

My decision today

- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior
- I want to be baptized
- I want to grow as Christ's disciple
- Other

I'm interested in

- Knowing how to receive Christ as Savior
- Knowing how to grow as Christ's disciple
- Joining a small group
- Helping with the Music Ministry
- Helping with the Children & Youth Ministries
- Other

Flesh Matters!!!

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

To have skin on is to be human.

"God intentionally put skin on for us. Therefore, flesh becomes the most important theological, cosmological, and practical essence of our faith."¹

Becoming Flesh illustrates that people are important.

The incarnation points to a nostalgic God.

"The incarnation is about remembering what "home" used to be like and making a plan to get back there."²

Becoming Flesh is God's way of redemption.

"The incarnation was God's plan for "buying" us back. Jesus' life, death and resurrection was not just about conquering sin, but it was God's plan to renew, rebuild, and reconceive His original design"³

God became flesh for you.

God became flesh for our community.

"God never wanted converts, church attender, prisoners or parishioners. He wanted His family back."⁴

So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 2 Corinthians 5:16

Digging Deeper

Have you ever thought about God pursuing you even today? Why might He still be coming after you? What is He saying to you this week?

How does it make you feel to think about a God who longs for you and traded in the life of His Son so that every aspect of your life could be redone, renewed, and redeemed? Take a moment to consider the broken places of your inner life and wonder how it might feel to have those things put back together.

Since God is still pursuing every person today, think for a moment-are there people you have given up on or written off? Make a list of those people by name, and consider what it might look like for you to have the same longings for people that God does. What can you do for them?

¹ Hugh Halter, *Flesh: Bring the Incarnation Down to Earth* (David C. Cook, 2014) p. 7

² Hugh Halter, *Flesh: Bring the Incarnation Down to Earth* (David C. Cook, 2014) p. 15

³ Hugh Halter, *Flesh: Bring the Incarnation Down to Earth* (David C. Cook, 2014) p. 19

⁴ Hugh Halter, *Flesh: Bring the Incarnation Down to Earth* (David C. Cook, 2014) p. 24



Lighting the Way Together

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FLESH MATTERS

Dr. Randall Jaspers, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Randy Brown, Associate Pastor of Students and Families

To **worship** God, help people **know** Jesus Christ personally, **grow** to be like Him, **show** His love and **go** where He leads... **together**.

today at *tbc*

Worship

Worship through Singing

Lighting of First Advent Candle - Numbers 24:17a

Worship through Prayer

(Christmas Program practice: Pre-K-Gr. 2, Rm. 301; Gr. 3-6, Youth Rm.)

Message: **Flesh Matters**

Worship through Giving

Music Ministry: Gary Ronan

Closing Prayer

Please fill out the Response Form and place it in the offering plate.

Supervised nursery provided during Sunday School and Worship.

Nursery Workers

TODAY: Amanda L. (S.S.); Amanda L., Mel H., MacKenzie J. (Worship)

Dec. 7: Jennifer W. (S.S.); (Jennifer W., Candace B., Bethany B. Worship)

this week

- **Tuesday** Giving Tuesday
Consider the *NAB* campaign to raise money for travel expenses for international ministry partners attending the *2015 Triennial Conference*
6:45 pm *Ladies' Bible Study Fellowship*
- **Wednesday** 2:30 pm *Chapel, Ave Maria Village*
6:30 pm *AWANA - Key Verse: Isaiah 9:6*
6:30 pm *PHYM*
- **Saturday** 6:30 am *DAWG Pound (Men's Ministry)*
- **Next Sun.** 9:20 am *Children's Sunday School*
9:20 am *Congregational Meeting - Approval of 2015 budget/ Election of Officers*
10:30 am *Worship; Celebrating the Lord's Supper*
2:30 pm *Chapel, Ave Maria Village*

coming events

- Dec 13 10:00 am *Community Prayer—Concordia Lutheran*
- Dec 14 9:20 am *Practice for the Christmas Program*
10:30 am *Christmas Program*
3:45 pm *Family Caroling / Adult Party*

We will be caroling to those shut in or needing encouragement. After caroling, we will meet back at *TBC* for a potluck meal. Soup will be provided. Bring a dish to share. **Adults will have a White Elephant gift exchange following the meal.**

praise & prayer

Around TBC

- ◆ Special health concerns: Pastor Randy Brown, Cody Burke, Colleen Conley, Teurina DiLallo, Margaret Elhard, Diana Gray, LeRoy Lang, Stuart McWilliam, Isaac Neumiller, Kim Nill, Alvin Reich
- ◆ TBC College Student Emily Brown (VCSU)

Around the NAB Conference

Nick & Iris—East Asia



Nick and Iris are pioneering a new work in East Asia. They are making great spiritual strides as they work with university students and leaders. **Pray** for spiritual growth of the University student outreach team they are discipling. **Pray** for blessings upon the students they interact with. **Pray** for new partners, who will be educators, hopefully joining them next fall.

River City Church - Fargo, ND

Brett Moser; Jacob Peterson; Charlie Hogstad

Around the World

***KUWAIT**— Muslim 81.6%; Christian 5.3%

Evangelism to Kuwaitis is forbidden. Kuwaitis who openly convert to Christianity face harassment & arrest, but more underground church members are making their faith public. Foreign Christians have the freedom to live & work there, but they must worship within enclosed compounds. Only Muslims may become citizens. House churches exist, & Bibles can be sold legally.

***Conflicts and Needs: Central African Republic, Egypt, Iraq, Israel, Nigeria, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, West Africa**

Congratulations:

- ◆ Steve & Marcie (Marler) Maier, united in marriage on November 6
- ◆ Kyle & Matesi Neumiller on the birth of their son, Isaac, born November 15, weighing 3 lbs.

Salvation Army: Volunteers needed to ring bells for the kettle campaign. Call 252-0290 or register at Salvationarmynorth.org/jamestown

Devotionals: Our Daily Bread (\$1 donation) and **Advent Devotionals** (SF Seminary) are available on the information table.

Your help is needed (Sunday mornings)! Responsibilities include welcoming visitors, directing them to classrooms, answering questions—being friendly! Please contact Lori Love (952-1023) to be added to the schedule or for more info.

GIVING REPORT

YTD Budget	\$392,442.01
YTD Building Fund	\$17,485.00
YTD General Fund	\$330,689.05
General Fund Total	\$348,174.05

\$8,349.83 is needed each week to meet the 2014 Budget

response form

Date _____ Your age group 18-23 24-29 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80 +

PLEASE PRINT _____ (If A Student) Your Current School Grade _____

New Address Are You: ___ Single ___ Married

New Email Address Names of children living at home & birth dates: _____

Mr. | Mrs. | Miss. | Ms _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

Home Phone (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Is this your... ___1st time? ___2nd time? ___3rd time?

I am: Attendee Member Visitor

I came as a guest of: _____