



*First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Missouri Synod  
Grand Rapids, Mn 55744*

# **FIRST FRUITS**

## **October Newsletter**



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*Pastors Corner*

*All of us have made promises to someone as well as people have over the years made promises to us. Usually we have been able to keep those promises but sometimes we are unable to achieve that. One definition of a promise is to cause someone to expect something. I think too often people look at someone's promise as an intention to do something.*

*God has made many promises to us that He faithfully keeps. My challenge to you is look at and consider the many, many promises of God. Look at the promises that God's Word offers and gives. As we have discovered, the Holy Spirit uses God's Word as a vehicle to reach our souls and hearts. Consider these words, (Romans 10:17) "So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." This is telling us that when we were born we were born with spiritual plugs in our ears that prevented us from hearing the Good News of Salvation. Through the power of God's Word those spiritual plugs have been removed enabling us to hear of God's Love through the blood of Jesus Christ.*

*During the challenges that our country and the world are facing, join me in discovering the many promises and the tremendous power of Prayer. God's Word tells us, in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 "pray without ceasing," in 1 Timothy 2:8 "in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling", in James 5:13 "Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray." And James 5:16 "pray for one another, that you may be healed". Discipline yourself to take 2 minutes daily to talk to God in prayer. Prayer doesn't require special language or training just a desire to talk to God like you would talk to a close friend. Take time today and talk to your most faithful and best friend, Jesus, in prayer.*

**Pastor Steve Breitbarth**





## LIBRARY CORNER OCTOBER, 2020

**THE MOTHER'S PROMISE** by Sally Hepworth, 813.54 Hep. From the inner cover blurb: “All their lives, Alice Stanhope and her daughter, Zoe, have been a family of two, living quietly in Northern California. Zoe has always struggled with crippling

social anxiety and her mother has been her constant and fierce protector. With Zoe’s father shrouded in mystery, their team of two works – until it doesn’t. Until Alice gets sick and needs to fight for her life...Desperate to find stability for Zoe, Alice reaches out to two women who are practically strangers but who are her only hope: Kate, a nurse, and Sonja, a social worker. As the four of them come together, a chain of events is set into motion and all four of them must confront their darkest fears and secrets – secrets about abandonment, abuse, estrangement, and the deepest longing for family...Imbued with heart and humor in even the most dismal moments, this is an unforgettable novel about the unbreakable bonds between mothers and daughters and the new ways in which families are forged.” ***This novel grabbed me and never let me go even as twists near the end had me yelling out in dismay – sorry Doug! And be sure to keep the tissues near at hand. – Janie Carlson***

**DEAR CAROLINA** by Kristy Woodson Harvey, 813.6 Har. Taken from the book back cover: “One baby girl. Two strong Southern women. And the most difficult decision they’ll ever make...Frances “Khaki” Mason has it all: a thriving interior design career, a loving husband and son, homes in North Carolina and Manhattan – everything except the second child she has always wanted. Jodi, her husband’s nineteen-year-old cousin, is fresh out of rehab, pregnant, and alone. Although the two women couldn’t seem more different, they forge a life-long connection as Khaki reaches out to Jodi, encouraging to have her baby. But as Jodi struggles to be the mother she knows her daughter deserves, she will as Khaki for the ultimate favor....Written to baby Carolina, by both her birth mother and her adoptive one, this is a story that proves that life circumstances shape us but don’t define us – and that families aren’t born, they’re made...” ***Another page turner that was hard to put down! – Janie Carlson***

**FRAGMENTS OF FEAR** by Carrie Stuart Parks, 813.6 Par. “...is a heart-stopping read of suspense and God’s mercy and grace. Tavish is the type of character who grips you tight in her clutches and takes you along on a wild ride until you turn the last page. It’s a stay-up-late-to-finish novel. **Highest recommendation!**”

**STARFISH PIER** by Irene Hannon, 813.54 Han. This is book 6 of the Hope Harbor Novels. “A year ago, ex-Delta Force operator Steven Roark left the rigors of combat behind to run fishing charters in Hope Harbor, decompress, and talk some sense into his kid brother. Business is good – but making peace with his past is more challenging than he

expected...First-grade teacher Holly Miller leads a low-profile existence – until she’s recruited to advocate for a cause that’s dear to her heart. When she solicits Steven’s assistance, sparks fly – especially after they find themselves on opposite sides of an issue that disrupts their placid seaside community...As these two seemingly incompatible souls wrestle with their differences, might they discover more common ground than they expect – and a future filled with promise?” *Readers will be happy to know we have books 1 – 5:*

**HOPE HARBOR, SEA ROSE LANE, SANDPIPER COVE, PELICAN POINT, and DRIFTWOOD BAY.**

**ONE LITTLE LIE** by Colleen Coble, 813.54 Cob. This is book 1 of the Pelican Harbor series. “It started with one little lie. But Jane Hardy will do everything in her power to uncover the truth in this gripping new romantic suspense.” *To be continued in **TWO REASONS TO RUN**, coming out in print September 2020. Let your church librarians know if you’d like to continue this series! – Janie*

**STILL LIFE** by Christa Parrish, 813.6 Par. “Ada escaped her family’s self-enclosed world to elope with a mysterious stranger. Five months later, she’s a widow in a strange new world.” “This is a cunningly complex work that captures themes of abusive religion, supernatural love, and merciful escape. It will resonate with anyone who has ever felt called to a drastic change – or tried to hear the small whisper of God’s voice.”

**SHELTER** by Robin Merrill, FIC Mer. “She begged God to rescue her. He said, “Go.” So she headed out into a blizzard. In a car that wasn’t exactly hers, with a dog who wasn’t exactly a rat terrier, she drove. Until she ran out of gas in the small Maine town of Mattawooptock. Mattawoopwhat? What on earth is God thinking? But it is there, in a weird little bathroom in a weird little church in a weird little town that Maggie Hansen finds herself. And as God would have it, she finds a lot more than that.” *I enjoyed this fast-moving book so much that the sequel **DANIEL** has been put on our library “wish list”! – Janie Carlson*

**A SWEET VOICE** by Margo Hansen, 813.54 Han. “Shanghaied, tortured, and beaten down, Keane Wheatly turns to fellow prisoner for help. Together Keane and his friend Jake make their escape back to the Wheatly farm in Ulen, Minnesota, as far from an ocean as they can get. But adjusting to everyday life isn’t easy with the memories they both carry. Each day they rely more and more on God’s grace.”

**TO SEE AND KNOW** by Margo Hansen, 813.54 Han. This is a sequel to **A SWEET VOICE**. “Garrett Foxe needs answers and the place to find them seems to be in Ulen, Minnesota. The papers he found among his mother’s things reveal that she had lied to him all his life. Can the people here help him find the truth?”

**THE WORDS BETWEEN US** by Erin Bartels, 813.6 Bar. "...this is a story to savor and share: a lyrical novel about the power of language and the search for salvation. A secondhand bookstore owner hiding from a legacy of scandal, tragedy and heartbreak must unlock the secrets of the past to claim her happiness." "Vividly drawn and told in expertly woven dual timelines."

**UNFINISHED – BELIEVING IS ONLY THE BEGINNING** by Richard Stearns, 248.4 Ste. "So you believe in God. Now what? Just before he left, Jesus sent his followers into the world with a revolutionary mission: to change the world by proclaiming God's truth and demonstrating his incredible love. But the single task he gave us to accomplish remains *unfinished*. Why are we here, what is our purpose, and where do we fit in the bigger story that God is writing? How should our faith affect our careers, our money, our families, and our lives? And why does it matter? We will find our deepest purpose only when we discover the unique role God created for us to play in his unfolding story."

**TO OUR FAITHFUL GENTLE READERS:** We're happy to let you know that the 20+ books and 3 adult DVDs donated in July by our library AngelZ have been processed and shelved with the current 2020 books in our new book shelf section. In the coming months watch Library Corner for more book cover blurbs to let you know about them, as well as actual book reviews written by our readers. We are so blessed to have a wide assortment of books from which to draw! – **Your church librarians: Darlene Baltus, Shela Cline and Janie Carlson**

*There is no such thing as too many books. However, there is such a thing as not enough room!*



***LWML Sunday will be celebrated October 4<sup>th</sup>.*** Even though the LWML MN North District Convention did not take place in Grand Rapids in June, the convention delegates approved District Mission Grants for the 2020-2022 Biennium of \$140,500. Through your mite offerings, LWML supports mission work all around the world. One of this biennium's district mission grants is \$8,000 to **Scholarships for Men Preparing for Ordination**. Jesus set in motion the Great Commission to proclaim His Gospel, but without workers, many are unable to hear the saving Gospel message. Through this grant, men at either of our seminaries will receive equal funding to help offset the expenses for their tuition.

Another one of this biennium's mission grants is for \$5,000 to **Main Street Living North**. This grant is designed to meet the needs of people who are home bound, in assisted living and nursing homes, as well as to those without a church to attend on a Sunday morning. This has also been an option during the Covid pandemic. Through this ministry the message of Christ can be taken to viewers through Minnesota, North Dakota and into Canada.

This year's LWML Sunday theme is "Kingdom People Produce Kingdom Fruit," based on Matthew 21:43: Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. In Matthew 21:33-46, Jesus teaches that the kingdom of God will be taken from the religious leaders of the day and be given to people producing its fruits. By God's grace in Christ, we are blessed to be these people in the kingdom of God. He graciously nurtures us and generously gives us everything we need to produce fruit for the kingdom during the fruit-bearing season of our lives. Because of your donations to mites, we can share the Gospel and bring others to Christ. Thank you for your support of LWML, enabling us to produce fruit for God's kingdom.

The first Sunday of each month is designated as Mite Box Sunday. Mites can be placed in the big mite box on those Sundays or in the wooden box by mailboxes at any time. During this time of the covid pandemic we have been not able to do the normal activities we do to support our missions but we can still collect our Mites.

**Ladies of First Lutheran: Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is LWML Sunday.** We would still like to have one more usher for each worship service. Please contact Carla Taylor, 326-1843, if you are willing to help. Please join us in making LWML Sunday a success! Thank you.

**Note:** LWML Iron Range Fall Rally and Executive Board meeting have been cancelled.



**October 4<sup>th</sup> – Are you hungry for some delicious homemade cookies?** The women of First Lutheran have decided to 'stir things up a bit' and will be selling cookies for our district mite mission. If you can bake some cookies for this important ministry, please bring them to the church on Saturday afternoon, October 3rd, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM or Sunday morning. Please package the cookies yourself. It will be a free will offering. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Thank you so very much for your help either in baking cookies, buying cookies or for your donations. Please keep LWML's ministry in your thoughts and prayers.

**MITES FOR MISSIONS:** We will be collecting mite offerings on LWML Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord! Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-43), the Mite Box is intended for regular



contributions of "mites" — offerings above and beyond the support given to the congregation and the Synod. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national mission grants. The LWML has collected over 127 million dollars since 1942. These coins have, and will, continue to make a difference. Thank you for contributing to the Mite Box and providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world.



## 2020 OPEN DOOR COAT RACK



Due to the pandemic, the Open Door Coat Rack is purchasing new coats from L&M. They will be providing coats for children/teenagers 0-18 years of age. No used items will be accepted. They are asking local congregations to contribute monetarily. The Open Door is also pursuing grant money. Congregation, they ask that any donations we can provide be mailed or delivered to:

**UMC**

**1701 SE 5th Ave.**

**Grand Rapids, MN 55744**

Distribution will start on October 12th. Different options are still being considered on how to go about this. Any donations we can give will be gratefully appreciated. They are also accepting new homemade hats, scarves and mittens. If you are unable to deliver these homemade items to UMC, bring them to First Lutheran and I will see that they get there. I will set out a small box for these items.

**Thank you all very much.**

**Corinne Hultman, for the Board of Human Care**



## ORDERS REMAIN UNCHANGED

Go Into The World and Preach the Good News to All Creation Mark 16:15

Every Hour on the hour, 365 days a year, a soldier reports for duty at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. The precision of the changing of the guard is impressive. Even more impressive are the orders handed on. Always the command is the same, "Orders remain unchanged".

Can't we say the same about the command the risen Jesus has given his soldiers of all times? "Go," he charged, "into all the world." "Preach the good news," he commanded, to all creation." "And when you have done it," He continued, "Pass the order on to those who follow you," The orders of the day for believers are always the same. Not to guard a tomb in which an unknown body rests but to tell all creation of their living, loving, Savior, their only Savior.

Soldiers of the cross, how goes it? Whom have we told? I can't reach very far," you say. Well then, how about your family, your neighborhood, your small corner of the world? I can't do very much," you excuse. Well then, how about your prayers, your dollars for missions? Few of us will ever personally cross the oceans and convey the saving message of his cross to distant worlds. But we can help build the boats that carry those who go. And we can fish in the lakes right in our own backyards.

Lord, here I am. Move me, use me, and bless my efforts to tell others about you. Amen

**Submitted by,  
Mary Buech  
SS Superintendent**

## LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY STEWARDSHIP SCREEN BLURBS

### LCMS STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE – OCTOBER 2020

*The following stewardship verses were originally intended to be put in the weekly bulletins. Because we're not printing weekly bulletins, we've included them to be printed in the October newsletter. Please read and ponder them as you go about your day. – Stewardship Board*

**LUKE 14:11 – "FOR EVERYONE WHO EXALTS HIMSELF WILL BE HUMBLLED, AND HE WHO HUMBLLES HIMSELF WILL BE EXALTED."** The Kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It's like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, and joy.

**MATT. 22:40 – "ON THESE TWO COMMANDMENTS DEPEND ALL THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS."** We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for good works or



inventing our own. God has given us roles to fill in home, at church, and in society, and that will keep us plenty busy. When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result.

**EPH. 4:24 – “... PUT ON THE NEW SELF, CREATED AFTER THE LIKENESS OF GOD IN TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HOLINESS.”** We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam: sinner, enemy of God, and destined for death and destruction. But in Christ we have a new self: forgiven, child of God, cleansed, and destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” and consciously exert effort to cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord’s House, faithfully supporting the ministry, and praying and reading Scripture daily are the works of the new self.

**MATT. 21:43 – “THEREFORE I TELL YOU, THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU AND GIVEN TO A PEOPLE PRODUCING ITS FRUITS.”** The Pharisees were not bearing fruit. They were faithful to the letter of the Law in keeping the Sabbath, tithing, and all the rest, but they neglected the heart of God’s will. The grace of God belongs at the center. Our giving and all our other good works flow forth from receiving God’s grace and living in that grace on a daily basis.

**MATT. 22:5 – “BUT THEY PAID NO ATTENTION AND WENT OFF, ONE TO HIS FARM, ANOTHER TO HIS BUSINESS.”** The invitation to join God in His feast and in His work is easily ignored. The rest of life seems so much more pressing, and we always think there will be another time when we can catch back up with God. But what joys are we missing when we set aside God’s invitation to join Him in His plans and purposes? What inheritance are we trading for the world’s bowl of pottage?

**MATT. 22:21 – “... THEN HE SAID TO THEM, ‘THEREFORE RENDER TO CAESAR THE THINGS THAT ARE CAESAR’S, AND TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD’S.’** So what is Jesus saying? Doesn’t everything belong to God? Yes, and God has a place for everything. Some of what He gives us goes to Caesar. Some must come back to the work of His Church. And some goes to support the families He has given us. All belongs to God, and He has work for us to do with what He has given us in the home, in the Church, and in society.

**JOHN 8:36 – “SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE, YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED.”** Reformation Day is celebrated October 25<sup>th</sup>! Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel, but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For only in being set free by the Gospel can we do good works. Jesus has set us free, and His blood covers over our sins. We stand before God as His beloved children, and we are invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

## OCTOBER 11

**Eph. 4:24 – “... Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.”**

## OCTOBER 18

**Matt. 22:21 – “... Then he said to them, ‘Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ”**

## OCTOBER 25 – REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

**John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”**



## EMAIL SCAM ALERT

Please be aware of email scams going around right now. They may look like they are coming from Pastor Steve or Shirley, but they are not. How to tell if the email is a scam:

1. Be sure to look at the email address it was sent from. If it doesn't look familiar it is a scam.
2. Is the email asking you to be discrete? If yes, it is a scam.
3. Is there punctuation errors or the English sounds choppy? If yes, than it is a scam.
4. Are they requesting you open a link? If yes, it is a scam. Do not open any attachments or links if it is not from Pastor or Shirley directly. If you have any questions about an email you have received, please call Shirley at 218-999-4101. We are doing everything we can at church to protect our emails and members emails.

## YOUTH FUNDRAISER

In October the youth will be selling Pampered Chef to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering in 2022. There will be books available at church, please see Jessica, or you can order directly online by going to: [www.pamperedchef.com/jessicapellinen1009](http://www.pamperedchef.com/jessicapellinen1009) The fundraiser will close on October 26<sup>th</sup> to ensure delivery before Christmas.



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## TRUNK OR TREAT

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we will hold our first trunk or treat in the parking lot. Come and decorate the trunk of your car and hand out goodies to the kids walking the streets for Halloween. Pick any theme from the Bible.

Watch for more information on the website, Facebook or email.

Please note there will not be regular Sunday school or youth group on October 18<sup>th</sup>. A movie will be shown in the youth room.

Pre-k/Kindergarten Sunday school teacher needed





## WE ARE STILL ACTIVELY SEEKING A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

for the preschool and kindergarten class. This group of kiddos are at an intriguing age to hear the bible stories. Their minds are fascinating as they are like a sponge and soak up the knowledge you lay before them. Their imagination is like a black hole, never ending. I have been blessed beyond belief having taught this age group for over seven years. I loved how each child is so different, but they all have a passion to learn more about Jesus and who God is. Being a Sunday school teacher is so rewarding and I will try my best to explain how. Growing up I heard the bible stories over and over. I read them in books, heard them in Sunday school, VBS, and at bible camp. As an adult we tend to forget or reread those stories that are the foundation of faith for so many. Jonah and the big whale, Zacchaeus, David and Goliath, the birth of Jesus, I could really go on. As adults we tend to dive into the deeper parts of the bible on how we should treat each other and ourselves, talk about heaven, and so forth. We don't always take time to revisit those stories. What I love most about teaching the preschool and kindergartners is I get to reread the bible stories. I always pick out something new or a verse stands out differently to me than it did the last time I read it. Not only am I teaching the children the story, I am also teaching myself. I grow as a person learning more about the Bible. Sometimes those kiddos have such great questions. Questions that I don't think about asking. It sparks a conversation that I would not have had on my own.

Right now we don't have a teacher for the preschool and kindergartners. If you are able to set aside two hours a week for these kids, please let me know. I say two hours because one hour would be for preparing and one hour for teaching on Sunday morning. It really doesn't take a lot of time.

The curriculum comes with a section on how to build relationships (opening). Introduce the bible story, telling the story and saying the bible verse. How they can discover the lesson truths, this would be the lesson leaflet activity with stickers and coloring. Taking time to engage in active learning by moving, snack or creating a craft. We also have a wall of chalkboard for the kids to draw and color what they like, many wooden puzzles, and lots of other activities. Everything is provided so you can be a successful teacher. As always I am right here if you need support or help with anything.

Please pray that either yourself or someone will step up to be the leader in this classroom! Perhaps two people could take turns every other week or every other month.

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

Jessica Pellinen

Family Ministry Program Director



To All Of Our Youth Born In



# FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

October 4

**LWML Sunday**

8:00a.m. Traditional Service

9:00a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:30a.m. Family Service

October 11 Communion

8:00a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:30a.m. Family Service

October 18

8:00a.m. Traditional Worship

9:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:30a.m. Family Worship

October 25 Communion

**Reformation Sunday Observed**

8:00a.m. Traditional

9:00 Sunday School and Adult Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Family Worship





# Pastor Breitbarth Hours

## October Office Hours:

### Tuesdays

**Oct. 13 10:30-4:00**

**Oct. 20 9:00-3:00**

**Oct. 27 9:00-3:00**

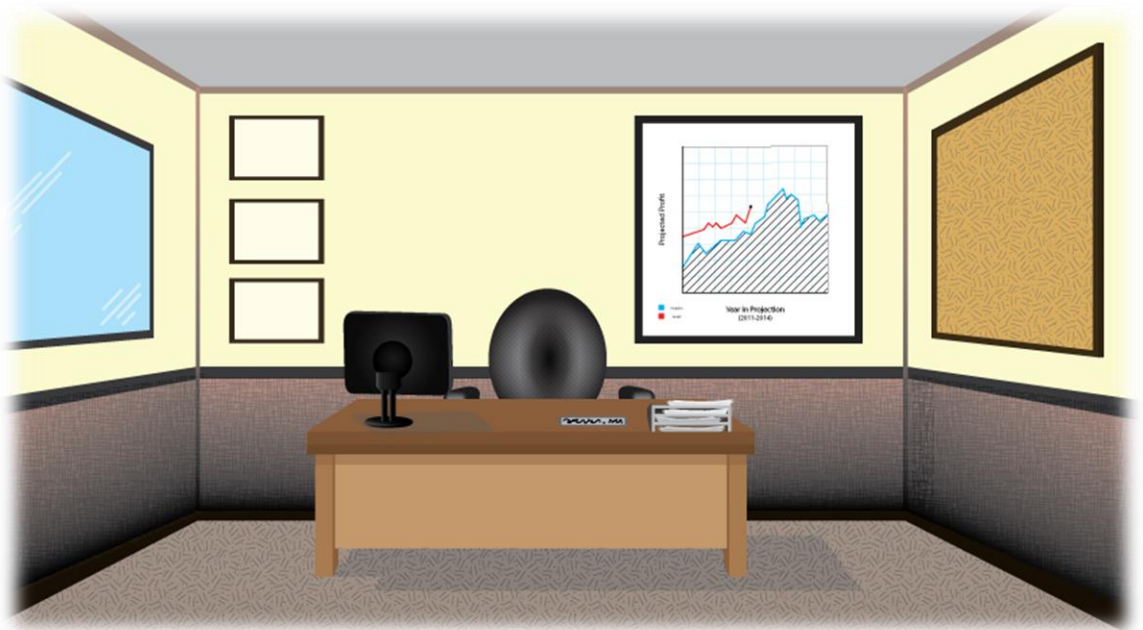
### Wednesdays

**Oct. 7 10:30-4:30**

**Oct. 14 9:00-4:00**

**Oct. 21 9:00-4:30**

**Oct. 28 9:00-4:30**



*“Sharing the Love of Jesus”*  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES - UNAPPROVED**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 2020**

Present: Greg Taylor, Tom Lattimore, Gary Rosin, Mary Buech, Molly Goplin, Les Flem, Jennifer Flem, Janie Carlson, Jessica Pellinen, Dwight Kessler, Greg Robertson, Debbie Robertson, Linda Urevig

Call to order – Dwight K. called the meeting to order at 5:30PM.

Opening devotion and prayer – Dwight K. led the opening prayer.

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 (1. Congregation Call Voting Meeting Date/Time; 2. Sanctuary – Temperature/Humidity).

\*Item 3 Opening Church to Outside Organizations was added to New Business later in the meeting.

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. stated that the plan is still to go to two services on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, with Sunday School and Bible Study conducted between services.
3. Boards of Human Care & Missions: Report in Packet – Mary B & Molly G. It was noted that this year the Open Door Coat Rack is only accepting new items and monetary contributions are encouraged.
4. Board of Stewardship: Report in Packet – Janie C.
5. Board of Trustees: Report in Packet – Gary R.
6. Revolving Trust Fund Committee: No Meeting – Greg T.
7. Wiebe Grant Committee: No Requests – Greg T.
8. Direction and Planning Committee: No Meeting – 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 – Debbie R.

YTD income 2020: \$189,463.01      YTD income 2019: \$199,763.39

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

As of: August 31, 2020

General Fund Chkg: \$43,426.54

Building Fund Chkg: \$15,942.57

Mortgage loan balance: \$72,961.71

Revolving trust fund Chkg: \$95,121.41

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

Correspondence - None

Unfinished Business

1. Call Committee Update – Tom L. stated that two pastors have been interviewed and a third pastor will be interviewed on September 9<sup>th</sup>.
2. AV Committee Update – Tom L. stated that more help is needed on Sundays to run the equipment and all six TV screens will be replaced.
3. Weather Cancellation of Church Services – Still working on how do we get the message out. October Completion Date
4. Archival Fire Proof Cabinets Update – Jennifer F. will get the dimensions of the cabinets to look at alternate locations because the choir room has a moisture problem.
5. AV Upgrade Update – Tom L. The contract is being finalized and the check is available.
6. Elevator Repair Update – Gary R. The old elevator jack has been removed. Waiting for the new one to be installed. There are no environmental issues.
7. Sidewalk Concrete Update – Gary R. The work has been completed.

New Business

1. Congregation Call Voting Meeting Date/Time

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to schedule the Congregation Call Voting Meeting on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

2. Sanctuary Temperature/Humidity – Grandall & Engen made temperature and humidity recommendations for the sanctuary as noted in the Trustee’s Minutes.

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved to keep the temperature constant and to be set at 71 degrees in the winter and 74 degrees in the summer.

3. Opening the Church to Outside Organizations

\*\*\*Motion was made, seconded and approved (with one dissenting vote) to keep the church open for outside organization use with guidelines for cleaning.

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

October 6th – Board Meetings 6:30PM or as decided by each Board

October 13th – Council Meeting 5:30PM



Sept 19, 2020

We will soon be sending out invitations to our 1<sup>st</sup> ever **Virtual Harvest Fundraiser**. Please, watch for upcoming information on our Facebook page, website, posters at your church or a card in the mail. This has been a new experience for us, and we really need your prayers and support for it to be successful! We would like to encourage churches and individuals to initiate hosting a "Watch Party" to view this event. The plan is to post it online on Oct 16 at 6 p.m. Please remember to pray for the New Beginnings board, staff and volunteers as we navigate through new territory with this fundraiser. Pray that God will continue to lead and guide us. We are blessed to have your support in what we are doing in the community we love. In August, your generosity helped us to provide 84 services to 21 individual clients. These services included: 1 ultrasound, 27 Earn While You Learn classes, 6 Post Abortive Care Education, 1 Car Seat Education and 1 Car Seat given. We know we are not doing this on our own, God is our source and you have been our partners accomplishing this mission. May God be gracious to you as you have remembered this good work and the ongoing needs at New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center.

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him."  
(Philippians 2:13 NLT)

Kathy Metzger 218-326-0404 [www.newbeginningspregnancy.com](http://www.newbeginningspregnancy.com)

**THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE** - has arrived in Grand Rapids! 40 Days of Prayer and Fasting in front of Planned Parenthood in Grand Rapids will begin Wednesday, September 23 and conclude Nov. 1. The hours are 8am to 6pm daily and you are encouraged to sign up for at least one hour per week at [40DaysforLife.com/Grand Rapids MN](http://40DaysforLife.com/GrandRapidsMN).

Many churches will be participating!

Please contact Debbie Gaustad at 806-603-0652 or [JoyinJesusDebbie@yahoo.com](mailto:JoyinJesusDebbie@yahoo.com) for more information and details about this effort to end abortion locally.

With Joy in Jesus

Debbie Gaustad



# Newsletter

***Please Have November Newsletter  
Articles to Shirley  
By October 15<sup>th</sup>.***

