

PASTOR'S CORNER

Little By Little

Exodus 23:27-30 “²⁷ I will send My terror ahead of you... ²⁸ I will send hornets ahead of you so that they will drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites before you. ²⁹ I will not drive them out from you in a single year... ³⁰ I will drive them out from you little by little, until you become fruitful and take possession of the land.” (NASB)

‘Little by little.’ This passage is the Word of the Lord to Moses right after the Law was given at Mount Sinai.

We get the idea, sometimes, that when the Lord goes to work in our lives, the change in our lives is going to be instant. Presto – change-o. That’s not how it worked for the Children of Israel when they began to carry out God’s will in cleaning out the entrenched sinful culture in the land of Canaan. The Lord led them along, little by little. It takes time to smash idols and break sacred pillars into little pieces.

And, that’s typical of how the Lord works in our lives as well. Some changes come quickly, but many take time and patience. The important thing is our daily contact. Come to Him daily. Speak to Him daily. Live for Him daily. Lay our decision-making before Him, daily. Filter what we put in front of our eyes and ears through His Word, daily!

And little by little, He will drive the adversaries out of our lives, just as He did for the Israelites.

Thank You Lord, for ‘sending hornets ahead of us’ to help move those enemies along. Amen

Pastor Dean

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Biblical
Truth of God's
Word, committed
to
inspiring Spiritual
Growth,
and reaching out
to all to Proclaim
Salvation through
Jesus Christ.**

Sweet Devotions

In Jesus' Name

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said to the cripple, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.”

The crippled man was begging for money. But God knew what the crippled man really needed and He put it on Peter’s heart to heal him so that he could walk. This was done in order to manifest the Glory of God and the power of Jesus. The power to heal and restore lies in the power of the name of Jesus! And in His authority alone.

When we pray, “In Jesus’ name”, we must remember that it is Christ Himself, not merely the sound of His name, Who gives our prayers their power. Even when we don’t know what to pray for or what we need, the Holy Spirit Himself intercedes on our behalf and our God listens and provides. He won’t always give us what we want, but He will always provide us with what we need.

Dear Father, I'm always learning. With renewed faith and deeper understanding let me be always mindful of the awesome power of prayer when prayed with the authority of Your Son. In Jesus' most Holy name, 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 ncberg@mncable.net

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 9:00am Adult Sunday School - Parsonage 9:00am Sunday School 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service	27	28 7:30am Men's Fellowship	29 5:30pm Confirmation Class 7:00pm Youth Group Gr. 7-12	30	1	2
3 9:00am Adult Sunday School - Parsonage 9:00am Sunday School/last day 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service with Communion/Confirmation	4 5:30pm Deacon meeting 5:30pm Trustee meeting 6:00pm Church Council	5 7:30am Men's Fellowship	6 7:00am Men's Community Breakfast at Rose Free Lutheran Church	7	8	9
10 <i>Mother's Day</i> 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Mission/Outreach meeting	11	12 7:30am Men's Fellowship	13 3:30pm Gr. 4-6 Youth Group	14	15	16
17 9:30am Coffee Fellowship 10:00am Worship Service with Communion	18	19 7:30am Men's Fellowship	20	21	22 Fellowship Hall Reserved	23 Fellowship Hall Reserved
24 Summer Schedule Begins 8:30am Coffee Fellowship 9:00am Worship Service / High School Senior Recognition	25 	26 7:30am Men's Fellowship	27	28	29	30
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Youth News

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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Feed My Starving Children event in Grand Forks on April 25th



3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Bibles were presented to Levi Kasprowicz and Steele Krueger.

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

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



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 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.

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

COMMUNITY WELLNESS EVENT

Join us for our annual Wellness 5k Walk/Run!
New route, long sleeve T, awesome swag!
Chip timing, medals, snacks, music, and fun!

Saturday, May 16th, 2026
@ ROSEAU CITY PARK
8:45AM KIDS RUN | 9AM 5K GO-TIME!

REGISTER EARLY TO GUARANTEE YOUR T-SHIRT!
lifecaremedicalcenter.org/walkrun/

All proceeds benefit the LifeCare Health Care Fund!

**ROCKING CHAIR
WORKSHOP**

May 9, 2026 | 9-5pm | Roseau City Center

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From the Council

First United Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2026

Present: Rich, Brad, Scott, Dave, Dewey, Joyce, Jenna, Rick, Gary, Norm B, Connie, Paula,
Norm H, Dean (phone) Not Present: Dean

- Opening Devotion/Prayer: Scott
- Secretary's Report: Discussed Feb 2 Council notes and motion was made to approve as amended (Jenna, Dave). Motion passed by UVV.
- Treasurer's Report:
 - Norm H reviewed February and YTD financials compared to 2025 and the approved 2026 budget. Account balances as of 2/28/2026 - CSB: \$16,558, Ameriprise: \$1,182; Edward Jones: \$33,670. Motion (Brad, Rick) to approve the report. Council approved via UVV.
 - Included \$1000 for painting the back hallway. It was budgeted for \$600.
 - Included higher than usual costs for printing due in large part for the need for color copies. It was discussed that this will normalize over the calendar year.
 - See attached notes for financial details.
- Office Report: Connie provided an update including:
 - 5th grade communion service training scheduled for March 11th.
 - Provided confirmation students progress reports to Deacons in advance of formal confirmation services.
 - Paula Geroy gifted \$5,000 as a donation.
 - Lenten service and meals were discussed.
- Youth Report: Paula provided an update including:
 - 4-6th grade pizza party
 - A "late night" youth event was a success.
 - A youth lunch at Dahlia's was held recently.
 - Feed My Starving Children Meal Packaging (Grand Forks) is being planned for April.
 - Fundraiser for the mission trip will be held on Easter Sunday at 9 am.
- Pastor's Report: Dean provided a brief report.
 - Trip to Israel "on hold".
 - Attending his son's wedding in Canada in March.
 - Provided a confirmation class update.
 - Discussed plans for Lenten Services.
 - Jacob Broten will participate in our Easter Sunday Service (April 5)
 - Working with Marv at the Lighthouse Church on a special service.
- Media and Music: Scott - Updated the council on the plan to refurbish our Bells the first week of April at a cost of \$\$2500 approximately. Funds have been raised.
- Property Report: Norm B. provided a brief update. Received one more expansion remodel bid for \$330K vs a previous bid of \$260K. Council agreed to meet again to review the project and conduct some further brainstorming efforts to assure what we are getting bids on will meet our needs or if there is reason to adjust our strategy. Meeting planned for March 16th.
- Mission and Outreach: and Dave noted there was NTR.
- Adult Education: Season 5 of the "Chosen" was completed. Thanks to Deb for leading this Bible Study. Adult Sunday School continues. Note that no Adult Sunday School will be held on Easter to not conflict with the Youth Easter Meal at 9 am.
- Old Business: NTR
- New Business: Dave provided an update on holding his first meeting (Growth and Membership Committee). Looking for ways to reach out to new residents of Roseau and to promote FULC. Rich asked for us to consider if a "church security" plan needs to be considered.
- Adjourn Meeting - Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
- Next Council Meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2026.