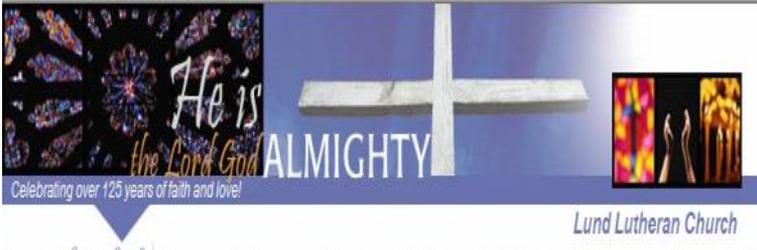


Lund Newsletter



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Pastor: Steve Bruer

Pastor's Perspective...

Friends, we have just experienced one of the hardest, most painful years in recent memory. And I'm sure we are all probably glad it's over. Now we stare at the onrushing New Year and we begin to wonder if we can make it through or not. The wonderful thrilling truth of Christmas is really for us Christians and it is our true source of strength as we face the New Year with all its uncertainties and fears. That truth is recorded in Matthew about Christ: *"They shall call his name Emmanuel -- which means God with us."* You see, this is the sure foundation and confidence that we as Christians have as we look to this New Year.

As we reflect on 2020 with all that's happened, we wonder how this year will be any different. Our faith has been tested and shaken. Our spirits have been shattered. But this is how we grow in faith: by having our faith tested; tested through changes in our lives and even changes in our churches. We haven't been able to gather for worship in the church building since last March. Yet, in the outcome of our trials, God promises that we will be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. We shall come out of this past year whole. So, we step out in faith in the firm knowledge that Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem at Christmas, was crucified at Calvary, was resurrected from the dead three days later. Because of Jesus' resurrection, we have hope for a new life. A better life.

As we begin this new year, it is helpful to clarify together what we need to 'hang on to'. I believe it is very important to remember to hang on to:

- God's unchanging love
- the fact that in Christ there is forgiveness and freedom
- that the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words
- that every member of our congregations bring value to our communities of faith

⇒ to have patience and trust in God to bring us through this covid

⇒ pandemic!

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I would say: as we begin a new year, it is important that we stay in personal and corporate prayer for our churches and their ministries and our communities . . . be faithful in participation of our Sunday worship and learning opportunities . . . communicate with your pastor and others about parish needs, congregational issues, personal concerns . . . develop an understanding that we are in this ministry together. . . a commitment to honest and transparent conversations, planning, and cooperation when we don't always agree. . . a good laugh now and then . . . and finally a good cup of coffee and some good old fashioned conversation. Social distancing of course!

Many in our church family and friends are still be trying to understand the impact of the virus raging around us. Some of our members have even been infected with it this past year. We've had to be creative on how to worship. By Facebook or drive in style. This is something new for all of us, myself included. But that doesn't mean it's a bad thing either. Simply put: **Please trust!!!**

As we enter this new year, I ask each of you to pray and reflect on our calling as a community of faith as to where God might lead us in our mission for 2021. It is important that **EVERYONE** understand that they have a vital part in moving our mission forward; that everyone's gifts of time, talent, and money is what sustains our mission; and that God will use each of us to be a blessing far greater than we could have ever imagined as we simply "follow"! Why is it that the new year that looks so promising and hope- filled at the stroke of midnight on December 31st looks depressingly like all other years the further you advance in it? Worth all the good intentions on January 1st why does everything stay the same? Everything stays the same because intentions stay intentions and never become actions. "Tomorrow" is always the magic time for change but tomorrow is always tomorrow.

If things are going to get better it will be because you lend your efforts to make things better, and that must happen today. Yesterday is the past you cannot change. Tomorrow is the future you can plan for but cannot command. The only time you have any con-trol over is today.

In one of Bill Keane's **The Family Circus** cartoons, the little girl is explaining the importance of the present to her even younger brother. She says: *"Yesterday's the past, tomorrow's the future, but today is a gift. That's why it's called the present."*

New Year's is a good time to reflect on the past with all the suffering and pain and plan for the future. It's a good time to leave behind that which weighs you down and take up a new day with a resolve to make it better.

It is interesting that the secular New Year's occurs in the middle of the Church's Christmas season. And this, according to one anonymous writer, is Christmas: *"Christmas is a time for "giving up" sin, bad habits, and selfish pleasures. Christmas is a time for "giving in" surrender to Christ, acceptance of Him as King. Christmas is a time for "giving out" real giving, not swapping."*

That description of Christmas can also be our description of 2021.

A belated Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Pastor Steve



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

President Russ Okeson called meeting to order

Additions to Agenda: 3 items

Devotions: Lynda "Trust in the Lord"

Secretaries report: See October 14th report, No report for November. Meeting cancelled

Financial Secretaries report: See newsletter (Oct-Nov)

Treasurers report: See Newsletter (Oct-Nov)

Myra made a motion to drop Thithes completely till we return to church or some type of gathering. Russ Olson 2nd. Discussion, motioned carried.

Pastor's report: Update a call list. Pastor will start to reconnect with others, but he suggested we need to work together to connect with each other. A neighborhood family; Bo and Jackie Schroyer are going to be Missionaries in Angola, Africa. Thinking of having them come to church to a via zoom and tell us about their mission trip. Good idea to have this as a Mission project for our church. They need to raise \$100,000.

President's report: Please start calling our church family to stay in touch with each other. Lynda to put on sign outside that we have Sunday service on facebook.

Deacons: None

Missions: Salvation Army. All funds will stay in Becker County. Karen made a motion to give \$500, Myra 2nd. Discussion, motion carried. Discussion on giving funds to the Schroyer's. Myra made a motion to table this until we know more about their mission. All in favor.

Endowment: 2 requests filled

Trustees: None

Women's report/Financial: See report in Newsletter. Received donation to quilters for Alzheimer's quilts.

Old Business: Kitchen project letter received. See in Newsletter. Church Services tabled till we know more. Make sure to pick up Disposable communion cups at church if you would like.

New Business: 1. Year end (Thank you's-gift cards) 5 gift cards: Bill made a motion to give the same as last year. Myra 2nd. Discussion, motion passed. 2. Update Facebook/Website pages: Pastor is in contact with Linda Kiehl to update website and will get in touch With Holly Okeson about Facebook.

3. Starting a zoom Bible study. Cindy will get in contact with Pam to put this in the newsletter.

4. Video for movies cost: Do we need to still have this. Pastor will check on the letter we received.

Next Meeting date: Open till we know more

Devotions: Myra

Pastor led us in prayer and The Lord's Prayer

President Russ adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Sauer



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.





If you are struggling to find a way to buy food because of the effects of the corona-virus pandemic, we have a solution for you.

Just let Pastor Steve know by Tuesday if you would like a box of fresh food which is paid for and delivered by USDA Farmers to

Families. You get a lot of good food in the box. They are delivering the boxes weekly each Wednesday to Northern Lights Church just outside of Richwood.

Each box is **absolutely free!**



Hello, Mousey here,

Once again I am writing this and Covid is still with us. I have to remind myself every day that God is with us and he is bigger than Covid. It should be better when we get the Vaccine. On TV they said we will probably have to continue wearing our masks. That would be a small price to pay till everyone is vaccinated; I would just like it to be over so we stop losing our friends and in some cases our family members. I consider members of Lund as part of my family and we just lost Rodney Eastman. We have had a lot of members get this nasty stuff, but most have come through it fine. Again, be thankful.

We need to keep reaching out to other members, family and friends to make sure they are okay and if there is something we can do for them. I have till about February 1st till I can't catch it again, and then the antibodies wear off.

We also need to keep praying for each other, our front line and essential workers, our police our service members, and especially our government to do the right things.

Keep praying and stay safe. Let God take care of the rest.

Till next month,

Mousey



We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone for remembering us this Christmas with all the cards and gifts. We cherish your love and generosity. Thanks again.

Pastor Steve & Jane

Thank you for your generous donation to our
Becker County Salvation Army Unit!!

We appreciate your support!!

God Bless

Michele Baker, Treas.

Dear Lund Members,

I thank you so much for the support of TeachHaiti over the years.

I cherish you generosity. I hope to see you in the near future.

God blessing upon each one of you.

Miquette

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.

Please reply by January 10th

Name: _____

Date: _____

The Epiphany

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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!

Happy Birthday

- January 2 Jim Halver
3 Bradey Okeson
Josiah Okeson
4 Cleo Johnson
Mary Reihle
8 Bill Strache
11 Willie Hultin
13 Judy Gildersleeve
18 Ethan Jacobson
21 Angie Svenby
Matt Nelson
22 Nancy Brooks
24 Robin Turnwall
Mark Beug
25 Baylee Branden
Carol Strache
30 Anna Nickolauson
John Gemlo



Happy Anniversary

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



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!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

To the ladies who decorated the inside and outside of the church for fall and Advent. It looks beautiful!

Also to Pastor Steve for the many hours spent working to get the church service on Facebook, to Jennifer for playing the organ every Sunday, and to Robin the executive producer and camera man on Sunday mornings.