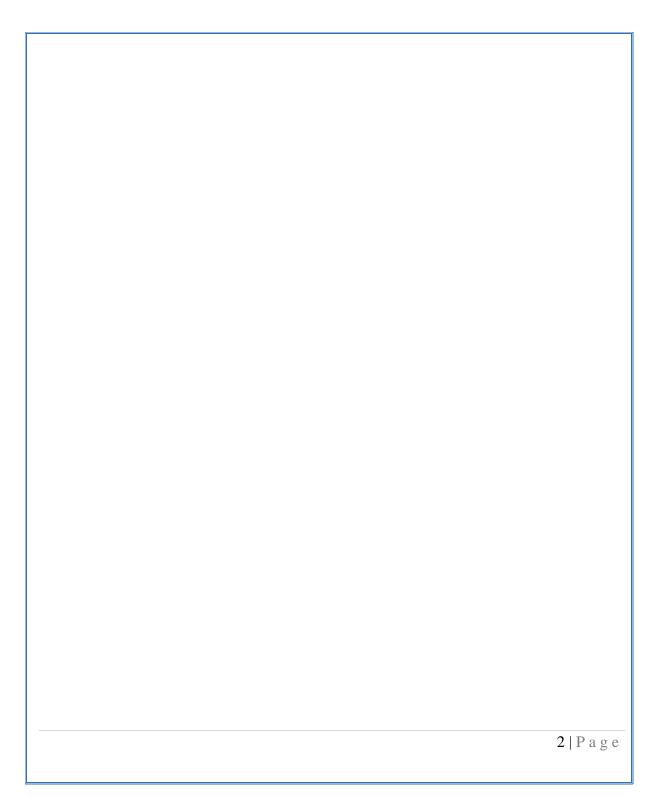
# First Evangelical Lutheran Church A Member of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod







# Serving Christ by proclaiming Christ crucified in the Minnesota North District of the LCMS

# Pastors Corner

Over the 48 years of our marriage, Janelle and I have been blessed many times. Since June 1, 2020 we have been experiencing a very special blessing in serving the Lord at First Lutheran. When our last Sunday at First Lutheran comes in April, we will have tears in our eyes along with a smile on our faces. Our tears will be sadness as we grieve over leaving First Lutheran and our smile will be over the joy of knowing that God is good and is providing an amazing Pastor for First Lutheran.

Shedding tears is not a weakness, as some would think, but it is a gift and blessing from God. The shortest passage in Holy Scripture, John 11:35, "Jesus Wept", is an indication that tears can be a strength. Several years ago the University of MN did a study of the composition of tear drops and found that the composition of tears shed at a time of sadness differed from those shed at a time of joy. Joy is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness. Grief is an experience that a person has over the loss of something that he or she values, the greater the value the more intense the grief will be. The Lord is our Shepherd and is our "rod and staff" to not only comfort us but also to strengthen and help us.

I would like to thank the Board of Elders who brought God-given words of wisdom to our ministry in difficult times. Also a Big thank you to the staff at First Lutheran, Shirley, Jessica, Brad & Heather. They are a Blessing to the many members of the Congregation and also to the Pastor.

As we leave First Lutheran, we leave with many blessed memories.

Lord's Richest Blessings,
Pastor Steve & Janelle

# MEET our Pastor



And His Family

### Greetings in the name of Jesus!

I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce myself and our family. As some of you know, I attended the University of Alaska, Fairbanks for my undergraduate education. It is there where I received my BA in Pre-Law/ Political Science. After taking a year off from school,

I attended Concordia Seminary, St Louis. During my time there I had the privilege of Vicaring for Pastor Neonnig in Moorhead, MN at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. After completing my Master of Divinity at Concordia, my first Call was to serve St Matthew Lutheran Church in Port Angeles. We have been serving St Matthew for just under 12 years. While serving St Matthew I began my Doctor of Ministry Studies in Marriage and Family Counseling, which I completed from Denver Seminary in 2019.

Sarah, my wife, completed her undergraduate studies at Fontbonne University in St Louis, receiving a BA in Deaf Education and Elementary Education. Staying at Fontbonne University after graduation, she worked toward and received her MA in Early Intervention in Deaf Education. Currently she is in the process of completing her Master's in Business Administration and will graduate this summer. She has worked in a variety of roles in the education field, ranging from teacher, intervention specialist, to director. Recently, she was offered a job to work for Kootasksa Community Action as an Education Support Manager in their Head Start program.

Sarah and I met while we were both in school in St Louis. We were married in 2008 and were blessed with our oldest daughter Lily on July Fourth, 2009. In quick succession, we were gifted our son, William in January of 2011, and our daughter Leah in April of 2012. We had to wait for the caboose to show up though. Owen, our youngest, was born in May of 2018. We are a family that enjoys the outdoors. Hunting and fishing are some of our favorite pastimes. The kids love riding ATV's and dirt bikes. We love gardening, walking trails, and being together. Of course, Sarah and I try to always squeeze away some time to ride the Harley on our date nights.

It was a pleasure to meet so many of you while we visited, and we are anxious to get to Grand Rapids and begin to get to know and serve you all. Please continue to pray for our family as we make preparations for the move and begin our journey to you. God's continued blessings!

### Your future Pastor,

Pastor Lovejoy



On April 18th we will have Cake and Coffee for Pastor Steve and Janelle Breitbarth, between the first and second service, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please stop by and to say Farewell and Thank you for serving our congregation, during our vacancy.

You served us well and you will be missed.





### LIBRARY CORNER FOR APRIL 2021

Greetings gentle First readers. We've processed a number of donated books and DVDs. They can be located on the end library case under the 2020 books. It was decided to keep the newer books and DVDs on the shelves there for now. Our dedicated readers are checking out many items this winter and we love seeing that. However, be sure to keep an eye out for books that are due to be returned from your home. Contacting people about way past due books slipped by this past year and we've been asking those borrowers for their return. Such a year we've had, but good times are in sight! - Janie Carlson, Darlene Baltus, and Shela Cline

MANY SPARROWS by Lori Benton, 813.6 Ben. The following summary is taken from Goodreads: "Either she and her children would emerge from that wilderness together, or none of them would... In 1774, the Ohio-Kentucky frontier pulses with rising tension and brutal conflicts as Colonists push westward and encroach upon Native American territories. The young Inglesby family is making the perilous journey west when an accident sends Philip back to Redstone Fort for help, forcing him to leave his pregnant wife Clare and their four-vear old son Jacob on a remote mountain trail. When Philip does not return and Jacob disappears from the

wagon under the cover of darkness. Clare awakens the next morning to find herself utterly alone, in labor and wondering how she can to recover her son...especially when her second child is moments away from being born. Clare will face the greatest fight of her life, as she struggles to reclaim her son from the Shawnee Indians now holding him captive. But with the battle lines sharply drawn, Jacob's life might not be the only one at stake. When frontiersman Jeremiah Ring comes to her aid, can the stranger convince Clare that recovering her son will require the very thing her anguished heart is unwilling to do - be still, wait and let God fight this battle for them?" This riveting story kept me reading on about the ferocity of a mother's love and the beauty and complexity of Shawnee culture and community. However, I must admit that at times I was really annoyed with Clare's pigheadedness! - Review by Janie Carlson.

HIGH HURDLES by Lorraine Snelling, 813.54 Sne. Something a little different, but of special interest to those who've ever been involved in showing and performing with horses. The author has gathered into one thick book the contents previously published in 5 separate volumes about a 14-year-old girl's dream of someday competing in equestrian events at the Olympics. As she trains and

strives to learn all she can, her family pleads with her to pursue an art education considerable her drawing sketching skills. Taking part in many local horse competitions, her Olympic dream seems to be a possibility. But when she risks her life freeing horses from a burning stable, her hands are so terribly burned it is feared she may never again draw, or even hold reins. I found this to be an interesting portrayal of a family's involvement with their daughter in this activity. - Review by Alice Hill.

BLACK SANDS by Colleen Coble, 813.54 Cob. Taken from a Goodreads summary: "A brainy—and perpetually single-volcanologist, Annie Tagama works alongside her father at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. But despite her pedigree, Annie has lost her passion for volcanology. She's quietly grieving the mysterious loss of her brother in the Middle East. When Annie discovers that her brother might still be alive-and in trouble—she shakes off her malaise and ioins forces with Mano Oana, the unnervingly handsome family friend she had always blamed for her brother's death "

LIVING LIES by Natalie Walters, 813.6 Wal, book 1 of Harbored Secrets series "is a nail-biter that will make you play hooky from your day job, feed your children cereal for supper, and not stop reading until the last page. Natalie Walters' debut novel is intriguing and enticing." "This book also talks about two serious issues - depression and PTSD. The heroine deals

with depression and the stamina that goes with it and there are others in the story that deal with PTSD. Both issues are handled well by the author. The author brings to light these two illness and how they affect everyone involved. She also touched on how people with these illness can be treated badly and how we need to have compassion for people with these illnesses. I really like reading it. I like the mystery theme of the story. I recommend this one. This is a clean, Christian read." – Please note that book 2 <u>DEADLY DECEIT</u> was reviewed in the December 2020 Library Corner.

**SILENT SHADOWS** by Natalie Walters, 813.6 Wal. book 3. "Silent Shadows is the third and final book in the Harbored Secrets series. After reading the book, I no longer know which of the three my favorite is, instead I might have to say that reading them as one continuous story would be my favorite. Though each book can be read and enjoyed separately I would recommend reading them all and in order. I find that each one is good but it is even better if you read them all and in order. So in the final book you have two new main characters. Only one of these main characters has been introduced previously. Pecca. The new main character we are introduced to is Colton. Colton is struggling like a lot of us with what happens when what you planned for is disrupted by something unexpected. He is having trouble remembering and accepting that sometimes our plans aren't what God has for us and what God has for us is better than anything we could

come up with. These struggles are effecting his relationships with the people around him. As for Pecca, she is dealing with something that she thinks has to do with her past. But what she doesn't know is that it has do with something else completely. If you want to know more, then you'll have to get the book and read it for yourself. You won't regret it."

BEFORE THE WRATH found at Adult DVD Bef. This is a gripping documentary that explains clearly why Jesus used a Galilean wedding to explain how the second coming of Christ will take place. This film reproduces what Jesus Himself unveiled to the ancient Galileans re: how and why He must return at the end of

days. – Donated and reviewed by Corinne Hultman.

THE COMING CONVERGENCE found at Adult DVD Com. This movie (documentary) will keep you thinking for days. The Bible foretells many events that precede the end of days. This movie ties past events, current events and events yet to come into place – Jesus said we would know the time is near by the signs in our world. This film was very Biblically sound in my opinion. – Donated and reviewed by Corinne Hultman.

"I love books because I don't have to wait for the commercials to be over to find out what happens." – unknow

### **Dear Members of First Lutheran Church,**

The pastor vacancy of First Lutheran will soon come to an end. Pastor Lovejoy has been moved by the Holy Spirit to accept our call to serve the Lord at First Lutheran.

We have been blessed to have Pastor Breitbarth and Pastor Zeige fill our pulpit during this time of vacancy.

You as a congregation have endured this time as generous stewards even during the pandemic shutdown. Bills have continued to be paid.

However, now we are faced with the journey of providing for a full-time pastor with moving expenses, housing allowance, family medical expenses and the Concordia retirement plan. The church budget will increase by 13%. How can we but praise the Lord, as He has blessed us, and consider an increase in our giving? God will continue to amaze us – we cannot out-give the Lord.

In all this, remember our mission of Sharing the Love of Jesus to continue to reach out to our members and the community. We all look forward to the time we can worship at 100% capacity safely.

Doug Carlson, Board of Stewardship Chairman



#### Coworkers in the Lord:

The bronze altar cross has been dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ! This is a duplicate cross, as the first cross was stolen from the luggage on the way to Yambio, South Sudan. First Lutheran was blessed by the Lord to be able to help a young church in East Africa enjoy the reader, candle sticks and bronze altar cross to make worship more meaningful. Elly and I were very happy to find a way to replace the original cross that you dedicated to Christ for this purpose.

We thank God that He has blessed First Lutheran with a pastor to carry out the Word and Sacrament ministry in Grand Rapids. First Lutheran is very special, its people, and also this is where Roberta was buried from and where I was remarried to Elly. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and lead First Lutheran to an active and on-going ministry.

It is a pleasure to be a part of your ongoing ministry.

Pastor Bernie t Esef Sur

February 18, 2021

#### **Submitted by David Storrs**

### The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – April 2021

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. His atoning sacrifice is the first fruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father, so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him. He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood.

As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For "without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Heb. 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: "Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine" (Prov. 3:9-10). How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that, in so doing, you will never lack.

A common counterpoint is: "But that's from the Old Testament!" Our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents: "For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance" (Matt. 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, he says: "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matt. 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in

your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings. It's no quid pro quo. It's all from God's grace and His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages do in fact say what they say! It's not the Old Testament's problem. It's ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need" (Mal. 3:10).

And so, while we don't give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. As St. Paul wrote in Rom. 8:32: "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"

**The Board of Human Care and Missions** will be having a Spring Bake Sale on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. We are asking for donations of baked goods (jams, breads, cookies, bars, cakes, pies, etc.). Baked goods may be brought in to First Lutheran on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, between 2:00 and 3:00 pm or Sunday morning. Thank you to those who can donate baked goods. *The bake sale will be a free will offering and proceeds will go to the Grace House and New Beginnings*.





### Caring for Women, Men and Families

March 11, 2021

Are you ready for spring? We love the fresh snow and how beautiful it looks but we are definitely looking forward to all the new life that comes with spring like flowers, grass, leaves and the warmth of the sun!

Through your generous support you have helped us to provide 97 services to 21 different clients in the month of February. Some of those services included 8 boutique visits, 60 Bright Course/Earn While You Learn classes and 4 ultrasounds. Did you know that 80% to 90% of those undecided who see their baby on an ultrasound choose life for their unborn baby? Please continue to pray for there to be more life affirming decisions.

On April  $24^{th}$  we plan to participate at the Children's First Fair. We will also be hosting our  $2^{nd}$  Annual "5K Your Way", Deer River location fundraiser May  $20^{th}-30^{th}$ . Register to participate by April  $30^{th}$ . Watch for details on Facebook or our website.

We give glory to God for all of the work being accomplished in our second location in Deer River. We have several faithful men who are volunteering with great dedication to see this mission have a greater reach in our area, under the Project Manager, Jerry Meyer. Please keep this project in your prayers and their safety as the work hard to see this work completed as quickly as possible. We can still use more help. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please give us a call. We also thank God for his provision in providing us with all that we need! Thank you for being open to His leading and your generous hearts to help us accomplish what we feel He has called us to do! Please consider New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center for your Thrivent Choice Dollars and remember to use Amazon Smile when you shop online! Thank you so much!

https://smile.amazon.com/ch/03-0579091

"O Lord, do good to those who are good, whose hearts are in tune with you." Psalms 125:4 NLT

Amanda Jo Grovenburg and Kathy Metzer 218-326-0404 www.newbeginningspregnancy.com

# Youth News

# FAMILY CAMP OR SERVANT EVENT

For the past 4 years God has provided amazing opportunities for the families at First Lutheran Church. Starting in 2017, 19 youth and several adults went to Lutheran Island Camp for a week. Some stayed the whole week while others stayed for a couple of nights.



It was the start of something wonderful for our church. We enjoyed our time at Lutheran Island Camp with the activities they provided. We swam, went on a pontoon ride, went on a trail ride with horses, did lots of crafts (this was the start of the friendship bracelet craze for our crew), played gaga ball, had devotion by the fire and so much more. We made memories that will last a lifetime.

In 2018 we wanted to grow our relationships with each other and found an amazing opportunity to be closer to Grand Rapids. From 2018-2020 we held Family Camp at Camp Fire Minnesota's Camp Bluewater. We were on our own in deciding Bible Studies, activities, service acts, meals, and everything in between. It was wonderful to not be so scheduled and allow time for the relationships to grow with each other and with Jesus. In 2018 we hosted 18 children, 2019 22 children stayed, and in 2020 during the pandemic there were 16 youth that stayed.

As you can see we have served several youth in this ministry throughout the years. The relationships that are made and grown over the years have been incredible to watch. Not just with each other but their own relationship with Jesus. God is amazing and he is gracing us with yet another different experience this year. In 2021 we are changing things up a bit and heading back out to Lutheran Island Camp June 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. This time we are going to be

doing some service work while we are there. They need help getting their horses, tack, barn, campsites, trails, and generally help get the horses ready before they bring in campers. We will be able to enjoy all the accommodations Lutheran Island Camp has to offer all while giving back to them. Lutheran Island Camp will provide the onsite lodging, meals, activities, horse rides, games, swimming, devotions, and more.

We are still working out the details but here is what you can expect if you are interested in going. We will check in at LIC at 3:00 on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and check out at 11:00 on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$375 per participant and we will be staying right on site. Lodging and meals will be provided. If you are interested in going, let me know so I can keep them informed on how many people will be going so they can make lodging arrangements for our group.

Who can go? Any youth or adults interested in attending can go. They just need to be able to stay away from their family for the week and be willing to provide service work. It would be great to have high schoolers attend so we can split into groups based on our abilities. If you have concerns or questions, lets chat to see if it will be a good fit for your child.

Serving others helps us grow in our faith, develop relationships with each other and gets us closer to Jesus Christ.

I pray that the Holy Spirit guides each and every one of you in your decision to attend this servant event. We do not get opportunities like this every year and this could be our only chance to do a servant event for a while.

As more information becomes available I will post it on our website under the "Youth" tab, put the forms out on the bulletin board by the library, and send out emails. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly.

In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' Acts 20:35

Jessica Pellinen Family Ministry Program Director



April 15<sup>th</sup> is our next family activity at Second Harvest Food Bank. We will help them with whatever their needs are that day from 6:30-8:00 PM.



The Youth Gathering may seem so far away, but there is a lot of planning that goes into it. There is a page on our website dedicated to The Gathering. If you are unable to find the answer to your questions, be sure to reach out to me directly. We are estimating that it will cost around \$1500 per person to attend, please watch for upcoming fundraisers to help work or support the youth in this trip.



Looking ahead into the Summer we have picked a date for VBS. We enjoyed the one-day option last year and are going to do it again this year. Our prayer is to have it out at Gunn Park on August 11<sup>th</sup>. This is on a Wednesday. The space has been reserved, but it will be up to COVID if we can make it work or not. We will

need lots of adult help this year. The last three years the youth have been the primary leaders, and they need your help this year! We want this to be a positive experience for the youth. Please start praying how your time and talents could help share the Love of Jesus with the children in our community.

The website is a place where you can go to stay updated on current events at the church. It is maintained weekly. If you have an announcement you would like on the website, reach out to me directly.

Jessica Pellinen Family Ministry Program Director



Sunday April 11<sup>th.</sup> we will celebrate four young adults confirming their faith at the 10:30 service. Please join us for cupcakes and coffee from 9-10:15. The four young adults are:

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Aven Kilpatrick, Gannon Kilpatrick, Adrienne Venditto, Chase Pellinen



# To All Of Our Youth Born In



## **APRIL**

## **April 4: Easter Sunday**

**Mite Sunday** 

8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Traditional Service 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

# **April 11/ Communion**

**Dimes For Missions** 

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Service with Confirmation

## April 18

**Youth Sunday** 

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

Farewell Coffee and Cake For Pastor Breitbarth 9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Service

## **April 25/ Communion**

**Food Shelf Sunday** 

8:00 a.m. Traditional Service

9:15 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Non-Traditional Service



# Easter Flowers Memorials and Donations



Greg and Carla Taylor: In memory of parents and brother Carl.

Shirley Mattfield: In memory of parents and brother Larry, nephew Jeremy Snook

Betsy Mattfield: In memory of husband Larry Mattfield

Pastor and Janelle Breitbarth: donation

Matt and Jessica Pellinen: In memory of Shirley, Jerry, Quincy Pellinen

Janis Knight: In memory of Bob and Parents and Brothers

Sue and Lee Thorson: In memory of family and friends

Jim and Kathy Hohenstein: In memory of their parents

Devin and Janet Dahline: In memory of family and friends

# "Sharing the Love of Jesus" CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - UNAPPROVED MARCH 9, 2021

Present: Molly Goplin, Les Flem, Jennifer Flem, Dwight Kessler, Greg Taylor, Jessica

Pellinen, Doug Carlson, Tom Lattimore, Molly Bartel, Linda Urevig

Call to order: Tom L. called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Opening devotion and prayer: Tom L. read a devotion from Portals of Prayer and led the prayer.

Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Agenda
- 2. Approval of Minutes

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Consent Agenda with a correction to the date of the next meeting in the Minutes.

### Oral Reports of Boards and Committees

- Boards of Christian Education & Youth: Report in Packet/Jessica P. stated that June
  7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> would be a Servant Event at Lutheran Island Camp. This would be instead
  of Family Camp this year.
- 2. Board of Elders: Report in Packet/Les F.
- 3. Boards of Human Care & Missions: In Packet/ Molly G. stated that \$174.00 has been collected so far for Food Shelf Month.
- 4. Board of Stewardship: No Meeting/Doug C. gave everyone a copy of the Stewardship Note that will be included in the April Newsletter.
- 5. Board of Trustees: Report in Packet/Greg T.
- 6. AV Committee: No Meeting/Tom L. stated that the kids have been doing well learning the AV system.
- 7. Revolving Trust Fund Committee: No Meeting/Greg T. stated that there was a donation of \$600.00 for two new chairs by the fireplace.
- 8. Wiebe Grant Committee: No Requests/Greg T.
- 9. Direction and Planning Committee: Strategic Planning Meetings have been held/Greg T.

Family Ministry Program Director's Report: Report in Packet/Jessica P.

Pastor's Report: No Report

Financial Secretary's Report: Report in Packet/ Molly B.

YTD income 2021: \$43,312.73 YTD income 2020: \$45,595.27

Treasurer's Report: Report in Packet/Jennifer F.

As of: February 28,2021

General Fund Chkg: \$56,287.98 Building Fund Chkg: \$4,067.03

Mortgage loan balance: \$63,793.07 Revolving trust fund Chkg: \$83,564.01

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept oral and written Board and Committee Reports.

Correspondence – Letter dated December 28, 2020 was received from LCMS regarding the Convention Referendum. The congregation voted and the Yes vote has been recorded on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- 1. Strategic Planning Update Greg T. stated that the discussions are going well. An additional meeting date of March 21<sup>st</sup> has been added to discuss Outreach. It was discussed to start having coffee again upstairs after the first service on March 21<sup>st</sup>. It is important to let the congregation know about the Strategic Planning and this could be done during the Bible Study time or after the church service.
- 2. Church Needs/Wish List Greg T. stated that each board should look at what their needs and wants are. The board lists would be compiled to have a Church Needs/Wish list available. Greg T. would have this list as the monies go through the Revolving Trust. The Pastor and Secretary would also have this list available to them.

#### **New Business**

- 1. Survey Committee Tom L. stated that the Strategic Planning Committee sees the need to survey the congregation to determine the best methods of communication and update contact information. Dwight Kessler (chairperson), Greg Robertson, and Carla Taylor are the members of the committee and the deadline for completion is June 1, 2021.
- \*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to move forward with the Survey Committee.
- 2. Assimilation Committee Tom L. stated that this committee comes under the Elders direction to create guidelines. The Elders will report back next month.

3. Building Maintenance Evaluation/Plan – A plan is needed for building maintenance. This should include little things as well as big things from the Trustees. They will report back to the council by the June meeting.

Caring and Sharing

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25PM
The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer
Respectfully Submitted, Linda Urevig, Recording Secretary

### **COMING EVENTS**

April 6th – Board Meetings 6:30PM or as decided by each Board April 13th – Council Meeting 5:30PM





Please Have May 2021 Newsletter
Articles to Shirley
By April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Newsletter will be published and
Sent out on or about April 22<sup>th</sup>.