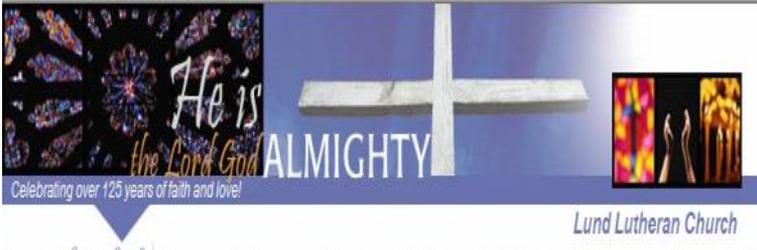


Lund Newsletter



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Pastor's Perspective...

A New Approach To Evangelism

As I was sitting here thinking about my article for February, I was reminded of our Gospel lesson from January 24th about Jesus calling his disciples. They were fishermen. He simply said to them, *“Come, follow me, and I will make you fish for people.”* This prompted me to think about evangelism and how it happens for us today. Read on and see if you don't agree.

Maybe you're a great fisherman or fisherwoman, or maybe you've just been to a fish fry or two. Either way, you know what happens to a fish once it's caught. You clean it, dip it in some batter, fry it, and serve it up with a side of potatoes. In other words, **you consume it**. No wonder folks out there aren't jumping into our nets!

A lot of us have been taught to be “fishers of men.” But when you think about it from the point of view of the “fish,” this is a very unattractive image. Besides, Jesus never said evangelism is like fishing. He never told us to “go fishing” at all. Go ahead, read the story again from Matthew 4:18-22.

Jesus told a crowd full of moms and dads, teachers and lawyers, carpenters and house cleaners that they are *“the light of the world.”* Same deal when he said *“you are the salt of the earth.”* But when he said *“Follow me and I will make you fish for people”* Jesus wasn't talking to you or me. He was talking to a couple of fishermen. What do you think Jesus would have said if he had been talking to a couple of knitters that day? Maybe something like, *“Follow me...and I will teach you how to **knit** people together!”*

The point is that when Jesus called those fishermen to follow him he was asking them to do the same thing he is asking you and me: Be who you are, see what you have, and do what you know how to do in a way that makes a difference to God and your neighbor.

It's time to ditch the tired old consumable model that urges us to “go fishing” for people. Some of us suspect this model was mostly about getting “butts and bucks” in the door, anyway. The instruction Jesus actually gave was this: *“Be my witnesses”* (Acts 1:8). In other words, tell people what you've seen and, maybe even more importantly, what you see.

Jesus said the kingdom is among us. Just look at Luke 17:21! Can you taste it in the meals served by your grandmother? Do you see it in the way your coworkers support and encourage one another? Can you feel it in the air during holiday times when strangers seem just a little bit kinder toward one another? Well, then, what are you waiting for?

Say something like: *“Hey! I know this might sound weird, but your cooking...your encouragement...your kindness...has been a real blessing to me today. I have felt God’s love through you!”*

God is on the loose in this world - at your workplace, at your school, in your own backyard. Keep your eyes open! Be on the lookout for God’s activity. When you see it, dare to name it. Join in and be a part of it.

Share the Good News with people that Jesus is right now, right here, bringing healing, justice, reconciliation, forgiveness, and love. Help them see it. Invite them to join in and be a part of it. That is evangelism, dear Christian friends. No potatoes required.

Could it be that simple? *“Be who you are. See what you have. Do what you know how to do in a way that makes a difference to God and your neighbor.”*

Pastor Steve

Lent begins February 17th. Our theme will be **Facing the Cross**. Starting on Ash Wednesday we will discuss God as being the subject of our faith as we face our sins, face our temptation, face our fears, face our worldliness, face one another, and face suffering!

I pray that you will want to join us on these Wednesdays and hear that our lives are not always in line with the cross. Such a faith can never subjugate God to an object whose purpose is to fill us with pleasure. Such a faith can only bow in humility before the One who offers us hope amidst the storms and peace at the end.



**The church email was hacked,
we are unable to receive or send email from
the msn account.**

**This is the new Lund email address:
lundlutherandl@gmail.com**

**Lund Council Minutes
January 20, 2021**

Members Present: Pastor Steve, Russ Okeson, Carol, Karen, Lynda, Donna, Bill, Jennifer, via zoom: Cindy, Myra and Russ Olson

Russ Okeson called the meeting to order. No additions to the agenda
Myra did devotions

Secretary's report: Accept as amended: Mission tithes

Financial & Treasures report: passed

Discussion on purchase of new computer Karen made a motion to take out of the Memorial fund Donna Second/passed
The Turnwall's will donate funds for faster internet streaming.

Pastor's Report: Undecided how we will do Lent this year. Theme is "Facing the Cross".

Keep the following lifted up in prayer Cindy and family, Arden Svenby, and Myra and family. Pastor has been keeping in touch with members by phone. Recently talked with Mary Riehle's son Mary is living at home. Thanks from Pastor and Jane for all the love and support.

Presidents Report: Continue to call and touch base with church families. Don't forget to pray for them as well. Acknowledged thank you cards received from Jennifer, Dawn, Pastor Steve & Jane, Pam, TeachHaiti, Lakes Crisis Center, and Salvation Army.

Shared Information on buying a sign to let people know about services on face book. Myra made a motion to buy the sign./Karen/passed.

Mission Report: Riley Heimark, grandson of Les & Donna is going on a mission trip to Ecuador on February 14th. Myra made a motion to give Riley \$500.00 from the Mission fund. Bill second/passed.

New Business:

Mission funds reinstated; Lynda made a motion to reinstate the funds Donna second/passed.

Pastor turned in receipts for computer equipment. Bill/Donna/passed

Next Meeting Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

Donna will give devotions.

Russell adjourned the meeting.

Pastor dismissed us with a prayer.

Submitted by Lynda Hultin



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.



LUND WOMEN'S MISSION
12-31-2020

Balance brought forward: \$3,420.57

Income: Total for Income:

Expenses: Total for Expense:

Donation for : BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK: \$3,420.57

Quilters Balance : \$769.75



Baptisms

On Saturday, January 16, 2021 we welcomed the children of Adam and Sarah Alexander into our church family.

Kiley Anne Lajoie
Morgan Paige Alexander
Cody Thomas Alexander

Tom & Karen Alexander grandparents.
Each child was presented a quilt from the quilters.



Thank you Lund Lutheran Church Quilters for our beautiful quilts you made use for our baptism. We really appreciate the hard work you put into them. They will always remind us of our special day.

From Morgan, Cody, Kiley

Hello, Mousey here,



Is everyone staying healthy?

I know there are a lot of people on the prayer list. Each of us probably have family members that have gotten Covid, and aren't able to fight it off. I lost an aunt that was in a memory care wing in Faribault.

Has everyone been reaching out to other members? It has been fun talking to people, and listening to what is going on in their lives.

We are still waiting for the vaccines to come. I think I have prayed more in the last year than ever before. God wants us to spend more time talking to him. Hopefully next month when I am writing this many of us will have had our vaccines. I booked a trip a year ago for California, as soon as I get vaccinated you will see nothing but dust where my little feet were.

I heard our email at church was hacked, I bet they thought that we were all old fuddy duddies that they could get some money out of us. Silly hacker. Everyone is pretty sharp on the computer at Lund. There goes God again, making sure our minds are kept busy and out of trouble.

Love you all. Till next month,

Mousey



Dear Brothers & Sisters of Lund,

Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift card!

I'm very thankful to God for giving me the blessing to serve you in Lund's music ministry!

May we all be blessed in the coming year and make a joyful noise to God.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness!

Sincerely, Jennifer

Dear Lund Members & Council,

Thank you for the gift card you gave me for Christmas, I will make good use of it.

I am looking forward to see everyone again soon in 2021. God's blessing to you and your families!

Stay safe and stay healthy.

Pam

Thank you so much for the beautiful card and gift card for Christmas. It is very much appreciated and will be put to good use.

Dawn Leegard

Dear Linda & Committee Members,

Thank you for the generous gift from Lund Lutherans Endowment Fund. We are honored to have your support. To honor your wishes, we have decided to utilize \$200.00 to purchase gas and food gift cards. Thank you!

Anna Sellin
Lakes Crisis & Resource Center

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)

Check the website for announcements: **www.lundlutheran.org**



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A PART OF A ZOOM BIBLE STUDY?

We are looking for people to attend this via zoom with Pastor. Steve.

Please get in touch with Pastor Steve if you are interested so we can see if this will work for you.

* Church: 218-847-9662.

*Pastors cell #: 218-252-1272

*E-mail the church: Lundlutheran@msn.com

Let us know when a good time would be for you and we can see if it will work out with Pastor Steve.

We need to start getting involved again with our church any way that we can.

How Many Do You Know? Quiz

1. Do you know the city in which Jesus lived as a boy?
(Luke 2:39-40)
2. Do you know who is called the "Weeping Prophet"?
3. Do you know the name of the first Christian martyr?
(Acts 7:54-60)
4. Do you know where the ravens fed Elijah? (1 Kings 17:5-6)
5. Do you know the names of the two people who were never born?
6. Do you know the names of the two people who never died?
7. Do you know in which book of the Bible the name of God is not found?
8. Do you know who told Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again"?
(John 3)
9. Do you know who turned into a pillar of salt when she looked back? (Genesis 19:15, 26)
10. Do you know what is "quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword"? (Hebrews 4:12)

(Answers on Page 11)



Thank you to everyone who continue to send 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!**



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!



Please call the office (847-9662) or Pam at (847-6567) if you have someone you would like on the prayer list or to remove someone from the prayer list. The names will remain on the prayer list for one month, then taken off. If you want them to remain on the list please let the office know.

Thank you!
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Happy Birthday

- February 1 August Okeson
- 5 Ella Okeson
- 8 Bob Hedlund
- 9 Debra Engstrom
- Linda Kiehl
- Alice Okeson
- 10 Bill Gunderman
- 18 Marlene Sanders
- 20 Ron Anderson
- 23 Russ Olson
- 25 Bridget Okeson
- 27 Verda Stewart



Happy Anniversary

- February 10 Karen & Roger Lundberg
- 18 Chad & Holly Okeson



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!

Answers to How Many Do You Know?

- 1. Nazareth
- 2. Jeremiah
- 3. Stephen
- 4. At the brook Cherith
- 5. Adam and Eve
- 6. Enoch and Elijah
- 7. Esther
- 8. Jesus
- 9. Lot's wife
- 10. The Word of God