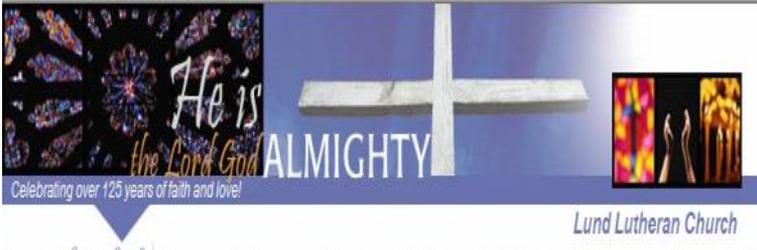


Lund Newsletter



2018

Lund Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Steve Bruer

Pastor's Perspective...

We are on our way! One of the two most important journeys we make each year. Of course you know what I'm talking about; the journey to the manger. Now, I don't want us to rush, you know, like driving down the road like there is no tomorrow. I want us to look around every bend, over every hilltop. I want us to stop and experience each new thing along the way.

By now you are saying to yourself "*What in the world is Pastor talking about?*" Actually, it's quite simple. It's December, we are getting ready for Christmas, what in the world could we miss? Friends, we could miss a lot. You know, when we light the candles each week, it's not just for looks, or to have a count down to the real reason for the season, of course the birth of the Christ child is the real reason for the season. But what about what each candle can say to us?

The first candle is the candle of **Hope**. We gather each week of the year as a people of hope. We live our lives knowing that when the world falls apart around us and seems to be hopeless we have the light of the candle of hope in our hearts. It's not the kind of hope we talk about like, "*I hope I get a new car for Christmas*", or "*I sure hope the weather is good next week.*" No, I'm speaking of the hope that we have in our hearts that tells us every day that our God is with us and that the promises of scripture are true and we know that we are living in God's plan for our lives and He knows best. Honest to goodness hope.

The second candle is the candle of **Peace**. We are not talking about merely the absence of war and conflict, but peace that is the fullness of blessing for all, that is the peace for which we dare to hope. Christ comes to bring peace to those who have been separated from God and one another. The peace that we have in our hearts even when the world is upside down and yelling in our ears is peace that only our Savior can give us.

The third candle is the candle of **Love**. For God so loved the world that a child was born to love us back into relationship with

our Father in Heaven. We are a people of **hope**, we are a people of **peace**, and we are a people of **love**. The Word tells us over and over of the love that God has for us and the love we are to have for each other. Let us be people who possess the love of the Christ child in our hearts

always, not just once in awhile. Let us by the power of the Holy Spirit let the light of the candle of love shine in our lives every day of every week of every year!

Lastly we light the candle of **Joy**. We sing joy to the World the Lord has come!! Let heaven and earth sing aloud!! Let our hearts sing out with the joy of the Christ child living in us and being more than people who say, *"I go to church."* No, let's be the children of the living God who know that Jesus is Lord. Let us sing in the name of Christ who offers us hope in the prison of despair. Let us have peace in the chaos of life. Let the world see God's love in us graciously, silently, and vulnerably. And let us sing joy to the world with the angels in heaven so all will know the journey to the manger is more than shopping and baking. It is the greatest gift ever given, it is the child Jesus, born so we might live!! Have a blessed month on the road to the manger.

HOPE, PEACE, LOVE AND JOY TO ALL

Pastor Steve



We wish

each and

everyone of you a most
Blessed and Merry Christmas.
May you all stay safe and be filled with
God's greatest gift to us, His Son Jesus!

Pastor Steve & Jane

Lund Council Meeting November 8, 2018



Present: Robin, Jennifer, Carol, Russ, Tom, Lynda, Karen H, Judy and Pastor Steve. Absent : Cindy.

Call to order by President Robin.

Devotions by Judy.

Additions to the agenda were made.

Secretary Report: Given by Judy. Myra/Tom/carried.

Financial Secretary Report : Given by Myra. .

Treasurer's Report: Given by Karen H.

Motion to approve both financial reports: Judy/Carol/carried.

Pastors Report: Reminder of upcoming events in 2019:

* Feb 4 & 5 Augustana Conference for pastors in Bloomington.

Theme is Theology is for Proclamation.

* May 11th -Augustana District Convention in Alexandria. (Council strongly urged to attend.) Must register by April 27th.

* LCMC Annual Gathering Sept. 29 – Oct 2nd in Omaha, NB.

We have had a lot going on here: We're alive!! We've had a busy Fall! Has coffee with area pastors on Thursday morning. Attended a Pastor Appreciation event Donehower hosted in October as a thanks to area pastors. Has done regular visitation at the nursing home, the Cottages and Senior Centers. Especially keep Howard in your prayers. Carol Olson had surgery and is recovering.

Motion to Pay the Pastors registration to the Augustana Theology Conference in the amount of \$80. Russ/Myra/carried. (He will be staying with family, thus, no lodging.)

Committee Reports:

President: Council will be doing a pastoral review in January. Judy will put together a discussion sheet.

Deacons: By Lynda. Need ushers for December and January and greeters for January.

Education: No report because we have had no Sunday school kids.

Mission: None.

Endowment: By Judy. Endowment Committee approved request for \$1,500 for acoustics project.

Trustees : By Russ. Acoustic tiles are here and will be installed on Monday.

New Business:

**Fifth Sunday*: Have 4 months in 2019 with 5 Sundays. First one is March. Suggested we do something special that Sunday like have special music. Lynda will coordinate.

**Office hours for Thanksgiving week*: Pam will not be in the office on Wed. And Pastor will only be in the office on Tuesday. Pastor will be out of town over Thanksgiving. .

**Caroling*: Dec 9th from 2 to 5. See bulletin for details.

* *Parade of lights*: Have a trailer. Need someone to chair. Pastor will follow up with this and ask for volunteers on Sunday.

Next meeting : Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 Myra will give devotions.

Closed with the Lords Prayer. Pastor Steve led us in the closing prayer.

Motion to adjourn: Myra/Judy/carried.

Respectfully Submitted: Judy Gildersleeve.



Christmas Eve Service
Monday, December 24th 4:00 pm.



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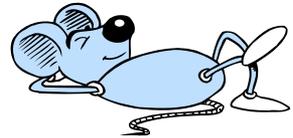
one interested in joining Lund, please let

Pastor Steve know at 218-252-1272 or
Pam in the church office at 218-847-9662



**Confirmation Classes
Wednesdays at 7:30 pm**

**No confirmation classes on December 26th.
Remember to bring your Bibles each week!**



Hello there, Mousey here.

The first Sunday of Advent is happening this week. The Advent season begins my favorite time of the church year. Love, love, love Christmas time, and all the things that lead up to it. We get to celebrate the birth of our Savior! Hallelujah! This season always brings people together for gatherings, special Christmas party for the ladies Bible study, decorating the church tree, and the many families get together. It is always exciting decorating my house to know that family will be coming. Others go to other family members, but no matter what, it is a time for Love, Peace and Joy. (I have that sign too). The Love of God, the Peace He gives us and the Joy that fills our hearts.

See you around this month. Wishing everyone a very special Christmas time and making Jesus birthday special in your house. God Bless you all.

Mousey

The real meaning behind the carol "The Twelve Days of Christmas"

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two meanings: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The partridge in the pear tree, naturally,
represents Jesus Christ.

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments

3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues

4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists

5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace.

6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation

7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments

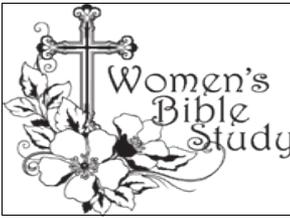
8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes

9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments

11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles

12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed



Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday, December 11, 2018
 2:00 pm
 Hostess: Lynda Hultin
 All women are invited to attend.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped with the Meatball Ball Dinner.
 We served 407 dinners, and 51 take out dinners.
 Your help and support is very much appreciated.



Start cleaning out those closets, attics, and garages.

Lund is having a rummage sale next spring, possibly in April.



Christmas is just one day,

forever, not for

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

December Lectionary

December 2	Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thess. 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
December 9	Malachi 3:1-7b	Phil. 1:2-11	Luke 3:1-14
December 16	Zeph. 3:14-20	Phil. 4:4-7	Luke 7:18-28
December 23	Micah 5:2-5a	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45
December 24 Christmas Eve	Isaiah 9:2-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-20
December 30	Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15	Col. 3:12-17	Luke 2:22-40



December Worship Volunteers

Reader: Cleo Johnson

Communion Server: Myra Eastman

Ushers: Jane Bruer & Steve Thompson

Greeter: Russ Okeson

December Sunday Coffee Servers:

- December 2: Les & Donna Heimark
- December 9: John & Cindy Sauer
- December 16: Linda & Arnie Kiehl
- December 23: Jim & Karen Halver
- December 30: Christmas Goodies



Lund and Area Happenings:

Sunday, December 2nd Bible Study 8:30 am, Worship Service, 9:45 am with Communion.

Wednesday, December 5th Confirmation 7:30 pm.

Sunday, December 9th Worship Service 9:45 am.

Sunday, December 9th Christmas Caroling 2-5 pm supper at Heimark's after caroling.

Tuesday, December 11th Women's Bible study 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 12th Confirmation 7:30 pm.

Thursday, December 13th Endowment Meeting 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 13th Council Meeting 6:30 pm.

Friday, December 14th Magical Medora musical 7:30 DL Middle School. (see below)

Saturday, December 15th Lund ring the salvation Army Bell in the Mall.

Sunday, December 16th Bible Study 8:30 am, Worship Service with Communion 9:45 am.

Sunday, December 16th Candles & Carols 4:30 pm Trinity DL.

Wednesday, December 19th Confirmation 7:30 pm.

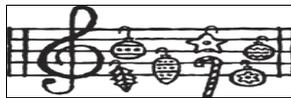
Sunday, December 23rd Bible Study, Worship Service 9:45 am.

Monday, December 24th Christmas Eve Service 4:00 pm.

Wednesday, December 26th No Confirmation.

Wednesday, December 26th Newsletter articles due.

Sunday, December 30th No Bible Study, Worship Service 9:45 am.



A MAGICAL MEDORA CHRISTMAS 2018 - Friday, December 14, 7:30 pm at the Detroit Lakes Middle School. Featuring past and present stars of Medora, who will be bringing family-friendly entertainment this holiday season. Tickets are \$30 and available at the Historic Holmes Theatre or at Medora.com



- December 5. Rodney Eastman
7. Lane Okeson
14. Sharon Westerholm
 Jens Richards
17. Jeramie Jacobson
28. Kenny Magnuson
30. Pastor Steve
31. John Sauer



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



Thank you for all the blessing
Lund has given me this year.

Merry Christmas
and Happy, Healthy New year
from our family to yours!
Jerry & Pam Ross
Lance, & Loretta,
Tera & Andy,
Finley, Callie and Lydia.