
John 3:16



For God so LOVED
the WORLD!

February We Are Called. God's Work. Our Hands. God's Family. 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Pastor Scott's Day Off	2 Presentation of Our Lord 7 P: Parish Council Mtg at SMG	3 6:30 P: CC	4 NO SMG WELCA Mtg.	5	6 Bring soup for "SOUP"ER Bowl tomorrow!
7 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 8:30 A: OS w/HC 9:00 A: SMG ABC 10:30 A: SMG w/HC	8 Pastor Scott's Day Off	9 9:30 A: Mona BS, H: Karen	10 6:30 P: CC	11 7 P: Mona w/HC	12	13
14 Transfiguration of Our Lord 8:30 A: OS w/HC 9:00 A: SMG ABC 10:30 A: SMG Happy Valentine's Day!	15 President's Day Pastor Scott's Day Off 7:30 P: Naomi Circle, H: Diane K, L: Kathy H	16 7 P: Mona Council Mtg	17 Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes 7 P: OS	18 7 P: Mona	19	20
21 1st Sunday in Lent 8:30 A: OS 9:00 A: SMG ABC 9:30 S: F at Mona 10:30 A: SMG* 10:30 A: Mona	22 Pastor Scott's Day Off No Mona LL	23	24 Lenten Services 7 P: SMG	25 MARCH S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	26 March Newsletter Deadline Pastor Scott Meyer C# 507/319-0715 scottmeyer39@hotmail.com	27 Wanda Hanson, Office Sec H# 641/326-2392 O# 507/325-2437 C# 515/290-0936 wahaca04@hotmail.com

o Youth Event
1:00 Snow Tubing

o Youth Event @
SMG

HC=Holy Communion SS=Sunday School ABC=Adult Bible Class BS=Bible Study CC=Confirmation Class F=Fellowship OS=Our Savior's
Notes: Mona LL - Remember your Secret Prayer Pals

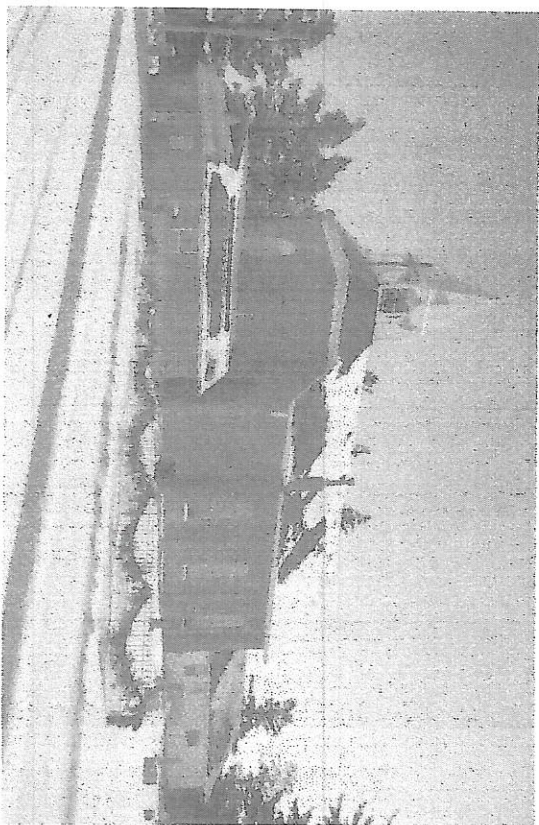
Bring soup (can/pkg) on Sunday, Feb 7th for "SOUP"er Bowl Sunday

*These services will be led by a lay member or a hired Pastor, or it will be a Bible Study.

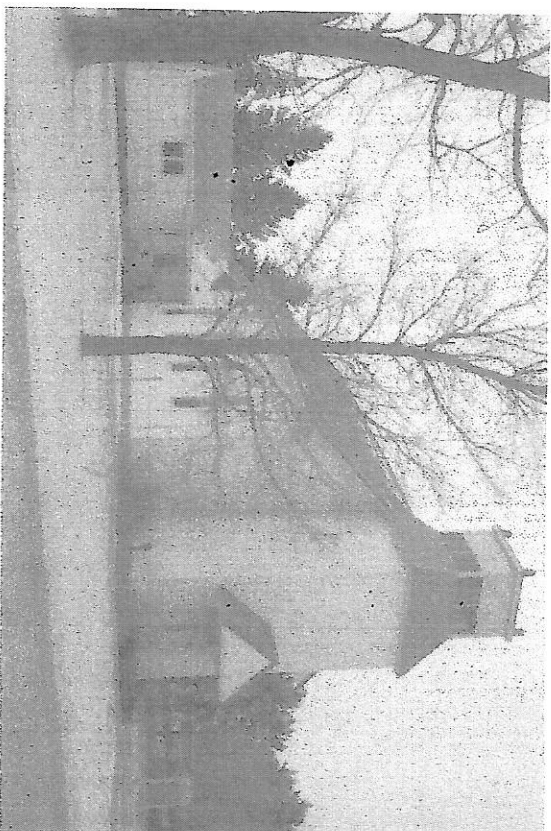
o Meet @ SMG @ 1:00 for Youth Group Activity on Feb 21st
o Valentine Craft @ SMG during worship

T.L.P. In Touch

Trinity Lutheran Parish Monthly Newsletter: Mona & Six Mile Grove Lutheran Churches



What is our Vision?



~ YOUTH ~

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SMG - Sunday, Feb 14th Valentine craft during worship.

MONA - Watch and listen.

CONFIRMATION => Wednesday's at 6:30 PM at Our Savior's.

Exception during Lent, then they will be expected to attend worship.

Feb 17, Our Savior's at 9 pm and Feb 24, SMG at 9 pm.

KJCY Radio 95.5 FM or KJLY 88.5 FM

<http://www.kjcy.com>

7:20 am

Bible Quiz (M-F)

6:00 pm

Adventures in Odyssey (M-F)

8:00-10:30 am

Kid's Club (Sat).

Youth Events:

> Feb 21, 2021 Meet at SMG to go Snow Tubing and a Bible Study. All youth in our community from grades 7 and up are invited. Please call or text Stephanie Riles to reserve your spot by Feb 7th. This is a FREE event. Stephanie's #507-440-7851.

> 2022 Youth Trip to Noah's Ark in Kentucky

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. *Where?*

Down in my heart, Down in my heart

I have the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart. *Where?*

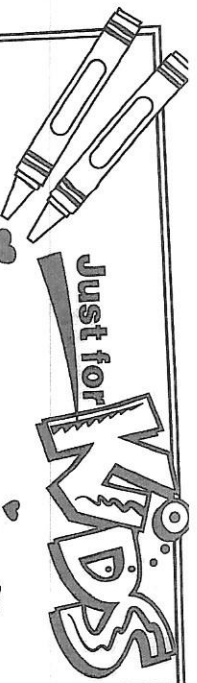
Down in my heart to stay!

I have the love of Jesus love of Jesus. *Where?*

Down in my heart, Down in my heart

I have the love of Jesus love of Jesus. *Where?*

Down in my heart to stay!



ive a heart

a way to show love is to do something for someone else. Life 10:27 tells to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

Use these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.

What you need:

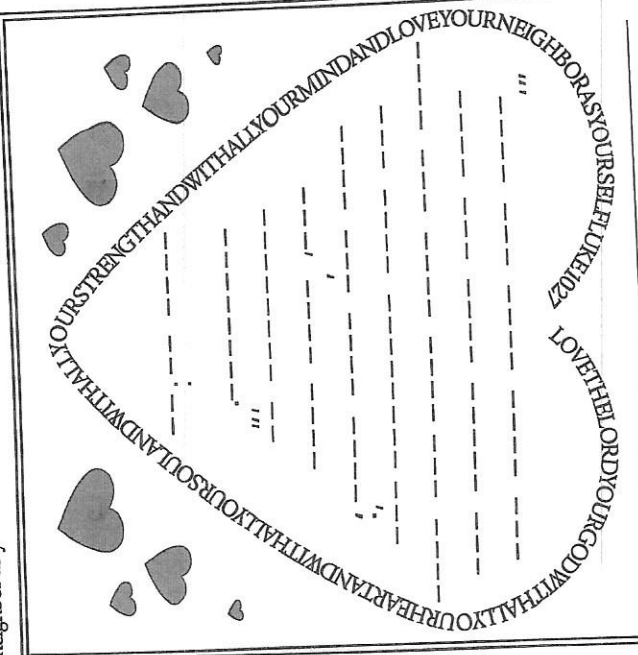
- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!

LOVE!

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.



"Jesus said to him, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and love your neighbor as you love yourself.' This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' These two commandments hang on, and all the law and the prophets hang on."

1 John 4:8

Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

All we need is love. Love is patient.

Proverbs 10:12 Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.

~ Prayer Formula: J - O - Y ~

Jesus, Others, You

Prayers of Healing & Strength to:

Alouise Anderson	Joan Anderson	Gary Faas	Parker Gennert
Barb Goslee	Rosie Hagelund	Dick Hagelund	Galen Holst
Myron King	David Kline	Anders Knudsen	Joris Kylo
Lorraine Kylo	Carly Lewis	Todd McCabe	Joyce McKee
Ann Meyer	Jessie Meyer	John Mickelson	Lydia Mittag
Ray Mittag	Vern Moore	Trish Morgan	Lorimer Nelson
Karen Peterson	Roger Przybyski	Dane Rohde	Gladys Sampson
Mary Slinde	Ed Stark	Vern Titus	Kyle Tryten
Russ Wangen	Shadee Wenger	Lily Wiste	Norma Wangen

Please pray for God's protection of our troops and HIS wisdom for their commanders. "Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands"

Daniam Reynolds	Christopher Slindee	David Broim
Ryang Kim	Drew Wendorf	Kelly Fredrickson
Erik Haugen	Riley Wondra	Adam Dublinske

Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Joined in Missions we pray for:

- > Pastor Samuel, his family and church members in Oaxaca
- > Friends of Ngong Road children and their families - Lenny Kamanda, Josephine Waitimu, Monica Wanjiku, Sharon Mideva, Victor Nyarega, Faith Mumo, Emily Wanjiku, Godfrey Otieno, and Swinny Mbome.
- > Peace and Power, Lyle Food Shelf, Good Earth Village, Marie Sandvick Center, Haiti

Prayers for guidance:

Pastor Scott ~ Parish Council ~ Church Councils ~ Sunday School Teachers ~ Members of Six Mile Grove & Mona Lutheran Churches

Sympathy and prayers

- ... to the family of Rita Rhode
- ... to the family of David Slindee
- ... to the family of Leora Stromley
- ... to the family of Bob Rustad
- ... to the family of Richard Rosenberg

You are loved! Love never ends. Love is a verb.

We pray for our nation. I pray in the Name of the Lord Jesus, for our president, the vice president, all the Cabinet and the chief justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court to receive the wisdom of God, to act in obedience to that wisdom and for the power of God to flow in their lives. I pray for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to find your peace and direction, and for these men and women to act and lead according to Your Word. A house divided against itself cannot stand, therefore, I pray for them to be united in righteousness for the sake of the nation. In your name we pray. Amen.

~ Thank YOU ~

Thank YOU to all who donated: SMG has met it's goal to purchase a Safe-T-Home for Haiti! A special presentation will be scheduled in the near future.

Thank YOU to those of you who helped in anyway with the Parish/Church Directory!

From the Pastor (continued)

February 17th, which is Ash Wednesday, is the beginning of the season of Lent this year. Our regular Wednesday evening Lenten services will focus on how we can help each other, not only during this Covid pandemic, but as we face the day to day challenges of life. "God is faithful," Paul reminds us, and we as Christians need to be willing to be used by God to help ease the burden of those in need.

We look forward to seeing you in church, either Sunday mornings or Wednesdays during Lent. But as always, those not comfortable attending yet are encouraged to watch the services on Facebook Live.

God bless you all!
Pastor Scott

~ WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS ~

If you will be away on a Sunday when you are scheduled to serve, please make sure that you get someone to cover for you. Also, let the church office know so it can be printed in the bulletin correctly. Thank you.

LECTORS:	Mona	SMG
Feb 7	-----	Volunteer Needed
Feb 11	Volunteer Needed	-----
Feb 14	-----	Volunteer Needed
Feb 18	Volunteer Needed	-----
Feb 21	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Feb 28	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

USHERS:	Don and Karen Whalen
Mona: February	Brian and April Helle
SMG: Feb. 7	Merle and Diane Klouse
Feb 14	Feb 21 & 28 Jeff and Kathy Helle

COMMUNION ASSIST.:	Mona	SMG
February 7	-----	Mark Ashley*
February 11	Nancy Mickelson	-----

**If someone else was elected in this spot, please fill in at this time.*

COMMUNION SERVERS:	Don and Karen Whalen
Mona:	Naomi Circle
SMG:	

COFFEE SCHEDULE:	Mona
Mona: Sunday, Feb 21 before worship by Don and Karen Whalen	
SMG: -----	

*Thank you for giving of YOUR time
and having a Servant Heart!*

Psalms 18:1 I love you, Lord, my strength.

~ CHURCH INFO ~

'SOUP' ER BOWL SUNDAY

Sunday, February 7th so, let's make it a "SOUPER" Bowl Sunday. We will be collecting soup, canned or packaged soups between now and Feb 7th to support the Lyle Food Shelf.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, February 2nd at SMG.

YEARLY CALENDAR INFO

If you have not turned in the info for the Yearly Calendar please do so ASAP! It was due on January 31st. This would include: Usher Schedule, Bible Study Group Schedules, MLL Mtg Schedules, Cemetery Mtgs, Congregational officers, and anything else you would like in the calendar of events. If you have already turned them in - Thank YOU!

WORSHIP / LENTEN SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday, Feb 7	10:30 am	SMG w/HC
Thursday, Feb 11	7:00 pm	Mona w/HC
Sunday, Feb 14	10:30 am	SMG
Wednesday, Feb 17	7:00 pm	Our Savior's (Ash Wednesday)
Thursday, Feb 18	7:00 pm	Mona
Sunday, Feb 21	10:30 am	Mona
	10:30 am	SMG*
Wednesday, Feb 24	7:00 pm	SMG (Lent)
Sunday, Feb 28	10:30 am	Mona
	10:30 am	SMG*

**This service will either be led by a lay member, Supply Pastor or we will have Bible Study.*

YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS

If you have any questions about our total contributions to date, please contact Stephanie Riles at 507-440-7851 or stephaniemriles@gmail.com for SMG and Karen Whalen at 641-326-4718 for Mona.

2021 CALENDARS / DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

Please help yourself to the 2021 Calendars and the January, February and March Devotional Books. They are located on the back table in the church.

PARISH / CHURCH DIRECTORY

Is done and you may pick up one at either of the churches.

ANNUAL REPORTS / YEARLY CALENDAR

- > Annual Reports are available at each church or it can be emailed to you. Contact Wanda to do so.
- > Yearly Calendar's will be available in February.

MONA STEAK SUPPER DRIVE-THRU

The supper is coming up next month on Tuesday, March 9th. Please start thinking about taking a day or two or three off to help prepare, serve and clean up. Any and all help is greatly appreciated. It's a huge job, but if everybody pitches in, it doesn't seem quite as huge. Typically the potatoes are peeled on Monday, we start browning the steak on Tuesday morning and of course serving starts at 4:30 pm and then clean up follows that evening and will continue on Wednesday.

MONA / SMG POINSETTIA'S

You may take your poinsettia home with you and if you have not already done so, please pay for your poinsettia. Thank you.

WELCA / CIRCLES

- > SMG WELCA: No mtg
- > Naomi Circle: Feb 15th at 7:30 pm, H: Diane K S, H: Kathy H
- > Ruth Circle: No definite schedule for the year.
- > Mona LL: No tg
- > M&M Bible Study - Feb 9 at 9:30 am, H: Karen
- > The SMG WELCA will be collecting: Food and other personal items for the Lyle Food Shelf every 3rd Sunday of each month.

HAVE YOU CHECK OUT THESE SITES?

<http://www.focusonthefamily.com>

Good Earth Village is on Facebook

SEM N Synod is on Facebook

Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church is on Facebook

www.sixmilegrovechurch.org

Mona Lutheran Church is on Facebook

Mona Outdoor Drive-in is on Facebook

Christian Radio Stations:

KTCY Radio 97.5 FM or <http://www.ktcy.com>

New Christian Radio Station out of Rochester 105.7 FM

98.5 FM KTIS out of the Cities

February, 2021

From the Pastor

"No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." 1 Corinthians 10:13

As of today, January 28, more than 425,000 people have died in this country alone, and experts are saying that by the end of February, the U.S. deaths due to the coronavirus could be half a million. I would tell you to take a minute and let that sink in, but we're probably all so numb to the statistics that, even then, it may not mean very much.

"When will things ever get back to normal?"

"We need to be safe, but we should never let the coronavirus control our lives."

"I know it's hard on everybody,

but I don't know how much more of this I can take!"

I've been hearing these kinds of questions and statements more and more lately. "Covid fatigue" is the new phrase that refers to the mental, emotional and spiritual numbness or exhaustion we feel as a result of the pandemic. I think this is what we're all experiencing. Everyday we hear about the numbers; sometimes they go up, sometimes they go down. But in spite of the vaccines, it sounds like this may be our reality for many more months.

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians that God will never give us more than we can handle. Even though we know that God does not "give" us loss, pain or grief, we hopefully still find comfort in these words, "he will also provide the way out so that you will be able to endure it." This is a reminder that God is faithful and will help us through this crisis.

But what about our neighbor? What about those who've seen way more hardship because of this pandemic than we have? What about the countless people who, even before Covid, had to endure hunger, abuse or discrimination; those who live day to day with the effects of war and violence and hatred?... Maybe you and I are a part of God's plan to help someone else. Maybe we are the "way out" so that others can endure their hardships.

Continued on 'Thank You' page

Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 24, 2021

Present: Stephanie Riles, Mark Ashley, Kathy Helle, Brian Helle, Carol Rector, Pat Bisbee, Pam Sampson, Jim Sampson, Jill Patterson, Diane Sampson, Jerry Sampson, Carol Anderson, David Anderson, Wayne Skov, Joan Skov, Brian Mason and Jeff Helle

The meeting was called to order by President Jeff Helle in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Parish Continued Discussion

New business from the earlier held Parish meeting was requested to be discussed first during the Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church annual meeting. Discussion took place regarding the scheduling of worship as this has become a common concern for the congregation. Three scheduling options were discussed, and a hand vote was taken and tallied as follows:

- Option One: 1 (one) vote for keeping the schedule as is with two services at Six Mile Grove and 2 services at Mona with any 5th Sunday held at one or the other church.
- Option Two: 12 (twelve) votes for worship service to be held every Sunday at 10:30 AM conducted by the Pastor or when the Pastor is not present via video feed of the Pastor at another church, by the congregation, by a fill-in pastor or as an informal Bible study.
- Option Three: 0 (zero) votes for weekly service on any other day of the week

There were congregation members present who did not vote. A motion was made by Brian Helle and seconded by Carol Rector for Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church to maintain a weekly worship service every Sunday at 10:30 AM as outlined in Option Two beginning February 2021 until the summer schedule begins. Motion carried.

Secretary Report

Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting dated Sunday, January 26, 2020 were provided with each congregation member's meeting packet. A motion was made by Jim Sampson and seconded by Jerry Sampson approving the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

The December 31, 2020 Financial & Income Statement was provided with each congregation member's meeting packet. Auditor Kathy Helle stated her review of the financial information found no errors. The

second auditor had received the information but was not in attendance.

A motion was made by Kathy Helle and seconded by Carol Anderson to approve of the Treasurer's Financial & Income Statement Report. Motion carried.

Trustee Report

Trustee Brian Helle reviewed the proposed 2021 budget for Six Mile Grove Lutheran Church. A motion was made by David Anderson and seconded by Joan Skov to approve the budget. Motion carried.

Nominating Report

Nominating Committee representative Brian Helle reviewed the committee's nominations as follows:

President: Steve Sampson

Secretary/Treasurer: Stephanie Riles

Deacons: Mark Ashley, Jim Sampson, Pat Bisbee

Trustees: Brian Helle, Jamie Patterson, Brian Mason

Board of Education: Nikki Sampson, Stacy Mason, Crystal Hansen

Ushers: Gary Meyer, Dale Helgeson, Brock Meyer, JJ Hansen, Chase

Douglas

Nominating Committee: Jill Patterson, Diane Sampson, Jeff Helle

Parish Auditor: Kathy Helle

SMG Auditors: Pam Sampson, Carol Rector

Good Earth Village: Board of Education

Christmas Tree Committee: WELCA (Ladies Aid)

Art Slindee Scholarship: Carol Rector, Pam Sampson, Pat Bisbee

Art Slindee Scholarship Auditors: Diane Sampson, Joan Skov

Drive-In Committee: Jill Patterson, Pat Bisbee (from Parish meeting)

Drive-In Auditor: Diane Sampson (from Parish meeting)

Sunday School Auditors: Dawn Helgeson, Jill Patterson

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Carol Rector and seconded by Brian Helle for nominations to cease and cast a unanimous ballot to approve the nominations as outlined. Motion carried.

Old & New Business

Worship singing and organ music were discussed in light of the changing COVID-19 pandemic. Diane Sampson made a motion for the organist to resume primarily playing music during worship and for the congregation to resume singing with use of masks, as appropriate. The motion was seconded by Joan Skov. Motion carried.

A recommendation was made for the congregation to consider updating the church's Constitution and review the Document of Understanding

between Six Mile Grove and Mona churches. A motion was made by Stephanie Riles and seconded by Jerry Sampson authorizing the Six Mile Grove Council to put together a committee at its next meeting to review and recommend revisions. Motion carried.

Six Mile Grove's congregation has raised enough funds to build a Safe-T-Home® reaching its Haiti Mission goal. A presentation of the mission's check will be scheduled in the near future. Half of the proceeds were contributed by the congregation with Six Mile Grove matching all funds for a total of \$7,000. The Haiti Mission will continue with focus assisting WELCA in their continued efforts to build health and layette kits.

A new mission was recommended with the goal of organizing a youth trip to the Ark Encounter located in Williamstown, Kentucky. The Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. The mission trip will be geared for youth and more details will be arranged as to the planning of such trip.

Upcoming events were discussed including the Ironwood's Christian Ranch snow tubing youth event, "Soup-er Bowl" food shelf drive and a special craft activity for Sunday school age children on Valentine's Day. Jeff Helle encouraged the congregation to promote youth activities including access to the Art Slindee scholarship for attending Christian camps as well as the need for Sunday school to resume.

All those who helped create the 2021 church directory were thanked for their efforts. The directory is now available in print and a digital copy retained for ease of updating in the future.

Kathy Helle recommended for all ELCA Mission Investment Fund investments to be redeemed upon maturity by the Treasurer considering the church no longer is affiliated with the ELCA. A motion was made by Stephanie Riles and seconded by Jill Patterson to approve the redemptions. Motion carried.

Adjournment

David Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Jill Patterson. Motion carried.

Stephanie Riles

Stephanie Riles, Secretary/Treasurer

~ MISSIONS ~

Oaxaca Mission Update

Sat 11/23/2021 12:43 PM Email

Sam called last night and wanted to let us know that today they would be working on the roof at one of PR Angel's churches AND they would be using the cordless drills we brought two years ago. (He wanted us to let the people know who donated them that they were still using them and to thank them again.) More bricks were purchased. He still has money in the account. Humanitarian process. They are interviewing and praying with the individuals. Then checking back with them days or a week later to find out if the need was justified, before giving them assistance. They send their love!! 85 degrees here.....

Subject: Good morning

Date: Sun, January 10, 2021 6:32 am

I'm glad to report that we bought the material for both church projects

Next Wednesday the store will deliver it. As soon as the material gets there we'll start the roofs (I'll send you pictures) With the humanitarian help: we already started distributing groceries. Angelina is taking care of that operation. We are mainly concentrating on widows and the most needy people such as people that are selling popcicles on the street. Before we take the help we do our research in each town in order to know where are the people that really need the help. We found that there are several widows, most of them their husbands die in a car accident and now the widows have to work to support their children, that situation by itself is already hard, but now is harder because there are not many jobs available. So I thank you all of you who do this effort and share your love, your time and money with us here in Mexico I'll keep you posted

God keep blessing all of you

Shalom

Pastor Sam

1-7-2021 Email

Sam reported that Pastor Angel and his people were already working on the two projects. They will send photos and receipts.

Humanitarian project:

1. Sam has given a family \$100 for rent to prevent eviction.

2. He has started a program to assist a widow (her husband was killed in an accident) with two young children. She was referred to him by PR Angel. She works when work is available.

Both individuals asked Sam why and how and he was doing this. He told he was a pastor and of our mission and our desire to help through him.

Both told them they had been praying for help and guidance and said now they knew that God answers prayers.....

IOWA-MINNESOTA OAXACA MISSION GROUP

1996-2020

December 2020

Dear Oaxaca Friends,

As I write this letter, it seems strange not to begin with the dates for our 25th trip to work with Pastor Samuel Sam and the members of eight congregations in and around the State of Oaxaca Mexico. During the past 25 years, I have been a part of this ministry by helping many families become self-supporting and by strengthening our communities.

The Covid-19 virus became a worldwide issue during our February 2020 visit requiring changes to our work schedule and our flights to return to the United States. However even with our shortened stay we were able to accomplish many things with the gifts you sent with us.

In Huatulco, work was completed on the well, a 30x36 foot extension, a steel roof, windows and electricity was added to the school which was our 2019 project. This facility is used for worship and meetings by the people of the village of Piedra de Moros. Following a 7.5 earthquake on June 23, many families with damaged homes, lived in facility.

We were physically unable to assist Pastor Eber Martinez and his congregation with their worship space in Oaxaca City. They were able to complete the work with funds provided.

The desire to learn about and worship God is so strong in the Huatulco area. Our proposed work projects for 2021 trip were to build or assist in building two new worship spaces, and to develop humanitarian projects such as the hospital ministry and the work and education projects we have worked with in Oaxaca City. Pastor Samuel and his wife, Angelina, conduct language classes as learning the English language is in demand by young and old.

November 10, Pastor Samuel reports on the effects of Covid-19 in Huatulco:

- It is sad what is happening here.
- No air flights from Canada; very limited flights from US
- No tourists, so no income for our Huatulco residents. We have no government assistance.
- All hotels, restaurants and beaches are closed, the economy is very fragile
- All the small independent shops and vendors are closed; only one food store is open
- Arrests and huge fines, if masks are not worn and for having any meetings
- We pray for God to help us.

Although we will not be going in person this winter, in mid-January we will be sending money via Western Union to assist Pastor Samuel and his mission ministry in the Huatulco area. If you would like to include a gift, it will be put in good use and will benefit many. You can write your check to MONA LUTHERAN CHURCH and write OAXACA MISSION on the information line. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed. If you have already sent your gift, I thank you. If you are unable to contribute at this time, remember the Oaxaca mission in your prayers.

Whenever the coronavirus restrictions are lifted, we will be available to meet with you and present Oaxaca projects. If you have any questions about the Oaxaca Project, you can contact Myron or Monica Hemann at 507-438-2291 or Helgeson at 507-437-3376 or Wanda Hanson at 515-290-0936. We are happy to share Oaxaca stories.

Thanks, again, for your interest and support.

IA-MIN OAXACA MISSION GROUP
Jan Helgeson, Secretary

THE OAXACA MINISTRY MISSION STATEMENT:
The best charity is to help others to not depend on charity

Ngong Road Mission

After 9 months, our students are finally going back to school! All of our students received face masks and hand sanitizer, along with new shoes and school supplies. Boarding school students also received necessities such as soap, toilet paper, toothbrush, and laundry supplies.

Schools are expected to follow government guidelines.

Some of the guidelines include: Distancing of students in the classroom. No family visits to students in boarding school (this includes our case managers, who will have to do check-ins by phone). Masks and adequate hand-washing stations.



Dear Joan and WELCA,

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$750 to continue your sponsorship of Lenny with Friends of Ngong Road.

Your sponsorship allows Lenny to go to school with all of the required books, supplies, uniforms, and shoes. Your support provides food, healthcare, a caring caseworker and a supportive community.

Even more, your support provides hope and an opportunity for your student to transform his or her life as others in our program already have. Do you remember Mercy's story? After she lost her parents to AIDS, she continued to work hard in school and now works for an organization called Every Girl Counts in Nairobi while also volunteering for The Red Cross. Mercy is a wonderful example of how the love, support and education our children receive can be transformed into a productive and generous life. We are grateful that she has joined the 92 percent of our post-secondary graduates who are employed or in internships that we believe will lead to employment.

We are grateful for your continued support. Together we are giving children who find themselves in the most hopeless situations a chance for a better life.

Sincerely,

Paula Meyer
President

No goods or services were provided to the donor in return for this donation. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law in the United States. Friends of Ngong Road is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Our Federal Tax ID (EIN) is 20-4690846.

~ COMMUNITY ~

Drive-Thru Dinner

At Our Savior's in Lyle on Sunday, Feb 21 from 4-7 pm.

Menu: Hot Beef Sundae's and Cookie. Free-will offering.

Cans for Cancer

Collecting aluminum cans throughout the year with a collection box behind the Lyle Legion. Please donate your empty aluminum cans to a very worthy cause.

FOOD SHELF AT OUR SAVIOR'S

The food pantry at Our Savior's is grateful for your support, please help us keep our shelves full.

Macaroni	Rice	Cereal
Oatmeal	Beans - Dried/Canned	Canned Vegetables
Soup	Tuna Helper	Hamburger Helper
Flour	Sugar	*Fruit - Canned/Fruit
Oil	Pasta/Noodles	Sauces for noodles/pasta
Catsup	*Peanut Butter	Pancake Syrup
Jello	Kool-aid packets	Crackers - Soda/Oyster
Toilet Paper	Baby diapers/wipes	Shaving Cream/Shavers
Yeast	Sanitary Supplies	Soap: Dish/Laundry/Bath
*Canned Meats - Spam/Tuna/Ham/Chicken/Stew		

** These items are especially needed along with large paper bags or plastic bags for giving out food.*

I have the peace that passes understanding down in my heart. *Where?*

Down in my heart, Down in my heart.

I have the peace that passes understanding down in my heart. *Where?*

Down in my heart, to stay!

If the devil doesn't like it, he can sit on a tack. *What?*

Sit on a tack. Sit on a tack.

If the devil doesn't like it, he can sit on a tack. *What?*

Sit on a tack to stay!