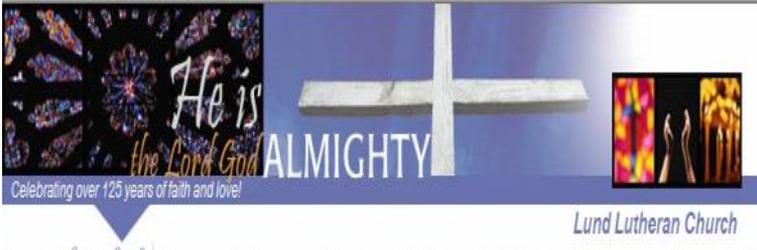


Lund Newsletter



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“All I Want for Christmas...”

A common question right about now is, “What do you want for Christmas?” If a child is asked, then the question might be, “What do you want Santa to bring you for Christmas?” Think of the possibilities! The child is told Santa is hard at work making presents for all the boys and girls around the world. But let’s get it straight about what Santa requires to get a present from him: *“Oh you better watch out, you better not cry, Better not pout, I’m tellin’ you why—Santa Claus is coming to town. He’s makin’ a list, checking it twice, gonna find out who’s naughty or nice, Santa Claus is coming to town. He sees you when you’re sleeping; he knows when you’re awake, He knows if you’ve been bad or good, So be good, for goodness sake!”*

If you are on the nice list, you get your present. My guess is every child in Minnesota gets a Santa present. After all, we practice Minnesota Nice, don’t we? How does Santa’s rules line up with God’s? When God sent Jesus to us, it was the greatest gift to ever bless humanity. Do we receive God’s gift because we are nice? Do we keep looking over our shoulder to see if God notices that we are not crying, pouting and we are being good? Are we on God’s nice list? Santa’s gifts are conditional—you get them because you perform. Is that the message of the angels on Christmas night? In Luke 2:8-11 we read,

“And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.”

God sent His gift, not because we earned it, but because we desperately need it. We need this gift because, *frankly, we are not nice*. Not nice enough to earn God's favor, but far from it. We were meant to live in harmonious love with God and with each other, but something horrible happened. Just like a Christmas toy that we abused and used for something that it was not meant for, we broke our relationship with God and with each other. We sin: we are broken. We have broken hearts and minds and spirits. We live in a broken world, and we are headed for the trash heap of the ages separated from God. That is our desperate situation.

But the message of the angel is "Do not be afraid!" God sent us a present we don't deserve, but just what we need! Jesus comes to us as the Messiah. What does that mean? It is a rich and wonderful word that means in one important sense that the Messiah is our *restorer*. I was given a wooden dining set that was a wreck. Cracked and broken, warped and blemished, it was worth nothing. But I brought it to a restorer. I can hardly believe it is the same furniture. Through his deft skill and master craftsmanship, it now shines with renewed elegance and function. It is back to the way the creator made it. That is what Jesus came to do. By the power of the cross, he comes to restore us; bring us back to the way God intended us to be, full of all the goodness and love of our heavenly Father and restored to an eternally right relationship with Him and each other.

What do you want for Christmas? All I want for Christmas is for each of us to receive the greatest gift ever. I want us to hear about and embrace the gift, wrapped in the Angel's proclamation. Will you receive His Gift? Then give your life to Jesus, your Messiah the Lord, who will restore your soul.

Merry Christmas

Christmas Eve Service at Lund 4:30 pm

Christmas Day Service at Shepherd of the Lakes at 11:00am at the Adventist Building on Richwood Road.





LUND Council Minutes

November 10, 2016

Members present: Robin Jennifer, Carol, Russell, Lynda, Karen H., Myra, Tom, Judy and Pastor Jim.
Members absent: None.

Meeting was called to order by President Robin.

*Agenda presented and amended.

*Devotions by Robin. Reflected on the book and movie "Unbroken" and the power of God.

*Pastors Report: Romans 6: 16 – 18. Reminded us that we are set free from sin through the atoning blood Jesus shed for all who believe in him. And that no matter if we serve Him well or poorly, we are His.

Bible study based on "War Room" is complete. New study beginning Nov. 27th on the four Advent Candles. In January considering a video class on sharing our faith with others. The Confirmation class is studying the wonderful gift of prayer as taught to us in the "Lords Prayer." Suggested possible New Years Eve Fellowship. Asked for prayers for Barb's dad, Don, and their family.

*Secretary's Minutes: Correction – the Thanksgiving Service at Faith Lutheran is a community not communion service. Motion to accept : Myra/ Tom/carried.

*Treasurer and Financial Reports: Five Sundays and three coffees. Meat ball dinner netted \$2,850.18 Motion to accept both: Russ/Judy/ carried.

Committee Reports:

*President: Reported on Transition team meeting. Now waiting to hear from Shepard of the Lakes.

*Education: Only one child in Sunday School. No class Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's weekends. Will not do Christmas bags this year unless someone wants to coordinate it. SS has \$700 in their account. Lighting the Advent Candle will be left up to the Council.

*Deacons: Need ushers for December.

*Mission: None.

*Endowment: None.

*Trustees: A grouse hit one of the north windows. Cost of replacement was \$259.71.

Old Business:

- Christmas services: Christmas Eve Communion service at Lund at 4:30. Motion: Myra/Judy/carried. If an organist isn't available, Barb O. will accompany on the piano. Shepard of the Lakes will have the Christmas Day services. Time to be determined by SOL.

New Business:

- Kitchen door: Needs new lock. Will look into getting new keys.
- Parade of Lights: November 28, 5 p.m. Work night will be Saturday prior. Can use Pastor's trailer. Robin will find someone to chair the event.
- Poinsettias: Pick up from Bergens on Dec 16th by Russ. Set up by Judy.
- Ground Hog Supper: Thursday Feb 2, 2017. Tabled until Dec. meeting.
- Lawn Maintenance: Many dead squirrels found in the cemetery. Need to determine why. Maintenance personnel requested that the flowers be removed. Cemetery Committee will meet before next summer to determine cemetery rules. And rules will be posted.
- Flag: Currently have none. Russ will get a replacement.
- Movie night: Sunday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. Popcorn will be served. Advertised in the "Happenings."
- December fellowship event: "Bake and Take" on December 11th. Like a cookie exchange but will be open to public to come and get free cookies. Anyone who wants to participate in the baking should bring ingredients and pans. Baking will be from noon until 4. Will be open to the public from 2 to 4 p.m. Free cider and coffee also. Contact Karen H with questions.
- Caroling: December 18th from 3-5 p.m. Judy/Myra/carried. Place to be determined at Dec. meeting.
- Council Position: Discussed vacant position per by-laws.
- Confirmation age camp at Inspiration Point in March 2017: Cost is \$75 if registered by Feb 10th or \$100 after. Discussion followed. Tabled until Dec. meeting.

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Cookie Bake & Take
Sunday, December 11th
Bake 12:00 - 4:00pm
Take 2:00—4:00pm
No Charge
Everyone is Welcome!

(Church members: please bring a favorite recipe and ingredients, bowls and pans)

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- Reimbursement for Transition meeting: Robin requested reimbursement of \$53.65 for cost of food. Karen/Lynda/ carried. Thanks to Carol and Judy for serving and providing dessert.
- Refuge volunteer request: Volunteers needed to prepare and serve the free meal at the Refuge the first and last Thursday and Friday of the month. Help also needed at the Helping Hand Thrift Store. The Compassion House also needs items. The sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the entry.
- Christmas Project for the congregation: Tabled until Dec. meeting.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.
Next meeting: December 8th, 6 p.m.
Devotions will be given by Judy.

Respectfully submitted: Judy Gildersleeve, Secretary.



Kids EVENTS

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

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### **Friends at Lund,**

Thank you so much, once again for the wonderful support of the Haiti Medical Mission. Our 18th year! And we appreciate all of you.

Kevin Wallevand

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### **Dear Lund Ladies**

Thank you so much for your generous contribution of Box Tops to Hawley Elementary! We Appreciate it so much! These Box Tops help us to fund out AR Program and encourage our students to read!

Please keep them coming!

Shari Drussell

Box Top Coordinator, Hawley Elementary

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**Thank you** for your gift on Give it to the Max Day.

Your generous donation supports Lakes Crisis & Resource Center work to help people in need and in crisis.

Lakes Crisis and Resource Center

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**To thank you** for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

The Family of Allan Dahlstrom



Women's Bible Study & Christmas Party  
Tuesday, December 13th 1:00pm  
Hostess: Judy Gildersleeve  
and Lynda Hultin  
All women are welcome to attend!

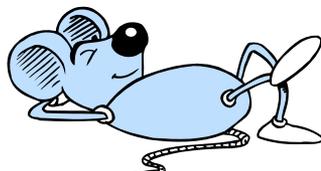
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Thank you to the Lund members for bringing in their  
"We Care" receipts.

A reminder that the receipts with the stores date on it any earlier  
than November 2015 will not be accepted for any rebate to us.

Maybe bring them in once a month.

Thank You!



Hello there, Mousey here,

November and Thanksgiving Day are over. Everyone gives thanks that day for the blessings they receive., but we should be giving thanks every single day, for the Blessings we receive from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

One of the blessings we have had at Lund was Lorna Schons, and we will dearly miss her. Not only was she almost always in the kitchen every morning, starting coffee for fellowship hour, but she made coffee for the Bible study group, and put out all items needed for coffee or Pot Lucks. The most important gift Lorna brought Lund, was the caring words she had for everyone. If you asked how she was feeling, knowing she was having issues, she was always fine and would turn it back to the person asking how they were doing. We loved you, and will miss you so much. Now you are with Jesus, and for that we are happy for you.

Till next month, Mousey

## December Lectionary

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| <b>December 4</b>  | Isaiah<br>11:1-10 | Psalm<br>72:1-7 | Romans<br>15:4-13 | Matthew<br>3:1-12  |
| <b>December 11</b> | Isaiah<br>35:1-10 | Psalm 146       | James<br>5:7-11   | Matthew<br>11:2-15 |
| <b>December 18</b> | Isaiah<br>7:10-17 | Psalm 24        | Romans<br>1:1-7   | Matthew<br>1:18-25 |
| <b>December 24</b> | Isaiah<br>9:2-7   | Psalm 96        | Titus 2:11-<br>14 | Luke 2:1-14        |
| <b>December 25</b> | Isaiah<br>52:7-10 | Psalm 2         | Hebrews<br>1:1-6  | John 1:1-14        |



## December Worship Volunteers

**Reader:** December 4 Cleo Johnson

**Ushers:** December 11 Les & Donna Heimark

**Greeters:** December 11 Les & Donna Heimark

**Communion Server:** Myra Eastman

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## December Sunday Coffee Servers:

- December 4: Willie & Lynda Hultin
- December 13: Roger & Cleo Johnson
- December 18: Roger & Karen Lundberg
- December 25: Service at Shephard of the Lakes



*Merry Christmas  
and a Happy, Healthy New Year!  
May God Bless us All!*

## Lund and Area Happenings:

**Sunday, December 4th** Sunday School 8:30am for children and adults. Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

**Thursday, December 7th** Council meeting 6:00pm

**Wednesday, December 7th** Youth Night 6:30pm.

**Sunday, December 11th** Sunday School 8:30 am for children and adults. Worship Service 9:45am.

**Sunday, December 11th** Cookie Bake & Take 12-4:00pm.

**Monday, December 12th** Canadian Pacific Holiday Train 2:30pm.

**Tues. December 13th** Women's Bible Study and Christmas Party 1:00pm.

**Wednesday, December 14th** Youth Night 6:30pm.

**Sunday, December 18th** Sunday School 8:30 for children and adults. Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

**Sunday, December 18th** Caroling 3—5:00 pm.

**Wednesday, December 21st** Youth Night 6:30pm.

**Saturday, December 24th** Christmas Eve Service at Lund 4:30pm.

**Sunday, December 25th** Christmas Day Service at Shepherd of the Lakes at 11:00am at the Adventist Building on Richwood Road.

**Friday December 28st** Newsletter articles due.

**Reminder :** Annual reports will be do the beginning of January.

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The Compassion House is in need of the following items:

Paper Products - Kleenex, Toilet Paper, Napkins. Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Coffee Healthy snack items such as fresh fruit, vegetables and nuts. Winter wear such as caps, gloves and scarves.

A donation box will be proved in the church entry.



**Please let Pastor Jim or Pam in the church office know if you are interested in joining Lund Church.**

**Office hours are: Wednesday—Friday**

**10am—Noon**

**Church office 847-9662**

*Birthdays:*

- December 2. Kjersten Anderson
- 5. Rodney Eastman
- 7. Lane Okeson
- 14. Sharon Westerholm  
Jens Richards
- 17. Jeramie Jacobson
- 31 John Sauer



*Anniversaries:*

- December 6. Lloyd & Betty Varholdt
- 27. Ron & Jan Anderson



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The Lund congregation extends their deepest sympathy to the family of Lorna Schons. My Gods healing arms surround you in the days ahead.



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**Canadian Pacific**

**Holiday Train.**

For nearly 20 years the CP Holiday Train has been traveling across Canada and the US in November and December.

The beautifully lit train will be stopping in Detroit Lakes on December 12th at 2:30 at the Holmes Street Railroad crossing near the Community Center.

Kelly Prescott and Colin James will be presenting a half hour show from 2:45 to 3:15. All event attendees are encouraged to bring healthy, nutritious food donations to the show. Every pound and dollar raised at each stop stays with the local food bank to help feed those in need.

Dress warm and enjoy the beautiful lights and great music!