

Faith Talk!

News from Faith Lutheran Church of Becker, MN

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2020 Wednesday Night Lenten Series

During this season of Lent, we will discover what it means to be beloved by God. We will be using Holden Evening Prayer as the format to the Wednesday night services, as we journey through the book entitled, "You are Beloved: A Lenten Journey with Protestant Prayer Beads" by Kristen E. Vincent. We will begin,

Wednesday, February 26, and culminating with Holy Week, April 9-12, 2020.

Together, we will explore:

Ash Wednesday

February 26 – The Way of the Beloved

Wednesdays during Lent

March 4 – Beloved Wonder

March 11 – Beloved Listening

March 18 – Beloved Passion

March 25 – Beloved Healing

April 1 – Beloved Service

Palm Sunday

April 5 – Beloved Courage

Maundy Thursday

April 9 – The Living Last Supper & First Communion

Good Friday

April 10 – Beloved Doubt

Easter Sunday

April 12 – Beloved Witness

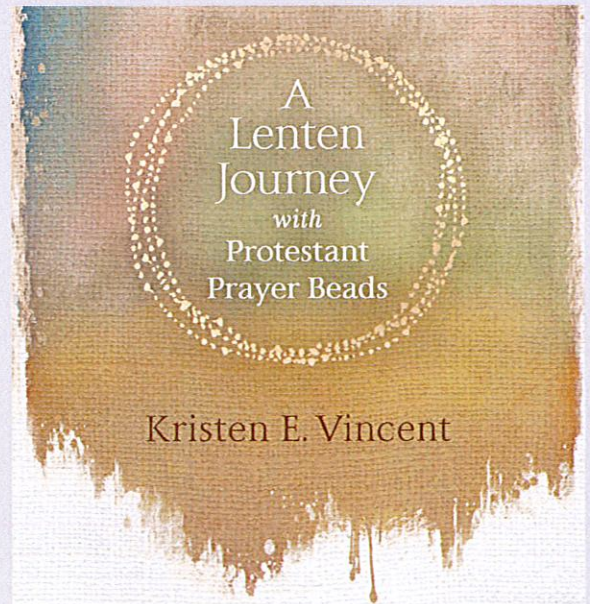


table conversation regarding the topic of the evening service.

Note: the free will offering received each week is used to help fund the various group's ministries.

In addition, starting on *Wednesday, March 4 at 6pm*, Lenten meals will be served prior to the service. You will have the opportunity to enjoy a light meal, great fellowship, and

Lenten Supper Group Serving Schedule:

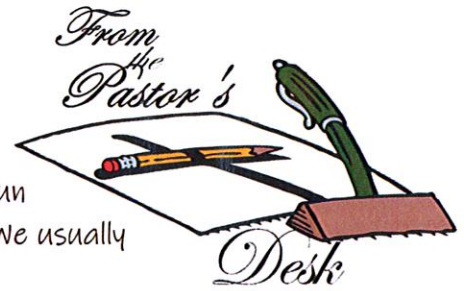
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| Mar 4 | Music and Worship |
| Mar 11 | Confirmation |
| Mar 18 | Church Council |
| Mar 25 | Mission Trip Youth |
| Apr 1 | TBD |

We hope you will make the Wednesday night and Holy Week services part of your Lenten journey this year. *You are a Beloved Child of God. All Are Welcome; no exceptions!*

Dear #BeLoved Ones,

As we enter February, the month we most associate with love in this country, I want to remind you that I love you and God loves you more.

In confirmation we spend a lot of time talking about God's unconditional love for us. I tell the kids you can't out sin, outfox, or outrun God's love for you; it will chase you down and overtake you to bless you! We usually devolve into gales of laughter at the imagery.



This love which pursues us, and will not let us go, is what sent Jesus, God's Beloved Child, Well-Pleasing in God's sight, to the cross on our behalf. It's what allowed Jesus to endure the agony of that cross, to forgive our sin, and gift us with eternal life. And it's what caused him to cry out "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do."

Jesus is right. For I believe, that if we knew the magnitude of our inability to love and serve God, and neighbor, it would break our hearts wide open and perhaps we would be strengthened to change some of our choices and behaviors, for the glory of God.

The Bible says that sin always leads to death (Romans 6:23). Sometimes, it is a physical, mental, or spiritual dying off. At other times, it is a communal or relational death leading to the severance of trust, friendship, or family ties.

sIn, always occurs when **"I"** place myself at the center, instead of putting **GOD** at the center of my thoughts, actions and choices.

On February 26, 2020, we will gather in Ash Wednesday worship and confess the many ways in which we have prioritized **"the I."** We will pray with broken hearts, "Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord ... Amen."

During worship, we will also receive ashes upon our heads, reminding ourselves, "From the dust we came, to the dust we shall return." Whenever I hear these words, I think of the song by Gungor, called, *You Make Beautiful Things*. The lyrics say, "You make beautiful things; You make beautiful things out of the dust. You make beautiful things; You make beautiful things out of us."

And so, it is ... even though we miss the mark, God still makes beautiful things out of the dustiness of our lives. As we enter into a time of fasting and prayer, during the forty-days of Lent, may the darkness of God's unconditional love surround us in a cocoon of metamorphosis, allowing us to emerge on Easter Sunday resurrected into the new life, promise, and hope of Jesus' resurrection as BeLoved children of God.

BeLoved Ones, this month I challenge you to find at least four people to intentionally bless with a #randomactofkindness. The world desperately needs the love that we are equipped by God to share.

Peace be with you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "YHB".

Pastor Yolanda Denson-Byers

Pastoral Acts

Baptism

January 26 Elijah Wayne Bachler, son of
Kelsey Hackett & Taylor Bachler

Thank you to:

- ☺ The Money Counters
- ☺ Pat Gedatus for picking up the Sanctuary flowers each week
- ☺ All the worship volunteers each Sunday in January
- ☺ Lynn Wilson and Estelle Gunkel for helping in the office
- ☺ Polly Anderson for assembly of the January Newsletter
- ☺ Lynn Wilson for helping with the special congregational mailing and organizing the Name Tag Kiosk
- ☺ Mike Doering for building the Name Tag Kiosk



Feb 1	Cody Klatt	Feb 21	Abby Person
Feb 1	Hunter Klatt	Feb 21	Dana Goenner
Feb 1	Landyn Klatt	Feb 22	Ali Gunderson
Feb 2	Claire Dierkhising	Feb 22	Cavin McDowell
Feb 4	Matthew Simonson	Feb 23	Brayson Bolton
Feb 6	Madellyn Monnier	Feb 24	Blake Gleisner
Feb 8	Alexandrea Vieau	Feb 24	Jacob Kragenbring
Feb 8	Kaylene Kruse	Feb 24	Mya Nevala
Feb 9	Jeff Fingarson	Feb 24	Tom Keller
Feb 10	Patty Cook	Feb 25	Abby Fingarson
Feb 11	Jordyn Edling	Feb 25	Abi Swanson
Feb 11	Katie Wilke	Feb 25	Ailee Titcomb
Feb 11	Mikayla Campbell	Feb 25	Kristin Haag
Feb 12	Kayla Meyer	Feb 25	Norma Mitchell
Feb 13	Melinda Mlenek	Feb 26	Aly Haus
Feb 15	Vicki Leerhoff	Feb 26	Owen Elvester
Feb 15	Zachary Simonson	Feb 27	Jack Glenz
Feb 20	Jacob Simonson	Feb 28	Lynn Simonson
Feb 20	Jennifer Edling	Feb 28	Rollie Oliver
Feb 20	Olivia Bond	Feb 29	Emery Johannes

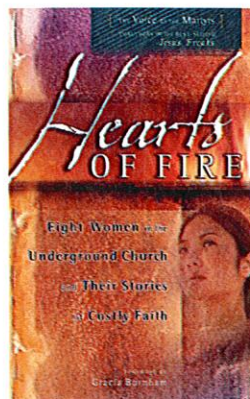


Blessings on your Birthday!

Feb 1	Chris Anderson	Feb 17	Jim Cox
Feb 1	Eric Seavert	Feb 17	Mike Johnson
Feb 1	Michael Doering	Feb 18	Barry Mowers
Feb 3	John Kealy	Feb 18	Mandy Wilson
Feb 3	Lori Keller	Feb 18	Matt Miller
Feb 3	Ryan Berning	Feb 18	Pastor Yolanda
Feb 4	Anna Babler	Feb 18	Tom Keller
Feb 4	Chris Sydow	Feb 19	Braun Bolton
Feb 5	Joe Goodrich	Feb 19	Kirsten Tatge
Feb 5	Lynn Simonson	Feb 19	Scarlett Olson
Feb 6	Darcy Miller	Feb 19	Trista Holm
Feb 6	Ted Benson	Feb 20	Madison Hickman
Feb 8	Evelyn Cox	Feb 21	Emma Reitan
Feb 8	Melissa Karst	Feb 21	Mason Nevala
Feb 8	Mitchell Enerson	Feb 22	Linda Nevala
Feb 9	Ella Pany	Feb 23	Brady Roesler
Feb 9	Erik Denson-Lehman	Feb 23	Max Blattenbauer
Feb 9	Nora Bond	Feb 24	Gary Morgan
Feb 9	Ty Nunemacher	Feb 24	Jeff Johnston
Feb 10	Ross Demant	Feb 24	Kelly Halvorson
Feb 11	Ashley Balsimo	Feb 26	Adam Golembeck
Feb 11	Devynn Cox	Feb 26	Josh Berthiaume
Feb 12	Jakob Edling	Feb 26	Pamela Simonson
Feb 12	Scott Wilson	Feb 27	Calleigh McDowell
Feb 13	Morgan Schrader	Feb 27	Scott Pauly
Feb 13	Ross Miller	Feb 28	Karen Mowers
Feb 14	Alayna Vieau	Feb 28	Kerry Sydow
Feb 14	McKenna Anderson	Feb 28	Rod Sievert
Feb 15	Bill Erickson	Feb 29	Brayden Mlenek
Feb 15	Nora Rosendahl		

Faith Lutheran Library

Featured Book of the Month



The book of the month is *Hearts of Fire* which follows the stories of eight women from such nations as Pakistan, India, and China who have participated in underground worship and experienced persecution and hardship as a result of their Christian beliefs.



December 2019 & Year-to-Date Financial Analysis

Month of December

General Fund	Actual	Budget	vs. Budget
Contributions	\$21,634	\$18,306	\$ 3,328
Facility Use Income	\$ 100	\$ 192	\$ (92)
Other Income	\$ 246	\$ 96	\$ 150
Total Income	\$21,980	\$18,594	\$ 3,386
Expenses	\$17,977	\$16,752	\$ (892)
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 4,336	\$ 1,842	\$ 2,494

Mortgage Fund	Actual	Budget	vs. Budget
Contributions	\$ 5,030	\$ 6,136	\$ (1,106)

Year-to-Date

General Fund	Actual	Budget	vs. Budget
Contributions	\$171,005	\$190,500	\$(19,495)
Facility Use Income	\$ 825	\$ 2,000	\$ (1,175)
Other Income	\$ 7,336	\$ 8,500	\$ (1,164)
Total Income	\$179,166	\$201,000	\$(21,834)
Expenses	\$191,477	\$201,027	\$ 9,550
Net Income (Loss)	\$(12,311)	\$ (27)	\$(12,284)

Mortgage Fund Transactions & Balance Summary

Initial Mortgage Fund balance 1/1/19	\$ 21,894
2019 Mortgage Fund Contributions to-date	\$ 68,078
Less total 2019 Mortgage Payments to-date	\$ 63,852
Equals Mortgage Fund balance 12/31/19	\$ 26,120

QR Code for Sign-Up Genius

Faith Lutheran Church uses Sign-Up Genius to ensure that we have volunteers for Sunday Service opportunities. If you indicated on your Stewardship Card that you are interested in helping with greeting, ushering, reading scripture, helping to serve communion, or providing refreshments, please sign up for your date of choice. You can do so in the following ways.

1) Visit <https://tinyurl.com/faithstrong>

2) Use the QR Code to the right. Simply open the camera on your cell phone. Point it at this QR Code. It will ask if you would like to go to the website. Click the link and off you go! You will be taken directly to the Sign-Up Genius page. Thank you.



Simply Giving Program...

The gift of generosity



We thank everyone who has supported **Faith Lutheran Church** this past year with their time, talent and financial contributions and look forward to support from all of our members in the year ahead.

Simply Giving is a safe and automatic way to give a one time or recurrent offering to Faith Lutheran Church. Many of us no longer carry cash or checks. Simply Giving will allow you to be 100% sure that your donation to the church will be here on Sunday mornings, and your support for our vital ministries continues, even when you are at the lake or down south for the winter.

Won't you please take a moment to sign up? You can do so in the following ways.

1) <https://faithlutheran-becker.org/simply-giving>

2) Use the QR Code to the right. Simply open the camera on your cell phone. Point it at this QR Code. It will ask if you would like to go to the website. Click the link and off you go! You will be taken directly to the Simply Giving registration page.



3) Fill out an enrollment form found on the kiosk and give to Donna in the office. Thank you.

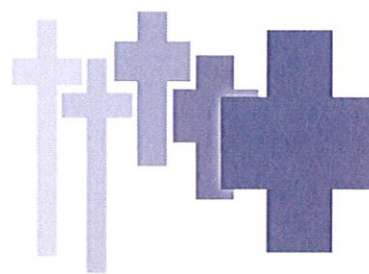
Sweetheart Dinner Up-date!

The Annual Sweetheart Dinner will not take place this February. Unfortunately, we did not have someone come forward willing to chair the event. We are excited for our Mission Teams to begin meeting this month, so that we will have an opportunity for prayerful discernment, and exciting conversation, regarding another fundraising event in 2020. We are hopeful that a new event, presented in the Spring or Fall, will capture the imagination of our congregation and community. If you have ideas that you would like to share, you are invited to speak with Pastor Yolanda or a member of your church council.

Thank you.

Advice from Our Parish Nurse...

Breast Cancer... What You Need to Know



Cancer is a disease in which cells in the body grow out of control. When cancer starts in the breast, it is called *breast cancer*. Except for skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women. The first step is every woman should do a monthly self-breast exam. **Women should be familiar with how their breasts normally look and feel and report any changes to a health care provider right away.**

Breast cancer *screening* means checking a woman's breasts for cancer before she has any symptoms. A *mammogram* is an X-ray picture of the breast. Mammograms are the best way to find breast cancer early, when it is easier to treat and before it is big enough to feel or cause symptoms.

These guidelines are for women at **average risk** for breast cancer. For screening purposes, a woman considered to be at average risk is if she doesn't have personal history of breast cancer, a strong family history of breast cancer, or a genetic mutation known to increase the risk of breast cancer, and has not had chest radiation therapy before the age of 30.

Women between 40 and 44 have the option to start screening with a mammogram every year.

Women who are 45 to 54 should get mammograms every year.

Woman 55 and older can switch to a mammogram every other year, or they can choose to continue yearly mammograms. Screenings should continue as long as a woman is in good health and is expected to live 10 years or longer.

All women should understand what to expect when getting a mammogram for breast cancer screening – what the test can and cannot do.

Some things may increase your risk

If you have *risk factors*, you may be more likely to get breast cancer. Talk to your doctor about ways to lower your risk and about screening.

Reproductive risk factors

- Being younger when you had your first menstrual period
- Never giving birth, or being older at the birth of your first child

- Starting menopause at a later age
- Using hormone replacement therapy for a long time

Other risk factors

- Getting older
- A personal history of breast cancer, dense breasts, or some other breast problems
- A family history of breast cancer (parent, sibling, or child)
- Changes in your breast cancer-related genes (BRCA1 or BRCA2)
- Getting radiation therapy to the breast or chest
- Being overweight, especially after menopause

Symptoms

Some warning signs of breast cancer are –

- A lump or pain in the breast
- Thickening or swelling of part of the breast
- Irritation or dimpling of breast skin
- Redness or flaky skin on the breast
- Pulling in of the nipple or pain in the nipple area
- Fluid other than breast milk from the nipple, especially blood
- A change in the size or the shape of the breast

Other conditions can cause these symptoms. *If you have any signs that worry you, call your doctor right away.*

Can't afford a mammogram?

If you have a low income or do not have insurance and are between the ages of 40 and 64, you may qualify for a free or low-cost mammogram through CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program. To learn more, call (800) CDC-INFO.

More information www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/ *

Twitter: @CDC_Cancer (800)CDC-INFO (800)-232-4636 * TTY: (888)232-6348 * cdcinfo@cdc.gov

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
Division of Cancer Prevention and Control

Patricia Seavert RN PHN
Parish Nurse

Youth NEWS & NOTES...

Milestone Ministry Dates...

Mark your Calendars!

Kindergarten

Mark your calendar for **Sat, Mar 14 from 9 to 9:45am** for **"Jesus, My Savior, My Friend"**. Parents and children will learn why Jesus is such an important person. Recognition will be on Sunday, March 15 during worship.

First Grade

On **Saturday, March 14, we will gather at 10am** for **"Talking with God"**. Parents and children will learn about prayer. Recognition will be on Sun, March 15 during worship.

Second Grade

Plan to gather on **Sat, March 14 at 11am** for **"Worshipping God through Music"** where parents and children learn about worship and the important part music plays in it. Recognition will be on Sunday, March 15 during worship.

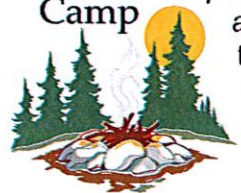
Fourth Grade

First Communion – April 4. From 9am to 3pm parents and students will prepare for "First Communion" with a day of making bread and learning the meaning of such a special meal. First Communion will be celebrated on Maundy Thursday, April 9 at 7 pm.

Summer Bible Camp

Luther Crest Bible Camp is fast approaching so don't delay! **You have until February 14th to get the ultimate discount** on savings for a fun filled week of adventure, friendships, worship and learning. This year we have not chosen a specific week for Faith kids to attend allowing for flexibility with everyone's busy schedules. There are a few returning campers already signed up! It is an experience you and your children will never forget; making lasting friendships, finding themselves in Jesus and knowing they are not alone, as well as taking in a lot of fun and new experiences. Check out www.luthercrest.org or the registration book located at 'Kid's Corner' in the narthex (near the office) for more

Bible Camp information. *Note for all registrations: Each person registering does so individually and pays their own deposit.* If you wish to participate in fundraising opportunities to ease the cost please contact Melinda Mlenek by text or email at 320-250-0398 or melindamlenek@hotmail.com.

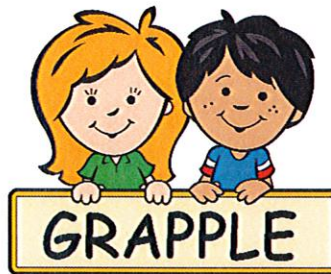


It's never too early to...

Think Spring!



Watch for the camp flower booth coming soon in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. The Camp Kids will be returning with their beautiful flowerpots, hanging baskets and flats from Nelson's Nursery! Thank you to all for your gracious love and support!



Grapple students are having fun learning about life lessons and how other students their age are dealing with tough situations. We have covered issues such as 'Why does God take so long to answer prayers? What difference can I make? And Why should I listen?'

These topics spark interesting conversations among the students!! Please ask your children how they felt about these conversations. You might be surprised at what you hear.

Please look at Sign-up Genius and volunteer – there are a lot of open slots. Two volunteers are needed each night. We are very close to not having Grapple if people do not volunteer – we cannot have any open slots.

Grapple does not meet during Lent. During Lent, we encourage students to attend the Lenten services.

Dates to remember:

- February 5 – NO CLASS... take a break
- February 12 – regular class
- February 19 – Maundy Thursday practice
- February 26 through April 1 – Lent (break – no class)
- April 8 – class resumes and practice for Maundy Thursday
- April 15 – regular class
- April 22 – LAST session of Grapple, store, Move-up party and graduation!



Are you called to Serve?

We are still looking for volunteers to serve on the following Mission Teams:

Mission & Outreach

– Leads the congregation in outreach activities in the city of Becker and beyond; helps Faith be the hands, feet, and smile of Jesus outside our church building

Stewardship – Provides education regarding the importance of stewardship (e.g., time, talent, treasure) throughout the year; leads the annual financial appeal each November; must have a personal commitment to generous giving to FLC.

If you feel called to serve in either capacity, please be in touch with us at faith@faithlutheran-becker.org. Thank you!



THINK OF US IN THIS WAY, AS SERVANTS OF CHRIST AND STEWARD OF GOD'S MYSTERIES.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:1

Altar Care Team (Sets up Holy Communion and seasonal altar paraments)

We are looking for people to join the Altar Care Team. Come to our informational and welcome meeting on *Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 9am in the Shepherd Room* (the room between the Sanctuary and Education area) If you have any questions contact the church office. Come and check it out... everyone is welcome!

Artists' Guild (Worship & Music Sub-Team)

If you are an artist, willing to utilize your gifts for God, we want to hear from you! Recently, Becca Psyk, introduced our congregation to Live Worship Art. Now, we want to put together an artists' guild of folks we can call upon to share their gifts with our worshipping congregation in new ways. No matter what your specialty (e.g., painting, drawing, music, glass or woodwork, ceramics, photography, sculpture, sewing, etc.) we would love to hear from you! Please email us at faith@faithlutheran-becker.org to share your name, contact information, and artistic talent. Thank you.

Respite Team (Home Visitation Sub-Team)

Would you be willing to provide in-home respite for caretakers in our community who need a few hours a month for self-care and/or errands? We are especially looking for RNs and CNAs to volunteer, however, anyone can serve. If you would be willing to provide this ministry of presence to adults or children who are homebound due to illness or dementia, please contact Donna or Pastor Yolanda at faith@faithlutheran-becker.org.

Faith Directory Picture Days

Faith is taking new pictures for an updated directory March 19 to the 21. Sign-ups will be in the Narthex on Sundays before and after the service. Online sign-up is also available through the link on the main church website. Any questions or reschedule requests can be directed to: Mike Elvester at 763-670-3037 or elve0027@yahoo.com



Mission Trip 2020



The chaperones are in place and all are ready to rock and roll on this amazing trip! The theme is "Shake Up Kalamazoo" and the place is Miracle Camp in Lawton, MI from July 10 through July 17. There are 25 spaces reserved with 17 youth and 3 adults signed up. Room for 5 more! If interested contact Michelle Anderson at micanderson35@hotmail.com or 320-293-4375.

MT2020 Quilt Raffle tickets are on sale now!

All proceeds will benefit the 2020 Senior High Youth Mission Trip to Michigan in July. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the church during the week or on Sunday mornings from the youth. You can also send a message and we will mail the tickets once we receive payment. Please make checks to FLC Youth and write "mission trip" in the memo. The drawing will be held on February 16. Need not be present to win however we would love to share the excitement of the drawing with you at church! Thank you again for supporting Faith's Youth!

For your calendars... Senior High Youth meet at the church every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome – please join us!

Faith Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 10, 2019 Meeting

Officers

Mike Doering (1/22)
President
763-262-4790

Roy Kollar
Vice President (1/21)
763-261-2507

Gary Morgan
Treasurer (1/21)
320-743-3103

Kathy Neill
Secretary (1/22)
763-262-6245

At Large Members

Kaelyn Lombard (1/21)

Wayne Bachler (1/21)
763-275-0139

Lynn Wilson (1/21)
763-262-5075

Sandy Engdahl (1/22)
320-333-8784

Ruth Johnson (1/22)
320-260-9022

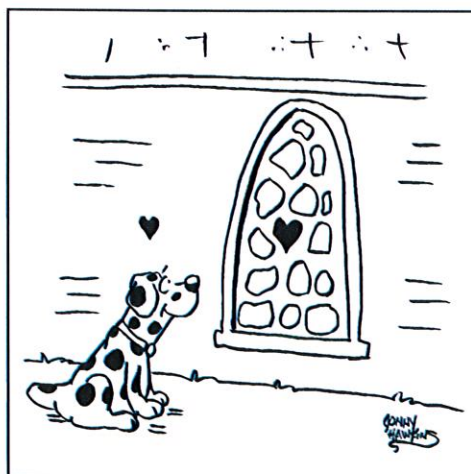
Gwen Duntelman (1/22)
763-614-7458

Present: Pastor Yolanda, Roy Kollar, Mike Elvester, Sue Doering, La Vonne Lund, Gary Morgan, Lynn Wilson, Donna Brown

Absent: Kaelyn Lombard, Ben Pany, Sandy Engdahl, Wayne Bachler

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Roy Kollar at 5:03pm.

- I. Devotion – Pastor Yolanda – Colossians 2
 - a. Continuation of Nonviolent Communication by Marshal Rosenberg
 - b. Descriptive words describing when our needs are being met compared when they are not being met
- II. Agenda Review
 - a. Agenda was reviewed, items added or changed as requested.
 - b. Sue motioned to approve the agenda; Mike second. Motion carried.
- III. Secretary's Report – Mike Elvester
 - a. Motion to approve November meeting minutes as amended by Gary, second by Sue. Motion carried.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Review of November 2019 Financials – Gary Morgan
 - a. Review & Approval of Treasurer's Report
 - i. The Nov General Fund income was \$-3,960 vs. actual expenses. YTD \$-16,647
 - ii. The Nov Mortgage Fund income was \$-734 vs. expenses. YTD \$4,484
 - iii. Actual comparisons YTD with General Funds and Mortgage Funds combined:
1. 2018: \$-9,205 2. 2019: \$-12,163
 - iv. General Fund checking is at \$-10,226
 - v. Operating expenses were a little higher due to some parking lot maintenance and some year-end lawn mowing/leaf collecting.
 - vi. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Lynn, second by Mike. Motion carried.
- V. Old Business
 - a. 2020 Sweetheart Dinner
 - i. Currently we have no one who has stepped forward to coordinate.
 - ii. The Mission and Outreach team will be redesigning the dinner and will schedule later in the spring.
 - iii. Evaluating the current platform for the number of events to prevent burn out of the regular volunteers.
 - iv. Activities at each of the events will be evaluated to make sure that they appeal to multiple age groups.
 - b. Nametags for Members (rollout January 5)
 - i. Mike Doering is in the process of building a kiosk style nametag stand.
 - ii. Clip on nametags will be made for members that have attended in the last 6 months.
 - iii. Stick on nametags will be available for people that don't have one printed. A clipboard will be on the stand for those that would like to have a nametag printed.
 - c. Terms for 2020 Church Positions
 - i. Church Council Openings/Proposals
 1. President, Secretary, At Large (up to 5 openings including 1 Youth and the open spot from 2019)
 - ii. Nominating Committee – 3 people needed (preferably exiting council members)
 - iii. Audit Committee – One person needed
 - iv. Synod Assembly – three people needed
 - d. Job Descriptions
 - i. Descriptions are being reviewed.
 - ii. Anniversary dates have been found so we can celebrate the individual's term of service and provide regular performance evaluations.
 - e. Church Purchases – Credit Card
 - i. A person from the church would need to be responsible for the credit card with Sherburne State Bank.
 - ii. Our current mortgage servicer, Mission Investment, will be contacted to see if they have any options.
 - iii. The risk of having a church credit card is that someone could spend without the church knowing.

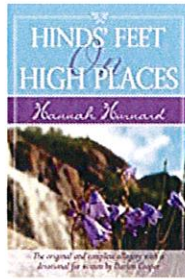


- iv. Pastor Yolanda will reach out to other churches to see how they handle outside purchases where a credit card would be most beneficial.
- v. A policy would need to be developed for approval of use of the credit card.
- f. Security of Building for Education Wing
 - i. Conversation was continued around installing a card reader on the education wing and adding cameras on all exterior doors.
 - ii. Adding some lighting by the north end of the building's garbage cans would also be good.
 - iii. Roy will talk with Terry about getting a front door ringer installed.
- g. Church Directory
 - i. Presented by Lifetouch at no charge to Faith Lutheran and families for printing of directories. Each family also receives 8"x10" free of charge. Additional photo packages are available for purchase if families would like.
 - ii. Two Directory Formats Available
 - 1. Classic – Single copy print for each participant, 8"x11" format with activity pages at the beginning and roster at the end.
 - 2. Community Connect – Reprints done for all members with picture on file within last 4 years when 20 or more families retake pictures. Smaller format at 8"x5". Roster included but no activity pages.
 - iii. Motion to proceed with Lifetouch using the following options by Mike Elvester, second by Sue Doering. Motion carried.
 - 1. Community Connect format (updateable and reprinted)
 - 3. Blue background, Horizontal image format, and Pets allowed
 - 2. Photo Dates of March 19-21
- VI. New Business
 - a. 2020 Proposed Budget
 - i. Gary reviewed the budget proposal. Most line items are consistent with Pastor Yolanda's contract and previous year's budget/expenditures.
 - ii. Motion to approve proposed budget by Sue Doering. Second by La Vonne Lund. Motion carried.
 - b. Incident Report
 - i. Gary has been in contact with the insurance carrier and it has been advised that we should have an incident report filled out and put on file with the insurance company even if we don't have a claim pursued. Gary will find out if they have an incident report format they would like FLC to use.
 - c. Safe Haven Policy
 - i. FLC's policy has been reviewed and has been found that regular background checks are required on a periodic basis based on volunteer frequency. Training is required every 2 years. As of February 1, anyone that hasn't gone to the training and isn't current on their background check will not be able to volunteer with the children and youth.
 - d. Easter Scholarship Breakfast
 - i. The Seaverts will host a breakfast with sponsorship from Thrivent on Easter Sunday. All donations will go to students attending Christian colleges.
 - ii. Security of Confidential Documents in the Church Office – Appropriate documentation has been determined to be properly secured.
 - e. Annual Reports
 - i. Ministry team reports due by January 12 to Donna for printing in the Annual Report. Digital format preferred.
 - f. Youth Mission Trip
 - i. Currently there is no adult volunteer to lead the mission trip youth nor are there enough chaperones. Some larger fundraising opportunities have been missed already. An announcement in church and the January Newsletter will be done and if no volunteers are found quickly the trip may need to be cancelled.
 - ii. There is also a leadership program at Luther Crest that was recommended.
 - iii. 2021 is the ELCA National Youth Gathering that we should plan for with the youth.
 - g. Ministry Teams
 - i. Long term goal is the different ministry teams would have a council member report back and ask for council approvals for the Ministry Team needs.
 - 1. Budget and Finance – Gary
 - 2. Altar Care – Lynn Wilson
 - 3. Adult Education and Fellowship – Ruth Johnson
 - 4. Facility Review – Sandy Engdahl
 - 5. Children Youth and Family – Roy Kollar
 - 6. Worship and Music – Sue Doering
 - ii. Communication and Technology, Home Visitation, Hospitality, Mission and Outreach, and Stewardship teams need a council representation.
 - iii. Sunday Worship Opportunities – will be assigned through the end of March by the leads using the Sign-up Genius
 - h. Facility Use
 - 1. Boy Scouts – A couple larger events have been presented. Derby Night is an opportunity to try out their cars in the Sanctuary using the altar. An award night where awards would be presented in the Sanctuary and then a dinner in the Fellowship Hall. The conversation concluded with the Sanctuary not being an acceptable location for those events. They will be able to use the Fellowship Hall or Education Wing.
 - 2. Katie Meyer – Just for Kix Fundraising Committee for trip to the Outback Bowl in Florida.
 - a. Meetings would likely be Sunday or Monday. Motion to approve by Sue, Gary second. Motion carried
 - 3. Policy needs to be developed and will be proposed to the council at a later date. It will be presented to one of the mission teams to develop. This will need to include any fees that would be charged.
- VII. Adjournment - Next meeting January 9 at 5PM. Motion to adjourn by Gary. Second by Lynn. So moved at 7:42PM.

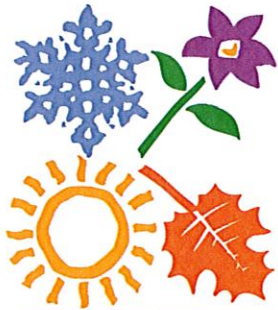
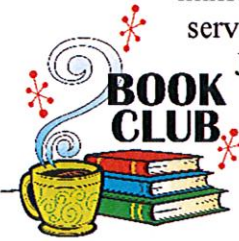
February Book Club

Our February Book Club Reading will be *"Hinds' Feet on High Places"* by Hannah Hurnard.

Please join Pastor Yolanda on **Sunday, February 16,** immediately following service for our



January Book Club discussion on *"Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead"* by Brené Brown.



ANNUAL MEETING

Highlights!

Thank you...

to the members of Faith who attended the Annual meeting on January 26. There was a nice turn out of people on this cold and windy day!

Recognition of Outgoing Council Members

A big 'Thank you' to Mike Elvester, Sue Doering, Ben Pany, La Vonne Lund, Sandy Engdahl, and Kaelyn Lombard and for your service and dedication. We look forward to seeing you active in other ministries of Faith!

Welcome to our newest Council members

Mike Doering, President; Kathy Neill, Secretary; Ruth Johnson, Council at Large; and Gwen Duntelman, Council at Large. Returning to serve another term: Sandy Engdahl, Council at Large; Kaelyn Lombard, Council at Large (youth).

Staza Pany will join the Audit Team; Sue Doering, Mike Elvester, and Ben Pany will be on the Nominating Team for 2020. Estelle Gunkel is our Synod Delegate for the Synod Assembly in June. *There are two more open positions to attend the Synod Assembly – if you are interested or would like to know more of what this entails, please call the church office.*

Thank you Faith Lutheran!

Dear Church family,

We are so excited about your donation of items that will help us with the program and serving the women who come to Terebinth Refuge. On behalf of our residents, our staff, and our board we would like to truly thank you for your support. Your thoughtfulness encourages us in our work in providing shelter and services for exploited and trafficked women!

Already, your donation(s) is blessing the women we serve who come to us with little to nothing at all. Because of you, they will be able to have more opportunities to enjoy the life God has given them!

We are grateful for your passion for this work. We could not provide these services to women without your generosity and kindness. We pray God's blessings for you and your family!

*With deepest gratitude,
Cynthia (CeCe) Terlouw*

Volunteer as a Foster Grandparent!

The Central MN Foster Grandparent Program, sponsored by Catholic Charities, is looking for people, ages 55 and over, to assist children in schools and other non-profit settings.

- Do you enjoy spending your time with kids?
- Would you like to offer academic, social and/or emotional support to children?
- Can you picture yourself helping a teacher or direct supervisor by being a caring adult in their classroom?
- As a classroom "Grandma" or "Grandpa", what would be your favorite age or grade level to work with (age birth to 21)?
- We can place you at Becker schools or site near you!
- **Begin a new journey and find huge satisfaction in what you'll do!**

We offer many benefits to our Foster Grandparents, including a non-taxable stipend, transportation reimbursement and on-going educational and "personal interest" trainings.

It is a great time to get involved! We can start the process according to your lifestyle.

Call or email Pat Braun, FGP Area Supervisor, at 612-390-0617 or pbraun@ccstcloud.org

February 2020



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 Altar Care
2 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments	3 Office Closed	4 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Women of Faith 6:30 Joyous Ringers	5 No Classes 7:30 Sr. High Youth	6 5:00 Worship & Music	7	8 9:00 Band practice
9 8:30 Band practice 9:30 Worship with Baptism, New Life Band & Noisy Offering 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments	10	11 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyous Ringers	12 5:15 Grapple 6:15 Confirmation	13 5:00 Council	14 Happy Valentines Day! NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE IN THE OFFICE (absolute last day)	15
16 9:30 Worship with Holy Communion 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments 10:45 Book Club	17	18 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyous Ringers	19 11:45 Woodbriar 5:15 Grapple 6:15 Confirmation 7:30 Sr. High Youth	20	21	22 9:00 Band practice
23 8:30 Band practice 9:30 Worship with Baptism & New Life Band 9:45 Sunday School 10:30 Refreshments 10:45 Book Club 11:30 Bechtold Family Gathering	24	25 9:00 Bible Study 6:30 Joyous Ringers	26 Ash Wednesday 10:00 Newsletter assembly No Classes 7:00 Worship with Holy Communion	27	28	29 1:30—8pm Boy Scout Banquet

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Worship Schedule

February 2	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion (Bells play)
February 9	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Baptism and New Life Band (Noisy Offering)
February 16	9:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion
February 23	9:30 am	Worship with the Holy Baptism and New Life Band
February 26	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion