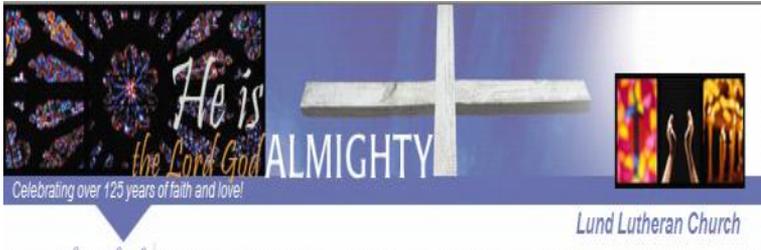


Lund Newsletter



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The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand. -Psalm 37:23-24

January 2013—it seems strange to think that we are done with 2012. There was so many events and experiences we were a part of this past year that we should have an extra week or so just to “debrief” and relate and contemplate what it was all about. But time marches on and we march along with it.

Some of us might feel we “stumbled” into the New Year, not much planning or even much thought about it. It just is. But the Lord who made us and sustains us by His Grace has plans for us. Those who have received His Son have a future and a hope that God has prepared for us. In fact, God delights in the way He has ordered our steps.

I appreciate a daily devotional written by Pastor A.W. Tozer in which he comments,

“To the child of God, there is no such thing as accident. He travels an appointed way. The path he treads was chosen for him when as yet he was not, when as yet he had existence only in the mind of God.

Accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalk his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evil only because we cannot read the secret script of God's hidden providence and so cannot discover the ends at which He aims....

The [person] of true faith may live in the absolute assurance that his steps are ordered by the Lord. For him, misfortune is outside the bounds of possibility. He cannot be torn from this earth one hour ahead of the time which God has appointed, and he cannot be detained on earth one moment after God is done with him here. He is not a waif of the wide world, a foundling of time and space, but a saint of the Lord and the darling of His particular care.” *—We Travel an Appointed Way*, pp. 3-4

Do you have feelings of uncertainty about the future? Remember that when Christ died for you, it was so that you could receive the assurance of salvation and enter into an eternal relationship that has no uncertainty, no chance, no mishaps because you are now walking with and under the absolute care of the Good Shepherd.

You have worries? Give them to Jesus. You have joy? Rejoice in the blessings of Christ. You have doubts? Turn them over to the one who is Faithful and True. He will order our steps to bring about His good and perfect plans for you.

Do not be distressed that God has somehow forsaken you or that you have to take over when 2013 throws you a curve ball. Sometimes the Lord uses us in times of trouble to show others what faith looks like.

We are reminded in 1 Corinthians 2:9

As it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" — the things God has prepared for those who love him—

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Check out the library books and new videos on the rack in the Foyer.

The council met at the church at 7pm. Present were: Robin and Jennifer Turnwall, Sharon Westerholm, Russ and Carol Okeson, Tom and Karen Alexander, Cindy Sauer, LeRoy Squires, Pastor Jim Osvold, and Marcy Erickson.

Devotions by Marcy Erickson.

Secretary's report approved as printed. Robin/Sharon

Treasurer's report approved as printed. Judy/Russ

Pastor's report...1.The "Happy Birthday Jesus" float was a success in the Christmas parade. We gave out lots of candy and a few hundred fliers to remind the parade crowd of the reason for the season. The birthday cake will be dismantled and used again for next year...2. Christmas caroling will be held on Sunday Dec. 16th. We will meet at the church and make several stops to sing for shut-ins. After the singing, Pam and Jerry Ross will entertain us at their home for supper... 3. Dec. 16th is also the day of our Christmas Sunday School program during the worship service... 4. Our Christmas Eve service will be held, again this year, at 5pm. with singing Christmas songs and communion....5. A leadership retreat is tentatively set for sometime in January at Maplelag Resort. Pastor Jim will talk to JoNell to set a date....6. The youth group is happy to have Falinda Haldorson joining them on Wednesday nights. She has been working on a youth trip to Wisconsin in March. The LCMC regional WAVE youth event is being held near Tomah, Wisconsin. The plan is to take our youth group by train for the 3 day event. The youth will be having fundraisers to help defray their cost per family.

Old Business:

1. Cindy Sauer is our new cleaning lady. She will be earning the same wages as Diane Johnson. The women's group compiled a list of duties for her.....if anyone has any complaints or suggestions, please put a note in her mailbox.

New Business:

1. The expenses for the "Happy Birthday Jesus" float will be shared by both the Lund Church and Shepherd of the Lakes church. The total cost was \$365.98. Motion was made and passed that we pay \$182.99 for our share of the cost. Robin/Judy (this float will be saved and will be used again in the future)

2. The missions committee met and had the following requests: Compassion house - \$250...Hospice of the Red River Valley - \$100...The Refuge - \$100...and Mac for Naps - \$100 for a total of \$550. Motion was made to grant the request for these funds....and an additional \$150 to be given to the Food Pantry before the end of the year. Judy/Russ

3. We received a request from Jennifer Turnwall to use the Lund church for both her piano recitals for 2013. (Jan. 20th and April 28th) Motion was made and passed to grant her request. Russ/Sharon

4. Our 2nd annual "sweetheart valentine banquet" is tentatively set for the week of Feb. 11th. More discussion on this later.

5. Annual meeting date...Jan 27th, 2013.

6. An anonymous donation of \$150 was made to buy and fill backpacks for area youth for a Christmas project. The donors have requested that Lund match their donation so there would be more money to buy supplies. Motion was made and passed to grant this request. Russ/Sharon

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting Jan. 3rd. 201

Respectfully submitted by Marcy Erickson, secretary.



Hello Everyone, Mousey here. What a wonderful month December is, preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have the neatest float that was made by members of Lund and Shepherd of the Lakes churches. I think everyone has seen it that lives out this way, as the cake and candles are shining bright every day. Maria Sauer got to ride on the float. It was cold out, so, no top down on the convertible. It was fun to watch the parade and feel the excitement everyone had.

The kids did a fabulous service with their Sunday School program on the birth of Jesus. I loved their songs and their telling of the story of how Jesus was born in a stable. Cindy has been working hard to have everything just perfect. I was busy watching them every Sunday. I miss not having Sunday School and Bible study for the big people, but it will start again soon. Studying the Bible is so much fun for all ages, so it would be good to see more members there, young and old. Pastor Jim and Cindy are great teachers. I keep skinny running back and forth, and then checking out the food for fellowship time.

We need to thank everyone that went and rang the bell for the Salvation Army. They need the money and all the money that goes into the kettles, stay in our area.

I was also able to ride in with Robin when the youth group rang the bell and bought things for back packs for teenagers. The ladies brought things for the backpacks to Bible Study at Sharon's and what a lot of back packs were filled. They go to Human Services for kids that need things.

Another fun night was the Christmas caroling. We went to Charlotte Bakken's and surprised her with carols then off to some of the assisted living places. Then my favorite thing happened, we went to eat! Yeahhhhhh. Pam had so much go food and their house and yard were all decorated so nice. It was hard getting back to church, so I had to spend the night with Pastor Jim till he came back to the church.

Christmas Eve candlelight service had lots of people here, quite a few I didn't know, but it is always good to see all the people come to worship. Love the Christmas songs and how pretty the church looks with all the decorations and flowers. Wish it could be that way all the time, with a full church and the feeling of love from everyone. My tail didn't get stepped on once.

Hope I didn't miss telling about all the good things that went on in December. We have to remember that we need to show Jesus that we love him each and every day not just at Christmas. Happy New Year everyone!!!

Love you All, Mousey

YOUTH EVENTS



"Look Around the Stable"



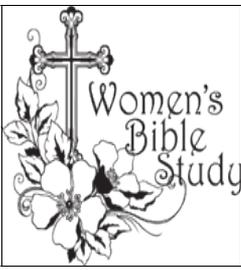
Our stuff-a-turkey project went very well. The box was overflowing. Thank you Sunday School kids!

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation and Youth Wednesday Night
Supper @ 6:00 PM Class @ 6:30

If you have a student ages 13 to 19 they are welcome to join us Wednesday nights for supper, class and fun! Confirmation Resumes Wednesday, January 2.





Lund Women's Bible Study
Tuesday January 8, 2:00PM
Lorna Schons is hostess.
All Women are welcome, bring a friend.

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

Thanks to your generous donations, we were able to pack 19 Emergency Care bags for Becker County Human Services. Thanks for sharing what God has graciously given you! Our Youth Group also was able to do a "Blitz Shopping Night" at Kmart and filled an additional 6 back packs for teens. They also volunteered bell ringing for the Salvation Army.



Thank You Lund Carolers for coming to my house and singing for me, to the Lund Ladies for the Christmas gift and card. Also for the DVD's of the worship Services I really enjoy them. Charlotte Bakken

I am a Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian," I am not shouting that "I am clean living" I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace and follow the Shepherd of Love.



A Big Thank You To:



Our Council members LeRoy Squires, Sharon Westerholm, Robin Turnwall, Karen Alexander, Marcy Erickson, Judy Gildersleeve, Russell Okeson, Carol Okeson, Cindy Sauer, Tom Alexander, Jennifer Turnwall and Karen Halver.



Our Sunday morning video Crew. They do a great job.

The Sunday School kids and youth for their wonderful program. And to Cindy Sauer and all who helped make the program a success.



Thank you to Falinda Haldorson for playing the organ at the Christmas Eve Worship Service.

Birthdays:



- January 2:** Jim Halver
3: Bradey Okeson
4: Cleo Johnson
Mary Reihle
13: John Gildersleeve
16: Barb Osvold
18: Ethan Jacobson
Kyler Johnston
Irisa Hukriede
22: Ellie Dovre
Nancy Brooks
24: Rose Perry
Robin Turnwall
Mark Beug
25: Baylee Branden

Anniversaries:

- January 1:** Vince & Donna Root
4: Don & Joy Schuler
8: Jody & Kathy Muench



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!



Annual Meeting Sunday, January 27 after worship service. A pot luck dinner will be served after the meeting. Please get your reports into the church office by January 16th. Thank you!

February news letter articles due Wednesday, January 23.

Leadership Retreat Friday, January 25th 6-9 pm Saturday, January 26th 8:00 am—2:00 pm at Maplelag Resort.

January Volunteers for Worship

Reader: Cleo Johnson

Greeters : Russell Okeson

Communion Server: Russell Okeson

Ushers: Charles & Nancy Brooks

Sunday Coffee servers:

January 6: Robin & Jennifer Turnwall

January 13:

January 20: Russell & Carol Okeson

January 27: Pot Luck Annual Meeting

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



Thank you, Lund members, for your prayers for all our service men and women and especially for our grandson, Andy Smith, who has just returned from deployment to Afghanistan. Andy has spent a year in Korea, a year in Iraq and now several months in Afghanistan. He is due to be stationed in the states now. His bomb-sniffing dog, Marley, will be re-assigned and returned to service with another military person.

Brander Halver will be leaving for Air National Guard Basic Training at Lackland AFB San Antonio, Texas on January. 2nd, Keep Drake in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to all who rang bells for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing Campaign this year, your help is very much appreciated.

Look for your new 2013 Lund Program Books after the Leadership Retreat in January.