



Sunday, Jan. 2  
**REVELATION SERMON  
 SERIES BEGINS  
 9 AND 11 A.M.**

Monday, Jan. 3  
**OFFICE CLOSED FOR  
 NEW YEARS**

Wednesday, Jan. 5  
**WOW BEGINS AGAIN  
 6:15 P.M.**

Sunday, Jan. 9  
**ANNUAL VOTERS'  
 ASSEMBLY MEETING  
 12 NOON**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
 BEGINS AGAIN  
 9 AND 11 A.M.**

Monday, Jan. 17  
**OFFICE CLOSED IN  
 OBSERVANCE OF  
 MARTIN LUTHER KING  
 DAY**

# Good NEWS

Pastor Sam Coleman

## The end is where we start from...

*He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty, I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.*

Revelation 21:5-7

I'm excited about our new series on the book of Revelation beginning Jan. 2, at Charity. Revelation 1:3 states, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it because the time is near."



**Pastor Sam Coleman**

I believe the Lord wants each one of us to experience the blessing of reading His Word, period, but especially these words in this amazing book He has given to us. When I told a friend from our church about my excitement over this series, she exclaimed, "Are you trying to scare us!" I laughed but realized that we often respond with fear to the book of Revelation or anything having to do with end-times teaching or theology. And I

think that response is natural whenever we come face-to-face with any change or a challenge to our reality in this day-by-day life we are living.

The Book of Revelation also brings a certain kind of doom and gloom kind of perspective or attitude, which I DO NOT believe is God's intent in giving this book to us. If we have a Heavenly Father who absolutely loves us so much that he was willing for his SON to die on the cross for us and if we have a Savior who was born into this world as his creation (which we celebrate at Christmas) and then willingly WENT TO THE CROSS out of love for us and then promised that "I WILL COME AND GET YOU, so that you will always be with me where I am," we have a Father God and Son of God that has such good things for us and reveals it through His Word and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

You may wonder why we would start with Revelation instead of some other

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Executive Director of Ministry Doug Leet

# Happy New Year • a new thing

“Happy New Year!” I won’t venture to say how many times that phrase is exclaimed on New Year’s Eve each year, but I’m sure hundreds of millions, if not billions of times. A quick search in Bible Gateway reveals the word “new” appears in the NIV translation of the Bible at least 280 times.

Key verses that emphasize “new” and relate to disciples at Charity, as well as Charity as a congregation, include:

**2 Corinthians 5:17 –**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

**Lamentations 3:22-24 –**

Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”

**Isaiah 43:19 –**

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

**Revelation 21:1,5 –**

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,”[a] He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” (Read Rev. 21:1-5 in full)

**Key things to be aware of in the coming new year are:**



Doug Leet

- Annual Meeting of the Voters’ Assembly at 12:15 Sunday, Jan. 9, following the 11 o’clock service. Would you mind attending as we need a quorum to vote on the 2022 budget and the slate of nominees?
- The sermon series on the book of Revelation begins. This is God’s ultimate “renewal,” to become perfectly united with His people...and it is our hope.
- Connection opportunities. See Nathaniel’s write-up about various ways to connect and grow at Charity; stay tuned for a detailed brochure.
- Corporate prayer. A necessary time for Charity to move forward in healing and hope, with one focus (God), with one voice, walking on one path, in one hope (in the Lord).
- Moving forward in Charity’s transition and call process, with the hiring of an intentional interim pastor followed by the calling of a senior pastor.

Have a Blessed (and Happy) New Year!

## Annual meeting set

The annual meeting of the voters’ assembly will follow the 11 a.m. service Sunday, Jan. 9. A light lunch will be served. The agenda includes the approval of the 2022 budget and election of the following candidates:

**Vision Council:** Becky Dohrmann, Pam Miller and John Seedorf

**Trust Fund Committee:** Don Nordquist, Wayne Levang

**Nominating Committee:** Jerry Walz, Randy Traynor and Mike Smith.

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## Thank You

Dear Charity friends,

We were humbled to have so many of you support us at Greg’s fundraiser. We want to express a very heartfelt thank you for the time and energy put into making it happen. The games, music, and silent auction gifts were amazing! We felt we were sitting amongst “family” and enjoyed some long-overdue laughter. Thank you so much for your prayers and donations. You are all true servants of the Lord.

In peace and gratitude,  
Greg and Neysa Schettler and family



Nov. Actual Income	\$89,471
Nov. Budgeted Income	<u>96,080</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 6,609</b>
Nov. Actual Income	\$89,471
Nov. Actual Expenses	<u>77,556</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 11,915</b>
YTD Actual Income	\$ 1,023,941
YTD Budgeted Income	<u>1,056,885</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 32,944</b>
YTD Actual Income	\$1,023,941
YTD Actual Expense	<u>1,022,913</u>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 1,028</b>

# Time for a new outlook



**T**ime for a new year and a new outlook for Charity.

I am someone that loves lighthouses. Not sure when my love of them came. It's not that I've lived by the sea. I love the way they look, the view they have and the concept behind them.

It never really occurred to me the significance behind them until recently. If you look at the purpose of a light house it's to guide ships away from the rocks in rough storms if they look to it.

Our world is in that storm today. In Matthew 14:29, Peter was walking on the water to Jesus. As he kept focus on



**John Seedorf**  
VC president

him, he was fine. The second Peter took his eyes off Jesus, he sank, and Jesus saved him. As it says in Psalms 119:115, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light on my path." God is showing us that Charity will be that beacon of light for

Bismarck/Mandan when we follow God's light and pray for God's guidance, we too shall be saved. HE IS OUR LIGHTHOUSE.

## Call Committee update

# Thanks for the comments

**G**reetings from the Call Committee. Due to scheduling conflicts we did not meet as a committee in December. However, we have continued to move forward with our individual assignments and areas of focus.

We are working to compile the comments from staff who shared their thoughts this fall about their jobs and the transition. Thanks again to all who took the time to visit with us. Thanks also for your valuable comments at the congregational forum with the Vision Council in November, and for those who have sent us emails and visited with us personally.

Our goal for the next few months is to support the Vision Council in its work with the intentional interim pastor selection process.

Please pray for the Vision Council during this time. Also, please remain prayerful for the work we are doing and continue to reach out to us with questions, either individually or through our email at [callcommittee@charitylutheran.org](mailto:callcommittee@charitylutheran.org). We look forward to hearing from you.

Committee members - Beth Allen, Adam Berglund, Andrea Collin, Melissa Hill, Laura Kourajian and Scott Carter.

## 2022 offering envelopes available

2022 offering envelopes are available on tables by the office. If you don't see one for you and would like some, please call Judy in the church office.

## Memorials

**CIRCLE C** – In memory of Wilbert Fueller and Garold Weisenberger by Alvina Fueller

**MEMORIAL TRUST FUND** – In memory of Ethan Bossert by Alvina Fueller

In memory of her parents, brothers and sister by Erma Roesler.

**GRIEFSHARE** – In Memory of Dee Sims, Sharron Crowley, Blackie Weisenberger, Wayne Reep and Garold Weisenberger by Lorri Mittleider.

**WELLSPRING** – In memory of his parents Harley and Ethel Price, Diane's parents Ray and Leona Bertsch, his sister Harla Gillespie, Diane Price and in thankoffering for his children Denine and husband Nathan, David, granddaughter Sophia and grandchild known only to God by Dave Price.

## Beginning Experience of North Dakota plans sessions

The Beginning Experience peer-to-peer ministry is offering a ten-week session called "Coping with Life Alone" for those who have lost a love relationship through death, divorce or separation. Sessions are held in Dickinson and Bismarck beginning Jan. 9.

Also a weekend March 11-13. If you are in Bismarck, please call Elaine at 701-400-1941, Beginning Experience of Western North Dakota, for more information. If you are in Dickinson, call Cindy at 701-690-9003.

The program is open to people of all faiths.

## Are you in need of prayer?

A prayer minister will meet you at the front of the sanctuary at the end of the 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday services. If you would like to be part of this ministry contact Cindy Mastel at 527-1638.



# The end is where we start from...

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book of the Bible, and I love this quote from T.S. Elliot, *“What we call the beginning is often the end. And to make an end is to make a beginning. The end is where we start from.”*

I believe that is precisely what the Lord is proclaiming when he states, “I am making everything new!” And if I know the Lord, he never wastes any of the old to show how amazing the new is.

So this New Year of 2022, I am excited that we have the opportunity to worship and grow together, read God’s Word together, encourage each other, and comprehend and receive God’s blessing together! I also think these words from 2 Timothy 1:7 are appropriate as we look forward to this series and this entire year. “For God will never give you the spirit of

fear, but the Holy Spirit who gives you mighty power, love, and self-control (a sound mind).”

I hope you will join us for this exciting adventure we are on together, and may you be filled with MIGHTY POWER, LOVE, and A SOUND MIND!

## Revelation - His Story Unleashed!

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 2, an 11-week series on the book of Revelations begins. While many books are Informational, the Bible is Transformational.

Be sure and join us for this transformational series with special study guide bulletins with extra information necessary to understand this complex book of the Bible. Here is a list of sermon topics and scriptures planned for the

first half of the series. There will be two Sundays for intermission to allow for a guest pastor and a Mission Sunday.

**Sunday, Jan. 2** • The Alpha and Omega Revelation 1:1-8

**Sunday, Jan. 9** • Get Ready to Rumble Revelation 1:17-19

**Sunday, Jan. 16** • Seven Letters Revelation 1:17-20

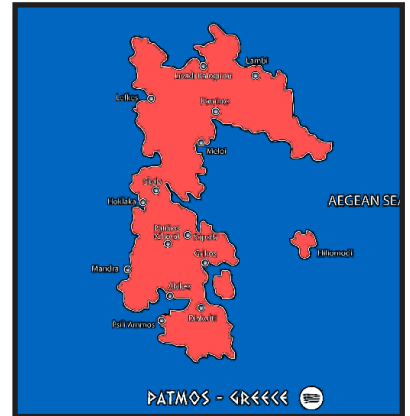
**Sunday, Jan. 23** • “I stand at the door and knock”

Revelation 3:14-22  
(sub text from Daniel 2,7,9)

**Sunday, Jan. 30** • The things that happen after these things

Revelation 4:1-5

**Sunday, Feb. 6** • The Lamb who was Slain Revelation 5:6-10, 6:8:1-5



He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

## January Anniversaries

- Jan. 1 – Russell and Melinda Sheets
- Jan. 3 – Jeremy and Marissa Misk
- Jan. 4 – David and Kacie Schlecht
- Jan. 4 – Jason and Barb Weaver
- Jan. 6 – Kent and Cassie Theurer
- Jan. 8 – Brett and Janet Schafer
- Jan. 9 – Terry and Charlotte Milas
- Jan. 11 – Valdie and Elaine Magstadt
- Jan. 12 – Dustin and Aundrea Peterson
- Jan. 14 – Gerald and Ruth Erickson
- Jan. 23 – Craig and Lisa Keidel
- Jan. 24 – Robert and Maew Bauer
- Jan. 25- David and Roseanne Lindell
- Jan. 25 – Jewell and Phyllis Mehlhoff

## Progressive dinner hosts needed

Progressive dinners are being planned for our Middle School and High School students in the new year.

Are you interested in hosting appetizers, entrees or desserts for one of these events?

If you can help, please contact Maggie

Portra by email, [maggie.portra@charitylutheran.org](mailto:maggie.portra@charitylutheran.org). These are the dates:

**Sunday, Jan. 16** • 7th and 8th Grade

**Sunday, Jan. 30** • 10th through 12th

**Sunday, Feb. 13** • 6th Grade

**March 6** • 9th Grade

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# Why do Prayer Ministry?

“Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well” (James 5:13-15).

Charity is a place for healing where changed lives are gifted and empowered by the Holy Spirit and released to serve in the community for the glory of Christ (Charity Vision Statement).

Over the past few months, you may have noticed some changes in how we offer prayer ministry at Charity, both in frequency and visibility. We have provided prayer ministry in some form for several years.

We offered prayer ministry once a month using a panel in the sanctuary to provide privacy for quite some time. In recent months, those who have a heart for prayer have been meeting with Pastor Sam to discuss how we might improve Prayer Ministry at Charity and make others more aware of this ministry. One of the things that we first talked about was a desire to offer prayer weekly. We committed prayer support for those in need after each Sunday service at the end of October.

Why do we desire to have a prayer ministry team at Charity? First of all, we are commanded to in the scriptures. The book of James calls us to pray for those in trouble or who are sick and anoint them with oil. We pray by faith for healing. We do not bring healing.

We are his vessels. How God brings healing is up to Him. It may happen right away. It may occur over time. Sometimes healing is one of those mysteries that we can't figure out. But, I believe God does heal. By His stripes, we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).

Secondly, our vision statement states, “we are called to be a place of healing.” Prayer may not change our circumstances, but it can change us. I have heard somebody say (I don't know who) that sometimes God calms the storm, and other times He calms His child. I have found this to be true in my own life. We are strengthened by the prayers of others and empowered by the Holy Spirit to go out and share His good

news with others that need to hear it. Finally, Jesus tells us that his house will be called a “house of prayer” (Matthew 21:13). I believe all churches are called to be houses of prayer.

Perhaps you are anxious about coming forward for prayer after a service. Maybe you don't want to stand up front because you're afraid others will see you getting prayer and judge you for it. I get it. It's not easy to be vulnerable. It's not easy to ask for help. But asking for help is not a sign of weakness. The opposite is true. It takes strength to ask for help. We all have times when we need to ask for help. You were not meant to handle life on your own. It is the job of the body of Christ to lift you up and encourage you when you need that and rejoice with you in times of joy.

I pray we can all get to the point where we will have less shame in asking for help and more acceptance of each other.

Having said that, if you still feel more comfortable just sitting, feel free to come to the front row, and our prayer ministers will meet you there. Perhaps you prefer not to be anointed by oil or have somebody lay hands on you. That is acceptable. We will ask for your permission to do that first. It is not a requirement for your healing.

What if it is not you in need of prayer, but perhaps a loved one? Our prayer ministers will gladly join you in prayer on behalf of your loved one. Do you have a

burden for our country? For the church? We will take it to the Lord in prayer and offer your concerns up to God.

Would you like to receive a blessing from the Lord or offer up a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for an answered prayer? We will gladly lift that to Him. He delights in your praises. You can be confident that your prayer request will remain confidential and not shared except in the case of a threat to yourself or somebody else.

We will not counsel you. We are not trained counselors. If we feel you might benefit from further counsel, we might suggest you talk to Pastor Sam. We, as Prayer Ministers, are all a work in progress. We are not perfect. We learn as we go. I believe the more we rely on the Holy Spirit, the more He will grow us and equip us to increase the effectiveness of our ministry. But, He will use us where we are. It's not about us. It's all about Him.

I believe we are all called to pray for others. But perhaps you feel like you have a special calling to pray with others. Would you consider joining the Prayer Ministry team? We want to offer quarterly Prayer Ministry training meetings. Our next one will be at 5:30 p.m. January 20. If you have questions, please feel free to join us. You may also contact Pastor Sam or me with any questions.

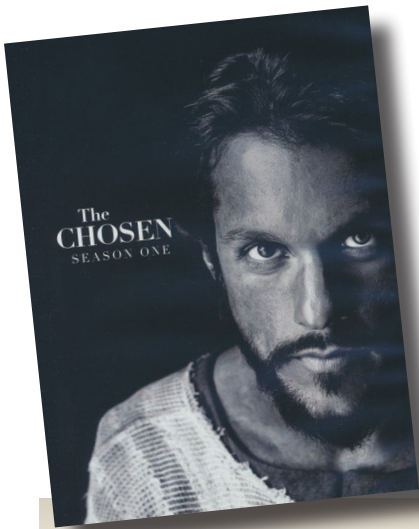
~ Cindy Mastel • 701-527-1638

**TRANSFORMATIONAL PRAYER TIME BEGINS IN JANUARY:** A time for transformational prayer will be held from 1-4 p.m. each Thursday, at Charity Lutheran Church. Appointments must be made by calling or texting Pastor Sam Coleman at 226-0404.





# WHAT'S NEW IN 2022



## THE CHOSEN SERIES VIDEO AND DISCUSSION

Monday, Jan. 10 through Feb. 28

6:30-8 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Popcorn, snacks and childcare provided

A charismatic fisherman struggling with debt. A troubled woman wrestling with demons. A gifted accountant ostracised from his family and people. In this ground-breaking first season of The Chosen see how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who knew Him.

*"I was moved to tears... and worship... as I watched."*

– Anne Graham Lotz

## FREEDOM IN CHRIST

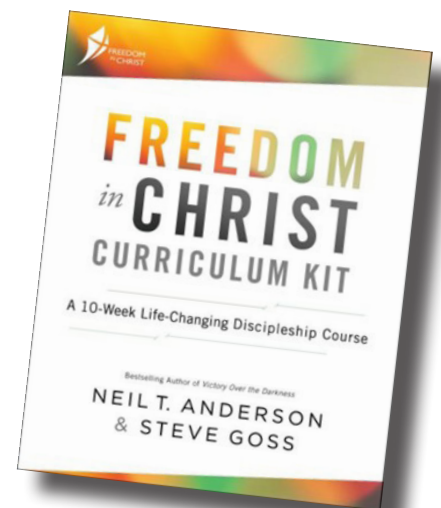
Monday, March 7 through Monday, May 9

6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Freedom In Christ Course is a 10-session course designed to help every Christian become a fruitful disciple and make their life count. The course focuses on how to believe, not how to behave and will help participants clear away their spiritual cobwebs and connect with Jesus in a deeper way. It teaches how to uncover and resist the enemy's deception and is especially effective for those facing particular challenges such as:

- condemning thoughts
- patterns of wrong behavior
- spiritual struggles
- hopelessness

Marian Fluharty and Brenda Whitman will lead this class. Minimum class size 6.



**Stephen Ministry**

# HELP, HOPE, HEALING

Call Charity Church office at 258-1228  
and ask for your Stephen Minister today!  
You do not have to go through it alone, Stephen Ministers are waiting to help

# Grow your faith with Bible studies, discipleship classes, life groups, recreation groups and opportunities to serve on ministry teams

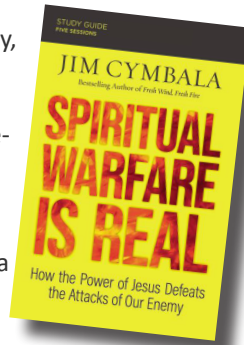
## TUESDAY

### • SPIRITUAL WARFARE IS REAL

#### Woman's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 4 through Feb. 1  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

In Spiritual Warfare Is Real video-Bible study, Jim Cymbala offers Bible-based wisdom on how to recognize spiritual war, understand Satan's plots against us, and practical strategies Jesus gives us for fighting back. In this five-session study, Pastor Cymbala will help you put on the full armor of God so you can — in the words of apostle Paul — take a stand "against the devil's schemes."  
Led by Carol Bjork.



### • DEEPENING YOUR ROOTS IN GOD'S FAMILY

#### Women's Bible Study

Jan. 12 through March 30

6-8 p.m. at Sandy Seedorf's home

This book by The Navigators asks, what is the significance of the name The 2:7 Series? The name is based on the Scripture reference Colossians 2:7 — the statement of the Apostle Paul to a New Testament church: "Rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."



What the apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, expresses in this passage clearly defines the specific goals of this training. The discipleship training in this second book builds on the work done in the first book. You will learn ways to deepen your own Christian life, approaches for sharing your faith, and how to experience an extended time alone with God.

Purchase your book at <https://bismarck.parable.com/product/9781615216383>. \$14.99.

For offsite address contact Sandy Seedorf 701-426-9802 or sandyseedorf1@gmail.com.

## WEDNESDAY

### • THE MAN IN THE MIRROR

#### Men's Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan. 5 through March 23

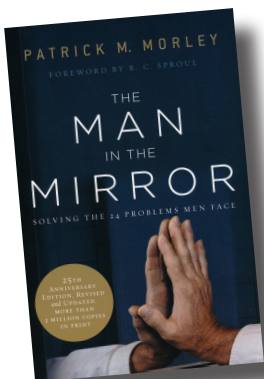
8 p.m. Fireside Room

"The Man In The Mirror" by award-winning author Patrick Morley invites men to look in the mirror, identify the problem areas, and make the changes necessary to love God, themselves, and others better.

With relevant, practical, and thoughtful advice, this book discusses twenty-four different topics that men face, including:

- Identity questions and discovering significance and purpose
- Relationship problems and fixing broken relationships
- Money problems and establishing financial strength
- Time problems and how to decide what's important
- Temperament problems and battling pride, fear, and anger
- Integrity problems and establishing accountability

If life's demands are constantly pressuring you to run faster and jump higher, this book is for you. Rich in anecdotes, thought-provoking questions, biblical insights, and featuring focus questions in each chapter suitable for personal or group use, The Man in the Mirror offers a life-changing look at how to trade the rat race for the rewards of godly manhood.



For more information contact John Seedorf at 426-9768.

## THURSDAY

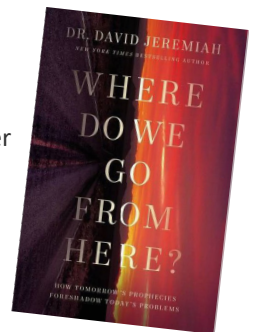
### • WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

#### Women's Bible Study

Begins January 6

9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

In "Where Do We go From Here?" Best-selling author and respected Bible teacher Dr. David Jeremiah shows us that the colliding crises in our culture are not isolated incidents or random misfortunes. They are as connected as a spider's web. With each passing day, tectonic forces are pushing us closer to the end of history.



The more we look around today, the more it seems our modern world and contemporary way of life are hanging by a thread. We're emerging from the pangs of a pandemic, yet society remains haunted by the specters of socialism, globalism, and cancel culture. The economy is in flux, the church is in decline, and Jerusalem once again sits atop the powder keg of global politics. What should we do now? How can we move forward as citizens of God's kingdom even as the world teeters on the brink?

For more info contact Shelley Traynor at 226-2026



# SATURDAY

## • MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

**8 a.m. Fireside Room**

This study meets every Saturday and is open to men of all ages. Contact Mike Smith or Doug Leet for more information. Topics vary.

## • BECOMING A WOMAN OF GRACE

**Women's Bible Study Begins February 12**

**10 a.m. Fireside Room**

Becoming a Woman of Simplicity, best-selling author Cynthia Heald's classic Bible study, teaches women how to be at rest and invite God into the quietness of their lives. For more information, please contact Chere Allard at 701-880-0818.

# SUNDAY

## • THE BOOK OF REVELATION

**10:30 a.m.**

The Sunday, 10:30 am Bible Study in the Fireside Room will continue its study of the Book of Revelations. Please contact Kathy Wermager for more info at 701-390-7587.

## • HE'S WHERE THE JOY IS

**Women's Bible Study Begins January 9**

**11 a.m. New Youth Room**

It's hard to know a God we don't understand, and it's hard to love a God we don't know. But our God wants to be known and loved, and He's told us a lot about Himself in the pages of His Word.



Join Tara-Leigh Cobble in this 7-session study as she breaks down the intimidating doctrine of the Trinity. You'll discover a beautiful, foundational view of our Triune God that will transform how you relate to Him. Understanding God's three-in-oneness and each of the Persons of God individually—Father, Son, and Spirit—will lead you to deeper intimacy with God and greater joy in knowing Him! Led by Sarah Coleman.

# HOW CAN I SERVE?

Serving provides those who attend Charity unique opportunities to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Are you ready to lend a hand and use your gifts to bless others? Look at this list of ways you can serve, and once you've found a ministry you are passionate about, contact Nathaniel Oakland at Nathaniel.Oakland@CharityLutheran.org, for more information.

## First Impression Team (FIT)

From the parking lot, to the greeting at the door, finding a seat or answering questions, you can help make Sundays an enjoyable experience for members and visitors alike.

## Charity Kids Ministry

We are committed to provide a loving, Gospel-centered environment for children to learn about God. Ranging from birth to 5th grade, there are plenty of opportunities to invest in our youngest members during Sunday School or midweek activities.

## Student Ministry

Impact the next generation and come alongside middle school and high school students by mentoring and encouraging them to become faithful disciples grounded in God's Word.

## Life Groups

Life Groups are the lifeblood here at Charity for an authentic biblical community. Invest in the body of Christ by leading, facilitating or hosting a group. We provide access to training and resources to equip you and those you lead.

## Production Team

Help make church run smoothly on our production team as a camera operator, video switcher, slide presenter, and more.

## Women's Ministry

Create a welcoming, Christ-centered environment for other women through serving in life groups, prayer, and at our various events throughout the year.

## Creative Team

Are you experienced in areas such as photography, filming, editing, and graphic design? Use your creative and technical skills to make high quality, Gospel-centered media at Charity.

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Jingle Jam 2021 was filled with "light" and cookies. This annual event drew 175 children and adults to church in December.



# HOW CAN I SERVE?

## Prayer Team

Prayer is an integral part of how we operate as the body of Christ. Pray with and for others by participating in our various opportunities and teams for prayer.

## WOW Meal Ministry Team

We're looking for people that have a heart for serving others and cooking. Wednesday evenings be part of the prep, cook, or cleanup teams.

## Facilities/Maintenance

Help us take care of the building the Lord has blessed us with through tasks to keep it clean, presentable, and functioning well.

## Stage Design/Building Team

Worship, prayer, and preaching all happen on the stage. Use your skills in lighting, building, and design for the glory of God.

## Medical/Security Team

Are you a trained medical professional? Join our team to ensure the health and safety of our congregation on Sundays.

## Stephen Ministry Team

Do you want to provide one to one care and support to people who are experiencing life difficulties and challenges? Join our team to be a disciple equipped for meaningful service.

## Funeral Ministry Team

Use your gifts for setup, clean-up and decorating and serving the families when they need help during difficult times.

## Hospital/Home Visitation Team

Do you want to provide phone calls, cards, and cooking? Use your gifts to strive to maintain regular contact with members and friends who are unable to attend Worship.

# Meet the Stephen Ministers

Charity Lutheran's Stephen Ministers would like to welcome in 2022 and introduce our team.

This team of trained lay ministers is here to walk beside you and pray with you

through the challenging times of life. If you would like more information, please contact the Church office, 258-1228, or talk to any Stephen Ministry team member.

## Stephen Ministry Leadership Team



**STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAM (l-r):** Jill Anderson, Jennifer Farley, Edwina Njos, John Seedorf, Sandy Seedorf and Marian Fluharty.

## 2022 Stephen Minister Team



**2022 STEPHEN MINISTER TEAM (Back. l-r)** Ray Eckroth, Mike Fluharty, Karl Lemmerman, John Seedorf, Lori Lemmerman; **(Middle, l-r)** Edwina Njos, Monica Eckroth, Cheri Allard, Macel Monthye, Jennifer Farley; **(Front, l-r)** Jill Anderson, Amber Torgerson, Marian Fluharty and Sandy Seedorf. **Not pictured:** Jo Lindquist.

# Grace, Grace, *Marvelous* Grace

## A Women's Gathering

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. *Hebrews 4:16*

# Only a few tickets remaining for this January event



**Natalie Dawn Hanson**

January will be here soon and there are only a few remaining tickets for Charity's women's retreat, "Grace, Grace, Marvelous Grace," set for 9 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22.

Natalie Dawn Hanson, who is a niece of Don and Kathy Nordquist and David and Jennifer Bjork, will headline this one-day event and registration is limited to 80 women. Hanson is an author, speaker, and coach.

She's the author of *Made to Soar: Christ-Centered Truths to Encourage,*

*Equip, and Empower Moms;* creator of the online coaching program, *The S.O.A.R. Method;* and founder of the *Made to Soar Movement* and the *Soaring Sisters Community* all designed to guide women from places of uncertainty, insecurity, and unsteadiness to places of clarity, courage, and strength in all areas of their lives so they can discover their divine identity and purpose, live their dreams with passion, commit to a life of intention and unity with God, and band together as sisters in Christ to positively impact the world and build up the next generation of believers.

Hanson believes every woman was created to unfurl her wings and soar in the joy and beauty of her divine purpose, and she's committed to empowering women to do so.



**Tickets are \$15 and includes lunch. PLEASE register for the event and select your breakout sessions online at [CharityLutheran.org](http://CharityLutheran.org), scan the QR code or call the church office at 258-1228.**



**Childcare will NOT be provided.**

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 9-9:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:30-10 a.m. Announcements and Worship with Charity's team
- 10-11 a.m. **God's Gift of Grace Now What?** Natalie Dawn Hanson
- 11 a.m. - Noon BREAKOUT SESSIONS
  - 1. Drawing Close to the Waymaker** – During this time we will use worship, art and prayer to lay down your burdens and open your hearts to God's promises and healing. Prayer ministry will be available also. Brenda Whitman
  - 2. Art of Worship** – Exploring creativity as an act of worship. Sarah Coleman
  - 3. Spiritual Gifting/ Love Language** – How to live life more abundantly by knowing your spiritual gifts and love languages. Chere Allard
  - 4. Let's Talk About It** – Review of Natalie Hanson's message Q&A. Carol Bjork
  - 5. Legacy – Live It! Leave It!** Legacy focuses on what will endure. It's about passing on things of lasting value to those who will live on after us. Shelley Traynor
- Noon - 1 p.m. LUNCH
- 1-1:30 p.m. Worship with Natalie Hanson
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. **Claim Your Purpose, Embrace Your Race.** Natalie Dawn Hanson
- 2:30-3:30 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS Repeat Morning Sessions
- 3:30-4 p.m. Closing



# Chapel prayer team meets weekly

***"I love the Lord because He has heard my voice and my supplications, because He has inclined His ear to me therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live."*** – Psalm 116: 1-2

It's been eight years since Charity's Chapel Prayer team has been meeting (October 20, 2021). The team continues to pray every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. The purpose is to intercede on behalf of our pastors, church council, call committee (when in place) and all staff.

On March 5, 2019, the team was led to pray for each of our families. Using the directory and lists of new family units who have joined Charity, five families at a time were specifically prayed for each Tuesday. All families have/ or will have been included by Jan. 4, 2022.

Chapel Prayer stayed on schedule in the homes after March 11, 2020, (COVID-19). The Holy Spirit who is the spirit of prayer, emphasized the continuity and importance of believing, loving, hoping, studying and applying Scriptures and praying as the struggle with COVID situations went on for all to keep a regular, strong inner vision of Christ, our Lord.

The designated hour continues to be a humble, contrite prayer time of quiet sustaining power. We merit nothing and let our holy and almighty God care for us.

The prayer chapel is open in a newly located area. It's a small room to the right of the sanctuary with a posted sign. You are invited to join us on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m.

~ Macel Monthye

## A Charity Mission Moment • Shiloh Christian School

### Shiloh provides Christian education to our community

Shiloh Christian School is truly blessed. Forty years ago, families in the Bismarck Mandan community sought Christian education for their children. They prayed, planned and trusted the Lord amidst opposition to bring about Shiloh Christian School.

We are grateful for the support from many throughout the years, including Charity Lutheran, to support our desire to offer Christian education to ALL families that desire it. We provide financial aid to those that qualify and work hard to keep tuition costs down for everyone.

We are thankful for the beautiful facilities that God has provided and strive to be a

light to all that enter. Stewardship of our facilities is also an important goal for us to maintain what God has given SCS.

We have seen an increase in enrollment over the last two years, providing an even greater opportunity to minister to families and their children. Your investment allows us to make Christian education an essential part of our community. Here is a testimony from an alumnus of Shiloh, showing the legacy of our ministry to families.

***"I truly appreciated my Christian education at Shiloh – and I appreciate my parents' sacrifices to ensure that I could attend Shiloh. Because I benefited***

***so much from my years at Shiloh, my wife and I wanted to provide the same education to our children. We are pleased that Shiloh has not departed from its focus on "Academic Excellence on a Christian Foundation." In May of 2019, we were proud to attend our son's graduation – 30 years after my graduation from Shiloh (Class of '89). We are extremely grateful to those who have pursued the elements that improve Shiloh's ability to provide academic excellence and look forward to coming decades of ensuring Shiloh continues to provide Academic Excellence on a Christian foundation."***

~ Nathan Huntington

**January 1**  
Janae Geiger  
Drew Kary

**January 7**  
Michael Bernhardt  
Mike Rowe

**January 13**  
Khalin Dendy  
Andrew Robinson

**January 18**  
Ethan Bro  
Logan Hegland

**January 22**  
Tamara Churchill  
Amy Towner

**January 26**  
Sharon Schock

**January 2**  
John Dwyer  
Emmett Liudahl  
Rick Stockert

**January 8**  
Treyton Bosch

**January 14**  
Michael Casey  
Ellengton Hill  
Hillary Wald

**January 18**  
Bob Nelson

**January 23**  
Garrett Wahl

**January 27**  
Acacia Collado

**January 3**  
Joel Anderson  
Jim Skjod

**January 9**  
Wayne Dosch  
Steven Wolff

**January 15**  
Kimberlee Collado  
Allen Knudson

**January 19**  
Joseph Becker  
Mirella Lindsay  
Jamie Peshek

**January 24**  
Elsa McEvers

**January 30**  
Donavon  
Hatzenbuhler

**January 4**  
Pam Adrian  
Brad Heim

**January 11**  
Kaleb Anderson  
Brooklyn Becker  
Josh Churchill  
Kaley Lawler  
Ryan Okerson  
Darla Sullivan

**January 16**  
Karrie Bauman  
Dominic Chamley  
Noah Ellertson  
Lindsey Robinson  
Jude Toman

**January 20**  
Wendy Jorgenson  
Kerry Mikkelsen  
Breanna Zempel

**January 25**  
Sam Coleman  
Deanne  
Cunningham  
Abby Haugen  
Ginny Mehlhoff  
Glenn Mueller  
Sydney Weaver

**January 31**  
Kellan Bullock  
Betty Kuhn  
Roseanne Lindell  
David Price

**January 5**  
Emma Duffy

**January 12**  
Shalae Lindell  
Christian Lubbers  
Samuel Stelter

**January 17**  
Lucy Toman

**January 21**  
Jocelyn Duffy  
Dennis Torgerson  
Duane Wangen

**January 26**  
Bill Hineman  
Janet Mitzel  
Jessica Smith





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## Reverse Advent project volunteers deliver



Braving the cold to deliver food to Centennial School were (l-r) Ray Eckroth, Kerry Mikkelsen, Doug Leet, Danette Miller, Alan Knudson, Connie Carter, Jocelyn Duffy, Shirley Hanson, Shelley Traynor, Liz Landis, Maggie Portra and Scott Carter. **WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?** See opportunities to serve and learn in this month's newsletter.

Charity's reverse Advent project concluded on Tuesday, Jan. 21, when volunteers loaded the Charity bus and delivered food for the Christmas holiday to families at Centennial School.

Maggie Portra said, "We served 154 people from 38 families through this collection. The families were incredibly grateful – it's been a tougher year than most as far as food need goes."

Thank you to everyone who donated food products and monetary support for this project.

