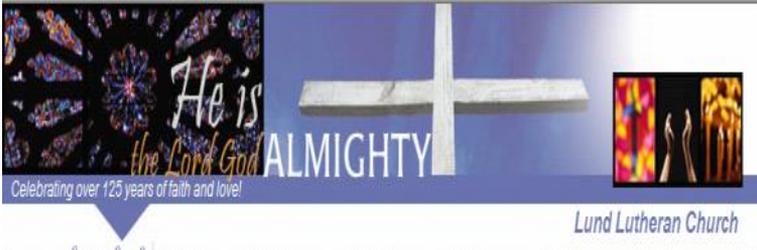


Lund Newsletter



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From Old to New



Revelation 21:1-4

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Happy New Year! Before beginning to write this message, I wanted to say something **new**. The bible has a lot to say about “new”ness. I did a word search in Biblegateway.com and got 280 hits. At the top of the list was **2 Corinthians 5:17**, ***“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”***

We concluded 2015 celebrating the birth of Jesus. We draw on this birth as the ending of death, mourning, crying and pain. Because of what Jesus came to bring us through his life, death, and resurrection, and as we accept Him, we are promised that our old, corrupt and sinful nature is at an end and our promised new life is beginning.

You might be thinking, “Pastor, that is the *same old-same old* message I’ve heard many times in church.” Well, you are right. The message is as old as God’s thoughts toward us. ***“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David (as he said***

through his holy prophets of long ago, Luke 1:68-70. And the one sent to bring salvation is the Eternal God himself. ***“But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.”*** Micah 5:2

The salvation story is as old as our fall into sin. But it’s new as we wake up and live in the forgiveness of our sins, responding in joy of our adoption into God’s family even in the midst of the struggles and challenges of this old world. ***Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, “The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.”*** Lamentations 3:22-24 (NIV)

In many ways we see the devastating effects of sin acted out in degrading and hurtful actions that come from selfish, hard hearts. Many want to explain it away as socio-economic inequity. If only we can pass another law then people will behave, right? This world does not need any more laws. Laws will only reveal more law breakers. What we need is a change of heart. That change can only come from outside of us by the power of the Holy Spirit into us. That is the newness God wants to bring to every one of us. Only Jesus can give us this new life. ***Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me,”*** John 14:6. We become new by receiving Him, living with Him, following Jesus, anticipating the completeness of that newness in the New Jerusalem.

That is why, with new hope and a fresh start, we can be looking forward, not back, relying on the Lord to reveal his new plans for us in each moment of the new year. ***But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things.*** Philippians 3:13b-15a

What’s new? You are in Christ!

(all scripture references are from the NIV)

16 Ways to Impact Your Community This Winter

Written by CV Daily Editors

As we approach the winter season it brings to mind the extreme cold, snow, ice, and other wintery conditions we expect to see this time of year. So grab a cup of hot chocolate and consider these creative ways people at your church can serve their community this winter.

1. Offer to take an elderly neighbor to the store to stock up on winter supplies/groceries or have your neighbor make a list for you to pick up while you're out.
2. Shovel your neighbor's walkway. Or get your exercise in for the day and do the whole street.
3. Place salt on someone's front door steps or that neglected bit of sidewalk between houses.
4. If others lose power, offer your house as a location for cell phone or laptop charging.
5. Invite neighborhood kids/families to build snowmen if school is cancelled.
6. Create a free hot chocolate stand outside a busy shopping area.
7. Offer to help someone scrape the ice off their car or scrape someone's car when you do yours in the morning/after work.
8. Send thank you notes to police, firefighters, road crews, etc.
9. Order a pizza for your local police, fire station, or road crew!
10. Carry extra winter supplies in your car to assist distressed motorists.
11. Contact local emergency shelters to learn how you can support their efforts.
12. Offer hand warmers to people standing at bus stops or to school crossing guards.
13. If your kids have had school cancelled, help them write appreciation notes to their teacher.
14. Offer to watch your friends/neighbor's kids while they run out for groceries or their work hours.
15. If a friend or neighbor has mobility issues, offer to walk their dog or better yet, keep your kids occupied and have them offer to walk the neighbor's dog!
16. Share or post the locations of heating stations in your area on social media pages or church website.

Whatever you decide to do please be sure to do it safely and with good judgement. After all, it can be slick out there!

Lund Lutheran Church Council meeting minutes
held December 10, 2015.

Present: Tom Alexander, Karen Halver, Russell & Carol Okeson, Pastor Jim Osvold, Robin & Jennifer Turnwall, Les & Donna Heimark, Lynda Hultin, Cindy Sauer and Myra Eastman: Absent: Sharon Westerholm.

Meeting opened by Vice Pres., Robin Turnwall.

Devotions given by Cindy Sauer

Meeting agenda approved with additions.

Motion/Sec., Myra E/Donna H to approve the Secretary report from the November 15, 2015 meeting. Passed.

Motion/Sec., Les H/Lynda H to accept the Financial Sec report and the Treasurer report as submitted for November 30, 2015. Passed.

Pastors report was given with discussion on several items following the report.

Committee reports were given with discussions on some items.

Motion/Sec., Les H/Karen H. to accept the resignation of Pres. , Sharon Westerholm from the Council effective December 10, 2015 with appreciation of her work done. Thank you will be sent. Passed.

Motion/Sec., Myra E/Karen H. to purchase the electric candle for on the altar. Passed.

Motion/Sec. Russell O/Donna H. to send Ray Kunz, the lawn care keeper, a gift of \$100.00 for work done during 2015. Passed.

Permission given to Jennifer Turnwall to use the church for piano recitals.

Council retreat for 2016 will be held January 30, 2016 @ 8:00 A.M.
Place to be determined.

Church Annual Meeting will be held on January 31, 2016 after church services with a pot luck to follow the meeting.

Next Council meeting will be held on January 14, 2016 @ 6:00 P.M.

Devotions will be given by Myra Eastman.

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Jim and Lord's Prayer by the Council

Leslie Heimark Church Council Secretary.

Kids EVENTS



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



**Sunday,
December 13,
2015**

**Sunday
School
Program**

Thank you to Cindy, Aurora, Maria and Jennifer for investing in our children and teaching them the good news of Jesus.



YOUTH NEWS

**Attention Students
Youth Night Wednesdays**

**6:30 pm Supper
Talk & More
7 - 8:00PM**



**Wednesday, January 20th we are doing an
"Action Pack Blitz" we will meet in Detroit Lakes.
Watch for more information.**

The Lund float from the Light up the Lakes Parade.





Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, January 12th

Lorna Schons Hostess

All women are welcome to attend!



From Pastor Dave Lysaker:
Thank you for your kind offering towards my cancer treatment in California next year. We appreciate your help.

Dawn and I are looking forward to two winter months out of Minnesota. We are trusting that the Lord will help us overcome the financial hurdles we face paying for it all away from our tent making business.

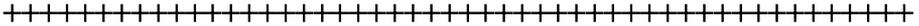
Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia.
I wish you a Happy and Healthy New Year
from my family to yours.
Pam Ross

Thank you for all the call, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and at home. Les Heimark

Thank you for the cookies from the Ladies at Lund.
From Don Gustafson

January Lectionary

January 3	Jeremiah 3:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:10-18
January 10	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14- 17	Luke 3:15-17,21- 22
January 17	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Cor. 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
January 24	Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8- 10	Psalm 19	1 Cor. 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
January 31	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Cor. 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30



January Worship Volunteers

Reader: Ushers:

Greeters:

Communion Server:

Communion Helper:



Sunday Coffee Servers:

January 3: Robin & Jennifer Turnwall

January 10: Chad & Holly Okeson

January 17: Roger & Karen Lundberg

January 24: Roger & Cleo Johnson

January 31: Annual Meeting Pot Luck

Lund and Area Happenings:

January 1, 2016 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sunday, January 3rd Worship Service with communion 9:45am. No Sunday School.

Wed., Jan. 6th Youth Night 6:30pm Supper, Talk & More 7- 8 pm.

Sunday, January 10th Sunday School 8:30am Worship Service 9:45am.

Monday, January 11th Piano rehearsal 4:30—6pm

Tuesday, January 12th Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm.

Wed., Jan. 13th Youth Night 6:30pm Supper, Talk & More 7- 8 pm.

Thursday, January 14th Council Meeting 6:00 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 17th Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service with communion 9:45 am.

Sunday, Jan, 17th Winter piano recital 1—3:30pm.

Wed., Jan. 20th Youth Night Action Pack Blitz .

Wednesday, Jan. 20th Year End Reports due in to the office.

Wednesday, Jan. 21st Newsletter articles due into the office.

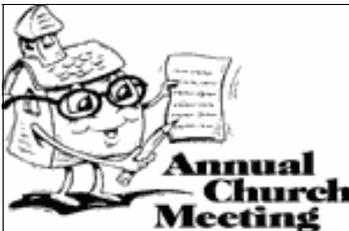
Sunday, Jan. 24th Sunday School 8:30, Worship Service

Wed., Jan. 27th Youth Night 6:30pm Supper, Talk & More 7- 8 pm.

Saturday, Jan. 30th Council Retreat 8:00 am.

Sunday, Jan. 31 Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45am.

Sunday, Jan. 31 Annual Meeting after the worship service, pot luck lunch.



Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2016

After the worship service,
pot luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the
meeting.

Birthdays:

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



Anniversaries:

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



If you are interested in becoming

a member at Lund,

please call Pam at the church office
847-9662.





The carolers at
Emmanuel on
Sunday, December
20th.

Thank you to
Donna & Les
Heimark for
providing supper.