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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Cyd Mark- Education/ Worship
Tom Sasse - Worship
Matt Stinson -Stewardship
Mary Weberg - Christian Action
Mark Jaeger - Property

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour
10:45 a.m. Sunday School (*Sept- May*)

Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Reset Wednesday
5:00 p.m. Dinner served in fellowship hall
5:30 p.m. Worship in the fellowship hall
6:00 p.m. Church School

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Worship in the Norelius Chapel

PRAYER REQUESTS

Call the church office at 651.388.9311 or e-mail your prayer requests to office@firstlutheranrw.com. If you want a pastoral visit or would like to be included on the prayer list or prayer chain, please call the church office or Pat Swanson, 651-388-7032.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Kaitlynn Kukuska, Crystal Swanson, Marcia Krause, J e n n y Edmonds, Donna Prescher, Theresa Nash, Bob Swanson, Lorrie Anderson, Joann Hosking, Janet Larson, Gerald Lein, Beverly Lein, Horst Radtke, Carol Peterson, John Bonde, John Heinsch, Kandis Mendez, Juventino Mendez, Adair Palmatier, DJ and Dennis Johnson, Eleanor Peterson, Abby Ritter, Bob Weir, Dave Erickson, Melinda Helmer, Carl Meyer, Diane C. Dan Jones, Beth Holak, Mary Charbonneau, Ed Santelman. Betty and Ann O'Brian

FROM THE PASTOR

FIRST THOUGHTS

WHAT ARE YOU PLANTING?

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. Galatians 6:7-10 Nrvv

What are you planting? We live in Minnesota so it's not time to start planting unless you have a green house or something like that. Of course Paul is not talking about gardening. Paul is talking about where you put your time, your talents, your efforts, where your passion is, your heart is. This can pertain to our family, work, hobbies, recreation or other pursuits. What we plant or sow is what we will see our harvest. So, what do you want to plant?

A few years back there was this man that died. He didn't have any family but he was devoted to his church so he left all his worldly possessions to his church. No one knew but he had a passion for collecting matchbox cars. He had collected thousands of them. That was his harvest. So, what do you want to harvest?

In a Baccalaureate sermon I heard this preacher ask the graduates what do they want to do with their life. He asked, what do you want at the end of your life? Do you want trophies or testimonies? Trophies would be personal achievements. Testimonies would be how you touched the lives of other people: family, friends, neighbors, strangers, widows and orphans. In other words, what you planted for your community, for the world.

Paul's encouragement is for us to do what is good and right especially for our family of faith. Come to think of it, it's not too early to plant in Minnesota.

God bless you,

Pastor Art



WHAT DOES A PASTOR DO?

Some people have been curious about what I do. Below is a listing of the activities I reported to council this year.

Worship: Weddings, Funerals and baptisms.
Services: rESET WEDNESDAY, Wednesday nite, Saturdays & Sundays. Community Worship: Red Wing Health Center, Jordan Towers. Special services: Healing, Lent, Thanksgiving, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter & Christmas eve.

Visitation: Home bound (eucharistic ministers do monthly communion and notify me of people requesting and or needing a visit), Hospital. New members, people that drop by the office, I also visit people who request visits.

Messages: Saturday & Sunday sermons; Wednesday (geared toward youth and young families: skits etc...), Weekly eDevotions for the Wednesday eNewsletters & Monthly Spire Devotions/article

Classes: Baptism class, Boundaries workshop (Sexual abuse class required every 3 yrs), Confirmation, Pre-marriage, Spiritual Direction group, Stewardship for all seasons,

Meetings: Church council, Executive

Annual mtg, Boy Scouts, Cannon River conference, Choir, Churches around the park, County Health and Human services, Executive comm., Eucharistic minister mtg, Funeral arrangements, Finance Committee, Insurance adjustor, Meeting with St. Pauls, Men's bible study, Mentoring, Merger meetings, Personnel comm., Personnel reviews, Police, Quarterly chat, RW Ministerium, Staff, Team mtgs (Christian action, Education & Youth, Making connections, Stewardship, Worship & music), Text study, Treasurer job interviews, Wednesday music team practice. Misc

Events: Crop walk, Embezzlement, "Make it ok" (Mental health awareness), Pastor's Habitat day, Synod Assembly, Synod "Renew" conference, Theological conference

66	Essential	Readings
2/1	1 Kings 6	Solomon builds Temple
2/2	1 Kings 7	Solomon's palace
2/3	1 Kings 8	Temple dedication
2/4	1 Kings 9	God appears to Solomon again
2/5	1 Kings 10	Queen of Sheba
2/6	1 Kings 11	Solomon's errors
2/7	1 Kings 17	Elijah Predicts Drought
2/8	1 Kings 18	Elijah's to Ahab
2/9	1 King 19	Elijah flees Jezebel
2/10	Sunday	
2/11	2 Kings 2	Elijah to Heaven
2/12	2 Kings 4	Elisha/Widows Oil
2/13	2 Kings 5	Healing of Naaman
2/14	2 Kings 17	Israel captive to Assyria
2/15	2 Kings 23:36-24:20	Jehoiakim
2/16	2 Kings 25	Judah falls / captive
2/17	Sunday	
2/18	Isaiah 40	God's people comforted
2/19	Jeremiah 31	Return of the Exiles
2/20	Ezra 1	End of Captivity
2/21	Ezra 3	Worship restored in Jerusalem
2/22	Ezra 4	Resistance to Rebuilding
2/23	Ezra 5	Restoration resumed
2/24	Sunday	
2/25	Ezra 6	Darius Decree
2/26	Ezra 7	Work of Ezra
2/27	Ezra 9	Mixed marriage
2/28	Ezra 10	People's response

Waffle Breakfast is coming up on February 10! Tickets are now available, this is a fundraiser for the roof fund.

Join us following worship February 3rd for birthday cake in honor of Norma Swingdorf's 90th birthday!

Ash Wednesday March 6th the Youth will be serving a soup/bread lunch following the 11am worship service and dinner starting at 5:30 before the 6:30 worship service.

All funds raised from these meals will support our students participating in camp and summer mission work.

YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO "Healing
Hearts" Brunch
Special Feature: Connie of Luya Shoes
Speaker: Arleen Gabrielson of
Cambridge, MN
will talk about a "Sister's Gift" - Hope
and
Healing for a Broken Heart. Monday,
February 11, 2019 10:30 - Noon -
Laurentine Room - St. James Hotel.
Please note New Price \$17.00 inclusive
rwrvcwc@yahoo.com or call Barb Kolby
at 651-212-6503 by February 7th

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Minutes 1/15/19

Members Present - John Laidlaw, Mary Weberg, Wendy Erickson, Matt Stinson, Joe Rice, Cyd Mark, Tom Sasse, Roy Harley, Cathy Emery, Aly Kloeckner
Staff Present - Pastor Arte, Tina, Gina

Call to order by President Kathy Emery at 6:33PM

Devotions - Kathy Emery

Secretary's Report - Matt Moved to approve the secretary's report, Wendy Seconded, motion carries

Treasurer's Report - Joe moved to approve the treasurer's report, Matt seconded, motion carries

Budget Talk - Aly moved to approve the consolidated fund activity report for the annual meeting with the following amendments to the report: remove the lines "Building Fund Chkg Balance" and Building Gift Chkg" due to them being "pass through" accounts and add the up to date roof fund information to the page. Matt seconded, motion carries.

Wendy moved to accept the finance committee's recommendation to pay the benevolence to meet our budgeted obligations for the 2018 budget, John second, motion carries.

Pastor Arte moved to accept the Draft 3 Amended budget (white budget) for the annual meeting. John seconded, motion carries

Staff Reports

- Pastor Arte
- Tina
- Marilee
- Matt moved to approve staff reports, Tom seconded, motion carries

Ministry

Team Reports

- Worship and Music
- Christmas Services - 10pm has a dwindling attendance - amount of attendees equals the choir/ushers etc. 3PM and 4:30PM were well attended. 4:30 can be hard to attend if you had to work all day yet, and 10 was really late. We should discuss this next fall to see if changes should be made. Could be a good quarterly chat topic.

- Vintage band concert - Marilee was contacted by a representative of a band that gets together that plays vintage instruments. They would like to have a concert with a free will offering here at the church. Thursday of River City days weekend. Wendy moved to allow them to have

the concert here - Cyd seconded, motion carries

- Property

o Day Care Contract - This was approved and finalized

o We passed the re- inspection by the fire inspector after making the necessary changes o Looking into the need to inspect the fire sprinkler heads

o PestStop is doing snow removal when more than 1/2in of accumulation occurs

o Getting second bid on the repair of the stairway into the old food shelf entrance.

o Looking into cost savings/effectiveness of replacing the church lights with LED bulbs

- Life and Growth - no report

- Education - VBS for 2019 is a go with United Lutheran, Tina is reaching out to St. Pauls to see if they would

like to join us again this year. Palm Sunday and Ash Wednesday the youth will do a supper or meal of some sort as a fundraiser. Camp Wapo registration opened today.

- Youth - see Tina's report

- Christian Action - Christmas project went good. Habitat for Humanity is looking for help writing thank you notes.

- Stewardship - 125 pledge cards back, with pledged giving of 302,632. This is on par with previous years. Starting to look into the garage sale (first weekend of May) but no firm plans yet

- Personnel - Staff evaluations will be coming up
Old Business

- Emergency Preparedness Committee - Was not able to meet. Joe met with the fire department and Tony Grosso and will go through the building shortly but need to have a committee meeting first. There are some options available - formal and informal training. General documents that can be filled in etc.

- Audit Committee - is now full

- Nominating Committee - just need one more for 2020!

- Bells of the Bluffs Contract for 2019 - has been finalized now.

New Business

- Youth Policy - rough draft will be sent out to council for review

- Insurance Policy - We need Musty Barnhart to go

through this with us - it is way over our heads. Pastor will call down to Musty and get an appointment set up.

Any other business?

- Thank you was read from Tina
 - We will participate in Lent with churches around the park. We are not hosting this year but Pastor will be preaching at one of the churches. Good Friday - the noon service will be here.

Agenda for Annual Meeting - congregations can put forth nominees for the bishop - make sure this ends up on the agenda.

Budget meeting this Sunday following service. Annual meeting is on the 27th. Adjourned at 7:55PM
 Respectfully submitted,
 Aly Kloeckner, Council Secretary

Budget Meeting Minutes - 1/20/19
 Pastor Arte called the meeting to order at 10:40AM with prayer. Matt Stinson explained the proposed budget.
 Points to look at:

-Increase in the general donations line - we believe this is a more accurate reflection of the income based on the last 5 years of income.

-The roof fund giving is not included in this - that is being accounted for separately

Expenses:

-All Wednesday night music expenses have been cut.
 ■ Question: why is this getting cut? Answer - at this time there is not a need. If there becomes a need it will get added back into the budget. This team uses resources from other music budget lines.

- \$750 increase in the worship music line - this is to pay for accompaniment for the choir.

- Many of the committees decided to make small cuts to their budgets.

Insurance Line Item:

-While this looks like a large increase - this is simply an adjustment to accurately reflect the insurance costs to the congregation. This number was inaccurate in previous budgets.

Comment was made regarding volunteering - it is important to volunteer your time to help the church.

Meeting adjourned

December 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR December 2018				
Thank you for your tithes and offerings				
OPERATING INCOME	Dec Actual	Budgeted Dec	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Fund Pledges	38,786	31,837	398,769	382,000
Mission Support	50	38	390	500
Other Income	12,634	8,208	63,002	57,350
Total Income	51,469	40,083	462,160	439,850
OPERATING EXPENSES	Dec Actual	Budgeted Dec	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
General Operating Expenses	40,757	36,401	434,078	442,969
ELCA Benevolence	-	2,163	23,003	26,000
Other Outside Giving	893	1,323	15,509	15,890
Total Expenses	41,650	39,887	472,591	484,859
Income vs. Expenses	\$9,818.97	\$196.00	-\$10,430.65	-\$45,009.00
Beginning Cash Balance (1/1/18)	\$ 113,723.84			
Ending Cash Balance (12/31/18)	\$ 144,651.19			

FEBRUARY "JOY IN DOING"

COMMUNION

3 Carol Smith, Gloria Solsaa, Janet Erickson
10 Mary Weberg, John & Julie Laidlaw
17 Jean Fjelstad, Kelly Kolby, Linda Seivert
24 Kris Ubbelohde, Mike Sorenson, Wendy Ehlers

LECTOR

3 Bill Raw
10 Kathleen Olson
17 Cheri Roberts
24 Cheryl Sasse

GREETERS

3 Bill & Barb Raw
10 Mary Weberg
17 Craig and Marlene Anderson
24 Muph and Lois Berg

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

3 Doris & George Van Norman
10 Waffle Breakfast
17 Al & Carol Smith
24 Charles & Carol Charbonneau

SATURDAY ASSISTANT

2 Penny Oleson
9 Cheri Roberts
16 Jean and Larry Wiederich
23 Tricia Harris

ACOLYTE AND CLEAN-UP

3 Jackson Odman and family
10 Hayden Almsted and family
17 Eli Caves and family
24 Bryley Miller and family

TREATS

3 Doris & George Van Norman, Candis Fleck, Jim Halvorson, Mike Heller
10 Waffle Breakfast
17 Arlan and Phyllis Johnson, Dale & Linda Kinneman, Al & Carol Smith, Bonnie Kubik
24 Charles & Carol Charbonneau, Bunny Kulstad, John & Julie Laidlaw, Patricia Landers

BREW CREW

3 Charles and Carol Charbonneau
10 Clark and Jean Fjelsted
17 Dwight and Arlene Gustafson
24 Nils and Ellis Fauchald

WEDNESDAY SERVERS AND CLEAN-UP

6 Sheanagh Reishel and family
13 Cameron Schlichting and family
20 Ryan Strusz and family
27 Ella Benson and family

USHERS

Wendy Ehlers (Chair)
Murph and Lois Berg
Bill Habedank
Morris Jung
Jan Larson
Larry Peterson
Michael Sorenson
Peter and Peggy Sorenson
Mary Weberg
Gisela Witgert

Thank You

Your donation is Greatly appreciated.
Together we can make a difference in the
lives of youth!
-all of us at Red Wing Youth Outreach

First Lutheran Church,
Just taking a minute to say thank you
for remembering me with the beautiful
Poinsettia and card for Christmas.
Warm Regards,
Jean Lynner

FEBRUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
3 9:30am Worship Eucharistic Ministers 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	4 3:30pm Piano lessons 5:00pm Learning Circle Board Meeting 6:00pm Cub Scouts - Blue and Gold Banquet 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32	5 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 4:00pm Property team 4:30pm Praise team 5:00pm Executive 7:00pm Team Meetings	6 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 7:00pm Choir	7 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	8	9 5:30 pm Worship Music – Sue Heller
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17 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School 6:00pm Women and Wine - fellowship hall	18 3:30pm Piano lessons 6:30pm Girl Scouts 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32 7:00pm Cub Scout Den Meeting	19 11:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Text Study 2:00pm Mindfulness 3:30pm Piano lessons 7:00pm Eve	20 8:30am Men's Bible Study 9:30am Martha 10:00am Mary 12:00pm Reset 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 7:00pm Choir	21 1:00pm Red Cross Blood Drive 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	22 11:00am Red Cross Blood Drive 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	23 5:30 pm Worship Music – Becky Swanson
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