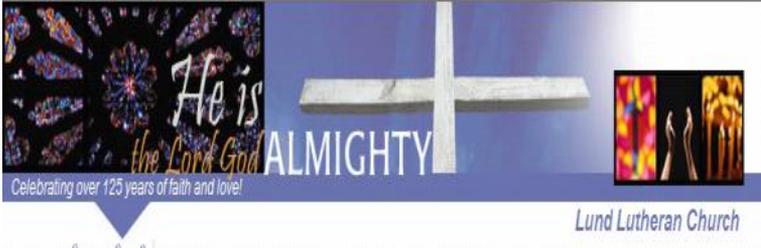


# Lund Newsletter



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Pastor Newsletter Message February 2013

“Love God/Love Your Neighbor”

I am glad we have a love-themed month of the year. It is amazing how many varieties there are of Red/pink/and white cards on the store shelves to help us express love. There are romantic cards, friendship cards, brotherly and sisterly love cards, and cards for the older and younger relatives.

The Bible is one BIG love card. When Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment, he answered: **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”** Matt. 22:36-40 (The word used for love here is closely connected with service or giving of yourself.)

It’s pretty clear what it means to love God, and we are right to express and return the love He so lavishly bestows upon us. And we naturally love our family (mostly).

But the second command is a little fuzzy because we stumble on the neighbor part. So—who is my neighbor, and how do I love them? Do they even want to be loved by me? And if I express love towards them, it can get, well, messy and complicated, and time consuming. The time consumption part is what we probably stumble on the most.

I recently attended a seminar that grappled with this subject. The presenter lived in a typical suburb area. When he was asked, “Who is your neighbor?” he rattled off the church he served and his board membership of various organizations. But the questioner wanted to know, “who is your geographical neighbor?” The people who lived right next door on his north, south, east, & west: could he name their names? Could he name their children’s names? Could he answer what their work, hobbies, vacations plans, health challenges, or favorite sports teams were? What are their hopes and fears?

The pastor admitted that those he lived “in the midst of” were, for the most part, strangers. He is like many of us: we live in a fortress mentality. We walk out of our house into the attached garage, open the door and drive away. Then we return, drive up to our garage, not even getting out because the opener lifts the door, and back into our attached garage. We might wave at the neighbor who is lawn mowing, and they wave back. But there is little discussion, and no real meaningful interaction.

So, who are they? Some people do a good job of meeting neighbors. They become “friendly acquaintances.” But unfortunately, unless they run in the same social/work circles with us or go to the same church/school team activity, that is as close as we get: acquaintances. Love them?

The presenter offered a simple way to help us fulfill this neighborly command. First of all, he drew a tic-tac-toe on paper he put on his refrigerator, representing his immediate neighbor’s house locations with the center as his house. Then he attempted to write down in each of the squares the names of his neighbors (first and last and nick names) the kids, the dog name, etc. He immediately realized that he was sadly uninformed. So then, he chose to make the HUGE journey across the lawn to visit one of his neighbors and try to fill in the blanks—just to get to know them. Then he went to the next home and the next. This was not a one day effort, by the way. Eventually he got all his squares filled in. His wife was immensely helpful. They looked for opportunities to invite them to coffee, or maybe do something kind, like picking up the mail if they were out of town, or shovel a walk for the single widow, or fix a neighbor kids de-chained bike. Sometimes, they asked for help. They talked; they shared in joys and sorrows. They served their neighbors in love. It took time, but was it worth it?

Guess what happened? People he lived next to also became friendly (mostly). Somewhere along the way, a few of them started attending his church. Some of them became connections to others who became friends. And some came to faith in the risen Savior. But most of all, they were “loving their neighbors.”

Love your neighbor. It’s a simple concept straight from the mouth of Jesus, but profound in his insight that when we give our lives away for those around us, as he gave his life for us, then life-transformation begins. I admit, I have a long way to go in fulfilling this command, but I am willing if you are.

Are you in a neighborly mood? Let us not miss the obvious place for us to share our lives. God planted us in our neighborhood exactly where he wants us today. Share His Love as a loving neighbor, and see what happens.



Lund Lutheran Church Council  
Thursday, January 3, 2013

Present: Sharon Westerholm, Karen and Tom Alexander, Carol Okeson, Robin and Jennifer Turnwall, Cindy Sauer, LeRoy Squires, Judy Gildersleeve, Karen Halver and Pastor Jim. Absent: Russ Okeson and Marcy Erickson

Meeting was called to order by LeRoy. Agenda was set.

Devotions from Psalm 31 were given by Sharon Westerholm.

Secretary's Report - Motion to accept. Robin/Judy/carried.

Treasurer's Report – Motion to accept as printed. Robin/Tom/carried.

Pastor's Report -

*Christmas Eve* service well attended. Pastor is sending letters to non-members who attended. Lund Lutheran Church Council

Youth ministry- Both the youth and women did a great job with the Emergency Care Packs. D.L. newspaper ran a front page story on it. Attending the LCMC Rally in Wisconsin will not work out. They will look for a different opportunity.

Leadership Retreat at Maplelag- Jan. 25th and 26th.

World Mission Sunday – Hoping to arrange for speaker Dan Venberg, a missionary on furlough from Africa. He's asking the Mission Committee for their input.

Continuing Ed – Plans to attend a seminar at the Lutheran Brethren Seminary on Jan 21-23 entitled “Bringing God's Word to Our Neighbor.” Total of eight sessions. Cost will be \$75. Anyone who is interested may attend. You can attend only the sessions that interest you for \$10 each.

Old Business –

Caroling – Everyone had a great time. Residents of the nursing home really enjoyed our visit and sang with us. Members of Shepard of the Lakes joined us in D.L. Pam and Jerry Ross provided a delicious supper.

Christmas Float – Many positive comments. It was taken to Okeson's shop and taken apart. All the parts are in the Shepard Of The Lakes storage unit. We will use again next year.

Christmas Eve Service – 130 attended. Borrowed communion serving trays from Shepard Of The Lakes. We will look into purchasing two more. Also need additional drip holders for the individual candles. We had an additional usher for the annex which worked out good. From now on Falinda Haldorson will be setting up for communion services with Karen A. and Marcy assisting.

Sweetheart Valentine Supper – At the last meeting, this was tentatively scheduled for Feb. 11th. Discussion followed. Since Ash Wednesday is the 13th, it was suggested that it be held later in Feb. possibly on the 16th. Will let the Ladies Bible Study group decide if this will be held and what date.

New Business –

Nominating Committee – Still do not have a full slate for council. Will put a notice in the bulletin.

Annual Leadership Retreat - Will be held at Maplelag on Jan. 25th and 26th. We will discuss the positives and negatives of the past year and plan for 2013. Motion to ask members of each church committee to participate. Judy/Sharon/carried. Richards are donating the meeting facility but we will pay for the cost of meals.

Annual Congregational meeting is Jan. 27th. Will notify Pam to put a reminder in each of the Sunday bulletins. The Council needs to approve a budget prior to the meeting and will meet after worship on Sunday.

Endowment Committee Report was given by Cindy. Linda K. has agreed to act as Treasure for three more years. The meeting minutes will be in the newsletter following any meetings. Terms are up for Linda and Cindy and they have agreed to another term. Cindy asked for clarification on the Endowment Bylaws since they are different than the new Constitution. The Constitution takes precedence if there is a discrepancy.

Sunday School Report given by Cindy. She presented a calendar of events for 2013. She requested the three third graders be given bibles on Rally day, Sept 8th. The balance in the youth account is \$1,213.72 and is to be used for the Sunday School, Confirmation class and youth gatherings. She also requested June 10 – 14 be set aside for VBS with the program on June 16th which is Father's Day.

Lenten Services - Starts February 13th. Easter is on March 31st. Unanimous agreement that we again serve a "simple fare supper" before the Wednesday services. A notice will be put in the bulletin asking for volunteers. We will have a Maundy Thursday service with communion on the 28th. Pastor Jim will check to see if Lybeck's are available to do a Sauder Service again. We will also have a Good Friday service. An invitation will be sent asking Shepard of The Lakes to join us for the Lenten services.

"Souper Bowl" Sunday will be February 3rd. Kettles will be put out to collect food items and cash donations for the Becker County Food Pantry. The cash donations will be given to the Pantry in March when they get double funding.

Karen Halver resigned her council position since she will not be available for meetings. Motion to accept her resignation with regrets. Robin/Sharon/carried. Motion made to appoint Cindy S. to fulfill the remaining one year of her term. Judy/Carol/carried.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting February 7th. Respectfully submitted, Judy Gildersleeve, acting secretary.

### **Sunday, January 6th, 2013...council meeting**

A short meeting was held after worship services. Present were Russ and Carol Oke-son, Robin and Jennifer Turnwall, Judy Gildersleeve, Sharon Westerholm, Tom and Karen Alexander, LeRoy Squires, and Marcy Erickson.

Motion was made and passed to give Pastor Jim a \$1,000 bonus for 2012. Robin/Judy

Motion was made and passed to approve the amended budget for 2013. Robin/Russ  
The council members who will be going off the council in January will be: Tom Alexander, Karen Halver, Judy Gildersleeve, Marcy Erickson.

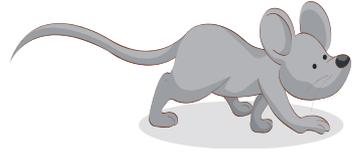
LeRoy Squires will be resigning his position on the council for 2013 for health reasons. Judy/Robin (LeRoy will continue to do visitation with Pastor Jim) Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Marcy Erickson, secretary

# YOUTH EVENTS

Congratulations to our Sunday School class, we donated 37 pounds of food to the Becker County Food Pantry. I am so proud of your good work.

Check out our bulletin board about our adventures with Mousey. Follow along with us as we learn about Jesus temptation with the devil. **What would you do if you walked in Jesus' shoes?**



**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.

**Sunday School**  
**Sunday morning 8:30 am**  
**Children ages 3 and up are welcome to attend.**



Jake Daniel Okeson born  
November 20, 2012 was  
baptized Sunday,  
January 13th

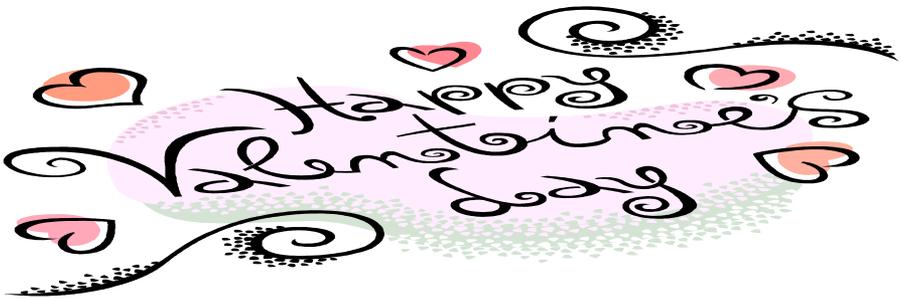
# CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation Class Wednesday, February 6th  
Supper 6:00 Class 6:30– 8:00 pm



**No regular classes held during Lent starting  
February 13th.**

**Students are encouraged to help serve suppers and  
attend Worship.**

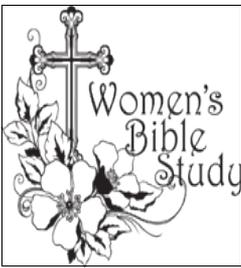


“For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten  
Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not  
perish, but have everlasting life.”

John 3:16



Souper Bowl Sunday  
February 3.  
Contributions will go to  
the Becker County Food  
Pantry.



Lund Women's Bible Study  
Tuesday February 12, 2:00PM

Jan Anderson is hostess.

All Women are welcome, bring a friend.

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

### **Lund Happenings:**

**Souper Bowl Sunday February 3rd.** Food items and cash donations will be collected for the Becker County Food Pantry. Collection Kettles will be in the entry way. Thanks to all for sharing your gifts.

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

**World Mission Sunday February 10th,** Dan Venberg will speak to the adult Sunday School class and during the worship service his topic will be "Why the Nations?"

**Ash Wednesday is February 13th.** Les and Donna Heimark are making the supper for that day and Milt & Marcy Erickson are providing bread and dessert and serving. If you would like to prepare and serve a light supper before services please contact the church office to volunteer. **Thank you!**

**Church Council Workshop** Saturday, March 2 at Hawley Lutheran Church 10:00am to 3:30 pm. Lunch is provided, please RSVP by calling Pam by Thursday, February 28th.



**Newsletter articles due Wednesday, February 27th.**



# ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

## January 6, 2013

Members present were: Cindy Sauer, Linda Kiehl, Jim Halver, Marcy Erickson, and Donna Heimark.

Meeting called to order by President Cindy Sauer.

Lord's Prayer was recited

Secretary's minutes: December 2, 2012

Treasurer's report was approved by Jim Halver and seconded by Marcy Erickson. Thrivent changes are complete with only two accounts for Linda to monitor. Balance with Thrivent as of 12/31/2012 was \$285,965.83 and a checkbook balance of \$2,485.39.

**Old Business:** Both Cindy and Linda agreed to serve another three year term. Nominations will be taken from the floor also at annual meeting.

Cindy reviewed the committee membership in the constitution for the Endowment Committee and it stated that the committee shall consist of five members, all of whom shall be voting members of Lund Lutheran Church. The term of each member shall be three years, and there is to be two members from the Endowment Committee to serve on the Lund Lutheran Church Council. Currently that is not happening. Donna Heimark agreed to be on the church council to fulfill the requirement.

Linda is making up endowment request forms she will get a copy to Pam Ross to have them copied and put in the envelope on bulletin board.

**New Business:** No requests at this time.

Cindy brought a brochure from another church that explains the purpose of their Endowment Committee, we have been requested to have something made up for our congregation to hand out if needed. Linda took the brochure and will come up with a sample for us to see.

Next meeting will be in March, earlier if we have a request.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna M. Heimark

## Birthdays:

- February 1:** August Okeson  
**4:** Rhonda Hukriede  
**9:** Debra Engstrom  
Linda Kiehl  
**10:** Bill Gunderman  
**15:** Dylan Koster  
**20:** Mary Beth Okeson  
Ron Anderson  
**25:** Bridget Okeson  
**27:** Verda Stewart



## Anniversaries:

- February 10:** Roger & Karen Lundberg  
**18:** Matthew & Rhonda Hukriede  
Chad & Holly Okeson



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

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

## Community Events:

**The Art of Marriage:** Getting to the heart of God's design.  
Friday, February 15th 7-9:30pm and Saturday, February, 16th  
9-4:00 pm at the Community Alliance Church DL. \$45.00 a couple.  
Register at [www.cacdl.com](http://www.cacdl.com) you will be glad you did.



Callaway Lions Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, February 10th  
Serving 9:00 am—12:30 pm  
Callaway Community Center  
All proceeds will go to community projects.

## February Volunteers for Worship

**Reader:** Marcy Erickson

**Greeters :**

**Communion Server:** Sharon Westerholm

**Ushers:** Sharon Westerholm

### Sunday Coffee servers:

**February 6:** Joe & Bridgett Okeson

**February 13:** Paul & Julia Okeson

**February 20:** Karen & Roger Lundberg

**February 27:** Milt & Marcy Erickson

**There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for worship volunteers for 2013. Thank You!**

The Lund Program Book will be published after the Leadership Retreat. Watch for it in your church mail boxes.



**Remember to pick up your giving envelopes in the entry way.**

## Lenten Services 7:00 pm Supper 6:00 pm

Ash Wednesday, February 13

February, 20th, 27th

March 6th, 13th, 20th,

Maundy Thursday

Good Friday No meal

Easter Sunday, March 31 Worship 9:45 am

Mousey hitched a ride to the Lundberg house and has gone south for the a few days with Karen. He will be back after it warms up some, BRRRRR!

