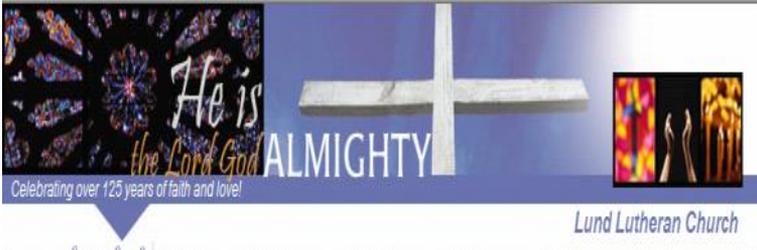


Lund Newsletter



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“But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” Luke 6:27-28 (NIV)

Cold February gets warmed by valentine cards, candy, and romantic dinners. Why not? The world needs love--more than ever--that is, True love, unselfish love, generous love, righteous love, long-suffering love, God’s love. Did I say suffering? Yes, we may suffer the cost of love, and I don’t mean forking out money for romantic gifts. When we truly love someone, we become committed to whatever it takes to give them love, even if it causes suffering for us. The scripture says, ***“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13.*** What did Jesus do for us? ***“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11*** Jesus understood suffering for the sake of loving us. ***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. Hebrews 12:2a***

What about the above verse from Luke? I love loving those who are loveable. I go along with loving people who experience tragedy and need help. I feel good helping refugees (VOM Action Packs) and Africans needing water (Living Waters Mission). But, why should I love my enemies? Enemies are out to hurt me, ridicule me, steal my joy and want me gone.

Then what do we do with these words from Jesus? ***“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*** (in other words, ***“Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.” MSG).*** **Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)**

Some think this was a novel idea of Jesus, but Jesus repeated God's words recorded by Moses, ***“Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord,”*** Leviticus 19:18 (NIV). The Jews assumed God only meant to love other Jews. But Jesus corrected them. Our neighbor might not understand or care for what we believe. Our neighbor might be hostile towards God's redeeming ways. Our neighbor might be despicable! Should we love them even while they hate us? Jesus says, “yes.” Answer this question, “Were you drawn to Jesus because of his love, or his hate for you?” Obviously, it was his message of love, presented through the love and kindness of Christians who share His love and Word with us. God loved us even while we were His enemies. ***“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*** Romans 5:8 (NIV)

Our country is in a new paradigm. Christian morality is shunned as passé. Biblical ethics are labeled hateful, bigoted, intolerant and repulsive by those who carry the megaphone of the day. Even our federal government is hostile towards those who will not submit to the gay agenda. We are expected to keep silent, not using words describing sin as “fornication,” “sodomy”, or even “sexual immorality.” The pervading mantra is, “whatever two consenting people want to do with their sex organs is none of your business.” Churches are supposed to look the other way, even celebrate cohabitation, homosexuality, transgender, and bisexual lifestyles, this perverted “love” that defiantly declares Jesus was a liar and the church's biblical views are false. Christians have become exiles.

How then shall we live out our love in Christ? Suffer for Him. Hate the sin and love the sinner. Extend grace (unmerited favor) and mercy to the lost. Boldly speak the truth in love. Confront those who advocate for evil, and lovingly help those who are hurt and trapped in the results of sin. We are secure as we trust in Christ's love and need not fear those who would harm us but cannot kill our souls. The unrepentant will not win. ***“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.”*** Galatians 6:7-8 NIV In Jesus' name, we are called to love and suffer for those trapped in their destructive ways that they might know the redemptive love of Christ and live. Happy Valentine's!

“Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man.”
Luke 6:22 (NIV)

Living Waters Report 2015

Donor: Lund Church, Detroit Lakes, MN
Well Recipient Community: Mafaling-Brousse

Dear Friends at Lund,

I am pleased to report to you that during my recent visit to Chad, I was able to visit Mafaling-Brousse, the Bagirmi community that has received a water well, thanks to a generous gift from you.

This well has been installed satisfactorily and is a tremendous blessing to this community (photo to the right). This well serves a community of subsistence farmers, most of who live here seasonally during the rainy season while they tend their fields. Previous to the well, inhabitants collected water from a neighboring town about 4 miles to the south, carrying it either in a bucket on their heads or in containers loaded into an ox cart.

There is one final step that needs to be completed on this well, which is an improved cement apron and shallow wall to protect the well from passing livestock. We will also be installing a canal and drinking trough for use by livestock. This was not yet completed during my visit in November, but has been completed at the writing of this report. The picture to the left shows what the cement work looks like. I plan to visit again in January 2016 and confirm the satisfactory completion of this.

After visiting the well, we gathered on a mat under a tree next to the well. We chatted for a bit, and much appreciation was expressed by members of the community for the blessing of this well. I shared that this well is a blessing from God and his people, and that it is meant to be shared with all who pass by and are thirsty. I shared about how water is vital to life, and how it revives those who thirst. And I shared the words of Jesus from John 11, who invites all who are weary and burdened in life to come to him, for he can provide eternal rest. Pastor Malloum, a Chadian missionary colleague, shared the importance of sharing the well with neighboring communities. Myee (a Muslim well technician that installed the well) provided advice about maintaining the well in good working order so that the blessing would last a long term.

The purpose of the Living Waters ministry is much more than installing a physical well. Over and above this, the ministry serves to gain access to and build relationships with the unreached Muslim people of the well recipient community for the sake of the gospel; people who otherwise have very minimal if any access to the saving message of Jesus Christ. And so, LBIM is committed to make follow-up visits to these communities so that the spiritually thirst quenching water that only Jesus provides will be continually shared and offered. And as these community visits happen, we will share with you the ministry that occurs, and **we ask you to lift up this community and its people in your prayers.**

There is a credit remaining in the LBIM Living Waters account for the community of Mafaling. Money remaining in this account will be designated for the purpose of ongoing ministry in the community, unless otherwise agreed upon by LBIM and yourselves. Expenses may include future payments for such things as mosquito nets, mileage, travel expenses or other community development work as it relates to ministry in the community.

Again, thank you Lund! May God bless you and the Bagirmi people and the community of Mafaling-Brousse. May He bring you together around God's throne on that Great Day!

Dan Venberg
LBIM



Kids EVENTS



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



YOUTH NEWS

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

We do not meet during Lent, but you are encouraged to attend Lenten Services and help with the suppers.



Voice of the Martyrs
Youth Action Pack Blitz
at Kmart on
Wednesday, January 20th

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM - 2016

If you would like to purchase flowers for the church, please return the completed form and your flower payment to the church office by:

Sunday, February 14th. Thank you.

<u>Plant</u>		<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Total</u>
Easter Lily - 6" white	\$ 7.50	_____	_____

Triple Lily - 10" white	\$18.50	_____	_____
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Azaleas - pink shades	\$ 8.50	_____	_____
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Hydrangea 8"	\$17.50	_____	_____
Pink or blue			

Mum - 6" pastel	\$ 6.75	_____	_____
(Yellow, pink, purple)			

Amount due: _____

NAME: _____

In HONOR of: _____

In MEMORY of: _____



Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday, February 9th
 Karen Lundberg Hostess

All women are welcome to attend!



Thanks for the goodies and also for the Christmas Caroling and meal. It was so good to see everyone and also meet new people! Happy New Year!
 Marie Lundberg.

Thank you from the Sun Shine Lady for all the cards, it sure helps. Please let the church office 847-9662 or me 847-6706 know if I have missed anyone. Thank you, Myra Eastman

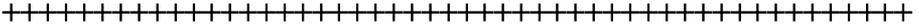
Thank you for all the cards, calls and visits last month while I was convalescing at home. Les Heimark

Dear Lund Lutheran Endowment Fund,
 Thank you for your generosity of \$500.00 for my second year of college. Also, thank you for all the thoughts and prayers in helping with my pursuit of a degree in sonography.

Thank you again!
 Annikka Anderson

February Lectionary

February 7	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Cor. 3:12—4:2	Luke 9:28-36
February 14	Deut. 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2,9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
February 21	Genesis 15:1-12,17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
February 28	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Cor. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9



February Worship Volunteers

Reader: Sharon Westerholm

Ushers:

Greeters: Sharon Westerholm

Communion Server:

Communion Helper:



Sunday Coffee Servers:

- February 7:** Arnie & Linda Kiehl
- February 14:** Russ & Carol Okeson
- February 21:** Milt & Marcy Erickson
- February 28:** Tom & Karen Alexander



Lund and Area Happenings:

Wed., February 3rd Youth Night 6:30pm Supper, Talk & More 7- 8 pm.

Sunday, February 7th Sunday School 8:30am Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

Tuesday, February 9th Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 10th Ash Wednesday Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00pm.

Thursday, February 11th Council Meeting 6:00 pm.

Sunday, February 14th "Happy Valentine's Day!"

Sunday, February 14th Sunday School 8:30am Worship Service 9:45am.

Wednesday, February 17th Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Service 7:00pm.

Sunday, February 21st Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service with communion 9:45 am.

Wednesday, February 24th Supper 6:00pm Lenten Service 7:00 pm.

Sunday, February 28th Sunday School 8:30, Worship Service



February 10th Ash Wednesday Supper 6PM Service 7PM. Lenten suppers 6pm and services 7pm. We need volunteers to help with the suppers. Please speak with Robin.

Lenten Services

Suppers will be served from 6:00pm—7:00pm
Worship at 7:00 pm



Ash Wednesday, February 10th, Lenten Services

February 17th, February 24th, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th,
and March 24th

Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm, No meal March 25th

Good Friday Service 7:00pm No meal March 27th,

Easter Sunday 9:45am

Birthdays:

- February**
- 1. August Okeson
 - 4. Rhonda Hukriede
 - 9. Debra Engstrom
Linda Kiehl
 - 10. Bill Gunderman
 - 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

