

PASTOR'S CORNER

Watching Over His Word

Pastor Dean

Jeremiah 1:12b *"...I am watching over My word to perform it."*

The truth of this verse can be seen in the many incredible fulfillments to prophecy. It seems that the Lord is astonishingly persnickety when it comes to carrying out His promises and prophecies. Just one example, that we highlight at Christmas, was the prophecy that the Messiah must be born in Bethlehem.

To fulfill that prophecy, the Lord used the Great and Mighty Emperor of Rome as His tool, and of all things, He used taxes to bring Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem at just the right time, so that Jesus would be born according to prophecy. And talk about discomfort - poor Mary, riding all that way on a donkey in her condition!

Emperors, taxes, discomfort. Unlikely heroes, indeed.

Now, if God goes to that kind of length to **'watch over His word, to perform it'**, then I can take comfort that He is watching over His Word, to perform and fulfill another promise of Scripture, that **'God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.'** (Romans 8:28)

God cares about the details of my life, He has them under control, and He is working things together for my good, even when it doesn't seem that way.

Especially when it doesn't seem that way.

'Lord, help me to rest in the truth that You are working things together for my good, as I commit my way to You. Amen'

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to
inspiring Spiritual
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and reaching out
to all to Proclaim
Salvation through
Jesus Christ.**

Sweet Devotions

The First Sacrifice

Genesis 3:21 *The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.*

This took place after Adam and Eve sinned by eating the forbidden fruit and God confronted them in the Garden of Eden. The garments of skin came from an animal: The first sacrifice. We learn in Genesis that a sacrifice is required in order for God to forgive us our sins.

Jesus was the final sacrifice. Where Adam was the one man that brought the fall to all mankind; Jesus is the one man Who gave His life to save all mankind. All we have to do is believe in God, confess Jesus' sacrifice and accept the gift of Salvation.

Dear Father, 'How majestic is Your name in all the earth!' I cannot begin to comprehend Your love for me that You sent Your Son to die for my Salvation. Thank You, Jesus for being the perfect final sacrifice so that I can look forward expectantly to a life eternal in Your presence. 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 end of each month to Connie Berg at nberg@mncable.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service 1:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved	1 5:30pm Deacon meeting 5:30pm Trustee meeting 6:00pm Church Council	2 7:30am Men's Fellowship	3 7:00am Men's Community Breakfast at Moe Lutheran Church 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	4	5	6
7 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion	8	9 7:30am Men's Fellowship	10 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	11	12	13
14 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service 10:00am Mission & Outreach Committee meeting	15 5:30pm Girls' Night Out (Gr. 7-12)	16 7:30am Men's Fellowship 5:00pm Sanctuary reserved	17 6:00pm Outdoor Potluck & Worship at Roses' 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	18	19	20
21 Father's Day 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service w/Communion	22	23 7:30am Men's Fellowship	24 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	25	26	27
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Youth News

Youth Director

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Confirmation-God's Blessings on Trinity, Izaiah, Brody, Audrey, Kallie, and Devyn



Senior recognition-Mikylah and Tristyn



Half day of school so we had lunch and game time at Dahlias.



Church members serving at FMSC in Grand Forks on April 25th.

Women of the Word



Quilting is done for the year. Be sure to join in on the fun next January.

(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

Missions and Outreach

We meet the 2nd 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 tith 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:

God didn't clean you up so you could pretend you were never messy.

Your testimony is someone else's hope.

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 will start in mid-August

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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST



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!

Our Community



Gazebo Concert Series

Live Music Thursdays at 6:30pm
Starting June 18th

From the Council

First United Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2026

Present: Rich, Brad, Scott, Dave, Joyce, Jenna, Rick, Gary, Norm B, Connie, Paula, Norm H

Not Present: Dean

- Opening Devotion/Prayer: Joyce “Gospel”
- Secretary’s Report: Discussed April 2026 Council notes and motion was made to approve as amended (Joyce, Dave). Motion passed by UVV.
- Treasurer’s Report:
 - Norm H reviewed April 2026 & May 2026 YTD financials compared to prior year and the approved 2026 budget.
 - Account balances 4/30/2026 - CSB: \$26,602, Ameriprise: \$4,421; Edward Jones: \$33,932.
 - Motion (Brad, Dave) to approve the report. Council approved via UVV.
- Office Report: Connie provided an update including:
 - Discussed who will be filling pulpit duties during Dean’s vacation to Israel.
 - Noted that the summer church service schedule changes on May 24th (9 am start). LCMC Annual Conference is being held in West Des Moines Iowa Oct. 4-7.
 - Discussed Bible Camp and Connie’s vacation coming up in June/July.
 - National Day of Prayer will be held on May 7th at 5:15 pm.
 - Scott will follow-up with the Rose’s regarding holding a Wednesday fellowship gathering, one in June and August.
- Youth Report: Paula provided an update including:
 - Youth group is now at 23 kids.
 - Discussed Deacons contributing food for youth group activities, and serving if available.
 - Discussed materials under the stairs that need to be removed.
 - Paula shared the youth group’s busy summer schedule.
- Pastor’s Report: NTR – Dean on vacation in Israel.
- Media and Music: NTR
- Property Report: Norm provided a brief update.
 - Received quote on remodeling the woman’s bathroom. The price was over \$10K and discussion held on moving forward with only hiring electrical and plumbing and using church members to do the construction and final finishes of the walls, etc., to save cost.
 - Jim Stordahl was going to provide mowing for the church.
 - Debbie was going to plant flowers out front.
 - Need to get our Lift Elevator serviced this summer.
- Mission and Outreach: NTR
- Growth (Stewardship): Dave provided a brief update & was going to share committee’s ideas to the Trustees.
- Adult Education: Adult Sunday School will need to be flexible as they work out a plan to share the Parsonage space with the quilters this coming fall.
- Old Business: NTR
- New Business: Council agreed to give gifts to the Sunday School Teachers and Superintendent. Becky can provide SS teaching for the preschool age kids until Christmas 2026 and then someone else will need to step in. Sunday School Committee needs to meet and determine a plan for next fall. Scott will take the lead.
- Adjourn Meeting - Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.
- Next Council Meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2026.