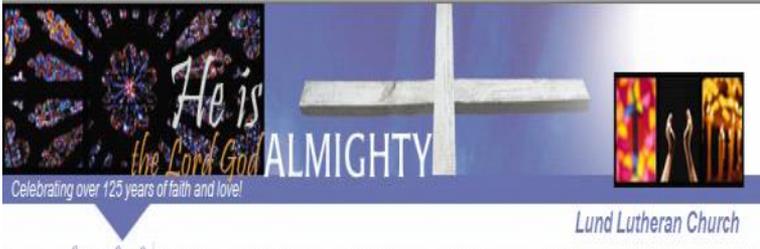


# Lund Newsletter



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## **It's Winter...but Spring is Coming!**

The calendar says Spring---ya, right! Outside tells a different tale. Snow drifts, minus temps belie that announcement. Last year we were raking lawns by now. But hope "springs eternal," the sun will do its job and the big melt cannot be far away. It's winter... but, spring is coming! No amount of snow right now can dissuade the inevitable. Little kids might not be so convinced grass will grow again. Is this an endless winter? How can we convince them that spring is coming? We tell them other winters have melted into spring. We assure them by expert (meteorologists) pronouncements: modern history never missed summer. We point out signs like the lengthening days and the intensity of the warm sun on our faces. The clues are there to see. Yes, winter is here...but, spring IS coming!

A nationally known pastor once preached an Easter sermon entitled, "**It's Friday---but Sunday is Coming!**" His message described the passion Jesus endured through his betrayal, arrest, trial, abuse, ridicule and rejection, Pilate's verdict, the agony of his suffering on the cross, tragic death and burial. Between each portion of this horrible account he would interject, "It was Friday---but Sunday's Comin'!" What was coming? The Resurrection!

Jesus foreknew the winter of his suffering and death at Calvary. *"See, we are going up to Jerusalem. And the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and scribes, and they will condemn him to death and deliver him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified, and he will be raised on the third day."* Matthew 20:18-20 ESV.

He would bear the judgment of sin leveled upon us. He would take upon himself our cross and be executed there for us. The tomb was his destination, and the cold stone he was to be laid upon was the same temperature his lifeless body assumed. It all happened on that terrible Friday. But in the midst of death's winter, life sprang up in the

resurrected Christ on Sunday! He came forth from the grave with all the vitality of a warm and budding new spring day, the winter of death far behind him, never to touch him again.

Corrupted, sinful humanity exists in a cold, never-ending winter of death. There is an old German saying that seems blunt and harsh, yet the saying is true: “When you are born you are old enough to die.” Whether we live a few hours or decades, our living carries the wintry shadow of death. It is not just physical death—it is eternal condemnation for sin and separation from God.

We cannot escape our fate; that is, unless an outside force bursts in upon our Winter to give us Eternal Spring. Jesus offers us just that. He comforted Martha with hope when her brother was rotting in the grave. *Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”* John 11:25-26 ESV

Jesus completed his statement with a question. Your answer to that question can unlock winter’s door to let the sunshine in; *“Do you believe this?”* He proved his statement was true by raising Lazarus back to life in this world. But more importantly, Jesus proved his absolute power by the evidence of his own eternally empty tomb, and gifting eternal life to all who believe in him, springtime forever in the loving presence of our heavenly Father.

No other religious figure in history has boldly stated he conquered death, much less leaving the grave to prove it. Through him, by our repentance of sin and faith in Him, we also become victorious. When the women went to the cemetery, hoping to open the grave for anointing Jesus’ lifeless body, they were startled to find Jesus not there. *But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.”* Matthew 28:5-6 ESV. Winter is here...but, we are invited to repent (turn away) from our sins and follow the living Jesus into an eternal spring that is coming for His followers. Do you believe this? For those who trust in Jesus: Good Friday came, but Easter Sunday now is ours forever!

Lund Lutheran Church Council minutes of meeting March 7, 2013

Present: Robin & Jennifer Turnwall, Karen Alexander, Myra Eastman, Sharon Westholm, Les & Donna Heimark, and Pastor Jim Osvold.

Absent: Russell & Carol Okeson, Tom Alexander, and Cindy Sauer.

Called to order by Pres. Robin Turnwall.

Agenda approved with several additions.

Devotions were given by Myra Eastman.

Motion made and seconded, Myra E/Sharon W. of the Secretary report of the February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting with no corrections, passed.

Motion made and seconded, Les H/Myra E., to accept Treasurers report as given, passed.

Pastor's report reviewed and accepted.

Discussion on the LCMC Workshop held at Hawley, Mn. All were favorable and enjoyed by all that attended. Very informative meeting

Committee reports were given by President, Education, Missions.

Motion made and seconded, Myra E/Donna H, to accept Missions giving's as submitted by the Mission Committee. Coffee money donations of \$361.05 for March 3<sup>rd</sup> to go to Dan Venberg.\$100.00 Honorarium to Dan Venberg, \$600.00 for Chad in Africa, \$200.00 to Child Outreach International, \$200.00 to Twin Ports Ministry to Seafarers, \$600.00 total to Becker County Food Pantry which includes the money received on "Souper Sunday"

Education Committee—VBS to be held on June 13, 14, and 15<sup>th</sup> with the program on the 16<sup>th</sup> of June. Spring program to be held on May 19<sup>th</sup> for the Sunday school.

Trustees—the Bell has been fixed.

Family Fun Night will be held April 12, 2013 at the Minnesota State School Conference Room with eating at 6:00 P.M. and entertainment to follow with Jack Sands. Motion made and seconded, Myra E/Sharon W. Passed Other LCMC churches will be invited to this event.

Motion made and seconded, Donna H/Myra E to pay Video license and Copyright license for another year, passed.

Installation of Council Members to be held March 17, 2013 at morning services.

Next Council meeting set for April 4, 2013 7:00 P.M.

Meeting closed by Pres. Robin leading in Prayer and several Council members joining in Prayers of concerns.

Motion and second to adjourn Sharon W/Donna H, passed.

Les Heimark,

Council Secretary.



# YOUTH EVENTS

## Sunday School

Sunday morning 8:30 am

Children ages 3 and up are welcome to attend.



We went searching for Easter on Palm Sunday and the kids learned the Resurrection story. Ask them about it, they are all so informative.



## **HAYDAY Growing in Friendship with Jesus**

Coming soon in June. Dates are pending, watch the bulletin and next months Newsletter. We are trying a new weekend VBS this summer.

Volunteers are needed—more information next month.

**Check your mailbox each week, there might be a surprise for someone!!!!!!**



**Remember:** When it is your birthday week bring a show and tell and pennies for the same amount as your age, we will celebrate your day together.



Thank you to all the young adults who have been helping serve, clean-up, etc for the Lenten Suppers. It has been a blessing having you join in Wednesday evening services.

# CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation will resume on  
Wednesday, April 3rd  
Supper at 6:00 and  
Class at 7:00 pm



Missionary Dan Venberg came for a visit. The Sunday School kids joined the adult Sunday School class to listen about Dan's story. It was very interesting. Dan also talked to the congregation on that day. Here are a few pictures of his time in Africa with him, his family and the people of Chad.



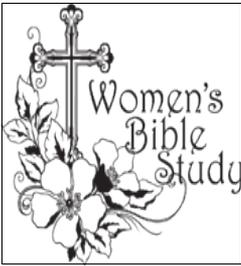
Sunday School Kids listening.



Dan on the boat.



Dan's son helping dig a well.



Lund Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday April 9th, 2:00PM  
Marcy Erickson is hostess.  
All Women are welcome, bring a friend.

Bible study is held the 2nd Tuesday of the month,

### LUND LADIES "SECRET PAL" PROGRAM

In keeping with the admonition in scripture to "Let us consider and give attentive, continuous care to watching over one another, studying how we may stir up to love and helpful deeds and noble activities". Hebrews 10:24. We will continue our "Secret Pal" program amongst the ladies at Lund Lutheran.

**Our Secret Pal Luncheon will be Wednesday, April 24 at 12:30 pm at the Holiday Inn.**

Everyone is invited to participate. Following are a few suggestions as to "What do I do as a secret pal?"

Remember your secret pal in prayer and let her know this by dropping a note in the mail every once in a while. Your word of encouragement may come at just the time when she needed your encouragement.

Send cards on special occasions such as a birthday, anniversary, holiday greetings, or when you may hear of a special need or pressure in her life. At the end of the year we will have a small gift exchange when secret pals are revealed.

If you would like to participate, please complete the questionnaire below and bring it to the party, to Myra Eastman or the church office, as soon as possible. We will randomly draw partners from all the returned questionnaires, and will mail you the information on your new "secret pal."

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#### SECRET PAL PROFILE

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_

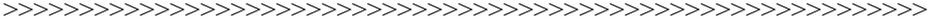
Do you have children? \_\_\_\_\_ How many? \_\_\_\_\_ Grandchildren \_\_\_\_\_

Special interests or hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer request at present (i.e. health issues, family situation, work situation, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

## Looking Ahead

Beginning Memorial Day weekend and thru Labor Day weekend  
Lund Church services will begin at 9:00 am.  
Outdoor services will be held on June 30th, July 28th, and  
August 25th.



**Lund Congregation  
hosts---**

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT!**

**Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00pm**

**M State Technical College  
(DL) Conference Room**

***Free will offering suggested \$10.00 donation  
Food, Fun, and Fellowship***

**Featuring Jack Sand**

***Jack has been a professional magician for over 38 years and a television personality for 25 years on WDAY-TV Fargo and WDAZ-TV Grand Forks, ND. Jack has performed thousands of shows for all ages and events.***

***Music provided by "Sky Blues Band"***

***Please RSVP for our meal count by using the Sunday Communication card in your bulletin, calling the church office 847-9662 or email [lundlutheran@msn.com](mailto:lundlutheran@msn.com)***

**Let's celebrate! Bring a friend**

**for a fun filled night!**



**Birthdays:**

- April** 1: Hannah Jacobson
- 3: Andrew Hukriede
- 5: Charlotte Bakken
- 15: Jeff Melin
- 18: Sean Oakes
- 19: Brock Okeson
- 25: Betty Varholdt



**Happy Anniversary:**

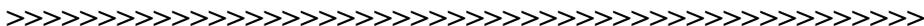
- April** 5: Jim & Karen Halver
- 15: Mike & Denise Warweg
- 19: Jeramie & Kathy Jacobson
- 20: Rodney & Myra Eastman
- 22: Allan & Marilyn Dahlstrom



**May God Bless you on your special day!**

**Our new "Sunshine" person is Jan Mills. Her phone number is 218-983-4316.**

**If your birthday or anniversary was missed, please call Pam at the office 218-847-9662. Thank You!**



**Mission Sunday**

Thank you from Missionary Dan Venberg

Dear Friends at Lund,

Thank you so much for your hospitality and generosity towards me, my family and our mission endeavor in Chad, Africa. It was a blessing and honor to worship with you all! Thank you!

Dan Venberg



Thank you to our Lund Church family for the cards, memorials, and words of sympathy following the recent death of our daughter-in-law, Kim Johnson of Duluth. Her 18 month battle of colon cancer ended on March 2nd with services held in Cloquet, MN. on March 7th and 8th. We appreciate and shared your expressions of concern with our son Jeff.

Roger & Cleo Johnson

## **April Worship Volunteers**

**Reader: Sharon Westerholm**  
**Greeters : Les & Donna Heimark**  
**Communion Server:**  
**Ushers: Les & Donna Heimark**

**We are in need of Worship Volunteers for May, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thank you!**

## **Sunday Coffee servers:**

**April 7: Jan Mills**  
**April 14: Dennis & Nancy Bromley**  
**April 21: Vince & Donna Root**  
**April 28: Lloyd & Betty Varholdt**

**Snow Birds please let the office know when you return to beautiful snowy Minnesota so you don't miss your church news.**  
**Thank you!**

## **Lund Happenings:**

**Council Meeting** Thursday, April 4th at 7:00pm.

**Women's Bible Study** Tuesday, April 9th at 2:00 pm

**Family Fun Night** Friday April 12th 6:00– 9:00 pm DL M-State college campus with **Jack Sand** and music by “**Sky Blues Band**”

**Saturday, April 13th Raking the church yard** (if snow is gone)

**Women's Secret Pal Luncheon** Wednesday, April 24th 12:30 pm at the Holiday Inn. All ladies are welcome!

**Newsletter articles due** Wednesday, April 24th.

**Piano Recital Sunday**, April 28th at Lund 2:00 pm