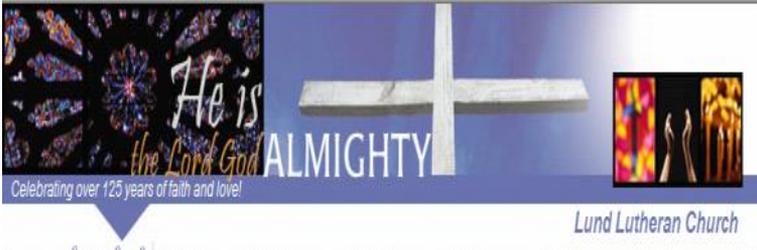


Lund Newsletter



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April Message from Pastor Jim Osvold

The Tomb is Empty: so Now What?

1 Corinthians 5:7

Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

Another special date on the calendar has come and gone. Dressed in our Sunday best with much fanfare, we gathered at church and celebrated with songs and cheer on Easter morning. But now the only thing that still lingers from Easter might be the leftover dinner ham for sandwiches. Easter happened; so now what?

The disciples were drawn from deepest grief to ecstatic joy on the first Easter. Peter and John ran to the empty tomb only to find nothing but burial clothes in the cavern where Jesus body was. Then evening came, and Jesus suddenly stood in the midst of the disciples in the locked room. They touched him, they saw him eat, they heard his familiar voice and saw the warm smile of love on his face. How could they doubt that Jesus who was crucified was alive again? Now what?

Because they proclaimed the risen Christ, the world is not the same. Our calendars count from A.D. Billions of people over the course of time are identified by a name that began as derogatory toward those who proclaimed Jesus' resurrection: Christians. We have once again proclaimed his death and resurrection at Easter (although this is what is proclaimed every week at our church).

The real question is, so now what? What difference has it made for each of us? What can you point towards in your life that exhibits the "now what"? I have wondered what this world would be like if the disciples had reacted as we have when encountering the reality of Christ's resurrection. What if they spoke as we speak about

Jesus? What if they prayed like **we** pray? What if they shared the message of Christ like **we** do, or lived in the manner that **we** live, in reaction to Jesus? Do we live in the reality of what we proclaim? Do we invest our lives like the first believers did in living for Jesus and earnestly sharing our lives with others for the sake of Christ?

The world is still waiting to hear the truth of Christ's mission. If we identify ourselves as Christians, but live as though it doesn't matter in our everyday lives, then why should the world care? And who is the world? Let's start with the people right around us. Do they pick up on your enthusiasm for the love Jesus has for you and you have for Jesus? Remember what Jesus said to Peter after the resurrection? He asked him, "Do you love me?" Peter went on to demonstrate his love for Jesus for the rest of his life. When Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep," Peter did all that he could to love and care for people who needed Jesus just like he did. Does Jesus say to us, "If you love me, now what?" "I think we need to be honest about answering, "Now what!" Our lives should revolve around this one great thing!

In the beginning verse of this article we are compelled to get rid of the old ways and live as we really are in Christ. At times we are distracted away from Him by temptations, selfishness, or the pains of a sinful world. But a true Christian's reaction must be to cling to the risen Christ. As Paul wrote, "***So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.***" 2 Corinthians 4:18. We are encouraged to have one goal: "***let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.***" Heb. 12:1a-2

Today is a good day to ask yourself, "Jesus is alive, so now what?" Live and love in that question today. Live and love in the way that it matters. Live and love so that others may know Christ and live and love him too. If you are a Christian, then live as you really are!

(All scripture references are from the New International Version NIV translation)



Lund Council Meeting Minutes March 10, 2016

Present: Robin, Jennifer, Tom, Carol, Russ, Lynda H., Pastor Jim, and Judy.

Absent: Karen H., and Belynda.

Meeting opened by President Robin Turnwall.

Devotions were given by Myra Eastman.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved, as well as the financial and treasurers reports.

Pastor Jim talked about getting a seminarian student to intern as a youth minister/leader. Shepherd of the Lakes also discussing getting someone for about 20 hours a week. Robin will get a committee together to further discuss the possibility of an internship for youth leader/pastor.

Robin read a thank you letter from Feed My Starving Children.

Auroura had a bake sale on Sunday morning March 6th and received \$699.00.

Robin is working on estimates for a new grill.

Mission Report: Sharon & Robin will see about the Mission Committee funding in Chad, Africa. A recommendation will be made, possibly \$100.00 a month would be given.

Endowment: Report given by Lynda Hultin.

Trustees: To check on and have installed a dead bolt lock on the west door. An electric plug-in put in for red candle.

Old Business: Judy will pick up the Easter flowers.

Auditors report from Julia Okeson was good. Myra made a motion to give Julia a \$50.00 gift card, 2nd by Judy. Passed.

Myra made a motion to continue ordering the Connections Magazine, seconded by Judy. Passed.

Next meeting, Thursday, April 14, 2016 7:00 pm.

Robin adjourned the meeting, Pastor Jim closed with a prayer.

Lynda Hultin filling in for Belynda Council Secretary

Lund Lutheran Church Endowment Committee

Meeting Minutes March 6, 2016

Present: Linda Kiehl, Orrin Okeson, Lynda Hultin.

Absent: Chad Okeson and Judy Gildersleeve.

Election of officers was held: President is Chad Okeson, Vice President Lynda Hultin, and Secretary Judy Gildersleeve

A request from Auroura Eckberg was made for \$250.00 for schooling. Linda Kiehl made a motion to approve the request, Lynda Hultin seconded it. Passed.

A request was made by Karen Halver for \$250.00 for open church to have money for a meal. Linda Kiehl made a motion to approve the request, Lynda Hultin seconded it. Passed.

Meeting was adjourned.



Kids EVENTS



**Sunday School
8:30am—9:30 am
Sunday Mornings
Ages 3 years and up are
welcome to attend.**

VBS coming June 9th—11th

Watch for more information updates.



YOUTH NEWS

**Attention Students
Youth Night Wednesdays
6:30 pm Supper
Talk & More
7 - 8:00PM**

Starting, Wednesday, March 30th.



On Sunday March 6th Auroura Eckberg had a fund raiser bake sale at Lund. She earned \$699.00 towards a trip to Europe.

Thank you for your support!



If you are interested in becoming a member at Lund Lutheran, please call Pam at the church office 218-847-9662.





Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 12th

Marcy Erickson Hostess

All women are welcome to attend!



Thank you to Pastor Jim for his hospital visit, phone calls and prayers.

To the Ladies of Lund for the gift card.

To Jim & Karen Halver and Rose for the beautiful flowers. To Lynda & Willie for the generous gift. To Sharon for making coffee and also Bill. For all the get well cards, phone calls, and prayers. Thank you all so very much. Love Lorna

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Dear friends at Lund Lutheran,
Thank you so much for your recent donation for the FM Christian Mobile Pack Event. Your gift will provide 11 children with a daily Manna Pack meal for an entire year. We are grateful you are partnering with us to feed God's starving children hungry in body and spirit.
Until all are fed,
Judy Watke
Development Advisor

April Lectionary

April 3	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29	Rev. 1:4-8	John 20:24-29
April 10	Acts 9:1-6	Psalm 30	Rev. 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
April 17	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Rev. 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
April 24	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Rev. 21:1-6	John 13:31-35

April Worship Volunteers

Reader:

Ushers: Roger & Cleo Johnson

Greeters: Willie & Lynda Hultin

Communion Server: Sharon Westerholm

Communion Helper:



April Sunday Coffee Servers:

April 3: Joe & Sharon Westerholm

April 10: John & Judy Gildersleeve

April 17: Dennis & Nancy Bromley

April 24: Rodney & Myra Eastman & Mary Riehle



Lund and Area Happenings:

Sunday, April 3rd Sunday School 8:30am Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

Sunday, April 3rd Neighborhood Fellowship 5—7:00pm.

Wednesday, April 6th Youth Night 6:30 supper 7-8:00pm Talk & More.

Sunday, April 10th Sunday School 8:30am Worship Service 9:45am. Missionary Dan Venberg will be speaking at Lund.

Tuesday, April 12th Women’s Bible Study 2:00 pm.

Wed., April 13th Youth Night 6:30 supper 7-8:00pm Talk & More.

Thursday, April 14th Council Meeting 6:00 pm.

Sunday, April 17th Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service with communion 9:45 am.

Monday, April 18th Piano Recital Rehearsal 4:30 - 6:00pm.

Wed., April 20th Youth Night 6:30 supper 7-8:00pm Talk & More.

Friday, April 22nd Newsletter articles due.

Sunday, April 24th Sunday School 8:30am Worship Service 9:45am.

Sunday, April 24th Piano Recital 2– 3:30pm.

Wednesday, March 30th Youth Night Supper 6:30 Talk & More 7-8pm.



We are trying a new outreach program.

Neighborhood Fellowship

We will be serving a light supper from 5:00—7:00pm and have an opportunity to meet others in our neighborhood. The first one will be April 3rd.

Watch for flyers advertising the next date.

Birthdays:

- April 1. Hannah Jacobson
 5. Charlotte Bakken
 15. Jeff Melin
 19. Brock Okeson
 25. Betty Varholdt
 28. Alex Lubins

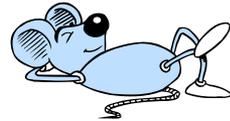


Anniversaries:

- April 5. Jim & Karen Halver
 19. Jeramie & Kathy Jacobson
 20. Rodney & Myra Eastman
 22. Allan & Marilyn Dahlstrom



Hi Mousey Here,



I hope you had a blessed Easter.

I think spring has come early. We need to pray for the farmers as they prepare for their crops and hope for the right amount of sun shine and rain for them.

There is going to be a new outreach program on Sunday nights for anyone to come to Lund and have a free supper, I sure hope it goes well. Thank you to Karen Halver for doing that.

Until Next Month,

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