



Gethsemane **GLEANINGS**

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2019



Gethsemane Lutheran
CHURCH



Celebrating 140 years!

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FYI

MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS

Wed. 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thur 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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SIMPLY GIVING

A simple, generous choice. Electronic giving is a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to Gethsemane. Please contact the Church office at (320) 573-2001 or gethluth@upstel.net for more information.

STAY INFORMED

Go to our website (gethlutheran.org) for the current calendar or check out our facebook page at facebook.com/Gethsemane Lutheran Church-ELCA to keep informed, check out photos, and let us know what you are thinking. We would love to hear from you! You can also join our e-mail list. The office will try to keep it down to 2-3 a week. If you would rather not receive any e-mail reminders, please e-mail the office and you will be taken off the list.

NEWSLETTER AND BULLETINS

The bulletin deadline is Thursday at noon. Gethsemane prints them Thursday afternoon. We reserve the right to limit additions and announcements. The newsletter deadline is the 15 of the publishing months Dec, Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct. If you wish to contribute, please e-mail a completed article by the date noted. The office reserves the right to exclude articles that are submitted after the deadline.

WHO ARE WE

Want to know more about who we are affiliated with? What our beliefs are? How you can help?

- elca.org
- nemnsynod.org
- nemnsynodwomen.org
- womenoftheelca.org

GETHSEMANE PRAYER POLICY

If you or someone close to you is in need of prayer, please contact our minister or office to have that person added to the prayer list and/or chain. After four weeks, that person will automatically be removed from the prayer list unless otherwise noted.

SERVING

If you are serving on Sunday, please plan to be at church a 1/2 hour prior to worship service. If you are unable to serve, please contact your Council member and make arrangements to bring treats.

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WEEKLY EMAIL

Weekly mini newsletter



Musings from Mavis

By Mavis Buker, Synod Authorized Minister (SAM)

Wait.! Just Wait!

Some of us might remember hearing those words as a youngster growing up back in the days when Mom took care of home and children while Dad went off to work. "You just wait until your father gets home!" That was rarely a good thing.

Or perhaps you might have heard, "No more cookie dough. Wait until the cookies are baked." That was a promise of something good to come, something that could be seen, smelled, and eventually tasted.

And as the holidays approached, you might have heard the reminder, "No peeking in the closets looking for gifts. You must wait until Christmas!" Ah, Christmas. The day would come, that was certain. That day would bring good things, that much was almost always certain. But what exactly would the good gifts look like? That was unknown.

Our son Josh revealed to David and me that one Christmas as a child, the waiting was too much for him and he peeked into his gifts under the tree. He knew exactly what the gifts would be before he opened them on Christmas. He also said he learned from that experience. Somehow, knowing every detail ahead of time ruined the delight and surprise that he could have experienced.

We are approaching the end of the church year. We will celebrate Gethsemane's 140th Anniversary November 17. We will wait. We will celebrate Christ the King November 24. We will wait. We will celebrate Thanksgiving November 28. We will wait. We will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent December 1.

Advent, the season of waiting, is approaching. Advent is an unusual time. We wait for the God who was, and is, and is to come. The Old Testament prophecies included in the Sunday readings can cause us to wait for Christmas as though we are awaiting Jesus' birth, even though that happened two thousand years ago. Happy Birthday, Jesus. The apocalyptic readings can cause us to wait for the "end times" when Jesus will return to bring the final fulfillment of the Kingdom. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

But perhaps most important of all is to remember that Jesus comes to us every day. Christ is with us here and now. We have already opened the gift and we are not disappointed. Emmanuel. God with us. With every breath we take Jesus is present, and Jesus is the present.

Every time we hear the Word proclaimed, Jesus is present. Every time we baptize a new child of God, Jesus is present. Every time we receive the bread and wine, Jesus is present. Every time two or three gather in prayer, Jesus is present.

Jesus was, and is, and is to come. Yet, the surprise is not ruined. We are promised an eternal home with Jesus. We do not know when we will arrive or what it will look like, only that it is a beautiful gift waiting for us. As the song "Borning Cry" reminds us, "I'll be there as I have always been, with just one more surprise." I can hardly wait!



Oasis Share-a-Meal

A Great Opportunity to Serve

Share-a-Meal is a weekly meal prepared and served by local churches, businesses, civic groups, and individual volunteers to people in the Morrison County area. A nutritious meal and fellowship are provided, free of charge, to anyone who wishes to attend. Meals are served Thursdays at 6:00 P.M. at First Lutheran Church.

In 2020, we are planning two dates, **January 16 and March 12**, the congregation and youth will be invited to serve. Watch for a sign-up to help by Information Island!



THE *Prayer* PAGE

MEL EHRENBERG, DAN PANGRAC, BEV JOHNSON, MARILYN GERLACH, JERRY JOHNSON, Monica Monson (grandma of Renee Milbrandt), Gordon Bengston (grandpa of Cory Bengston), Andy Johnson (son of Sheila Nilson), Kari Sand (stepsister of Tina Gunderson), Scott Nelson (son-in-law of Kae Holmen), Myra Herickhoff (daughter of Kelsey and Kevin Herickhoff), Maleea Ansari (grandaughter of Marv and Carol Johnson), Zasha Andzenge (grandaughter of Obie & Lynn Holmen), Marjorie Wagner (mother of Diane Rohde), Bev Tepley (friend of Joyce Swanson), Michelle Mercado (friend of Dawn Janssen), Steve Friberg (friend of congregation), Jadeyn, Cassidy, and Amy Schafbuch (relatives of the Janssens) | **MISSIONARIES:** Friberg Family | **SIL INTERNATIONAL**
TRANSLATORS: Wardlaw Family

IF YOU HAVE AN URGENT PRAYER REQUEST, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND WE WILL ACTIVATE THE PRAYER CHAIN.

40 AND 40 DAYS ITEMS



Check out the display in the Narthax. We are trying to collect 40 items of each in 40 days!

**PAPER TOWELS & TOILET PAPER (groups of 4)
DISH SOAP | LAUNDRY SOAP | SHAMPOO**

Food for Funds? Food is needed and appreciated. However, by purchasing food through our food Bank, we are able to purchase 4 to 9 times more than at our grocery store. Place cash in the container in the grocery cart!

Women *of the* **ELCA**

This women's ministry is for women of all ages who are seeking opportunities to gather and grow in friendship and faith.

Miriam Circle at 7:00p.m.

Meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. and is held at members' homes.

Ladies Night Out at 5:30p.m.
NOVEMBER 21-TINA G



WELCA Christmas Gathering

COME AND ENJOY IN THE FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, December 11 at 5:30p.m.

Bring an appetizer to share, two dozen cookies or candies (plating to give away) and a gift for our Hands of Hope Giving Tree (see tree in Narthax the end of November)



GETHSEMANE FAIRTRADE FESTIVAL

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures dip cooler and cooler, many of us begin to think ahead to Christmas. Decorating our homes, lighting candles, baking special treats, singing carols, and shopping for gifts for loved ones are things we do as we anticipate the birth of the Christ Child - Jesus!

This year we invite you to shop at Gethsemane Lutheran's Fair Trade Festival! We'll be open for you to browse and buy on both **Sunday, November 10 and Sunday, November 17 from 9:00-10:15a.m. and 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m.** We will also be open **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of that week from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

We'll be featuring fair trade gifts for purchase from several organizations including Global Mommas, Equal Exchange, SERRV and ViBella. The items will range from chocolate, coffee, and tea to jewelry, aprons, bibs, bows, ties, baskets, napkins, lotion, and soap! When you shop with us, not only will you find lovely, unique, and well crafted gifts - you'll also feel good knowing that your purchase supports a living wage for artisans and their families!

Many of our items, including ViBella, are ready for you to take home! We will be accepting check, cash, and credit card (ViBella only). Looking forward to seeing you at our Fair Trade Festival! Invite your friends! This is open to the public.

Global
Mamas



Hands of Hope Christmas Tree

December 1-15

Hands of Hope Resource Center provides services to people in Central Minnesota affected by sexual assault, domestic violence, child abuse, and/or general crime. For more information, go to handsofhope.net.

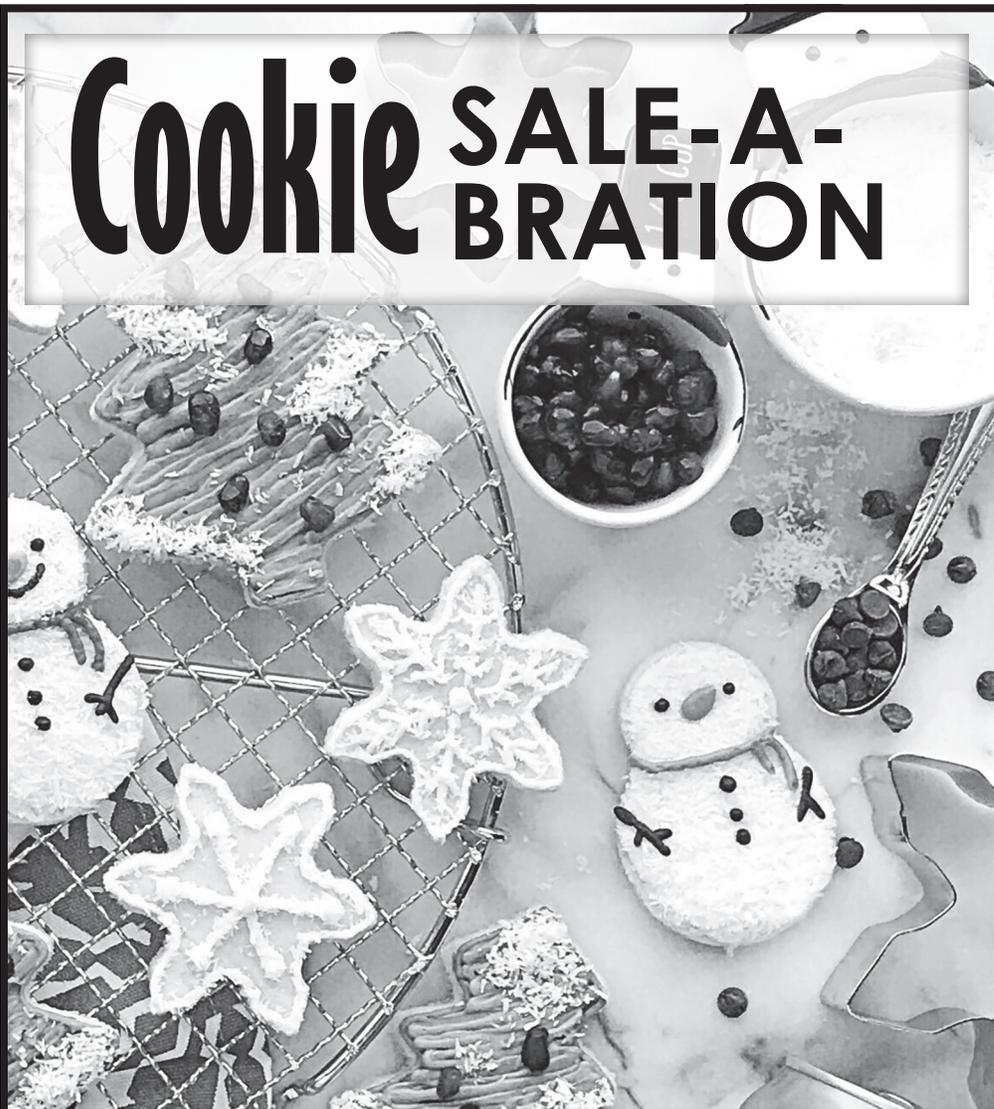
Check out the tags in the display, starting December 1. See below for early shopping ideas. All items must be returned by Sunday, December 15.

PLACE UNWRAPPED GIFTS UNDER THE TREE

- Toothpaste
- Feminine products
- Diapers (size 5 and 6)
- Girl's clothing (size 4t to 10/12)
- Sheet sets (twin, full, queen)
- Toys for all ages
- Gift cards - (example: Walmart, Holiday, Coborns, etc)
- Deodorant
- Pull-ups
- Kitchen towels
- Dish rags
- Cups
- Pillow cases



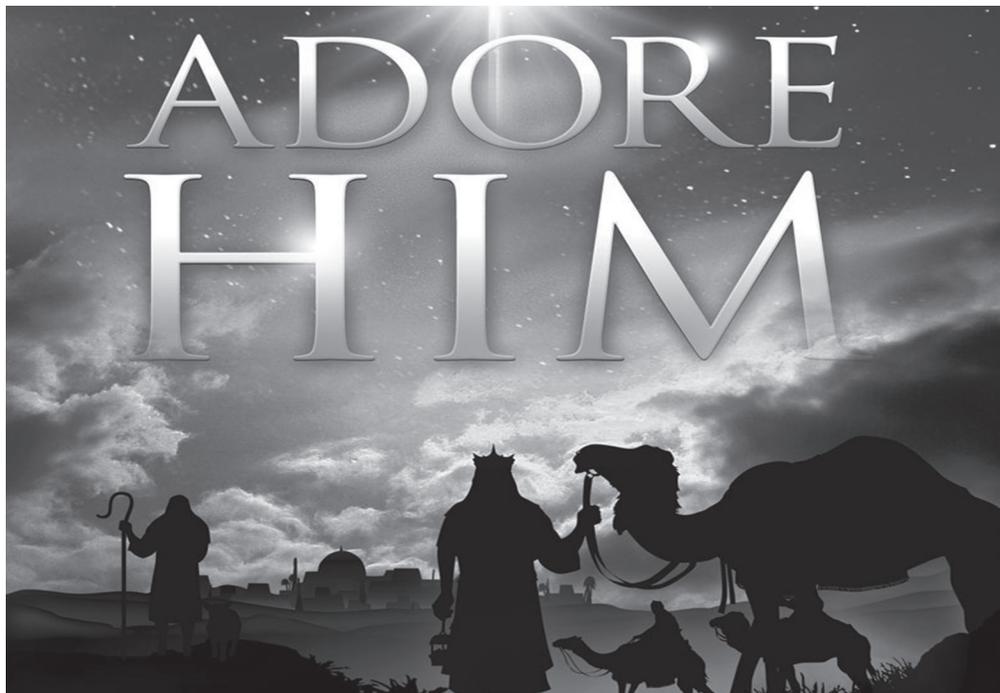
Cookie SALE-A-BRATION



Let's get serious, if you had to choose just ONE Christmas tradition – it would be the cookies – right? Of course it would. They're delicious and they bring families {and friends} together. I have some of the best memories baking with my great-grandmother in the kitchen every Christmas. You know what I love even more than just cookies? Getting to try tons of new kinds at a Christmas AND NOT BAKING! Let the Faith Formation Team bake for you. In our busy season, when we try to be the perfect hosts, we can help!

**Sunday,
December 15
11:30 a.m.
\$7 per dozen**

ADORE HIM



PLEASE JOIN US

Advent Sundays - Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 - 10:30a.m.
 Christmas Program/Youth Led Service - Dec. 15 - 10:30a.m.
 Candlelight Christmas Eve Service - Dec. 24 - 4:30p.m.
 Christmas Scripture and Songs - Dec. 29 - 10:30a.m.

(NO SUNDAY SCHOOL DECEMBER 22 AND 29)

CHECK OUT INFORMATION ISLAND TO SIGN-UP FOR WORSHIP POSITIONS

BETHLEHEM JOY



Come and watch our youth show you the meaning of Christmas!
Sunday, December 15
10:30a.m.

Remember to support our Faith Formation and purchase your cookies after worship.



Thank you so much to Mike Trettel for getting and prewashing all those potatoes! You rock!

Another huge thank you to those congregation members who no longer have children in youth group but still donated all ingredients, made up a crock pot, or a pan of bars.

Thanks to everyone who showed up to wash potatoes, prepare potatoes and food, set up, serve, clean-up, and for all your monetary donations. A big shout-out to Royal Farms for the spuds!

And thank you to the congregation and friends for supporting Spud Fest and Gethsemane's Youth Group! Our end result increased this year with the profit being a little over \$1,650. The money raised goes a long way to support the Youth Group's ministry and faith-enriching activities.

Upcoming youth events

Middle School Retreat

November 22-23 | Meet at church at 5:00 P.M.

Bethlehem Joy | December 15

Confirmation students are required to participate

Oasis Share a Meal | January 16 and March 12

Service opportunity! Serve at one or both.

Celebration

Our Pastors

T.K. Moen
J. Albert Johnson
Johan Emil Hedberg
J.S. Ryding
J.A. Gustafson
Dr. M. Peterson
P.S. Miller
Walter Lindberg
O.A. Landell
Samual Bergdahl
Hjalmer Olson
H. Albert Larson
E. Edward Tornow
J.L. Benson
Arthur M. Gustfason
Anton M. Lundeen
Raymond Johnson
David Everett
Victor Nelson
Pat Hall
Alan Bray
David Sorenson
Trisha Jorgenson
C.J. Boettcher

Lay Minister Mavis Buker

Sons of the Congregation (MEN WHO WENT ON TO BECOME PASTORS)

George Hanson
Frank Hanson
Harvey Johnson
Leland Johnson
George Schultz
Karl Lunder
Robert Lehner
Jeremy Johnson

CELEBRATING

1879-2019
140
YEARS

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

ng 140 years! 1879-2019

Gethsemane Lutheran Church timed our anniversary weekend to coincide with the annual Harvest Festival. Like farmers who appreciate what their crops have yielded, despite hail and disease, Gethsemane Lutheran has overcome many obstacles and has always persevered.

Please join us on November 17 starting at 10:30a.m. for worship, followed by a potluck and pie. Lots of memories will be shared!

A Short History

The congregation began in 1879 at a meeting held in the Andrew Johnson home. Those few Scandinavians organized the Sandvikens Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation with Pastor T. Moen conducting services only a few times each year.

A small log church was erected in 1888 or 1889 and served as Gethsemane's place of worship until 1893. In 1888, our name was changed to Gethsemane Evangelical Lutheran Church.

We soon outgrew that small church and plans were made for a new one. Pastor Magney,

a traveling missionary, who was conducting worship, donated the logs in what became known as the "white frame church".

In 1923 the white church received a facelift in the form of brick veneer. Services were still being conducted in Swedish until 1932. When Pastor Bergdahl arrived, he began offering an English-speaking worship service the first Sunday of every month.

In 1952, an addition was made to the south and west sides, which housed the chapel, two classrooms, offices for the pastor and church secretary, library, nursery, archive room, two restrooms, furnace room, and a storage area.

In 1997, our existing church was built on land west of the previous church site (which now houses a beautiful garden called the "Garden of Gethsemane"). Our altar and two stained glass windows were incorporated into the design. Many hours of hard work, sweat, and tears went into the half-million-dollar project, and on December 7, 1997, communion was served at the new church.

We would love to have 140 people here to help us celebrate our longevity as a congregation. Please help us make that goal by inviting your family and friends to celebrate with you!

This is only a small synopsis of our history. At our anniversary service, there will be books available for viewing if you would like to learn more.



Our first official church



*Our first official pastor,
Pastor T. Moen*



NOVEMBER 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
GETHESEMANE FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL Sundays, Nov. 10 and 17 from 9:00-10:15a.m. and 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. Nov. 13-15 8:30a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cash and checks only. No credit cards.	CELEBRATING 140 YEARS 1879-2019 Harvest Festival and celebrating 140 years! Sunday, November 17 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Potluck & Pie Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Harvest Festival and celebrating 140 years! Sunday, November 17 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Potluck & Pie Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Harvest Festival and celebrating 140 years! Sunday, November 17 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Potluck & Pie Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Harvest Festival and celebrating 140 years! Sunday, November 17 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Potluck & Pie Gethsemane Lutheran Church	Harvest Festival and celebrating 140 years! Sunday, November 17 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Potluck & Pie Gethsemane Lutheran Church	 NOVEMBER 3
3 NOISY OFFERING Operation Christmas Child ends - bring in your boxes! 8a Band Practice 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Faith Formation Team	4 7p Hospitality Team	5 7p Youth Leadership	6 9:30a Daily Discipleship	7 9:30a Daily Discipleship	8 5:30a Men's Bible Study 5:30a Men's Bible Study	9
10 OCC BOX BLESSING FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL Cash and Carry 8a Band Practice 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Social Ministry Team	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 FAIR TRADE FESTIVAL HARVEST FESTIVAL 140 YEAR ANNIVERSARY 8a Band Practice 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Potluck and Pie 4-7p Confirmation	18 7p Miriam Circle	19	20	21 9:30a Daily Discipleship 5:30p Ladies Night Out	22 MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING 5:30a Men's Bible Study	23 MIDDLE SCHOOL GATHERING
24 LAST SUNDAY FOR 40 DAYS FOR 40 ITEMS 8a Band Practice 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship	25	26	27	28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING OFFICE CLOSED	29 5:30a Men's Bible Study	30 ADVENT DECORATING TBD

WORSHIP MINISTRY CALENDAR

NOVEMBER	3	10	17	24
FELLOWSHIP	LOVE	FAITH	PEACE	HOPE
GREETER	DORIS LAMPERT	RANDY AND SHEILA NILSON	STEVE AND PAM SCHOON	MIKE TRETTEL
USHERS	KEN SALES FAMILY	STEVE AND PAM SCHOON	MIKE TRETTEL JAKE GUNDERSON	BRUCE AND CHRIS SALES
LAY READER	WENDY RENE	PAM SCHOON	MIKE TRETTEL	RANDY NILSON
COMM ASST**	LANDON BAGGS	ALLIE MACIEJ	BRAYDEN MACK	CORY BENGSTON
COMM ASST	RENEE MILBRANDT	GERRY BJORLO	BETH GUNDERSON	RANDY NILSON
COMM CARE	TABLE* TAMMY SALES	INTINCTION** SHEILA NILSON	TABLE* BETH GUNDERSON	INTINCTION** CHRIS SALES
SOUND TECH	ANDRE RENE	MASON BENGSTON	RANDY NILSON	CHARLIE GUNDERSON
POWER POINT	\	CORY BENGSTON	TINA GUNDERSON	JEFF BARTH
SINGERS	PRACTICE	BETH GUNDERSON DAVID BUKER	PRACTICE	SHEILA NILSON WENDY RENE

* Table - communion around altar

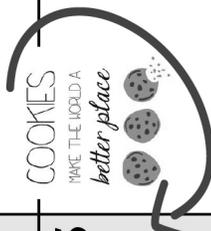
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WORSHIP BIBLE READINGS

NOVEMBER	3	10	17	24
1 Reading* <small>*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE</small>	DAN 7:1-3,15-18	JOB 19:23-27A	MAL 4:1-2A	JER 23:1-6
Psalm	PSALM 149	PSALM 17:1-9	PSALM 98	PSALM 46
2 Reading* <small>*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE</small>	EPH 1:11-23	2 THESS 2:1-5,13-17	2 THESS 3:6-13	COL 1:11-20
Gospel	LUKE 6:20-31	LUKE 20:27-38	LUKE 21:5-19	LUKE 23:33-43

Worship Ministry Servers: please plan to be at church 1/2 hour prior to worship service. If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and let office know BEFORE Thursday of that week. ****LIGHT ALTAR CANDLES**

DECEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 NOISY OFFERING HANDS OF HOPE CHRISTMAS TREE - grab your tag! 8a Band Practice 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Faith Formation Team	2 7p Hospitality Team	3 and Potluck 7p Youth Leadership	4 9:30a Daily Discipleship	5 5:30a Men's Bible Study	6	7
8 8a Band Practice 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Social Ministry Team 4-7p Confirmation	9	10 5:30Pm WELCA Cookie	11 9:30a Daily Discipleship	12 5:30a Men's Bible Study	13	14
15 8a Band Practice 9a Sunday School 10:30a Worship 11:30a Cookie Sale-a-bration CHILDREN'S PROGRAM COOKIE SALE-A-BRATION HANDS OF HOPE ENDS - get your items in!	16 	17 7p Council	18 9:30a Daily Discipleship 5:30p Women's Night Out	19 5:30a Men's Bible Study	20	21
22 8a Band Practice NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30a Worship	23  4:30p Christmas Service	24  CHRISTMAS DAY OFFICE CLOSED	25 9:30a Daily Discipleship 5:30p Men's Bible Study	26	27	28
29 8a Band Practice NO SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30a Worship	30	31				

OFFICE CLOSED
 December 25
 December 26
 January 1

WORSHIP MINISTRY CALENDAR

DECEMBER	1	8	15	22	29
FELLOWSHIP	JOY	LOVE	FAITH	PEACE	HOPE
GREETER	JEFF BARTH KARIN NELSON	JOHN AND MARLYS ATKINSON	ALLIE MACIEJ MASON BENGSTON	ROLLIE AND BEV JOHNSON	STEVE AND PAM SCHOON
USHERS	MIKE TRETTEL BRAYDEN MACK	DORIS LAMPERT LANDON BAGG	JAKE GUNDERSON JUSTIN ANDERSON	JOHN ATKINSON MIKE TRETTEL	JEFF BARTH KARIN NELSON
LAY READER	KARIN NELSON	PATTI GUNDERSON	BRAEDEN RENE	KAYLA SOBIECH	WENDY RENE
COMM ASST**	GERRY BJORLO	PAM SCHOON	JAKE GUNDERSON	KAYLA SOBIECH	BETH GUNDERSON
COMM ASST	RENEE MILBRANDT	LANDON BAGGENSTOSS	BRAYDEN MACK	ANDRE RENE	CHARLIE GUNDERSON
COMM CARE	TABLE* ANDERSON FAM	INTINCTION** LORNA LEMKE	TABLE* JUSTIN ANDERSON	INTINCTION** BENGSTON FAM	TABLE* BETH GUNDERSON
SOUND TECH	BRAEDAN RENE	RANDY NILSON	CORY BENGSTON	CHARLIE GUNDERSON	ANDRE RENE
POWER POINT	/	KAYLA SOBIECH	TINA GUNDERSON	BETH GUNDERSON	/
SINGERS	PRACTICE	DIANE ROHDE CINDY BAGGS	PRACTICE	BRAEDAN RENE KAE HOLMEN	/

WORSHIP BIBLE READINGS

DECEMBER	1	8	15	22	29
1 Reading* <small>*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE</small>	ISA 2:1-5	ISA 11:1-10	ISA 35:1-10	ISA 7:10-16	ISA 63:7-9
Psalms	PSALM 122	PSALM 72: 1-7,18-19	PSALM 146:5-10	PSALM 80: 1-7,17-19	PSALM 148
2 Reading* <small>*WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE</small>	ROM 13:11-14	ROM 15:4-13	JAMES 5:7-10	ROM 1:1-7	HEB 2:10-18
Gospel	MATT 24:36-44	MATT 3:1-12	MATT 11:2-11	MATT 1:18-25	MATT 2:13-23

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Proposed Church Council Minutes | September 17, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Randy Nilson, Rollie Johnson, Pam Schoon (arrived at 8:15p.m.), Renee Milbrandt, Mike Trettel and SAM Mavis Buker

Members Absent: Charlie Gunderson

Guest Present: Karin Nelson

The meeting was called to order 7:04 p.m. by Randy Nilson. Introduction Riley Morrison met with council members and discussed confirmation reflection questions.

SAM Mavis Buker opened the meeting with a reading from Philippians and a prayer

Minutes from August 2019 meeting – a motion was made to approve the minutes as printed by Rollie Johnson and seconded by Renee Milbrandt, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Karin Nelson presented the treasurer's report. A motion was made to send the August 2019 treasurer's report to the auditors for submission by Renee Milbrandt and seconded by Rollie Johnson, motion carried.

MINISTRY REPORT – SAM Mavis is continuing with regular worship planning and sermon preparation. I have regularly attended the Thursday morning bible studies, continued communion visits to home-bound members, breakfast at the Community Center. I met with Faith formation team and planned Rally Day, confirmation. Met with Beth Gunderson regarding sanctuary enhancement and am busy planning with Pam Schoon on our Safe

Boundaries class coming up on Wednesday. At the beginning of the month, David and I held a confirmation orientation meeting for all confirmation students and their parents and was well received.

TEAM REPORTS

Faith Formation Team: The Faith Formation Team met September 1, 2019, after church. Tina Gunderson, Mavis Buker, Laurie Anderson, Pam Schoon, and Tammy Sales.

The meeting opened with prayer.

1. Rally Sunday update:

- Flashlight keychains will be handed out to put on backpacks.
- Bibles will be handed out to 3rd and 7th graders during church
- During the Opening, several things will be explained: Offering will be taken in the classrooms every week. Once a month, the offering will be given for the noisy offering during church. The Mystery sermon will be done once a month as well with the Gospel lesson being worked into what is brought somehow. The lesson will be put in the Mystery Sermon book and a parent reminder will be given. Teachers will explain the Mystery Sermon/Gospel lesson in class as well as an announcement made during church explaining it.

2. The Christmas program will be December 15, 2019, during church. The Cookie Celebration will, once again, be held after church. Some shepherd costumes may be needed for the program.

3. Confirmation plans were finalized for the year.

4. The following Sundays we will be holding Sunday School: MEA weekend and Thanksgiving Sunday. No Sunday School December 22 and 29, and April 12. The last day of Sunday School will be May 17, 2020.

The next Faith Formation meeting will be October 6, 2019, after church.

Hospitality Team: No report this month

Property Team: No report this month

Social Ministry Team: Social Ministry Team met on Sunday, September 15, after church. Tina Gunderson, Michael Trettel, Beth Gunderson, Jacob Gunderson and Braedan Rene were present. Update on school kits, Operation Christmas Child starts the beginning of October. We are meeting October 2 to put together the boxes for Sunday, October 6. We talked about the upcoming events.

Stewardship Team: No report this month

Worship and Music Team: No report this month

Youth Leadership Team: The Youth Leadership informally met on September 2, 2019, with Renee and Laurie in attendance.

Plans were finalized for the menu and the supplies needed list for Spud Fest. At the Parent Confirmation meeting we gave the parents an invite to attend our meetings and reminded them that they are all part of the youth group. We also passed around the food

supply list for Spud Fest so the parents could sign up for the items they would like to donate.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Front Air conditioner – Charlie Gunderson received two quotes, one from Opatz Heating, Holdingford and one from Long Prairie Heating to replace the air conditioner in the front. A motion from Pam Schoon was made to accept the bid from Long Prairie Heating for a total of \$4911.56 and seconded by Rollie Johnson, motion carried.

Mold in Minister's Office – not addressed.

Playground – this will be worked on and Charlie Gunderson will get a materials list, plans are to remove the old one and build a new one.

NEW BUSINESS

Computers – the worship and office computers have been replaced due to unforeseen circumstances. Tina will look at replacing the other two before the end of the year.

OTHER BUSINESS – none

Randy Nilson led the council in closing prayer's and the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Trettel, church council secretary

Proposed Church Council Minutes | October 15, 2019 | 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Randy Nilson, Rollie Johnson, Pam Schoon, Renee Milbrandt,

Charlie Gunderson, Mike Trettel and SAM Mavis Buker

Guest present: Karin Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Randy Nilson

SAM Mavis Buker opened the meeting with Psalm 46:10 and encouraged us to remember: Be still and know that I am God.

Minutes from the September 2019 meeting- a motion was made to approve the minutes as printed by Rollie Johnson and seconded by Pam Schoon, motion carried.

TREASURES REPORT – Karin Nelson presented the treasures report. A motion was made to send the September 2019 treasures report to the auditors for submission by Charlie Gunderson and seconded by Renee Milbrandt.

MINISTRY REPORT- Her first priority continues to be weekly worship and sermon preparation. She continues to meet with the Thursday Bible study group. The Safe Boundaries class, held on Sept. 18 and Rally Sunday held on Sept 15 went very well. Riley Morrison will be confirmed on Sunday Oct 27. She also continues visits with Mel Ehrenberg.

TEAM REPORTS

Social Ministry Team-No report this month

Faith Formation Team- No report this month

Youth Leadership Team- Met on Oct, 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. With Renee and Wendy in attendance. They finalized the Spud Fest dinner; Middle school gathering will be held in

November and did some brain storming for a Christmas party. Wendy, Braeden, Jodi, Riley, Cindy, Landon, Levi and Lara attended Kids Fighting Hunger on Sept 19.

Next meeting: November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Wordship and Music Team- No report this month

Property Team-No report this month

Stewardship Team- No report this month

Hospitality Team- No report this month.

OLD UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Charlie has contacted Long Prairie Heating about the air conditioner and informed them to installed the air conditioner as should as possible, they will also update the furnace as part of the contract. Charlie has also put together a materials list for the rebuilding of the playground set and will contact people to help remove the old one and assemble the new one.

Dennis Langer has been contacted to remove the stump at the parsonage.

NEW BUSINESS

Kevin Lampert has been contacted to do snow removal for the church parking lot.

Randy Nilson led the council in a closing prayer and the Lord's prayer.

Meeting adjourned at: 7:58 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Trettel-church council secretary



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