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Wendy Erickson - Life and Growth
John Laidlaw - Stewardship/Education
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

Congregational meeting January 20 following worship to discuss the budget for the upcoming year. The Annual Meeting will be the following week on January 27.

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, Sheryl Jablonski Krause, Carol Peterson, John Bonde, Carol Merckling, John Heinsch, Kandis Mendez, Juventino Mendez, Adair Palmatier, DJ and Dennis Johnson, Eleanor Peterson, Abby Ritter, Bob Weir, Lois Ziller, Dave Erickson, Arlan Johnson, Melinda Helmer, Carl Meyer, Diane C.

FROM THE PASTOR

FIRST THOUGHTS

The Glorious New Creation

*For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;*

*the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.*

*But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;*

*for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.*

Isaiah 65:17-18 NRSV

A new year is upon us. Why can't we look at it as a "Glorious New Creation". 2019 will be a glorious new year. When God sent this word to the prophet Isaiah to proclaim to his people he probably wasn't thinking 2019. However, why can't it be a word for us today.?

It has become a tradition to make resolutions for the new year. Resolve to do more of this and less of that. Some people really get into resolutions and some hate it. We know that many resolutions fail pretty quickly but at least people are making efforts to change the things about their life they feel need changing.

I think we should at least resolve to look at 2019 as an opportunity, given to us by God. In 2019, think of yourself as a joy and a delight to God. Fill yourself with that thought, let it saturate your whole being. Filled with God's joy and delight, be an instrument of joy and delight to the world around you. Help others to know that they are a joy and delight to you.

Have you heard of the school "Kindness" project? The idea is to spread kindness to other people in their school. It is making such a big difference in the atmosphere of their school.

Why can't we do a "Joy and delight" project to make a difference in the world around us. It seems like a great way to start this new year.

Have a great year. Know that you bring me joy and delight to be a part of First Lutheran Church.

Happy New Year,
Pastor Arto

60 ESSENTIAL READINGS

1/1	1 Samuel 1	Birth & dedication
1/2	1 Samuel 2	Hannah's prayer
1/3	1 Samuel 3	Samuel's calling
1/4	1 Samuel 4	Ark of God Captured
1/5	1 Samuel 5	Philistines & the Ark
1/6	Sunday	
1/7	1 Samuel 6	Ark Returned to Israel
1/8	1 Samuel 7	Samuel as Judge
1/9	1 Samuel 8	Israel Demands King
1/10	1 Samuel 9	Saul Chosen King
1/11	1 Samuel 10	Saul
1/12	1 Samuel 11	Saul Defeats Ammonites
1/13	Sunday	
1/14	1 Samuel 12	Samuel's Farewell
1/15	1 Samuel 13	Unlawful Sacrifice
1/16	1 Samuel 14	Jonathan
1/17	1 Samuel 15	Saul Defeats Amalekites
1/18	1 Samuel 16	Samuel Anoints David
1/19	1 Samuel 17	David and Goliath
1/20	Sunday	
1/21	1 Samuel 18	Jonathan's Covenant with David
1/22	1 Samuel 19	Jonathan Intercedes
1/23	1 Samuel 20	David & Jonathan
1/24	2 Samuel 11	David and Bathsheba
1/25	2 Samuel 12	Nathan and David
1/26	1 Kings 1	Struggle for the Succession
1/27	Sunday	
1/28	1 Kings 2	David's Instruction to Solomon
1/29	1 Kings 3	Solomon's Prayer
1/30	1 Kings 4	Solomon's Officers
1/31	1 Kings 5	Temple preparations

FUNERALS

Our sympathy and prayers go out to those mourning the loss of a loved one.

Harold Hilan, who died December 15, 2018. A funeral service will be held at First Lutheran Church, January 12th. Visitation at 10:00 AM. Funeral at 11:00AM

GriefShare is a nondenominational seminar/grief support group that is facilitated by leaders who have lost loved ones of their own. Our next session will begin on Monday, January 14, 2019 at First Covenant Church in Red Wing. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 P.M. For more information call Suzy at 507-398-3729, Susan at 651-388-4109 or griefshare.org

Before the Annual Meeting in January, we need one more Council Member, Two more people for an Auditing Committee of three members, and six volunteers for our Nominating Committee. Please consider prayerfully which of these might be a good fit for your service to First Lutheran Church.

Life can get crazy. We can lose our way very quickly when we leave the building after worship. Why not reset and refocus yourself on Jesus and his mission in the middle of the week. Starting in October we are going to meet on Wednesday's at noon. We will start with some "Mindful movements". These are slow stretching movements, easily adaptable for anyone. The idea is to be mindful of your body. Next we will spend some time in silent prayer followed by a pray walk around the block, praying for our community and the world. Again you can adapt to your own situation. This will take @ 30 minutes. People can remain after if they wish to discuss the experience or anything else. This will be non political, very ecumenical and welcoming since we won't be talking about any doctrine. We won't be talking. The hope is that this will help us to focus on Jesus and his mission.



Directories are here!

Pick one up at the information desk.

Thank You

Greetings to all at First Lutheran who helped get the fellowship room ready for the RC Blood Drive. Thank you for allowing the Red Cross to use your space; we are blessed and grateful! See you in February
Sincerely,
Sandy Luhman

Thank you so much for your donation to Red Wing Youth Outreach! Your thoughtfulness is a gift we will always treasure! You are helping us make a difference in the lives of youth! Thank you from all of us here at Red Wing Youth Outreach!

Thanks much for the flowers, cookies and visits by Martha Circle. Happy New Year from Betty Anderson

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

First Lutheran Church Minutes 12/11/18

Members Present: Kathy Emery, John Laidlaw, Wendy Erickson, Mary Weberg, Joe Rice, Mark Jaeger, Cyd Mark, Aly Kloeckner, Matt Stinson, Roy Harley

Staff Present: Pastor Arte, Tina, Gina

Call to order by Kathy Emery at 6:30PM

Devotions - Mary Weberg

Approval of Agenda, Matt moved to approve the agenda,, Joe Seconded, motion carries

Secretary's Report, Cyd moved to approve the secretary's report, John seconded, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

We broke even for November

We hired Gina and she has started training with Tina. She will be in on Tuesday Afternoons after 2:30/3PM All year end donations must be postmarked before December 31st.

Joe moved to approve the Financial report and check register, Matt seconded, motion carries

Wendy moved to designate the December and January Thrivent Choice dollars to the roof fund, Mary seconded, motion carries.

Property/Finance discussion - The Fire Marshal's inspection told us that the exit doors in old food shelf area need "panic bars"

The finance team recommended we use the MPlus Building Fund Reserve to pay this bill.

Joe moved to accept finance recommendation and the bid from Red Wing Glass, Cyd seconded the motion. Aly moved to amend the previously stated motion to strike the words "bid from Red Wing Glass" from the original motion, amendment carries - The new motion reads as: Accept the finance team's recommendation to use the Mplus building fund reserve to pay the bill for the panic bars. Motion carries

Day Care Contract - it is a 3 year contract with a 3% increase per year. The contract includes the increased number of rooms they have been using. The question was asked: should this be a 3 or 5 year lease? Matt recommends 3 year due to turnover of council and that there be some sort of continuity. Wendy moved to approve the contract as written for 3 years, Matt seconded, motion carries

Staff Reports

Pastor Arte - Wendy moves to designate \$30,000 of Pastor Arte's salary for 2019 for housing, Matt

seconded, motion carries

Tina

Marilee

Ministry Team Reports

Worship and Music - A cappella service seemed to go well, country western service might be something different to consider, ushers are set for the upcoming holiday season - however they may need some help for the 10 pm service

Property - Hove Lawncare service folded - pestop has agreed to help us out for the year for snow removal. We have requested to sit down with an agent to do the paperwork for the insurance policy.

Life and Growth - email lists they were using to collect updated information did not seem right - will need a new report for collecting email addresses

Education - spent time putting together the annual report, Dave Hill - Make it Ok talk went well. Doing mission within the community this year.

Youth - worked on annual report, Kid's attendance on wednesday nights is really impressive.

Christian Action - December 18th to check in the gifts, and the 22 is distribution day. Red Wing High School foodshelf is something we might want to support, Red Wing Youth Outreach is in need of hygiene products for the youth they work with

Stewardship - Give to the max day was a success, 2,280 was raised - we did not get any of the drawings, however we are considering this a success for year one. Pledges are at: 295,291.00 as of last week and that is 119 pledges.

Personnel - The employee handbook was updated and all employees have received it. Staff reviews are coming up. We hired Gina.

Old Business

Emergency Preparedness Committee - preliminary Meeting on the 20th at 7pm

Audit Committee -

New Business

Bells of the Bluffs Contract - gave it to Marilee to update, just need to get it back now for approval.

Hope Coalition - was housed up at the old hospital, they are now split between the Episcopal Church and United Lutheran for office space. They do not have any parking. They have requested to park a Van and Minivan in our parking lot - Aly moved to accept their request, Matt seconded the motion, motion

carries.

Any other business?

Staff Gifts - Wendy will take care of these this year.

Meeting dates for January are: 8th is committees and council is 15th. - Wendy will provide treats and devotional

Adjourned at 7:58PM.

Congregational Meeting Notes

December 2, 2018

The Congregational meeting to decide on Roof Repairs was called to order by Council President Kathy Emery immediately following the Worship Service in the Narthex. The Ushers verified that there was a quorum of at least 100 voting members in attendance. A motion was made by Bernadette Galvin to have the two flat roofs that are currently having some issues with leaking repaired by Felber and Sons of Red Wing at a cost of \$25,875.00. The motion was seconded by Doris Van Norman. There was a question as to whether or not it would work this time. The roof is guaranteed for 25 years. There being no other questions, a voice vote was called. The motion passed unanimously.

Church Chat Meeting

Following the meeting there was a "Church Chat" in the Fellowship Hall to discuss the 2019 Proposed Budget. Members were asked to get any questions or suggestions to a Council Member by either this Council Meeting (December 11) or the January Meeting (January 15). A final budget will be recommended at the January 27 Annual Congregational Meeting.

Some questions about the roof repairs came up and the consensus was to have the Roof Repairs as a separate line item in the budget and encourage people to give money specifically to help pay for the repairs. There will be a need for some additional fund raising needed.

Respectively Submitted,

Kathy Emery
Secretary Pro-Tem

November 2018 FINANCIAL REPORT

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Thank you for your tithes and offerings

	Nov Actual	Budgeted Nov	YTD Actual	YTD Budgeted
OPERATING INCOME				
General Fund Pledges	43,083	31,833	359,993	350,163
Mission Support	20	42	340	462
Other Income	4,059	4,918	50,368	49,142
Total Income	47,162	36,793	410,701	399,767
OPERATING EXPENSES				
General Operating Expenses	37,971	36,443	393,265	406,568
ELCA Benevolence	6,502	2,167	23,003	23,837
Other Outside Giving	2,882	1,324	14,566	14,567
Total Expenses	47,355	39,934	430,834	444,972
Income vs. Expenses	-\$192.94	-\$3,141.00	-\$20,132.49	-\$45,205.00
Beginning Cash Balance (1/1/18)	\$ 113,723.84			
Ending Cash Balance (11/30/18)	\$ 122,615.83			

JANUARY "JOY IN DOING"

COMMUNION

6 John and Julie Laidlaw, Ellen Mackey
13 Kevin and Cyd Mark, Bunny Kulstad
20 Daryl Mark, Kathleen and David Olson
27 Cheri Roberts, Chuck and Carol Schwartau

LECTOR

6 Jennifer Lohman
13 Bunny Kulstad
20 David Olson
27 Jeff Reames

GREETERS

6 Fay and Larry Peterson
13 John and Kris Ubbelohde
20 Doris and George Van Norman
27 Jeff and Enid Reames

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

6 Chuck and Carol Schwartau
13 Kay Schwartau, Gloria Solsaa
20 Mike Sorenson, Mary Weberg
27 Jon and Kris Ubbelohde

SATURDAY ASSISTANT

5 Steve and Gwen Kohner
12 Terry Lohman
19 Gary and Darlene Longballa
26 Darrell Nelson

ACOLYTE AND CLEAN-UP

6 Mary Ellen Robertson and family
13 Justin Rice and family
20 Logan Goeman and family
27 Lewis Kinneman and family

TREATS

6 Chuck and Carol Schwartau, David and Jane Schwartau, Arlene Stromback
13 Kay Schwartau, Gloria Solsaa, Sandy Sharot, Arnold Strusz
20 Craig and Glenda Anderson, Marlene Anderson, Margaret Banks, Mitch and Chris Boldt
27 Jon and Kris Ubbelohde, Audrey Carlson, Adair Dahman, Kip Edquist

BREW CREW

6 Charles and Carol Charbonneau
13 Dick and Nancy Houghton
20 Bill and Barb Raw
27 Nils and Ellis Fauchald

WEDNESDAY SERVERS AND CLEAN-UP

2 Riley Bolland and family
9 Jackson Fleming and family
16 Izzy Goeman and family
23 Kaleb Hove and family

USHERS

Colin Graves (Chair)
Michael and Sue Heller
Bob and Bonnie Kubik
Todd, Trina, and Andrew Petterson
Bill & Barb Raw
Ed & Rae Santelman
Jon and Kris Ubbelohde

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 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	3 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	4	5 5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
6 9:30am Worship Eucharistic Ministers 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Church School	7 3:30pm Piano lessons 6:00pm Cub Scouts - Lions 7:00pm Boy Scouts troop 32	8 10:00am Hospice 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 Meetings 7:00pm Team Meetings	9 8:30am Men's Bible Study 12:00pm Reset 1:00pm Quilting 4:15pm Kid's Rock 5:00pm Dinner 5:30pm Worship 5:45pm Joy Ringers 6pm Church School 7:00pm Choir	10 5:00pm Bells of the Bluffs	11	12 10:00am Visitation 11:00am Harold Hilan Funeral 5:30 pm Worship Music – Jean Fjelsted
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