

First Edition



Thoughts From Pastor Matt!

Well...it's 2024: a new year. But nothing really has changed. We still face the same stress, same anxiety, same problems. The only thing that really changes is the number on our calendars. Sure, we might try a new year resolution, but even that doesn't really seem to change the circumstances going on.

As a pastor, I often find myself looking ahead into the future. Sometimes that may be planning out a sermon series in the coming weeks, or it might be casting a vision for where God is directing me to lead the church. Now when I think ahead to what 2024 brings, two things come to mind: fear and hope. Yes, you read that right. Sometimes even your pastor deals with fear in his life.

But let me tell you what brings me hope. It is knowing that because I am called to be your pastor, I am entrusted to bring you the truth of the Gospel message each and every week. I get to share Jesus with all those who gather for worship. Because I get to do that, I also get to see how God is working through people's lives and through the church. Last year so many wonderful things happened through First Lutheran where God's Kingdom expanded past the walls of the church and throughout the world! People living out the Great Commission is what gives me hope and gets me excited for what this year has in store.

Now let's get to the part that is causing a little uneasiness in me. It can be categorized as a "fear of the unknown." This year happens to be another election year, and it's kind of a big one. It's these kinds of years where it seems like the country becomes so polarized. You have to choose a side. And if you lean towards one political side, the other side wants the worst for you. Then when our new elected leader enters office, what happens next? Lawsuits, conspiracy theories, stolen elections? What is our country going to look like after this year? It's scary to think about it.

Good thing my hope outweighs my fear. In the Bible it says "do not fear" 365 times. That's a reminder each day that no matter what this year brings, God is still on the throne. He has authority over everything. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own (Matthew 6:34). Let's let this year be a year where fear takes a back seat and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding is spread throughout the world. December was a month where we celebrated the arrival of the Prince of Peace. Perhaps that should be our focus as we enter a year filled with unknowns: Give up our fears and hand them over to the Prince of Peace. When we can do that, albeit difficult sometimes even for me, we will start to see that the things that are out of our control are never out of control for our Savior.

So may your 2024 be one filled with hope and peace. That is what I pray for for all those who are reading this newsletter article. Let's be hopeful that God's Will is being done on earth as it is in heaven. Be blessed!

Pastor Matthew

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR IN THE HOSPITAL

Bonnie Anderson
Tim Litsheim (cancer) (Dan Long's nephew)
Darlene Zabel
Rex Manchesian
(Rita Peterson's brother and sister-in-law)
Lindsey Kennedy (cancer) Pat Long's granddaughter
JoAnn Artmann (Karen Fundine's daughter)
Joan Anderson
Ted Anderson (son-in-law of Don Delude (cancer))

Sharon Doss (Leukemia)
Roxann Kaiser (cancer)
Amber Baerg
Chris & Julie Warren's Daughter)
Rita Peterson
Gail Massie (Ken Kelings daughter)
Adam Long (grandson of Dan Long)

ASSISTING LIVING/NURSING HOME

Riverside: Ken Kelling,
Harmony House in Brainerd: Char Brattlund

MILITARY

Joseph DeLude—Army, Grandson of Don DeLude
Sonja Larson—Army, Granddaughter of Mel & Gwen Larson

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Facebook page search type in First Lutheran
Pillager and this should take you to the page.
The Calendar will be updated as the schedule
changes!

Pastor's Schedule

Sunday: Worship Service
Monday: Off
Tuesday: Office Hours 9-3
Wednesday: Midweek Service/Bible Study
Thursday & Friday: Office hours/Visitation
Saturday: Off

**Office hours will typically be from 9 am until
3 pm unless I am out making visits.

UPDATING

If the military, those who are ill or in the hospital,
or people in nursing homes is not up to date or if
names need to be added or deleted, please
contact Sharon Gehrke so that these lists can be
updated. Thanks

PRAYER CHAIN

When you need prayer support, there is a group
at our church who will pray diligently for whatever
the need is. Please call Marlene Lindeman at
218-746-3541.

Church Council

President: Julie Hofius (218) 820-4259
Vice President: Nicole Buersken (320) 232-7439
Secretary: Dan Jacobson (218) 746-4167

Shirley Smith (218) 838-1483

Lynda Converse (218) 821-8016

Diane Wright (218) 851-8964

Griff Eisel (952) 261-9069

Thank You!

A special thank you to Mike Bellos for serving on
our church council for the last 3 years.

Thanks to Dan Jacobson for serving the last 3
years and willing to service the next 3 years!!!!

Welcome and thanks to Griff Eisel for volunteering
to service on the council for the next 3 years!!!!

First Lutheran Church Pillager Annual Meeting Minutes

Annual meeting held on December 10th, 2023 at 10:35 AM.

The church annual meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Matthew Sundquist. A reading of the annual meeting minutes from 2022 was done by Dan Jacobson. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Kavanaugh and seconded by Marlene Lindeman; motion passed.

Julie Hofius gave a summary of the works completed by the missions committee: while 50 shoeboxes had been the original goal, a total of 81 shoeboxes were put together and sent for Operation Christmas Child, with \$570 donated by the congregation to cover the shipping costs. The committee helped at the local Food Shelf, assisted with the fall Italian dinner, helped with the Halloween outreach family fun night, hosted a booth at the Pillager School Fun Fest, made lefse for the annual bake sale, and rang bells for the Salvation Army. The committee also made monetary donations to the Food Shelf, Pillager School for field trips, to the fundraiser for local high school Cole Carlson, and to Mission Aviation.

Nicole Buersken gave a summary of the updates done on the church and its buildings: the parsonage had new flooring installed in the living room, dining room, and laundry room, and three new doors and three bi-fold doors were installed and new trim installed around the doors. A new pre-rinse kitchen sink was installed in the church kitchen. A new garage door was installed in the parsonage garage. A new washing machine and dryer were purchased for the parsonage. Air conditioning was installed on the main level of the church with a large heat pump and two heads. The new roof on the church was installed; materials were purchased from Randall Building Supplies and the labor was provided by First Choice Builds. Looking ahead at future goals for the church facilities, Nicole said the council is looking into different options for Sunday School classrooms in the basement as the group of children is continuing to grow, audio is planning on being installed in the nursery so parents and guardians are still able to hear the service while with their children, and planning and fundraising for re-siding the church with steel siding is in the works. Julie announced that volunteers are needed for the fundraising committee.

Wendy Jacobson, filling in for Lynda Converse who was out sick, gave an update on the church community communication committee: mailers were successfully sent out listing the church's schedule of events (one in the spring and one in the fall), the committee assisted with the fall Italian dinner, and the committee had a successful spring tea social. In 2024 they will be hosting a Scandinavian tea social. The committee is also working on creating a welcome packet for newcomers at the church.

Dan gave an overview of the ministry budget. He said it has increased and while 2023 had been budgeted at \$3,900 the actual so far has been \$7,623.28, which does not include November and December. The 2024 ministry budget has been increased to \$7,700 to account for the growth. The motion to accept the ministry budget was made by Tom Kavanaugh and seconded by Shirley Smith; motion passed. Dan went over the total church budget in further detail. The 2024 budget was set at \$116,556 based on the actual amount spent in 2023 and to try to accurately capture the realistic expenses in the new year.

The council members whose terms are up at the end of 2023 are Mike Bellos and Dan Jacobson. The nominations made for 2024 were Dan Jacobson and Griff Eisel. The positions will be for three-year terms. With only two nominations for the two open positions a verbal vote was taken in lieu of a written vote. Julie Hofius made the motion to accept Dan Jacobson and Griff Eisel as the two council members with three-year terms and the motion was seconded by Marlene Lindeman; motion passed.

No further additions to the meeting were made by the congregation.

Adjournment: Wendy Jacobson made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Diane Wright; motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Buersken, Secretary.

First Lutheran Church Pillager December Meeting Minutes

Opening and Call to Order: 6:30 PM on December 12, 2023.

Present: Mike Bellos, Julie Hofius, Nicole Buersken, Dan Jacobson, Pastor Matthew Sundquist, Shirley Smith, Diane Wright, Tammy Barnett.

Absent: Lynda Converse, Connie Vieths, Kirstie Sundquist.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matthew reported that he had received good feedback regarding the community service. The reduced number of pies worked out well. He also said there had been congregation members who had been out sick and another person who had unexpected surgery and he needed the person's phone number to reach out. Shirley Smith asked Tammy Barnett how her husband Doug was doing and Tammy said he was doing a lot better now. Dan Jacobson brought up potentially caroling at the assisted living center.

Treasurer's Report: Tammy is ready for retirement and she is hoping to retire by August, if not sooner. She presented a resume for a potential replacement. Dan asked Tammy if she'd consider staying through June to assist with the insurance renewal and Tammy said she could stay but would really prefer to have her replacement in by that point and have the person trained in. She also said she is willing to help out the replacement person if odd things come up down the road. Council reviewed the treasurer's report and Dan commented that effort should be made to get the general account up to \$25,000 (approximately three months of expenses). Also noted that an additional \$20,000 needs to be raised to have enough to fund the new siding costs for the church, although material and labor costs are likely to fluctuate. The church roof project costs came to \$30,725.74. The breakdown: \$13,724.17 for roofing materials from Randall Building Supplies, \$17,278.57 for labor from First Choice Builds, \$322 for disposal of old shingles. A credit of \$599 was given by Randall Building Supplies for returned shingles. The church bake sale brought in \$3,260; of that \$400 went into the quilting fund and \$2,860 was allocated to the building fund for the new siding. The community service received \$456 in donations and was given to the Pillager Food Shelf. The annual LCMC donation of \$750 was mailed out. \$250 from fellowship donations was mailed to the Eagle's Nest. The women's shelter was next on the list to receive a donation from fellowship donations. Shirley commented that the missions committee purchased \$250 in gift cards that were donated for Christmas to the women's shelter, so it had already received a donation. After discussion the women's shelter was taken out of rotation as the next donation recipient and instead it will go to MN Teen Challenge. A motion was made by Shirley to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Diane Wright; motion passed. Approval of Agenda and Secretary's Report: After review Julie Hofius made a motion to accept and seconded by Mike Bellos; motion passed.

Committee Updates:

Worship/Music: Pastor Matthew said he talked with Wendy Jacobson and everything has been finalized for the Christmas Eve/fourth Advent service. Dan said that Easter coming early this year, in March, Lent needed to start being planned for now.

Church Community Communication Committee: Dan asked if Breeze, the communication tool, can be used for a mass text, in regard to church service cancelations due to severe weather. An announcement will be made in church to make sure people provide a number to be texted if they would like to receive important emergency notifications like service cancelations. Connie Vieths will be asked to create a list for people to update their phone numbers and email addresses for communication purposes.

Hospitality: Diane reported that people have signed up to bring potluck food for the upcoming MN Teen Challenge church service.

Sanctuary: There is still an ongoing issue with the kitchen sink leaking. Julie asked that a list of contacts be created with phone numbers and email addresses so people know who to contact about facility issues.

Facilities/Building: Dan will be reaching out to Tammy to confirm the same person will be plowing this year and make sure this year the sidewalks are also being shoveled. More sidewalk salt needs to be purchased.

Staffing: Nothing to report.

Missions: Julie reported that eight volunteers (Shirley Smith, Diane Wright, Linda Bentler, Clint Converse, Julie Hofius, Marliiss Eisel, Rosie Harmsen, and Don Gehrke) rang bells for the Salvation Army.

Old Business: Dan said he's still working on tracking down the person from the Boy Scouts who has the church key. He also commented that council members should try to check the black mailbox regularly because it doesn't look like it's getting checked very often. He also said that the church records aren't easily accessible. The records should also be electronically stored, as both an accessible resource and to back up the hard copies. Pastor Matthew will purchase a hard drive so church minutes and financial reports can be saved digitally.

New Business: Pastor Matthew said the copier has been having issues and he and Connie talked with the copier service person and while he was able to do some work on it, the copier is considered obsolete due to its age and replacement parts can't be purchased anymore. Dan will talk to Connie and see if anything more can be done for the copier so it can last a while longer. The copier needs to be put in the budget for a replacement. Pastor Matthew said the service person quoted him a 63-month lease at \$89.70/month through MCSI. Mike Bellos suggested getting other lease/purchase quotes and suggested contacting Marco. Julie suggested The Office Shop as well. She will work on getting quotes from Marco and The Office Shop. Election of the new council officers will be: Julie Hofius, president; Nicole Buersken, vice president; Dan Jacobson, secretary. Nicole will be getting a copy of the church by-laws and sending it out to council members as not everyone has reviewed them. Griff Eisel will be starting as a new council member and Dan Jacobson has been re-elected, both with three-year terms.

Adjournment: Shirley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nicole, and motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Buersken, Secretary.

First Lutheran Church Pillager November Meeting Minutes

Opening and Call to Order: 6:30 PM on November 14, 2023.

Present: Julie Hofius, Lynda Converse, Nicole Buersken, Diane Wright, Shirley Smith, Dan Jacobson, Pastor Matthew Sundquist.

Absent: Mike Bellos, Connie Vieths, Kirstie Sundquist, Tammy Barnett.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Matthew said he has received good feedback regarding our church having a positive impact with the community outreach that is being done. He reported that the Pillager Area Community Alliance has started sharing our church events to help promote our upcoming events. He also said that with our church hosting the upcoming Thanksgiving community service (11/22 at 7 PM) he has been working on getting all of the pastors/churches organized and the pies that the churches are each supposed to bring have been cut down to five per church since there has been too much leftover in the past years. He said he has made 46 connections, 11 reach outs, and 8 visits. Larry Anderson's family made a donation to the church of money he had designated for the church.

Treasurer's Report: A review of the treasurer's report was done. Shirley Smith made a motion to accept the report, seconded by Julie Hofius, and motion passed. Approval of Agenda and Secretary's Report: After review Lynda Converse made a motion to accept, seconded by Diane Wright, and motion was passed.

Committee Updates:

Worship/Music: With the upcoming annual meeting on December 10 th , Dan Jacobson and Julie Hofius said they would like to do a church progress report during the meeting and go over the budget in more detail and give an update on expenses of the church. Dan asked that at the annual meeting Nicole share the building progress to date and Julie share the church's goals looking ahead at future works/ projects.

Church Community Communication Committee: Lynda reported that the committee is working on putting together a welcome packet for church visitors. The packet will include a business card, latest event mailer, pens, bookmarks, and church mission statement. Dan suggested having programs to support young families during the church services. There was discussion again about getting audio installed in the nursery and Julie will be reaching out to an audio contact she has to ask about getting audio installed. There was discussion about creating a volunteer list for helpers in the nursery. Lynda will be looking into creating a mailer with a schedule of events that will be mailed out in the spring. She suggested doing two mailers per year (one in the spring and another in the fall) to help keep costs down. The next meeting will be held on January 11th at 2 PM at The Shante. Lynda said the next event will be the spring tea and this year they are looking into other themes and it was suggested to do a Scandinavian theme, to be possibly held on May 17th.

Hospitality: The Italian dinner went well this year but Tom Kavanaugh won't be around next fall, so thoughts were discussed on continuing the fall dinner but reverting either back to the meatball dinner or changing up to a different meal like spaghetti. There was also discussion on whether the church should start doing two meals per year to help raise money for new siding.

Sanctuary: Shirley reported that the pipe under the kitchen sink is leaking. Don Gehrke will be asked to take a look at it.

Facilities/Building: The shingling was completed and Nicole was still waiting to hear back from the First Choice Builds contractor on materials that had been returned so they could be credited back to the church. She reported that after doing research on options for a soundproof, temporary Sunday School room, she has hit a dead end because the quilted or acoustic rolling panels will not be ideal due to the basement ceiling height and the room won't be as soundproof as had been hoped. The other company she had been checking with said they couldn't provide wall panels on tracks like they had discussed either. There was discussion on changing the positioning of the Sunday School room and building walls since the back wall running to the left of the ramp is not typically used during special events, so more permanent walls could be put up there. Dan will be asking Tammy about renewing our snow plow contract with the person who plowed last year.

Staffing: Dan's and possible Mike Bellos' council terms will be up at the end of this year and feelers should be put out to see if there are other people who would be interested in being on the council. Dan suggested that going forward the last three years' of council minutes be kept accessible in binders for easy reference.

Missions: Julie reported that 81 shoe boxes were dropped off for Operation Christmas Child and prayer was given over the shoe boxes before they were sent on their way to the children. The donation for the pie giveaway was made today and gift cards were dropped off at the women's shelter. The church booth at Fall Fun Fest made about \$80 from the game and the money was donated to the elementary school field trip fund. The Salvation Army bell ringing is coming up with the location being the Cub Foods Baxter and volunteers have signed up.

Old Business: Dan will be retrieving the key for the church from the Boy Scouts since they are no longer using the church for their meetings. Dan suggested the congregational app start getting used to send out alerts to congregation members, especially with the cold weather approaching in case of canceled services.

New Business: Review was held on the 2024 church budget and Dan explained how the line items were updated to accurately reflect the true costs of 2023 and how the line items were increased accordingly for 2024 as to what likely be spent. Julie said that as a church we should be trying to tithe 10% of the church's income. Dan said a new line item was added, \$1,200 for tuition reimbursement/ bonus, which was added instead of a salary increase. A retirement line item of \$1,200 was also added (3% of pastor's salary). Discussion was held on having a Thrivent representative come out to discussion the pastor's retirement options with the council. The budget committee is proposing \$116,556 for 2024 to more realistically budget since that's close to what 2023 will be (2023 was budgeted at \$104,286 but will be closer to \$114,000). Based on the church's month-to-month income, it was figured that the church's income will be about \$120,000. The budget does not take into account any project spending—those are separate funds. Shirley made a motion to accept the 2024 budget, seconded by Nicole, and motion passed.

Adjournment: Shirley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Nicole, and motion passed.

MINUTES ADDENDUM FROM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Present: Dan Jacobson, Lynda Converse, Shirley Smith, Diane Wright, Nicole Buersken.
Absent: Julie Hofius, Mike Bellos.

Dan explained that Pastor Matthew's salary was supposed to increase in 2023 to \$44,162 per his contract when he graduated from seminary in June but the increase did not take place. Dan suggested that salary difference yet owed (\$1,850.22) be paid out in the November and December paychecks of 2023. After a brief discussion Diane Wright made a motion to accept, seconded by Lynda Converse, and motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Nicole Buersken, Secretary.

Greetings and Happy New Year!

A WORD FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT!

I am happy to take on the challenge of being the President of the Council this next year along with Nicole Buersken, VP and Dan Jacobson, Secretary. We already have several projects to work on:

Finding a replacement for our Treasurer/Bookkeeper Tammy Barnett (Thank you Tammy for your many years of dedication to keep out financial Records)

Fundraising activities for residing the church. If you are interested in being on a committee to help plan for this, please contact myself, Nicole Buersken or Dan Jacobson.

Looking into options for Sunday School classrooms in the lower level as our Sunday School continues to grow.

Installing audio in the nursery so parents and guardians are able to hear the service while with their children.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 218-820-4259 or jahofius@yahoo.com

Julie Hofius, President

NEW COMPUTER PROGRAM

We now have a computer program that we are using for the congregational records. We are able to do a lot with this program. For instance, we have all of the member's addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses. Pastor Matt can access this information on his phone or computer. It even has a mapping feature so it helps him find where you live!!!

Connie Vieths will be contacting you for information. One of the questions will be your e-mail address and/or your cell phone number if you have these. The main reason the church needs this is if we have to cancel services because of weather or any other reason. We can contact you all at once. If you do not have an e-mail address or a phone number, hopefully you will listen to the radio to see if services are cancelled.

In the future if you have any changes in addresses or phone numbers, please contact Connie Vieths at 218-839-3767 or cvieths1@gmail.com so that your records can stay up to date. Thanks!!

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the church and helped to take the decorations down!

Thank you to everyone who brought food and attended the MN Adult/Teen Challenge Sunday. They did an amazing job doing the service for us!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to ring the bells for the Salvation Army!

A special thank you to Julie Warren for the special Christmas program that they presented this year. We appreciate all the time and effort in you doing this. Thanks also to all the kids and parents that helped to make this Christmas program possible!

Thanks to everyone who donated money on the Mission Tree to purchase gifts for kids at the Pillager School.

Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the altar area with poinsettias this year.

Thank you to Tammy Barnett for all the years of dedication in your job as Treasurer for our church! You did an outstanding job for us. The council will be interviewing for her replacement as Financial Secretary. Please read out to one of the council members if you or someone you know is interested in this position.

Thanks to the Choir for singing during our Advent season! We appreciated all of you making our Sundays and Christmas Eve service so special!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jennifer Kavanaugh's family and Steve Robert's family. Jennifer and Steve's brother-in-law Mike McGreevy passed away.

There will be a signup sheet in the back of the church for bringing Soup and Sandwiches to our Lenten Services in February. Please consider doing this!! More details will be following in the Bulletins!



Third Annual Lefse & Bake Sale

The ladies baked and packaged a record 112 dozen pieces of lefse for the annual sale held Saturday, November 18th. All but six dozen sold, along with many other contributed treats. At Sunday worship, the ladies announced a new sale record. Following fellowship, they packed up 34 holiday-cookie plates for residents at Riverside Assisted Living and a couple other seniors unable to attend worship. Thank you to all who helped raise \$3,260 for the quilters who donated most of the proceeds to the church's new siding project. The other amount helps fund the quilters' supplies.



Decking the Halls

On Saturday, December 2nd, folks gathered to decorate for the First Sunday of Advent on December 3rd. The quilters displayed their inventory for sale throughout the month of December as an outreach for the congregation to contribute to the New Siding Project and receive something in return.



**First Lutheran Pillager
Christmas Quilt Sale
9:30 am Sunday worship
starting December 3rd**

Celebrating the Second Sunday of Advent on December 10th



Monday Night
Choir Practice



The True Gift

That's the title of the Christmas program the Sunday School class presented during worship on December 10th. The quilts-for-sale added to the living room feel of the Nativity narrative unfolding before the eyes of the story-family and congregation. Afterwards, the program's Baby Jesus was baptized and presented a quilt by the church ladies. Bryce James Horbal is the child of Emily & Kleighton Horbal. Sponsors are Kenton Horbal and Chelsea Seymour. The choir sang during the Nativity story and for offering.





Christmas Eve Worship
4 p.m., Sunday,
December 24, 2023

We gathered to mark both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ - with lessons and songs: Carol of the Bells. Angels We Have Heard on High. My Soul Magnifies the Lord. O Holy Night. Joy to the World - Unspeakable Joy! Mary, Did You Know. I am So Glad Each Christmas Eve. Away in a Manger. What Child is This and Silent Night.

Happy Birthday, Jesus!





Heavens to Mergatroyd!

The other day a not-so-elderly (I say 75) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ...But not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle.

About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology.

These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and Hung out to dry.

Back in the olden days, we had a lot of moxie . We'd put on our best bib and tucker, to straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy!

Gee whillikers!

Jumping Jehoshaphat!

Holy Moley!

We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley ; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop, or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when was the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys, and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!"

We discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards.

Poof, go the words of our youth. Where have all those great phrases gone?

.Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel. Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee-high to a Grasshopper

Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers. Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses.

It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!)

This leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth.

See ya later, alligator! After a while crocodile. Oki-Doki smokie!!

January 2024

FIRST LUTHERAN PILLAGER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Communion Service 10:30 am Fellowship	8	9 12 pm Quilters 8:00 pm AA Mtg 6:30 pm Council Mtg	10 6:30 – 8:30 Bible Study "The Chosen"	11 2:00 pm CCCC Mtg at Shante	12	13
14 9:30 am Service SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 am Pancake Breakfast	15 Martin Luther King Day	16 12 pm Quilters 8:00 pm AA Mtg	17 6:30 – 8:30 Bible Study "The Chosen"	18	19	20
21 9:30 am Communion Service 10:30 am Fellowship	22	23 12 pm Quilters 8:00 pm AA Mtg	24 6:30 – 8:30 Bible Study "The Chosen"	25	26	27
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February 2024 FIRST LUTHERAN PILLAGER

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