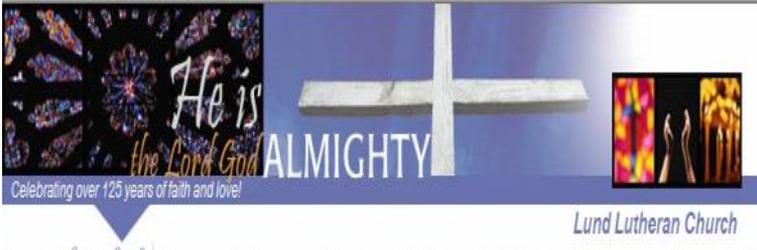


# Lund Newsletter



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*Pastor: Jim Osvold*



We have just celebrated God's greatest gift to us in the promised Messiah; Immanuel – God with us. As we heard, Jesus was born in a manger in a smelly barn amongst the animals. Not your ideal place for the Messiah to come into this world. Still, the angels sang songs of great joy and told the shepherds of this great event and that they would be filled with much joy.

Soon all our decorations and tinsel will be packed away for another year. Then, when the tree and decorations are taken down, everything seems a little dull and mundane. We enter back into our ordinary routines – school and work, chores and activities. And it seems like no surprise and nothing new can enter into these activities we know so well.

Yet the ordinary and the common place is the very place where Epiphany is best able to strike. Epiphany is the liturgical season we are about to move into – those green days after Christmas and before Lent.

But Epiphany means something more. According to my dictionary an epiphany is: *“a sudden, intuitive perception of insight into the reality or essential meaning of something, usually initiated by some simple, homely, or commonplace occurrence or experience.”*

According to this explanation of an epiphany then, we should surmise that the humble season of Epiphany is the time of year when we are perhaps most likely to experience God. God who came to us incarnate at Christmas does not come for spectacular angel choirs and fabulous organ recitals. God comes to lead an ordinary simple life, working and playing, laughing and crying with us. These are the lessons we will hear in this season of Epiphany. These are the stories that help us come to really know Jesus. This is where the mystery of the Word made flesh is really revealed in sheer ordinariness.

In this season there will be ordinary things to do in life and in church. As things return to “normal” (whatever normal is) be it at home, at work, at church, or at school; we will return to ordinary church activities, we will return to Sunday School and ordinary worship, committee meetings, and much more. Yet in these very places God will meet us, perhaps just when we least expect it. All we need to do is to take Him in when He comes!

As we journey with Jesus this Epiphany season, I hope we will also journey with one another. You have had many milestones on your journey beginning with your baptism, through the many events and people who have shaped you into who you are today. Think of these people and experiences during the season of Epiphany.

We are journeyers by nature. And it is the nature of all journeys to be joyful at times and sorrowful at times and a struggle at times. The gift of God to the world is that Christ reveals to us that God is one of us, with us on our journey. Let us journey with the Christ. Let us also journey together with one another in the coming days, weeks, and months ahead. I pray you will make worship a priority in your life as you enter this new year. See you all in the pews on Sundays!!!

### New Year's Blessings

Pastor Steve

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**Sincere thank you** to the many who remembered Jane and me this Christmas with cards and gifts.

Pastor Steve

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**Thank you** for the gift card I received this Christmas.  
Happy New Year, and God's Blessings to all of you.

Pam Ross

## Lund Council Meeting

Dec 13, 2017

Members present: Robin, Jennifer, Tom, Carol, Russ, Karen H. Lynda, Cindy, Judy and Pastor Steve. Absent: Myra.

Robin presided.

Jennifer gave devotions.

**Agenda** was set.

**Secretary's Minutes from Special meeting:** Given by Judy

Corrections made. Russ/Carol/Carried.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Tabled.

**Treasurer's Report:** Given by Karen H. Still in the black. Tom/Jennifer/Carried.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Steve stated that he feels that God put him here for a purpose and thanked us for making him and Jane feel so welcome. Sunday School and Confirmation are both going great. Suggested we do another church directory since we have not done one since 2011. Gave us a Challenge for February: Read one chapter from Acts each day – there are 28 chapters (28 days.)

### **Committee Reports:**

*President Robin:* Reported that Confirmation leaders and youth helped at the Food Pantry on Dec 12th. Learned that they will not accept food without an expiration/sell by date. And that they will use food up to two years after that date.

*Deacons:* By Lynda and Carol. Volunteer sheets are complete.

*Mission:* By Robin. Bible sticks are here. Twenty five were ordered: 20 for soldiers and five for members. \$625 used from the Mission Fund. Faith Comes by Hearing matched our donation dollars for dollar, so we helped to buy 50 total bible sticks.

*Education:* By Cindy. Sunday School Program went well and was well received. Cindy had great helpers.

*Endowment:* By Judy. Presented minutes from last two meetings. Thrivent is waiting for signatures in order to move funds.

*Trustees :* By Tom and Russ. Light on east end of building needs replacing. Window in the office was fixed. Waiting on a bid for the closet in the entry.

### **Old Business:**

*\* Joining the Augustana District of LCMC: Robin will compose a letter asking that Lund be considered for membership.*

*\*Christmas Eve Service: 4 p.m. Candlelight service. Shepherd of the Lakes has invited us to their 10 a.m. service on the 24th. Caroling – Meet at Ecumen at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16th. Lunch after at Heimarks.*

### **New Business:**

*\*Pictorial Directory:* Try to set up for next summer. Pastor will get more info for us and optional dates. Several companies were suggested.

*\* Pastor off on Sunday, Dec 31st :* Robin will work with the pastor in finding a replacement.

*\*Bible Study:* Starts in January at 8:30 prior to worship service.

**Next meeting :** Wednesday, January 10th at 5:30.

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted: Lynda Hultin and Judy Gildersleeve, Co-Secretaries.

Special Lund Council Meeting  
November 28, 2017

Present: Robin T., Jennifer T., Russ O., Carol O. , Karen H., Lynda H., Tom A., Cindy S., Myra, Judy G., Pastor Steve and the Endowment Committee. Absent : None.

Robin brought the meeting to order with a devotion.

At our request, our Thrivent Representative was present at this meeting. Robin introduced our current Thrivent Representative, Chris. We listened to a presentation on our current Thrivent investments. We currently have two larger investments with Thrivent: 1) Select Managed Moderate Fund – This is a managed fund meaning that it is made up of multiple investments which are bought and sold based on performance and is made up of about 60% stocks. This fund has earned about 7% per year but falls in the bottom of the high risk category. It is more vulnerable to loss if there is a market correction (stocks fall.) 2.) Income Series 300 Moderate made up of only about 10% stocks. This investment is lower risk, more stable and less likely to lose value quickly. Because of the lower risk factor, it also earns less interest. The interest from this account currently goes into the Endowment checking account per month. Any new investments into similar funds require a minimum \$100k investment.

On the recommendation of the Endowment Committee and after much discussion among the Council members and questions to the Thrivent Rep, the following motion was made: That a third investment fund would be set up for the minimum amount taking funds from each of the existing two investments. Of the balances remaining in the two existing investments, more would be left in the higher risk investment. The new investment would be in the moderate conservative risk category halfway in-between the existing two investments. The dividends from the new (third) investment fund would compound in that fund. The dividends from the conservative fund would continue to go to the Endowment Checking Account at American National Bank. Myra/Judy/ unanimously/ carried.

Snow removal will again be taken care of by the Okeson Family.

Motion to purchase gift cards in appreciation of services: Russ/ Myra/ carried. Motion for gift for organist Myra/Karen H./carried.

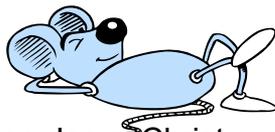
Closed with the Lords Prayer.  
Adjourned. Russ/Judy/carried.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Gildersleeve, Secretary.



## Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, January, 9, 2018  
Hostess: Karen Lundberg  
All women are welcome to attend!

Hello There, Mousey here,



What a wonderful time of the year. We celebrated the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Halleluiah! What a gift. I am sure everyone received at least one gift this day, but our Candlelight Service brought news of the greatest gift. It almost made me cry when we sang Silent Night with all the candles lit. Lot's of people in church too.

I rode along to the Christmas caroling. What a blast to see all of the people in the nursing homes line up in the dining rooms and the hallways and going into the rooms of those that couldn't come out. Every time I get to do this it pulls on my heart strings. Especially when they can sing along with us. Thank you to everyone who was there singing. And then, a great part of the night was the spread that Donna and Les had for us to eat when we were done caroling.

Did you get to ring the bell in the mall? That was another fun time. The Salvation Army bucket was full of money. There are a lot of generous people out there, and the kids love to put money in too. Thank you to all who worked, the good feelings are free. The best thing about putting money in the local buckets is that the money stays in our community.

The little kids really seem to love the Children's sermon and then getting to go to Sunday School. Thank you to all the teachers for what they do.

Love to all. Till next month,  
Mousey



## Kids EVENTS

Sunday School  
9:45 children will be  
Released after the  
Children's Sermon or about  
10:00am.

Ages 3 years and up are  
welcome to attend.

Come and learn about Jesus' love.

Adult Bible Study starting  
January 14th 8:30 am.

All are welcome!



**Remember to bring your Bibles each week!**

**Wednesdays 7:00 pm**

**January 3rd**

**January 10th**

**January 17th**

**January 24th**

**January 31st**



Dear Sponsor, (TeachHaiti student)  
Greetings.

I want to thank you because you still think of helping me. This year, I am in 2nd year of college majoring in civil engineering. My dreams are to graduate, find a job and help myself and my family. I want to work hard to help my country as well.

Without your support my dreams would no become a reality.

Thank you so much. May God bless you always.  
Merry Christmas  
Emmanuel Pierre

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Thank you, Lund Ladies, for remembering us with the goodies and for using Karen Lundberg as your messenger. I can't tell you how much we appreciated both. I think of you often and miss each one of you but life brings changes and we deal with them. As I told Karen it would be so good if you would come to visit here. You all probably know a few of our residents since some are life-long DL residents. Sing some "old" favorite hymns; bring your grandchildren to sing or play the piano and just visit with us. We have coffee hour almost every day at 3:00 p.m. We have some activities but visits are always good!

Thank you again and God bless each one of you. MERRY CHRISTMAS to all!

Love in Christ,  
Verda & Howard

# January Lectionary

<b>January 7</b>	Genesis 1:1-5	Psalm 29	Romans 6:1-11	Mark 1:4-11
<b>January 14</b>	1 Samuel 3:1-10	Psalm 139:1-10	1 Corin. 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
<b>January 21</b>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62	1 Corin 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
<b>January 28</b>	Deut. 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corin. 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28



## January Worship Volunteers

**Reader: Cindy Sauer**

**Communion Server: Russ Okeson & Sharon Westerholm**

**Ushers: John & Cindy Sauer**

**Greeter: Sharon Westerholm**

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## January Sunday Coffee Servers:

- January 7: Robin & Jennifer Turnwall
- January 14: Joe & Sharon Westerholm
- January 21: Roger & Karen Lundberg
- January 28: Willie & Lynda Hultin



## **Lund and Area Happenings:**

**January 1st Happy New Year!!**

**Wednesday, January 3rd** Confirmation 7:00 pm.

**Sunday, January 7** Worship Service 9:45 am with Communion.  
and Sunday School.

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

**Wednesday, January 10th** Council Meeting 5:30 pm.

**Wednesday, January 10th** Confirmation 7:00 pm.

**Sunday, January 14th** Adult Sunday school 8:30am Worship  
Service 9:45am and Sunday School.

**Wednesday, January 17th** Confirmation 7:00 pm.

**Sunday, January 21st** Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship  
Service with communion and Sunday School 9:45 am.

**Wednesday, January 24th** Confirmation 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday, January 24th Newsletter Articles due.**

**Sunday, January 28th** Adult Sunday School 8:30am Worship  
Service and Sunday school 9:45am.

**Wednesday, January 31st** Confirmation 7:00 pm.

*Thank you to everyone who went caroling on*

*Saturday, December 16th.*

*To Karen Lundberg for organizing and to Les and*

*Donna Heimark for the*

*Supper they served afterwards.*



## Birthdays:

January

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



## Anniversary's

January

4. Don & Joy Schuler
10. Vince & Donna Root.

