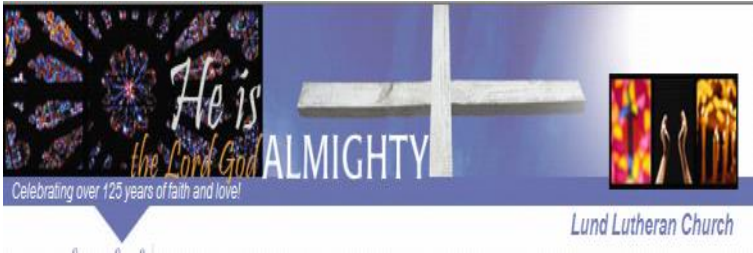


Lund Newsletter



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EVERYTHING NEW!

***He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"
Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."***

Revelation 21:5

A new year has come! Whatever your memories are of the past year-good or bad-are now just that: memories. We may still carry consequences from the past year that will affect us into the new, some good and some....

A new year has dawned and with it comes great potential for good. We wish each other "Happy New Year" and hope we will all end 2015 with a fulfillment of that wish. But if that is to happen, there needs to be changes, too. If there were behaviors or circumstances in the past that caused us to be "unhappy" then change needs to happen.

Something that will not change in 2015 is that we exist in a world that is marred by unhappiness. Sin still exists, and with it the consequences that bring sadness, pain, anguish, bitterness, sickness, conflict, and death. Is there a way for this to change too?

The Good News-the Gospel- is the announcement of God's solution to our earthly unhappiness. The one born in a stable, crucified on a cross, risen from the tomb, the one now seated on the throne of heaven declares, ***"I am making everything new!"***

Just think of what it is like when you receive something new: a new car, a new outfit, a new love, a new born baby. We are momentarily elated and caught up with satisfaction and joy. Then it can be quickly replaced with the feelings of the first dent, the first rip, the first conflict, the first health issue. But when God says that He makes all things new, the sense of joy and happiness and fulfillment will never end. It will never get old, it will never have a dent, tear, be unharmonious, or die away.

That is what Christ wants for each of us, and the good news is that we don't have to wait for it. If we are to believe what the scriptures say, then we who receive the atoning grace of our savior through turning our backs to sin and grasping onto Jesus, we begin a new life right here and now. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 we read, ***"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"***

“But Pastor, how can I say that the new is here when I am still sick, financially strained, in conflict with others, and struggling to get through the day?” That is an honest question. Many times we can have the joy of our salvation blurred by sin and the challenges that are so much present. What does Jesus have to say about that? As the Lord was with the disciples in the upper room shortly before he would be arrested and crucified, he poured out his heart to them and to us. He spoke of his love and that we would live in him as he lived in the Father and the Father in him. He anticipated the great gift that we receive when we receive him: we become new with the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. He said in John 16:33, ***“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”***

We become new creations in Christ! We become overcomers because He overcame! No longer are we enslaved by the world, the flesh, and the devil. We are reminded by John in his letter, ***“Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”*** 1 John 4:4

We will certainly have things to overcome in 2015. I am relieved I don't need to know what that might be yet. Even more so, I am comforted and emboldened to meet whatever comes this year because of what Christ has promised. I will not face it alone. I will be an overcomer in Christ. As a gospel song declares, ***“Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, all fear is gone. Because I know who holds the future, I can face uncertain days because He lives!”***

From one “new creation in Christ” to another: Happy New Year!

God’s Word of Encouragement

What have you done with your copy?

One member says, “I plan to give copies to my children when they visit this weekend with instructions to use as long as they want and then share (first with spouses, then children, then friends.) I plan to put my name and address in it with instructions to add their name and addresses so way down the line somewhere someone will see how far these Words of Encouragement traveled.”

I gave one to a Parish Nurse.

Other ideas: give to someone in the military, an Emergency Medical Person, a friend or family member having a hard time, take one with you when you go vacation, or just someone you care a lot about.

There are books available in the entryway, help yourself.

Lund Council Meeting Minutes– December 11th, 2014

Members present: Lynda Hultin, Myra Eastman, Sharon Westerholm, Tom Alexander, Robin and Jennifer Turnwall, Carol and Russell Okeson, Cindy Sauer, Pastor Jim Osvold.

Absent: Les and Donna Heimark.

Meeting called to order by: President Robin T.

Agenda set w/ additions: *Suggestion to sing Christmas music through month of December *Set Budget for New Year

Devotions by Robin: Reading from Connections magazine “The Greatest Sermon”

Secretaries report: Motion to accept report by Myra , second by Tom. Motion passed.

Financial Secretaries report: Motion to accept report by Lynda, second by Carol.

Motion passed.

Treasurers report: Motion to accept report by Myra , second by Russell. Motion passed.

Pastors report: Reading from Romans 15:12. In addition:

*Suggestion to plan new float for next years Santa parade.

*New office printer @ same rate. Color priced accordingly.

*Singing group “A-Chord” slated for Feb. 1st @ 3 pm with pie and coffee after concert.

*Out-Reach back-packs brought in by Dec 21st to church.

*Suggestion by Church members to change order of worship by using the phrase “Holy Christian Church” to replace “Holy catholic Church” in the Apostles Creed during church service. Sharon made motion to accept, Myra second, motion passed. Effective Dec 21st, 2014.

Committee Reports:

Presidents: No report

Mission : No report

Education: Cindy reported everything going well.

Compensation for appreciation for Auroura Eckberg on her travels to help teach Sunday school. Russ made motion to give \$100 for compensation. Myra second, motion passed.

Will be given Dec 14th, 2014 **Endowment:** Cindy reported- Meeting slated for Dec. 14th.

Two members going off committee: 1- member, 1- secretary needed for 2015.

Invitation: No report

Deacons: Ushering needed for December

Trustees: Tom A, Robin T, Donna H to meet with Treasurer Sharon W. to plan budget for next coming year 2015.

Old Business: Caroling slated for Tues. Dec 23rd. Meet at Lund church 6 pm. Supper following at Country Kitchen for those wanting to continue fellowship.

New Business:

* **Council approved discussion:** Charitable ideas being set-up @ church including duration of time, need council approval before being put out. Bring requests to council.

***Church usage:** Jennifer would need the church for piano recitals: Jan 12th & 18th, April 20th & 26th. Myra made motion to accept. Sharon second, motion passed.

***Work station for Church secretary Pam:** L-shaped desk found @ Wash sq. mall given away free. 6’ x 6’. Pastor Jim and Russell will bring out to church Friday, Dec 12th for a trial run. If Pam likes it we need to find a home for existing desk. Also bring old sound system to Thrift store to donate.

***Organist compensation:** Robin and Jennifer dismissed to discuss. Myra made motion to increase compensation to \$15 more per service. Sharon second, motion passed. Effective: January 1st, 2015.

Next council meeting slated for January 8th, 2015 @ 6 pm. Pastor Jim closed with a prayer. Respectfully submitted by: Cindy Sauer

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2014

Members present were: Cindy Sauer, Linda Kiehl, Marcy Erickson, Chad Okeson, and Donna Heimark.

No was on absent.

Meeting was called to order by Cindy Sauer, the Lord's Prayer was recited.

Secretary's minutes from October 19, 2014 meeting were read and approved. Linda/Chad.

Treasurer's report was approved. Marcy/Donna

OLD BUSINESS:

Funds approved \$250.00 for Mckayla Morris in the October 19, 2014 meeting is being issued.

Dishwasher is working fine so purchase of a new one is being tabled for now.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sharon Westerholm requested from mission category \$250.00 be sent to Amarya Ward West, Nancy Brooks niece benefit. Amarya is paralyzed from her chest down from a car accident. Linda/Marcy approved.

Drake Halver requesting his second and last education scholarship, he is studying to get his engineering degree. Marcy/Chad approved.

Church Council for up to \$1,200.00 to help fill the outreach packs for voice of the martyr. This was canceled as all bags have been taken and being filled.

Julia Okeson is being asked to audit the endowment books. Motion made to give her a stipend of \$100.00. Donna/Marcy approved.

Donna Heimark and Marcy Erickson are going off the board at end of the year, the nominating committee to ask for nominations for those two positions from congregation.

Next meeting will be January 11, 2015 after church.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Donna Heimark, secretary

Kids EVENTS



Sunday School 8:30 am—9:30 am

We are studying through the Bible with a book called "The Story"

Ages 3 years and up are welcome to join us.

Sunday School Program 2014

Thank you to Cindy and Aurora on the wonderful job you do for our children at Lund Lutheran.



YOUTH NEWS

(7-12th grades)

Wednesday, Evening

Youth Night

Supper 6:00 pm Discussion 6:30-8:00 pm

Come and hear "The Story".



“The Story.”

This is for adults, and children. The children have a version of “The Story” they are studying. The scriptures are from Genesis to Revelation. We will better understand our part in His story as we make it our own story.

Attention !

Our sermon series and Bible Study this year is based on a book called “The Story” a narrative of the Bible. If you don’t have a book, please let us know so we can give you one.

Christian Celebrations

Sunday November 30th we welcomed through baptism
into the Lord's family
Hattie Jo Okeson, daughter of Chad & Holly Okeson
and Alec Austin Blilie, son of Austin & Heidi Blilie.

On December 7th Baylee Branden received her First Communion

December 28th Caison Brett Hukriede, son of Matthew & Rhonda
Hukriede was baptized into the Lord's family.



Lund Women's Bible Study
 Tuesday, January 13th
 1:00 PM at Lund
 Lorna Schons serving
 All women are welcome to attend!

December Bible Study and
 Christmas party



From: Marie Lundberg and Don Gustufson, for remembering them during the Christmas season.

For the donation to Becker County Food Pantry.

Lakes Crisis Center for the hats, nap blankets, and dolls.

To everyone who purchased flowers, the church looked beautiful. Don't forget to take your plants home.

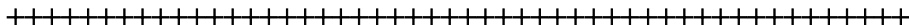
Thanks to all who picked up a Voice of The Martyrs outreach packet! The church is shipping your filled packets to VOM headquarters in Oklahoma, then they will ship them to the refugees in Northern Iraq as a testimony of your love in Christ. Please pray for each individual who will receive these gifts in Jesus name. Learn more at www.persecution.com.

Thank you to Pastor Jim, Judy Gildersleeve, Russell Okeson and Joel Okeson for getting my "new, free" desk delivered and set up. It looks great and works even better. Pam

There will be no offering envelopes for 2015.
 You can put your offering in a plain envelope if you wish.

January Lectionary

January 4	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm: 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	The Story Chapter 17
January 11	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	The Story Chapter 18
January 18	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	The Story Chapter 19
January 25	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	The Story Chapter 20



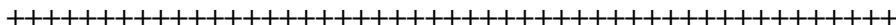
January Worship Volunteers

Reader:

Ushers:

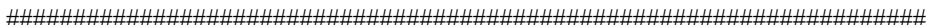
Greeters:

Communion Server:



Sunday Coffee servers:

- January 4. Robin & Jennifer Turnwall**
- January 11. Chad & Holly Okeson**
- January 18. Roger & Karen Lundberg**
- January 25. Congregational Meeting Pot Luck**



Light up the Lakes Parade on a very cold night. Thank you to all who helped decorate the float and who were in the parade.

Lund and Area Happenings:

Wednesday, January 7th Youth Night Supper 6 pm Discussion 6:30—8pm.
Thursday, January 8th Council Meeting 6:00 pm.
Sunday, January 11th Sunday School 8:30, Worship 9:45am.
Sunday, January 11th Endowment Meeting after worship service.
Monday, January 12th Piano Recital practice
Tuesday, January 13th Women's Bible study, 2:00 pm.
Wednesday, January 14th Youth Night Supper 6pm discussion 6:30-8:00 pm.
Thursday, January 15th **Annual Reports due into office.**
Sunday, January 18th Sunday School 8:30, Worship/communion 9:45am.
Sunday, January 18th Piano Recital at Lund.
Wednesday, January 21st Youth Night Supper 6pm discussion 6:30-8pm.
Sunday, January 25th Sunday School 8:30 am Worship 9:45am.
Sunday, January 25th. **Annual Meeting, pot luck dinner following.**
Wednesday, January 28th Youth Night Supper 6pm, discussion 6:30-8pm.
Friday, & Saturday January 30th & 31st Leadership Planning Meeting.
Sunday, Feb. 1 a Chord Quartet 3:00 pm Pie & coffee served after concert.

Hello and Merry Christmas Everyone,



I am so excited that we are celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a wonderful time of year. The kids did such an awesome job for their Christmas program. A big THANK YOU to Cindy and Aurora for doing such a great job. I love to watch the kids, doing their very best to bring us the message of Jesus Birth, right down to little Jake and his big smile. Brought tears to my little mouse eyes.

I haven't anyone to celebrate Christmas with, as all of my little friends have disappeared. I think they all left in the little white box things, but I will have a wonderful time anyway. I plan on catching a ride to go Christmas caroling with the big people. It is so much fun watching all the people we get to sing to. Listen for me, you can tell as I do sing off key a little.

Did everyone get to see us praying over all the bags that will be sent to the Voice of the Martyrs? What a good feeling to know that someone in the Middle East in the refugee camps will receive them and may be brought to Jesus. How I love my little church and all the wonderful people that come here!

Wishing everyone a very Blessed Christmas and God be with you all in the New Year! Mousey



A Chord Quartet Concert
Sunday, February 1st at 3:00pm at Lund
Pie and Coffee served after the concert!

Birthdays:



- January**
- 2. Jim Halver
 - 3. Brady Okeson
 - 4. Cleo Johnson
Mary Reihle
 - 11. Willie Hultin
 - 13. John Gildersleeve
 - 18. Ethan Jacobson
 - 22. Ellie Dovre
Nancy Brooks
 - 24. Rose Perry
Robin Turnwall
Mark Beug
 - 25. Baylee Branden
 - 30. Anna Nickolauson

Anniversary's

- January**
- 4. Don & Joy Schuler
 - 10. Vince & Donna Root



God Bless you on your special day!

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Please notice on the January calendar in your Newsletter there will be a name from the congregation on each day of the week, please take time to pray for those people on that day.

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Don't forget the Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 25th after the worship service. Pot luck dinner following the meeting.

Please get your year end reports into the office by Thursday, January 15th.

Thank you!