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## *Notes from the Pastor's Desk*



*But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>ESV</sup> Genesis 3:9.*

She had come into the church about ten minutes after the service began. Slipping in the front door she sat in the back so that she might not be noticed. After the sermon was preached and the congregation began to sing, she began to gather her belongings and head for the door. She wanted to stay anonymous, hidden, and in her mind... safe. She had been burned, hurt, and betrayed before by ministers and churches. In fact, she struggled with why she felt compelled to go into another church, even if she was determined to remain anonymous.

The greatest hurts in our lives come when those we trust wound us when we are vulnerable and exposed. The scars that are left on our memory from pastors and church members remain for a lifetime as we think back on the failures and hostility we faced when we needed them the most. These memories can even send us down the slippery slope of not just seeing the individuals that hurt us through the lens of pain, but we tend to transfer our hurt and spite on to the whole of Christianity.

The reality is we are all broken and have made tremendous mistakes in our lives, some of which we are still living with the consequences. This is true regardless of whether you are a pastor, member of a congregation, or never dared enter a church again. We all are as Adam and Eve, hiding in the thicket, trying to prevent our shame to be seen. We long for covering, so we clothe ourselves with self-righteousness, anger, judgmental stares, and we use words to deflect attention from ourselves and extort those around us we have deemed "worse off." I wish this was only true in the churches, but it is seen in the workplace, at home around the dinner table, and it prevails on social media. The reason why it hurts so much when it comes from a church is because that is the one place we have been promised to be welcomed, embraced, cared for, and forgiven for our failures: not exploited and victimized.

When God found Adam and Eve hiding in the garden because of their shame, he did not stand them up in front of all creation and humiliate them. He did not berate them, call them names, scoff at them, or turn his back on them. He immediately, after explaining the consequences of their actions, began to explain His plan to restore them (Genesis 3:15). Yes, our Lord sent them out of the garden, but that was only for their protection from the Tree of Life. He did not want to chance them having to live eternally with their sin. Instead, He removed them and moved to them, where they were at. He met them in their vulnerability, their weakness, and not just them but also Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David, Elijah, Luke, Paul, and the whole world including you and me. Think of the woman caught in adultery, the vertically challenged tax collector, or the thief on the cross. Did He hurl insults or stare judgmentally at them or did He move in compassion to their need?

Spiritual and religious trauma is a real thing. So many Christians from all denominations are haunted by the sins committed against them by their past churches. They feel as though they must go it alone when it comes to their faith or stay anonymous if they could bring themselves to go to another church. Some wounds run even deeper, where the pain they carry has petrified their heart toward the faith. It is part of our calling in this time and place to reach out to these children of God estranged by the past actions of their fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Every day is an opportunity to show how God does not turn His back on us or them, but supplies us what we need, primarily the forgiveness only found in Christ. The church is a place where incredibly imperfect people come to an incredibly gracious God to be restored by Him.

That woman, who came to church a few minutes late and planned on leaving before the service concluded, forgot about the elderly man she walked by in the entrance of the church when she took her seat. But he did not forget about her. You see, he is a Vietnam Vet, and still remembers being spit on in the airport and called names. How his friends turned on him as if he were evil, and even the church he went to at the time, including the pastor, treated him with disdain. He spent many years away from the church and had done “the anonymous Christian” life he was witnessing in this woman. That’s why when she got up, he had already poured her a cup of coffee and was waiting by the entrance. He didn’t ask her to stay but walked her to her car. But in that 3-minute conversation things were said that she couldn’t get out of her mind all week. That’s why she went back the following Sunday and after the service stood in the parking lot drinking her coffee with him learning his story. To her amazement, a few years later she was the head of the mercy team at that congregation.

Church ministry is not about the big sanctuary, the huge numbers on Sunday morning, or the perfect appearance of the lives of the members. It is about the broken individual that makes up the body of Christ. It is about the pain their conscience is feeling, the hurts of their past, and the victory found in our Resurrected Lord for them. Church ministry is about God using each of us, just as he did the Vietnam Vet, to touch the lives

and daily trials of His children, one moment at a time with His grace. His grace is what controls us; not our self-righteousness, judgment, or our anger to deflect attention away from our vulnerability and shame.

There are a lot of hurting and isolated people out there reeling from the hurts caused by people in the church. Please pray for the opportunity to speak with them, even if it is only for three minutes, and give them a glimpse into your vulnerability and how Jesus met you there. Give them a taste of genuine faith, as you live out your calling to be the image of Christ in this world (John 13:34-35). If you are reading this and have been relating to the woman in the opening story, please know you may feel alone in your pain, but you are not alone in your experiences. Please find someone to talk to and if you have no one, know that my office is always open if you would like to visit. Through it all, may God be given all the glory!

On a different note! I wanted to thank you all for the generous and gracious outpouring of love that you have shown my family and I since we arrived and even before that. The meals that you provided were amazing, and the reception after my installation was phenomenal. All of the notes, the brief chats, and greetings we have received have been so warm and welcoming. Thank all so very much. You have blessed us in so many ways already, and we hope to be a blessing to you and your family as well.

In Christ's service,  
Pastor Lovejoy





## **LUTHERAN INDIAN MINISTRIES**

**Pastor Rick McCafferty (Iñupiat) was unloading his vehicle in preparation for one of our Sacred Ground training workshops when a young man approached him, saying he'd been in town for a few days to take care of some business but needed to get back to his family. He was without transportation and asked Rick if he might get a ride.**

Rick spoke with his ministry team and they all agreed to help. Before leaving town, they stopped at a nearby church where the man could pick up some food for his family. During the ride to the reservation, a stranger became a friend as the man shared his story of struggle, addiction, and steps toward recovery. While his story was uniquely his own, it also sounded sadly familiar to Rick, resembling similar stories of others we serve.



**Upon arrival, the team unloaded food and water, while the children chattered excitedly ... happy to see their dad, hungry for food, and delighted by the appearance of unexpected guests. Rick and his teammates left the reservation in tears. They agreed they had experienced a divine encounter orchestrated by God Himself. During Rick's three weeks in the area, he visited the family multiple times, sharing food, grace, and hope in Christ.**

"I am so thankful to our God for bringing me out of my own hopelessness many years ago and into the healing grace of Jesus Christ," says Rick, "so that I can — through the Holy Spirit — be a blessing to my Native people. I am thankful for our donors, for faithful and steadfast support, which allows us to stay on the front lines of ministry and to hear Native youth, men and women exclaim

(as they did at a recent baptism), 'I'm going to heaven!'"

**Your generous gift today will further this important ministry among our Native people.**

**May the Lord continue to bring healing and hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these precious men, women and children.**



With deep gratitude,

Robert Heffle, MSW (Iñupiat Eskimo)  
Executive Director

SERVING THE LORD IN  
**UKRAINE**  
NEWS FROM THE BEAUDOINS

Dear friends,

First, we want to thank everyone for the encouragement and support you have shown to us and the mission to Ukraine! We made so many friends and thoroughly enjoyed teaching English to our students in person and online. We were able to provide some mercy and humanitarian aid to outlying churches and the poor and elderly of Odessa.

We are back in Michigan getting ready for our home service. We have started to schedule presentations for church groups. It is so rewarding to look back at the last two years of pictures as we put together our presentation.

Our favorite memory was going up to our friend Sveta's village and meeting her family. Her family was so generous and kind! We will never forget them or Sveta!

We also cannot forget the people who touched our lives daily. Elen, and Natalia your friendship and kindness helped us get through the toughest days. We cannot wait to see you again soon! Bishop, Alena, Rev. Andrew, Alex, and Ihor your care, fellowship and friendship made every day a good day! You made us feel so welcomed. We cannot wait to celebrate our reunion and morning service.

We are hoping to return for the last bible camp with the Kherson congregation. We can't wait to try out new soup recipes and spend time with all of you. From Michigan with love - See you again soon!  
The Beaudoin



## *Letter From The Beaudoin's In the Ukraine (Our Missionaries)*

February and March have been busy months for us. With the start of the Lenten season, quarantine lifting a bit, and our students inviting friends to class our

days fly by. The progress the students have been making is impressive. They have been more diligent about coming to class and doing their home tasks. There has also been more student participation in the lessons. The adults seem to enjoy the games more than our younger students. Classes are filled with laughter and joking. At the end of the lesson, they all bang on the tables. This is the custom instead of clapping. Seeing their faces and the confidence growing in them makes us feel so good. God and faith have been coming into the discussions. We have both been asked "Why are you teaching in Ukraine?" We answer that God brought us here. That usually opens a whole discussion.

There have been birthday celebrations after services on Sundays. These are filled with laughter, food, sweets, and stories. We've had three celebrations this month. The congregation gathers, toasts the guests of honor celebrating their birthdays, and then we eat. After we eat everyone watches a film about Jesus and the apostles. It is a series and quite good. The episodes bring up points for discussion from the congregation members. We enjoy these opportunities of fellowship with the congregation. Sharing these moments has brought us closer to the people we serve. Now we are asked to go shopping, or out for coffee. When we see our members around town, they come over to greet us. Vigorously they shake our hands and say "hello" and "how are you" in English. This gives us encouragement and has forged some very strong friendships.

We have two new programs in the development stage. One is an English class centered around cooking. One week we will prepare an American dish and the next week someone from the group will teach the class how to cook one of their favorite dishes. The second is an English speaker's discussion group. Each session we will speak on three topics. There has been interest in this group. The members want to practice while we are in the United States for home service. This way their English-speaking skills would not atrophy while we are away.

Humanitarian aid is one of our focuses for the mission going forth. Members of the congregation have expressed that they would like to provide mercy aid to the community. The congregation already supplies patients in the hospital with clothes that have been donated. There is an interest in expanding this to the homeless and elderly. We were approached about using the cooking class to feed those in need. We could do this by

having the cooking class participants hand out meals on their way home from the class. These along with the Orphan Grain Train program are goals for the coming months. We would need volunteers from the congregation to fill out the paperwork that powers the supply of food and goods to the area. The congregation is very active and we don't believe that getting volunteers will be an issue.

We are looking forward to the coming months of fellowship and faith as Easter approaches. We will have been here for one year on March 13th and the time has flown by!

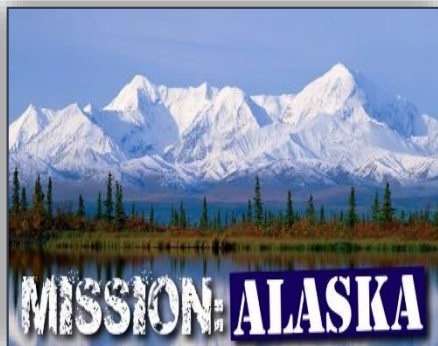
We are excited about the summer camps, new programming, and reaching out to the community in the coming months.

Thank you for your support! May God bless you and may the joy of the Resurrection fill your lives and hearts.

Special Thanks to the Sunday School at St. Paul's Lutheran church in Laurium, Michigan for mailing out our newsletters. Thank you! We couldn't do this without all of you!

*God's peace and blessings.*

*Kipp and Tamara Beaudoin*



*Thank You to all!  
A "Thank You" to the  
congregation in generously  
supporting the Alaska  
Mission Teams.*

*The Door Offering totaled  
\$647.00.*

*Submitted by: Brad Bensen*



## **ASSIMILATION COMMITTEE**

- **The Board of Elders is reforming an Assimilation Committee. Duties of the committee are:**
  - 1. Responsibility of planning ways to assimilate new members.**
  - 2. Responsibility of assuring that visitors are welcomed, helped to feel comfortable, and encouraged to return.**
  - 3. Giving new membership kits with information on the history, beliefs, mission and opportunities for study, service and companionship in the church.**
  - 4. Preparing a brochure or flyer with information for visitors about the church.**
  - 5. Conducting orientation sessions for new or prospective members with the church's staff.**
  - 6. Posting photographs and biographical sketches of the new people for others to see.**
- **If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Matt Pellinen at (218) 360-2578.**



## **LIBRARY CORNER FOR JUNE 2021**

Greetings to all our First readers. You'll be pleased to know that our new books and DVDs have been processed and put on the 2021 labeled book shelf. The books purchased with the LWML funds in memory of our members who died last year have been placed on the shelf above the card catalogue. Remember that there is a 3-ring binder on the round table that has the book reviews from the First Fruits Newsletter and that tiny books have been placed on the shelf above the DVDs near the children's section for quick access and a quick read if time is short. – *Janie Carlson, Darlene Baltus and Shela Cline.*

**AUTUMN BLUE** by Karen Harter, 813.6 Har. I thought this book very realistic and timely. I couldn't have come up with a better summary than the one on the back of the book: "Sidney Walker is doing her best at raising her three children alone. But lately her sweet teenage son, Ty, has become broodingly angry. When the deputy sheriff arrests Ty and later invades her home with a search warrant connected to another local crime, Sidney is overwhelmed. As much as she wants to believe her son is innocent, the evidence is too strong to ignore. She fights to save her son and give him renewed hope. Though her options seem very limited, she finds she is not as alone as she thinks,

and the solution may be in the most unlikely of people." – *Reviewed by Alice Hill.*

**CHOSEN, THE SEASON ONE** ADULT DVD CHO. "For the first time ever, the greatest story ever told is being presented as a multi-season show. Digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels, Season One of the #1 highest crowd-funded media project of all time introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and of course Jesus in a way never before seen on film."

**ONE LANE BRIDGE** by Don Reid (of the Statler Brothers), 813.6 Rei. Taken from the back cover: "The Lord works in mysterious ways...Between trying to run two restaurants, keep his daughter from dropping out of college, and satisfy his lonely, aging mother, J. D. could use a rest. One tranquil evening, he takes off on a ride in the country to clear his mind. Top down, setting sun, wind in his hair...leak in the radiator. Walking up to an old farmhouse to ask for water, J. D. finds a family living in poverty, and he vows to help.

"But he discovers that nothing about the family – and the one lane bridge that led him there – is as it seems. The more he pursues answers, the less he understands. His wife and best friend think he's crazy. But solving the mystery will change him forever..." – This book absolutely

grabbed me from the first page. By the end J. D. had everything figured out – “We’re all connected in God’s universe, even across generations. And we’re all in need of one another.” I recommend reading this book. – *Reviewed by Janie Carlson.*

**PERFECT GIFT, THE ADULT DVD**

**PER.** What if the world threw you a birthday party, and *You* weren’t invited? This DVD tells the story of a spoiled schoolgirl, her overworked executive mother, and a disillusioned young minister and how each received an uplifting message about faith, tradition, and the truest meaning of Christmas from a friendly, but mysterious, drifter named Jes.

**TRACES OF GUILT** by Dee Henderson, 813.54 Hen Bk 1 of An Evie Blackwell Cold Case series. Taken from the book blurb: “She’s turning up the heat on Carin County’s cold cases. Evie Blackwell loves her life as an Illinois State Police detective...mostly. She’s very skilled at investigations and has steadily moved up through the ranks. She would like to find Mr. Right, but she has a hard time imagining how marriage would work, considering the demands of her job. ...Gabriel Thane grew up in Carin County and is now its sheriff, a job he loves. Gabe is committed to upholding the law and cares deeply for the residents he’s sworn to protect. He too would like to find a lifetime companion, a marriage like his parents have...When Evie arrives

in Carin, Illinois, it’s to help launch a new task force focused on unsolved crimes across the state. She will work with the sheriff’s department on a couple of its most troubling missing persons cases. As she studies old evidenced to pull out a few tenuous new leads, she unearths surprising connections. One way or another, she knows Gabriel Thane and his family will be key to the answers she seeks.”

**THREADS OF SUSPICION**

by Dee Henderson, 813.54 Hen Bk 2 of An Evie Blackwell Cold Case series. Taken from the book blurb: “Evie and her new partner, David Marshall, are assigned to a pair of unrelated cases in suburban Chicago, and while both involve persons now missing for several years, the cases couldn’t be more different. As Evie opens old wounds in a close-knit neighborhood over the disappearance of a college student, David searches for a private investigator whose last case involved a high-powered client...With a deep conviction that “justice for all” truly matters, Evie and David are unrelenting in their search for the truth. But the questions that lie just beneath the surface in Evie’s personal life are also begging for answers.”



*“A library is a good place to go when you feel unhappy, for there, in a book, you may find encouragement and comfort. A library is a good place to go when you feel bewildered or undecided, for there, in a book, you may have your question answered. Books are good*

*company, in sad times and happy times, for books are people – people who have managed to stay alive by hiding between the covers of a book.” E.B. White, author of Charlotte’s Web and Stuart Little*

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**  
**LCMS Stewardship Ministry**  
**Newsletter Article – June 2021**

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let’s explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good

things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.



**NEW MEMBER FELLOWSHIP  
GATHERING  
JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>  
AT NOON  
EVERYONE IS INVITED  
ESPECIALLY ALL NEW MEMBERS  
PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, ETC.**

# Youth News

## Summer Youth News!

Summer is here! Are you ready to have fun in the sun with your friends from church? We have lots of opportunities for you to come and gather with your brothers and sisters in Christ. *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”* Matthew 18:20 Be sure to check the website, Facebook, Sunday morning slides and the bulletin board for more information on each activity.



We are going to start the Summer off by heading to Lutheran Island Camp June 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. Anyone is welcome to go, even adults! If you haven't signed up yet, be sure to chat with me ASAP. During the week at Lutheran Island Camp we are going to help them get ready for regular Summer Camp by cleaning up trails, campsites, oil horse tack, ride their horses to get back in shape and many other projects around camp. We will also be able to enjoy the camp facilities, games, swimming beach and

more! *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.* 1 Peter 4:10

June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> are set for Youth Sunday. We will continue with youth Sunday every third Sunday of the month unless notified. Youth are asked to be a part of the service that Sunday and can sign up at Youth Group Wednesday evenings. We have an acolyte schedule! Please sign up if you know you will be here and want to light the candles. The sign-up sheet is found on the bulletin board in front of the youth office or by the library.

Youth group will continue throughout the summer. Friends are always welcomed and encouraged to come. The current schedule will be June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, August 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to watch the Facebook group, email or the website for any changes.



The youth Garage Sale is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Youth going to the National Youth Gathering are encouraged to work. Items can be brought in starting July 18<sup>th</sup> after the second service in the fellowship hall. Thank you for your donations!



At God's Wonder Lab Vacation Bible Camp, your children look into the Bible, God's Holy Word, and discover that Jesus does the impossible, giving us eternal life with Him! Jesus shows that He is God with amazing miracles. And He shows us that He loves us by using His power to do marvelous things on our behalf. Join us on August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-4. Helpers and leaders are still needed! Sing up on the VBC table in the foyer. Games, crafts, group leader and helpers are still needed. Thank you to those that have already signed up to help! The five lessons we will focus on are John 2:1-12 Jesus' First Miracle, Matthew 14:22-33 Jesus Walks on Water, Mark 5:21-43 Jesus Gives Life, Luke 24:36-49 Jesus Appears to His Followers, and Acts 9:1-19 Jesus Sends Paul. The theme Jesus does the impossible.



Summer High School youth group! We know how busy teenagers get especially during the Summer. We will take this opportunity to get to know each other again and have some fun. This is for anyone entering 9<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall and at least 13 years of age. Dinner will be provided. Join us for fun, laughter and talk about Jesus on June 13<sup>th</sup>, July 18<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30.

August 8<sup>th</sup> is the Tall Timber Days Parade! Save the date as we plan to have a float in the parade again this year. We will need people to help decorate it and walk in the parade. More information will come out in July.



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.



## **LWML – Funeral Work Units**

**Occasionally we need extra help when serving a funeral lunch. We have a “*Will Work Anytime List*” and are in the process of updating it. If you or your spouse are interested in being on this list please sign your name, phone number and email on the signup sheet outside the office. We appreciate your consideration.**





To All Of Our Youth Born In

June

# **SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**June 6**

**Mite Sunday**

**8:00 Traditional Service**

**9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service**

**June 13/ Communion**

**Dimes For Missions**

**8:00 a.m. Traditional Service**

**9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service**

**June 20**

**Youth Sunday**

**8:00 a.m. Traditional Service**

**9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service**

**June 27/ Communion**

**Food Shelf Sunday**

**8:00 a.m. Traditional Service**

**9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study**

**10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service**

*“Sharing the Love of Jesus”*

## CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - UNAPPROVED

MAY 11, 2021

Present: Molly Bartel, Les Flem, Jessica Pellinen, Greg Taylor, Doug Carlson, Greg Robertson, Mary Buech, Tom Lattimore, Pastor Lovejoy, Linda Urevig

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

Opening devotion and prayer: Pastor Lovejoy led devotion and prayer from Luke 12 – Do not be anxious. Life can constantly be a struggle but God is always with us.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Consent Agenda with additions to New Business (2. Strategic Planning Update; 3. Men's Club; 4. Pastor's Microphone).

Oral Reports of Boards and Committees

1. Boards of Christian Education & Youth: Report in Packet/Greg R.
2. Board of Elders: Report in Packet/Les F.
3. Boards of Human Care & Missions: Report in Packet/Mary B. stated that our Ukrainian Missionaries, Kip and Tami Baudoin, will visit First Lutheran on August 29<sup>th</sup>.
4. Board of Stewardship: No Meeting/Doug C. stated the Board of Stewardship has continued to have messages in the First Fruits, has been encouraging tithing and a Financial Review will be done in June.
5. Board of Trustees: Greg T.
6. AV Ministry Committee: Have not met/Tom L. stated that additional people are needed to run the soundboard. He would like Pastor Lovejoy to be an adviser on the committee.
7. Revolving Trust Fund Committee: No Meeting/Greg T.
8. Wiebe Grant Committee: No Requests/Greg T.
9. Direction and Planning Committee: Has not met since the four Strategic Planning Meetings in February and March/Greg T.

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

Pastor's Report: Report in Packet

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

YTD income 2021: \$93,521.60      YTD income 2020: \$96,322.25

Treasurer's Report: Report in Packet

As of: April 30,2021

General Fund Chkg: \$58,071.80

Building Fund Chkg: \$3,621.03

Mortgage loan balance: \$59,223.67

Revolving trust fund Chkg: \$85,227.90

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

Correspondence - None

Unfinished Business

1. Church Needs/Wish List Update – Greg T. will pass the list on to our Pastor and Church Secretary. The secretary will maintain the list.
2. Survey Committee Update – The communication form is complete and will be sent by email and physical mail. A paper copy will be available at church. July completion date.
3. Assimilation Committee Update – Tom L. reported for Matt P./The Board of Elders is reforming an Assimilation Committee. The duties of the committee include: 1) Planning ways to assimilate new members; 2) Assuring that visitors are welcomed, helped to feel comfortable and encouraged to return; 3) Giving New Member Kits with information on history, beliefs, mission, opportunities for study, service and companionship in the church; 4) Preparing a brochure or flyer with information for visitors; 5) Conducting orientation sessions for new or prospective members with the church's staff. 6) Posting photographs and biographical sketches of the new members. Matt P. will chair the committee. Let him know if you are interested in being on the committee. He will be planning a kick-off meeting with the committee members soon.
4. Building Maintenance Evaluation/Plan Update – No Report
5. Camp Scholarships for LIC Update – Jessica P. stated that she has received a few requests for scholarships in the amount of \$1,200.00.

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to use \$1,500.00 from the Youth/Family Camp Fund for scholarships.

New Business

1. Air Conditioner in Pastor's Office, Counters' Room & Shirley's Office – Greg T. stated that he had a quote in the amount of \$4,800.00 for a new air conditioner in the Counters' Room and Jessica's Office. He will be getting a second quote.

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to spend up to \$5,000.00 to replace the air conditioner in the Counters' Room and Jessica's Office.

2. Strategic Planning Update – Greg T. stated the need to present the planning update to the congregation. He will get together with Tom L, Les F, and Pastor Lovejoy to plan the presentation.

3. Men's Club – Greg T. stated that at their recent meeting they decided to pay for the Funeral Rose, give \$200.00 to the Alaska Mission Trip and \$200.00 to the Youth Scholarship Fund. They discussed having a Fish Fry Fellowship. The Men's Club will sponsor a meal inviting all new members and they will check on a date in June. This should be done quarterly or at least three times a year.

4. Pastor's Microphone – There are noises and it doesn't stay on well.

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to spend up to \$525.00 for a new microphone system.

Caring and Sharing

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50PM

Pastor Lovejoy closed with prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Linda Urevig, Recording Secretary

## COMING EVENTS

June 1st – Board Meetings 6:30PM or as decided by each Board

June 8th – Council Meeting 5:30PM





# Newsletter

***Please Have July 2021 Newsletter  
Articles to Shirley  
By June 15<sup>th</sup>.***

***Newsletter will be published and  
Sent out on or about May 26th.***





# CHILD LOSS SUPPORT GROUP



There is nothing more devastating than losing a child. Connect with a community of people who have also experienced the same pain and are navigating a journey from grief to hope.

A safe and supportive environment that provides an opportunity to share experiences and coping strategies. Please know there are zero expectations of you in this group, you do not need to share or commit to anything. If you would like to join us to explore whether this group may be something you are interested in, please do.

*Held on the First Wednesday of Every Month*

*7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.*

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*"Nourishing the whole person for joyful,  
Christ-centered life and service"*

June 11—13 Little Lamb /Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp — Performing Arts  
June 13—18 Classic Camp I — Horse Camp I  
June 18—20 Little Lamb /Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp — Wonder of Science  
June 20 —25 Classic Camp II — Horse Camp II  
June 25 —27 Little Lamb /Sheep — Child/ Adult Horse Camp — Wonder of Art  
Jun27-Jul 2 Classic Camp III — Horse Camp III  
July 2 — 4 Little Lamb /Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp  
July 4 — 9 July Family Camp  
Jul 11 —16 Camp Indian Head  
Jul 16 —18 Little Lamb / Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp  
July 18 — 23 Splash Camp I — Horse Camp IV  
July 23 — 25 Little Lamb/Sheep — Beginner Horse Camp  
July 25 — 30 Classic Camp IV— Horse Camp V  
Jul 30 —Aug 1 Little Lamb /Little Sheep — Child/Adult Horse Camp  
Aug 1—Aug 6 August Family Camp  
Aug 6—Aug 8 Little Lamb /Sheep — Advance Wrangler

**Calendar of Activities**  
**Summer 2021**  
**at Lutheran Island Camp.**  
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