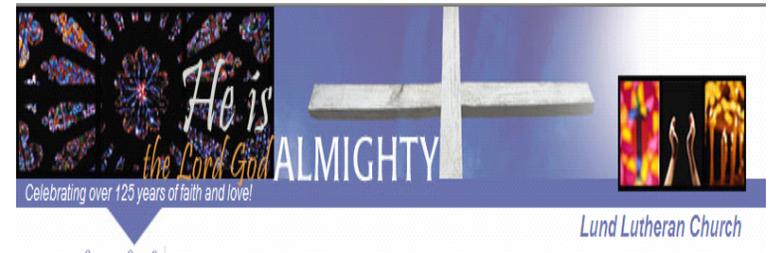


Lund Newsletter



2020

Lund Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Steve Bruer

Pastor's Perspective...

Dear Friends in Christ,

December has arrived. For many it couldn't have come fast enough. We are hoping that a new year will bring better things. As has been stated previously, this past year has been quite a year to say the least. The Covid 19 pandemic has altered our lifestyles. Last spring our schools had to go online instead of in person, we were asked to stay at home (a lockdown of sorts) only going out for certain things, businesses were in lockdown, and on and on. We have had to do worship differently other than worshipping in our sanctuary, specifically on Facebook, also a drive in style in the church parking lot while the weather was nice. Even the special services like Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and possibly Christmas Eve, have been held online. I think it's safe to say that our lives have been literally turned upside down.

And whenever this last month of the year comes, we begin a new church year. We don't know what will happen in the coming year so we must trust in God to lead us. With the new church year I believe that one word almost always comes to my mind. That word is **anticipation**. After we celebrate Thanksgiving I believe that anticipation sets in as December rolls into our lives. There are so many things we begin to anticipate: the shopping for Christmas gifts, the baking of the Christmas goodies, the Sunday School Christmas Program, the opening of our gifts at Christmas, and the surprised look on a loved one's face when they open that gift they have been wishing for. But there are more important things we should anticipate when December comes.

We ought to anticipate before anything else, the four weeks leading up to Christmas, the season of Advent. These important weeks prepare our hearts and minds for the bigger celebration at Christmas, the birth of the Christ-child, the promised Messiah, **the real reason for the season**. Truth be told, we are now in the season of Advent. It is a time of preparation and anticipation.

Advent helps us to focus on hope which invites us to eagerly search for Christ in the daily experiences of life in the here and now, not just in the long ago past. As we open our eyes to see and

Happy Birthday

December 5 Rodney Eastman
7 Lane Okeson
14 Sharon Westerholm
Jens Richards
17 Jeramie Jacobson
30 Pastor Steve Bruer
31 John Sauer



Happy Anniversary

December 6 Lloyd & Betty Varholdt
27 Ron & Jan Anderson



If you do not find your birthday or anniversary listed, please call Pam at 847-9662 so she can get your name on the list.

Thank you!



This has been a trying year for all of us, with God's help we will get through this together.

We wish for you health, happiness, and being able to be with loved ones in 2021.

God's Blessings to you!
Merry Christmas
Pam & Jerry Ross



Thank you to everyone who are sending in their offering. The church still has expenses during this time of COVID-19.

Pastor Steve and the Council are going by the state guide lines to keep everyone safe. Hopefully we will be able to worship together in the church soon.

If you would like to send an offering to Lund, please send it to our Financial Secretary.

**Myra Eastman
21069 400th Ave.
Detroit Lakes, MN. 56501**

**Please make checks out to Lund Lutheran Church.
Thank You!**

There are no council meeting reports in this months newsletter as the meeting was postponed on November 11th.



Lund Church is now a charitable organization with MinnKota Recycling located on Hwy 59 North. Bring your aluminum, recyclable paper, and magazines, tell them it is for Lund Lutheran and we will get reimbursed. Thank you!

experience the presence of God with us in Christ, we are encouraged and energized as we face the challenges of every day life.

Then we ought to anticipate Christmas with all the worship services where we gather to celebrate the good news of the angels with our families and join other brothers and sisters in faith in the celebration. A time when we gather to hear the Christmas story for the umpteenth time and to again be uplifted by the glorious news of the angels.

We might go home all excited because Christmas, which we have been anticipating is finally here, and later that night or the next day we anticipate opening our gifts with loved ones surrounding us. Hopefully we'll be able to do that! We get excited and we might quickly forget the greatest gift that God gave to us, our Savior Jesus Christ born in a manger in Bethlehem.

Then we anticipate the beginning of the new year and all that it will bring in our lives. There's a lot to be said about anticipating Advent and Christmas. For you see, if we don't anticipate these things like we should, our minds can become distorted as to how God interacts in and through our lives. Especially during this pandemic we are facing. We don't spend enough time getting ready for God's greatest gift to us in Jesus.

The church's answer to the distortion of the gift of God's redemption is as simple as it is filled with power and hope. The church begins not with Christmas but with Advent. The four Sundays prior to Christmas are a time of hope, a time of anticipation, a time to look back to the promises of God to redeem his people and claim them as his own and to proclaim the good news that Jesus is the fulfillment of that longed for hope.

I pray that each of you will put greater priority on this Advent Season, in spite of the Coronavirus which is raging around us, that you will worship each week as you anticipate the biggest celebration one could imagine, the Christmas celebration.

Blessing in this new church year!

Pastor Steve

Final Kitchen Report - November 2020

Judy Gildersleeve

	Cost	Paid	Balance
Culinox – Dishwasher	\$8,155.00	\$8,155.00	\$ 0.00
Fergusons – 2 sinks & faucets	1,709.85	1,709.85	0.00
D&D Appl - Whirlpool Refrigerator	1,298.00	1,298.00	0.00
D&D Appl - 2 LG Ranges	1,079.00	1,079.00	0.00
SWI Interiors – Cabinets, countertops & install	9,488.17	9,488.17	0.00
One Electric		2,550.50	0.00
Original bid	2,200.00		
Extras	350.50		
Al's Water Systems – Softener	1,075.00	1,075.00	0.00
Plumbing - Hanks Heating	1,560.00	1,560.00	0.00
Paul Muckenhirn	<u>4,412.59</u>	<u>4,412.59</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	\$ 31,328.11	\$31,328.11	\$ 0.00

Funds received:

2019: Donation	\$12,000.00	
Memorials	4,065.00	(\$3,500, \$365, \$200)
2020 Donation	10,000.00	
Choice \$\$	2,500.00	
Donations	1,050.00	(1 - \$525, 1 - \$150, 1 - \$100, 4- \$50, 3 - \$25)
Sales	350.00	(2 stoves -\$100 each, 1 cabinet \$150)
	<u>\$29,965.00</u>	
Women's Fund	<u>1,363.11</u>	
	\$31,328.11	

***A huge thank you to everyone who helped with this project!
We've been blessed!***

Thank you to the kitchen committee for all of their hard work.

Christmas Word Find

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. After you have found all the words, the leftover letters in the correct order to form the ***mystery answer***.

SUSEJDYL
LSAVOIRI
EMYRRHAG
IREGNAMH
RHCHRIST
BNOEMISO
AJOSEPHR

Christ, Gabriel, Gentiles, Herod, Jesus, John,
Joseph, Light, Manger, Mary, Myrrh, Simeon



As we continue during this pandemic we wish you and yours health and happiness into the coming new year.

Jane and I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God's Riches Blessings.

Stay safe and stay healthy!

Pastor Steve and Jane

Due to the COVID-19 Virus there will be no church activities at Lund Lutheran until further notice.

At Lund we are watching, listening and praying as we continually respond to the concerns of the virus.

Remember to always trust God and pray. Pray for one another, our health professionals, scientists, the young and the old, the vulnerable populations with limited resources, leaders entrusted to make decisions, and our world that has been impacted.

Finally, God is with us in all things. And we are in this together. We must support one another and make choices for the greater good and our neighbors during this time.

Remember, **God is good at all times!**

I hope this finds every one safe and healthy. Below you will find some ways to keep in touch with Lund:

Someone is in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday mornings if you call the church and no one answers, please leave a message, Pam will check all messages and emails from her home.

Church Office: **218-847-9662**

email: lundlutheran@msn.com



Sunday morning Church Service will now be on Lund face book page until further notice.

Go to: [facebook.com.lundlutherandetroitlakes](https://www.facebook.com/lundlutherandetroitlakes)

You can find daily devotions at: www.lundlutheran.org
Devotion tab

Check the website for announcements: www.lundlutheran.org



**REACH-OUT
in friendship and kindness
in care and concern
in faith and hope
in love and prayer**

We hope you will choose to take part in REACH-OUT, an easy way to connect with members of our church family members each week with a short note or phone call. We realize many of you know one another and speak with them often but our hope is that you will REACH-OUT to others you miss seeing and knowing about. Randomly select a family (or individual) and call or write a note sharing any news or concerns in your life or a funny story or uplifting thought. Pray for them throughout the week. The following week choose another name and follow the same way of showing we as Lund members care for one another into this uncertain future. Let's REACH-OUT to one another and stay connected.





Christmas Greetings

When the angel Gabriel uttered his greeting to Mary, it was a message that God would be with her—literally—through the Baby Jesus she would bear. In our hellos this Christmas, why not add a “God be with you” as well, knowing that Christ is born within each of us?

Creative Communications for the Parish

Hello there, Mousey here.



These have been some trying times, people that we know getting Covid, some not making it through this pandemic. I hope and pray that you have all been turning to God a lot. I know He likes it when we come to him with all of our worries so he can take them.

Mousey brought home some Covid and the spouse ended up with it too. We were able to commiserate with each other as our symptoms were the same. So we went through it OK but now we hear the antibodies that are built up only lasts about 90 days. Then you could get it again. (A message from the Minnesota Dept. of Health.)

I know that everyone is missing coming to church and the social aspect of it, but just keep praying the vaccine comes out soon and we can get back to normal. Everyone needs to get the vaccine so we can put an end to this. Kind of like the flu vaccine and the Shingles vaccine. We need to get them too. We need to protect ourselves with what has been made to help us.

I miss you all very much and cannot wait for the day I run around everyone's feet while the Meatball Dinner is prepped and other things that we joyfully do, so we can raise money to give it away.

God Bless you all, and keep that prayer channel open. God is waiting to hear from you!

Mousey



*Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
For loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away
Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.
The Good you do for others is good you do yourself....*

Norman Wesley Brooks "Let Everyday Be Christmas" 1976



**Christmas Eve Service
Lund Lutheran Church**

**4:00 p.m.
On Lund Facebook**

Go to:

facebook.com.lundlutherandetroitlakes



If you are struggling to find a way to buy food because of the effects of the coronavirus pandemic, we have a solution for you. Just let Pastor Steve know by Tuesday if you would like a box of fresh food which is paid for and delivered by USDA Farmers to Families. You get a lot of good food in the box. They are delivering the boxes weekly each Wednesday to Northern Lights Church just outside of Richwood. Each box is **absolutely free!**