



HAPPY NEW YEAR 2026

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

From the Desk of Pastor Bill

For many of us, January is a time to reset. It's a time to start things anew. A time to correct or readjust all the things we felt we didn't do quite right the year before. Having just come out of a very busy holiday season, one of the things I see a need to change is the way I handle the stress of believing I have more to do than hours in the day to do them.

I really see this when I'm shopping. I find myself rushing...almost running through Walmart trying to get in and out as quickly as possible. If I stop to observe what is going on in my body, I find that all my muscles are tense. Often, I find the need to physically stop in the middle of the store, take a deep breath and consciously relax.

As much of a problem as it is for us physically to be so internally rushed, it's also not good for our relationships. When we are in "Go mode", we put tasks above people...and above God. We get so busy serving God (and occasionally others) that we forget to enjoy and spend time with those most important to us...those we are seeking to serve.

My verse for this new year is this...

Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



Not only does Christ invite us to find rest in Him when we are weary and burdened, but He reminds us that His yoke for us is easy and His burden is light. What that tells me, is that if I am finding myself running myself ragged, I am probably doing more than God is calling me to do. God will not call us to do more than He will provide the strength (and grace) to do.

In 1956, golfer Walter Hagen wrote, *"Don't hurry. Don't worry. And be sure to smell the flowers along the way"*. Good advice, but I would add, "Take the time to talk with the others who are with you admiring the flowers and don't forget your God who created those flowers.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Susan Voie	21st Dennis Miller, Ross Wyman
3rd John Peterson	22nd Jackson Hahn
4th Dausen Anderson	25th Keaven Olson
10th Patricia Olson	27th Briggs Wogsland
13th Cole Smith, Anna Wogsland, Darla White	
16th Jordan Lashua	
18th Debra Thompson, Elaine Wojciechowski	

JANUARY 2026 AT A GLANCE

Altar Guild:

January Usher: Lana and Kieth Reagles

AA Meeting: every Thursday at 7:00 PM in basement.

Confirmation January 7,14,21,28

January 3 take down Christmas decorations 9:00 All asked to help

Worship January 4 Communion at rail

Men's Ministry: Sunday January 4 following Worship

Will need end of 2025 treasure reports to Office by 1-5-25

Council Meeting Sunday January 11 after Worship

Worship January 18 Communion Intinction

January 18 Annual meeting after church, chili lunch.

Projector Jan. 4 Bruce M Projector 11 Carl T.

Projector January 18 Kevin D. Projector January 25 Craig A.



Northland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 7, 2025

Members Present: Pam D, Bill H, Richard K, Lana R, Jessie G, Daniele O, Tom K

Absent: Larry B, Robbie L, Shelly E

Guests: Dianne E, Keith R

President Bill Hahn called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

Secretary's Report correction to "This month we should find out if we receive a grant for a new well" (not septic). Motion to accept made by Jessie G and second made by Richard K.

Treasurer's Report accepted as read.

11/30/25 Checking Balance: \$39,752.99

11/30/25 Savings Balance \$177,914.75

Cash flow for November 2025 - \$3,400.52

Pastor's report was not submitted as Pastor was absent.

Council moved into closed session.

Council returned to regular session.



Consent Order for DNR Mandatory Enforcement to be decided for 12 OR 24 months. Motion to adjust consent order to 24 months made by Pam D and seconded by Jessie G. Motion carried.

Next meeting is the Annual Congregational Meeting January 18, 2026.

Agenda draft must be ready for review by December 18 and final draft due January 8, 2026.

Richard K made a motion to adjourn, second by Lana R.

Meeting Closed with The Lord's Prayer.

These minutes have not been approved. Council Secretary Jessie Glodowski.

JOB OPENING

The Church has an opening for a new Custodian position. If interested, please get an application in office.

Elevator out of order

Did not pass load test, cable broke.

Could take up to 2 months to fix.

You



Proverbs 11:25 GNT says, "Be generous, and you will be prosperous. Help others, and you will be helped."

Thank you, Northland brothers and sisters in Christ, for your generous outpouring of LOVE! Our neighbors, friends, and family members residing at The Living Oaks and Willows will be enjoying your kindness this Christmas and into the New Year.

Delivered to be wrapped ahead of their Christmas party, were 134 gifts of pj's, slippers, socks, towels, t shirts, sweatshirts, flannel shirts, cotton shirts, gloves, hats, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, coloring books, crossword puzzles, word search and body lotion. Also delivered were lots of gift bags, hand cream, hair brushes and boxed puzzles.

And a big Thank You for ... all the student made Christmas Cards ...
The Best Gift Ever !

Your love and caring will certainly be felt by all !

Again, thank you for being so kind in sharing love and joy.

YSIC,
Kathy