

DILWORTH LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# THE VISITOR

January—February  
2018

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT DLC!

- Jan. 7th Epiphany Service w/Star words
- Jan 7th @ 9:40 AM New Member class
- Jan 7th @ 9:40 AM Men's pancake breakfast
- Jan. 14th & 17th NO Sunday/Wednesday School
- Jan. 14th @ 9:40 AM New Member class
- Jan. 14th DLC Ski trip @ 11:40 AM (meet at GLC)
- Jan. 21st Caramel rolls served by youth group @ 9:40 AM
- Jan. 21st & 28th 1st Grade 10 Commandments Milestones
- Jan. 28th Annual Congregation Meeting @
- Feb. 4th @ 9:40 AM Men's pancake breakfast
- Feb 4th & 11th Kindergarten Lord's Prayer Milestones
- Feb. 11th Caramel rolls served by youth group @ 9:40 AM
- Feb 14th, 21st, & 28th 4th Grade Apostles' Creed Milestones
- Feb. 14th & 18th Ash Wednesday Services
- Feb 18th & 21st NO Sunday/Wednesday School

March 4th Spring Carnival

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 am  
Sunday 10:30 am  
  
Wednesday 6:45 pm

## CHURCH STAFF

**Senior Pastor:** Elizabeth Hiller  
**Interim Pastor:** Arlen Hermodson  
**Office Manager:** Ryan Cameron  
**Youth Interns:** Hannah Miller & Tyler Egge  
**Bookkeeper:** Anna Erickson  
**Organist:** Kris Wilkins, John Bell & Tawny Anderson  
**Senior Choir Director:** Jean Hanson  
**Custodian:** Rick Prudhomme

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9 am—5 pm  
Friday 9 am—1 pm



## Help Us Grow: Give Electronically

Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.

- ◆ Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- ◆ Schedule and manage recurring donations
- ◆ Make one-time donations to special appeals
- ◆ Pay for events, programs and other activities

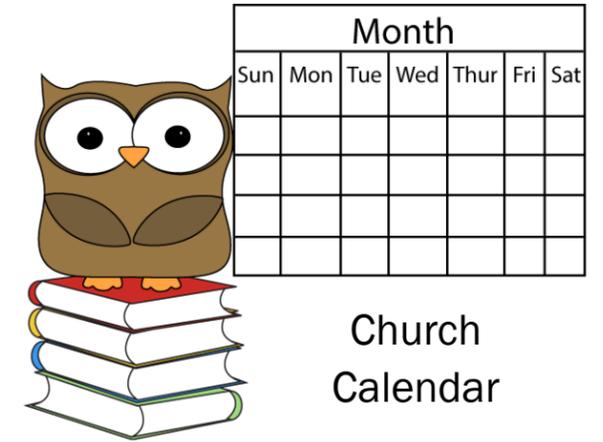
If you would like to give electronically, visit our website and select the Online Offering menu selection or contact Ryan at the church office.



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## ENVELOPE PROJECT:

1. Select a numbered envelope - the number on the envelope indicates the dollar amount you wish to donate.
2. Put the appropriate cash or check into the envelope, seal it, and place in the offering plate during worship or drop it off in the church office.
3. Donations will help support 12 youth attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX, in June 2018. Their experience will also involve helping those affected by Hurricane Harvey.



Month						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat

## Church Calendar

Be sure to check our calendar on our website [www.dilworthlutheran.org](http://www.dilworthlutheran.org) or posted on the main bulletin board in the church gathering area for more event dates.

Dilworth Lutheran Church's designated local charity, January through March, is the Dorothy Day House of Hospitality, Moorhead.

If you want to help, please bring donations to DLC and place in the grocery cart just outside our sanctuary or on the shelves south of the sanctuary. DLC Evangelism & Congregation Life Committee members will bring to the Dorothy Day House. ~ Thank you!

## Current Needs

### Emergency Shelter

- Gently-used winter boots
- Gently-used winter coats
- Winter hats and gloves
- Wool socks for winter
- Thermals/long johns
- Regular socks
- Underwear (all sizes)
- White T-shirts (all sizes)
- Powdered laundry soap
- Dish soap
- Bus passes
- Alarm clocks
- Bike locks
- Lunch boxes
- OTC cold/pain medications

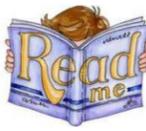
### Food Pantry

- Grains: rice, cereal, pasta, crackers
- Canned fruit and vegetables
- Canned soup
- Canned meal: ravioli, beef stew, spaghetti
- Protein: tuna/chicken, peanut butter, canned meat
- Beans: black, kidney, navy, baked beans

- Hygiene items (i.e. shampoo/conditioner, men's body wash, deodorant, shaving cream/razors)
- Gift cards (i.e. Cash Wise Foods, Hornbacher's, Menard's Sam's Club, Walmart)

## Monetary Gifts

Monetary donations are always greatly appreciated, and Dorothy Day House can often stretch your money. For example, many companies offer matching funds for donations. As a partner of Great Plains Food Bank, we can obtain food at a reduced cost. Your gifts will be used for the following: general operating expenses (i.e. utilities, supplies for the shelter and food pantry, and facility maintenance), furnishings (i.e. replacing beds and dressers at the shelter), food at both the shelter and food pantry, etc. You can specify what program you would like your gift to go towards (note this in the memo section on a check); otherwise, they will use it where the need is the greatest!



## New Year's Resolutions and Welcoming One Another

A highlight of the quiet days after Christmas each year is reading through the magazines that have piled up during the busy months of the fall. I love magazines and I love reading, and it always feels like a treat to explore a National Geographic or Martha Stewart.

Earlier today, as the cold weather kept our family cooped up, I made my way through Better Homes and Gardens. When my husband noticed what I was reading, he asked, "What is that magazine convincing you to change about our living room?" I am nothing if not predictable.

When I read magazines, especially at this time of setting resolutions for the year ahead, I often want to tinker with the throw pillows, plan painting projects for my spouse, or alphabetize the spices. At their best, magazines and even New Year's resolutions inspire us to try or do things that we want to do: Lose weight! Pray more! Organize the junk drawer!

At their worst, magazines and resolutions remind us of our failures and inadequacies. After all, if I'd put spices back properly *all the time*, I wouldn't need to reorganize them.

This year, I will probably make resolutions for my health and my home, but more importantly, I am making a resolution about my being. Months ago in a sermon, I shared the Theodore Roosevelt quote, "Comparison is the thief of joy." It's remained in my head and heart, and has centered me in the fact that no matter the color of my living or the condition of my closets, I am loved by God. This is what orients my whole life, not what I own or even what I do. As Romans 8 reminds us, nothing separates us from the love of God.

### Reconnecting with God

**"Therefore welcome one another as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God." Romans 15:7**

One popular New Year's resolution is growing in faith. Over the next months, we will have dozens of visitors to our worship services. God is active here at Dilworth Lutheran. In our worship, in our homes and through our care for others, God is doing something good. As you see friends and new faces in worship, Bible studies or servant events over the coming months, please give your best in greeting and welcoming others. Together, we create a place of worship where people hear God's Word, especially for those in need of reconnecting with God.

### Congregational Prayer Requests

- Please pray for those needing to reconnect with God and their spiritual lives.
- Please pray for our search for a new associate pastor, for our Call Committee, and that the Holy Spirit will lead the right candidate to our church.
- Our congregation recently completed the strategic goals we set in May of 2015. This spring, we will begin a new congregational vision and goal setting process. Please pray that God will guide this process.

## 4G ~ God, Gals, Goodies and Games

The Book of Revelation on January 30

Have you ever wondered about the end of the world? Have you ever wondered about what the Bible has to say about it? Led by Pastor Elizabeth, 4G will explore the themes of the book of Revelation on Tuesday night, January 30, at 7pm. Please bring your Bible!

Hosted by young Dilworth women, 4G is a time for women to come together around faith for laughter, support, prayer and God's Word. All Dilworth women are invited!

Please note this is a change from our original schedule.

Jan. 30th-*The End: Discussing Revelation* theme

Feb. 22nd-*Lenten Disciplines* theme

Mar. 20th-*Forgiveness* theme

April 24th-*Prayer How-To and Focusing our Lives on Love* theme

May 24th-*Body & Spirit* theme with self-care, spa night



**DLC NEEDS YOU!**

**The church is looking for volunteers to assist with worship. We have different opportunities for you to help out every week. For the month of September, we are currently seeking individuals to aid with Ushering, Communion, Readers, Video Screen operators, and Hosting the post-worship fellowship.**

**Sign up sheet is located on the Usher stand in the gathering area. Thank you for your continued support. Peace be with you.**

## The nuts and bolts of our Endowment Fund

Churches tend to operate with three kinds of financial tools. Our yearly budget that pays salaries and keeps the lights on. Capital campaigns that allow us to take on bigger things like construction or a new boiler. And the Endowment Fund.

Dilworth Lutheran Church's Endowment Fund for Mission works with gifts that are designated beyond the day-to-day operation of the church. This Endowment Fund is used to fund special mission-related work above and beyond what we do now.

The key is that each year, only a little of the Endowment Fund is used, so the remainder is left to grow. And over time, as gifts are made to it and the principal grows, the Endowment Fund becomes a substantial way for the church to expand its mission in the world.

For more details how you can give above-and-beyond to the Endowment Fund or specify the Endowment Fund in your will or estate plan, contact an Endowment Committee member, the church office, or call InFaith Community Foundation at 800-365-4172 (where our Endowment Fund is held).

## Hospitalizations

*Please note that our church office no longer receives notifications of hospitalization. The pastors would be happy to stop in for a visit. Please call the church office with any information regarding hospitalizations.*

*Thank you and God bless.*

## Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 28, 9:30am

Dilworth Lutheran Church's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday morning, January 28, at 9:35am, in the Faith Life Center. Come and hear about the past year's ministry, and be a part of sharing goals for the year ahead. The Call Committee will also share an update on our search for a new associate pastor.



A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given from Heaven.  
John 3:27

### Please note!

**Ash Wednesday is February 14**

**Lenten Bible studies will begin then!**

**Youth will host Wednesday night dinners!**



### Mark your calendars!

The DLC ski trip is January 14, the bus will be leaving right after the 10:30 AM service. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen. Please sign up by January 10th, 2018.