWY 11

## From the Council

### ***First United Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes: July 7, 2025***

*Present:* Rich Frederickson, Rick Peterson, Dewey Hites, Norm Berg, Scott Mooney, Dave Reynolds, Jenna Baumgartner, Brad Fevold, Norm Hayes, Connie Johnson, Paula Baumgartner, Dean Hedlund *Absent:* Bruce Baumgartner

- Opening Prayer/Devotion:
- Secretary's report: (Brad)
  - June 2, 2025 Minutes. Rick motioned to accept the minutes; Rich seconded; motion passed.
- Treasurer's report: (Norm, Norm)
  - \$69,245 in all accounts (06/30/25) Checking: \$11,813; Savings: \$1,740; Ameriprise: \$18,960; Edward Jones: \$36,732. Internet/Property Insurance has increased, Utilities are running lower, Receipts & Expenditures are higher, Brad motioned to accept Treasurer's report; Dewey seconded; motion passed.
- Office report: (Connie)
  - Larry/Donna Rose will host Outdoor Potluck/Worship August 20.
  - VBS (age 3 – Gr. 6) At Rose Free Lutheran July 27-31.
  - Connie will be out of the office July 23-August 8.
  - August meetings are moved from 8/4 to 8/18 (Brad/Rich).
- Youth: (Paula)
  - Six youth went to Galilee Bible Camp.
  - Northwest Angle (gr. 7-12) was a fun event.
  - Mission Trip final details finalized (parent meeting tonight).
- Pastor's report: (Dean)
  - On-going ministry at nursing home, assisted living, home visits, requests for funerals (community).
  - Church Night at the Fair: July 20 – Reggie Dabbs, supported by RAMA.
  - No Fall Event (Reggie has been one of the speakers) this year at school, so consider asking M&O to donate that budget amount to RAMA for Church Night expenses.
- Media & Music: (Scott)
  - None
- Property: (Norm)
  - Variance application to city: approved, there is no expiration – expansion can be done anytime.
  - Removal of Spruce trees along Center Street due to safety concerns. Motion made by Rich to accept Property's recommendation to remove trees at a cost of \$2550/Dave seconded. Motion passed.
  - Front wall renovation: samples available for wall materials. It was suggested that Property/Council share information with congregation during service announcements. Congregational meeting: August 18 at 10 am.
- Mission and Outreach: (Bruce)
  - None
- Stewardship: (Dewey)
  - Outdoor-Grilled Turkey Meal: Wed., Aug. 13.
- Education: (Brad)
  - None.
- Old Business:
  - Northern Plains District: tabled for more research.
- New Business:
  - Annual Gathering, October 5-8 at Hosanna in Lakeville, Minnesota.
  - Pictures of staff on website.
  - Cleaning concerns discussed; also look into professional carpet cleaning.
- Next meeting: Monday, Aug. 18 (Deacons 5:30 pm, Trustees 5:30 pm, Council 6 pm)

Adjourn Meeting: Closed with the Lord's Prayer.