



WHITE AS SNOW

ISAIAH 1:18

# UNITED FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastor David Niemela

January 24, 2021

## *Third Sunday of Epiphany*

**WELCOME VISITORS:** Please sign the guest book in the Narthex. We will be using the Ambassador Hymnal for Order of Worship pg. 2-5. If you would like more information about UFLC, visit [unitedfreeaflc.com](http://unitedfreeaflc.com).

Prepare our Hearts for Worship ~ Praise & Worship Team

NEWS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP

OPENING HYMN: #146 “We Gather Together”

CONFESSION OF SIN

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Old Testament: Numbers 24:10-17  
Gospel: Mark 1:21-35

CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ Apostles Creed

OFFERING — Free-will; can be given online or while leaving.

HYMN: AH #554 “In Times Like These”

MESSAGE “**Christ-Branded Sufferings**” 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

CLOSING HYMN: #245 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

CONGREGATIONAL AND LORD’S PRAYER p. 5

BENEDICTION & THREE-FOLD AMEN p. 5

CLOSING HYMN: AH # 251 “God Be with You”

*GO IN PEACE & SERVE THE LORD*

## What’s Happening This Week?

### Today, Jan. 24

*No children’s Sunday School*

8:45 a.m. — New Church Membership class (see Pastor, if unable to attend)

10 a.m. — Worship service

### Wednesday, Jan 27

3:15 p.m. — Kids’ Club (see insert)

6 p.m. — Confirmation & Youth Group. Supper provided by Christiansons.

### Saturday, Jan. 30

7:30 a.m. — Men’s Group

### Sunday, Jan. 31

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10 a.m. — Worship service

11 a.m. — FLY registration sign-up: **Parents will be asked to sign for permission electronically, to provide medical release, and to upload a photo of their insurance card. A \$150 deposit will also need to be made per registrant.**

### *Looking Ahead*

- NWMN District Bible Conference, Feb. 5-6 (see insert)
- Children’s Sunday School will resume February 7
- Church potluck following the worship service Sunday, February 21
- FLY meeting for families following February 21 potluck

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY UNITED VOICE NEWSLETTER:** Available on the table in the Narthex. If you would like a large print version, see Jenny Niemela.

**Ushers:** on leave of absence due to COVID-19

**Pastor David Niemela ~ Cell #320-469-7392 ~ [dav.niemela@gmail.com](mailto:dav.niemela@gmail.com)**  
Please have items for the bulletin to the Secretary-Jenny by midnight Wednesdays  
call/text 320-583-9782 or email at [unitedfreegreenbush@gmail.com](mailto:unitedfreegreenbush@gmail.com).

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2 Corinthians 1:3-11

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B. The \_\_\_\_\_—\_\_\_\_\_ Experience of  
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- Sherman (Miranda Green's grandpa), health issues
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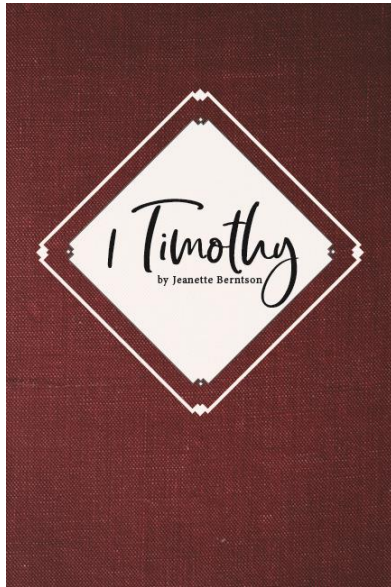
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# 2021 WMF Bible Study Books are in!

Cost \$12 | Books are on the narthex table  
Next meeting (Lesson 2) Wed. Feb. 10, 2021



This is an inductive study on 1 Timothy. Why is what you believe important? Does it matter what we do at church? Does it matter how we live? Should we have requirements for our pastors? God has given us clear teaching on the role of the church. He wants us to hear His Word. He wants our churches' teaching and our beliefs to be the same doctrine

found in the Bible. Only teaching from God's Word has the power to create repentance, faith, and love. Jesus came to

save sinners and He brings His salvation to the world through His Word, preached and believed by the Church. May God bless you as you study 1 Timothy.

God wrote this letter through the Apostle Paul to Timothy. Paul often refers to truths from other parts of the Bible. Timothy had studied God's Word and knew what Paul meant. To understand 1 Timothy we will also take the time to learn what God teaches us from related Bible passages.

## 11 LESSONS

1. Is Your Doctrine Sick?
2. Jesus Came to Save Sinners
3. Jesus Came to Save Sinners (Continued)
4. God's Desires for the Church (Part 1)
5. God's Desires for the Church (Part 2)
6. God's Desires for Pastors and Deacons
7. God Uses Pastors to Save You
8. Instructions for the Church (Part 1)
9. Instructions for the Church (Part 2)
10. Beware of False Teachers' snares
11. Fight the Good Fight of the Faith

The Women's Missionary Federation is a national and district organization driven to amplify interest in and love for God's kingdom, both at home and abroad. It was established in 1962 by women of the emerging Association of Free Lutheran Congregations, and today includes an active group of women at United Free Lutheran. Together, they oversee serving groups and committees, and help support both AFLC and local missionaries and ministries.

Meetings occur the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the dining hall.

All women are invited and encouraged to participate.



*Mid-Winter Bible Conference*

# RESTORED

February 5 & 6

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*Service will be in-person and Facebook livestreamed*

*And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.*

*~ Revelation 21:5-7*

## Guest Speaker: Pastor Terry Olson

**Friday, February 5:** 7 pm – Session 1, "Restored Lives"

**Saturday, February 6:**

9:15 am – Session 2, "Restored Congregations"

10:30 am – Session 3, "Restored Hope"

## Kids' Club is Ready for Launch!

Bible Lessons | Crafts | Games | Snacks | More!

**Soaring:** Wednesdays, January 20 – May 5

**Time:** 3:15 – 5 p.m.

*\*Students can be either dropped off at UFLC or picked up at the Greenbush school by Kids' Club staff*

**Passengers:** K – 6<sup>th</sup> graders

(preschoolers can attend with grand/parent)

**Details:** visit [unitedfreeaflc.com/kids-club](http://unitedfreeaflc.com/kids-club)

**Questions or interested in helping?**

Talk to Lynn Strand, Pastor David,  
or Jenny Niemela.

## Church-wide

# FLY Registration

## Sign-up Day!

Everyone who is planning to attend the FLY Convention this summer is invited to sign-up right here at church following the Jan. 31 worship service.

Having everyone registered will help the Youth Team determine where we're sitting financially and how much more is to be raised. Our hope is to cover everything beyond the initial \$150 registration fee (to be provided by individuals upon registration). A meeting for those registered and their families will take place Sunday, Feb. 21 following the church potluck to run over details and discuss fundraising opportunities.

If you have any questions concerning FLY, visit [flyconvention.org](http://flyconvention.org), or talk to Pastor David, Jenny Niemela, or Shania Waage.

### A couple details:

- We will be traveling with other district youth on a coach bus, departing July 3 (two hotel stays) and returning July 10 (through-the-night drive).
- There will be a day trip at Fort Fun in Fort Collins, CO.
- If funds are tight when we are done fundraising, adults may be asked to cover their FLY registration costs.

Register By	Feb. 12	April 16	May 29	Walk Ups
Students	\$499	\$599	\$699	\$799
Dorm Leader	\$399	\$499	\$599	N/A
Staff	\$399	\$499	\$599	N/A
Adult	\$699	\$799	\$899	\$999
Pastors	\$599	\$699	\$799	\$899
Children	\$199	\$199	\$199	\$199