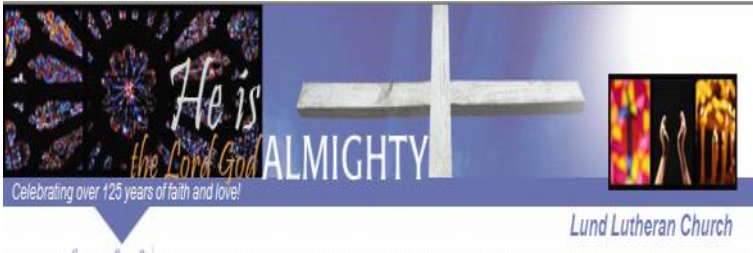


Lund Newsletter



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[Jesus prayed to the Father]

“¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.” John 17:16-18 (NIV)

My first professional employment came by invitation of a real estate broker in my home town who had a thriving agency. He asked if I would like to become an agent helping people buy and sell their properties. I took him up on his offer and was excited to begin. But first I needed to be properly licensed by the State of Minnesota. I needed to know the rules and appropriate ways to handle these large transactions. I was schooled to correctly appraise property values. I also was helped by my broker's experience and wisdom in learning how to engage in good relationships with buyers and sellers so the transfer would be a pleasant and fulfilling experience. And of course, to be successful as a realtor, I needed to put in all the effort I could muster to make a successful living and fulfilling career.

I must have been good at it, because I was recognized several times by a national realtor franchise as one of their top ten realtors in all of Minnesota, Iowa and western Wisconsin. (I'm not braggin', just sayin')

So what has this to do with Jesus' prayer for his disciples (for us)? I want to help us understand a word Jesus used, but few Christians seem to have clear understanding--that word is **“sanctify.”** What is it? Are you being sanctified? It's obvious that Jesus desired his followers to be sanctified. But for what purpose?

The word “sanctify” is defined in the dictionary as: To make holy; to consecrate. Set apart (chosen) for Godly use. To free from sin; to purify; to make useful.

Christians are unique. We are called to salvation, chosen by God as his sons and daughters. We are “not of the world” because we no longer are under condemnation of sin. ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9.***

We have the righteousness of Jesus dwelling in us. We are justified. Hallelujah!

But Jesus is praying that we also be sanctified. He asked the Father to choose us, equip us and use us for The Father's holy purpose. What is His purpose? We are to bring more glory to the Father by proclaiming salvation offered to the world. The world does not know Him. How then shall they be saved unless those who are sanctified fulfill their holy purpose? We are sent into the world, but how shall we speak and act accurately according to our sanctified call unless the truthful Word of God is active in us? That means that we need to be in the Word, study the Word, meditate on the Word (think about it) and then put the Word into action.

I think many Christians have been trained by the Lord for a long time, being sanctified for His holy purpose, but they have chosen not put their training into action. What if I had studied real estate laws, learned how to appraise property, observed how to interact with people wanting to buy or sell, But—I never actually worked at being a real estate agent. I never put my training into practice. I was a realtor, but I never sold anything. I never actually asked anyone to list their property with me. Why? Because that might make me (or them) feel uncomfortable. I just kept everything I knew to myself. Or maybe I spoke with other real estate agents about what a lousy job the general public was doing on their own in trying to buy or sell property, but I never helped them, never advised them, and never shared with them what I knew.

Jesus did not say that just some Christians would be called into “sanctified” work. We who are saved are all called. Are you fulfilling that call? We are all offered the same Word of truth. Are you immersed in that Word? We all have territories to put that Word into action. Are you active?

I did not have to be a real estate agent—I got to be one. It was a privilege to serve others in that vocation, and the biggest reward was I made a lot of money. No! The reward was seeing many people and families accomplish something special that I helped to make happen. And as a Christian, I have had the privilege to share the Word with many people, some who have come to living faith in Jesus Christ. That is what sanctified is all about. We are called, equipped, empowered, and sent for God's holy purpose.

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You don't have to; you get to! In **Isaiah 6:8** we read of Isaiah's response after he was purified by the God of love and life, ***"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"***

Lund Council Meeting Minutes April 14, 2016



Present: Robin, Jennifer, Pastor Jim, Karen Halver, Russ Okeson, Carol Okeson, Lynda Hultin.

Absent: Myra Eastman, Judy Gildersleeve, Tom Alexander, and Belynda Nickolauson.

Robin called the meeting to order. Additions to the Agenda:

Pastor Jim did devotions and prayer.

Secretary Report: Offering report should add Simply Giving funds as received each week. Russ Okeson made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Carol Okeson second, passed.

Financial Report: \$20.00 added were funds held over from food pantry. Robin made a motion to accept the reports as corrected. Russ seconded. Passed.

Pastor Report: Galatians 5:13-14 Hosanna: God save us. Health Resources: a prolife organization committed to help women and men who are struggling with an unexpected pregnancy. Would like the help of the church to donate baby needs or money.

Church Project: What kind of community project could we undertake as a congregation? Any ideas? Let's pray and ask the Lord for direction.

Pastor Jim requested June 19th off. Robin blessed Pastor with it off.

Singing groups lined up for the summer:

June: group from Hawley \$500.00 July: Beyond Blue \$500.00
August: Dan & Marilee Ottoson \$250.00

Adult Sunday School concluded our study of 1 Peter. Hoping those attending will shift their attendance to Sunday Evening.

Sunday School: No potluck or program No children – the ones coming to Sunday School will sing.

VBS June 9-11

Jennifer made a motion to give Auroura \$100.00. from the general fund in gratitude of her work with the Sunday School and VBS. Lynda seconded, passed

Endowment: Auroura will get \$500.00 after her first semester is finished.

Deacons: Doing ok so far.

Trustee: Russ talked about making holders for our sign.

West door Deadbolt Robin will look into it.

Ray Kunz would like \$25.00 more than last year for lawn service.

Lynda made a motion to give Ray \$130.00 for lawn service.

Russ seconded, passed.

Old Business:

Karen is checking on office sign.

Send the Boy Scouts a thank you note for working on our big sign board.

Fall Dinner tabled until May meeting.

Grill – Karen made a motion to buy the grill from Menards. Carol second, passed. Russ will pick it up.

New Business:

Apron & sidewalk in front of garage. Karen made a motion to give Russ a go ahead with that. Carol second, passed.

LBIM Mission Money.

Karen Halver made a motion to support Health Recourses. Lynda second, passed.

Karen Halver made a motion to accept Mark Nielson to speak on Sunday April 24th the Gideon's. Russ second, passed.

\$50.00 a month to go to Dan Venberg for his ministry in Chad, Africa. Funds will come from mission percentage being set aside each Sunday.

Next meeting, Thursday, May 12, 2016 7:00 pm. Devotion: Judy

Lynda Hultin filling in for Belynda Council Secretary

Kids EVENTS



"Giddy-Up with God"
VBS June 9th—11th
Thursday & Friday 5:30—8:00pm
supper will be provided
Saturday, June 11th
9:00 am—2:00 pm
Snack & Lunch provided

VBS Program
Sunday, June 12th 9:45am

Potluck Lunch after the program.

Thanks to our Sunday School staff and Youth Leaders for their ministry this past school year.



**Sunday School
Teachers
Cindy Sauer, Maria
Sauer and
Auroura Eckberg**

YOUTH NEWS



On Sunday May 15th

the graduating
High School Seniors were honored, they are
Auroura Eckberg, Anna Nickolauson,
and Jon Richards
Congratulations and may God bless you as you
start your new journey in life!



Open Church Night
Wednesday Evenings
6:00 pm—8:00pm

June 1st - VBS Work Night

June 8th - Council Meeting

June 15th - Game Night

June 22nd - Movie Night

June 29th - Campfire with S'Mores

Bring a friend and join us for the fun!



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, June 14th

Pam Grieger Hostess

All women are welcome
to attend!



Lund Ladies "Secret Sister" Dinner

Our "Secret Sister" Dinner will be on Tuesday,
June 14, 2016 at 5:30 pm at the Holiday Inn.
Everyone is invited to participate, or come to
the dinner.

Please let Pam know at 847-9662 if you will be
attending the dinner or if you would like to
Participate by Friday, June 10th.
Thank you!

From Dave & Carol Eckberg:
Thank you for all the love you have shown to Auroura.
We appreciate all of you!!

June Lectionary

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| June 5 | 1 Kings 17:17-24 | Psalm 30 | Galatians 1:11-24 | Luke 7:11-17 |
| June 12 | 2 Samuel 11:26 12:10, 13-15 | Psalm 32 | Galatians 2:15-21 | Luke 7:36-8:3 |
| June 19 | Isaiah 65:1-9 | Psalm 22:19-28 | Galatians 3:23-29 | Luke 8:26-39 |
| June 26 | 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 | Psalm 16 | Galatians 5:1, 13-25 | Luke 9:51-62 |



June Worship Volunteers

Reader: Cindy & Maria Sauer
Ushers: Willie & Lynda Hultin
Greeters: Willie & Lynda Hultin
Communion Server: Myra Eastman

June Sunday Coffee Servers:



June 5: Jim & Barb Osvold
June 12: VBS Program Pot Luck
June 19: Vince & Donna Root
June 26: Outdoor Service Pot Luck

Lund and Area Happenings:

Wednesday, June 1st VBS Work Night 6-8:00 pm.

Wed. June 1st—6th DL Bible Reading Marathon DL Park 6am—8pm.

Friday & Saturday June 3 & 4 Street Faire downtown DL

Sunday, June 5th Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

Tues. June 7th Tuesday in the Park DL Lakes Area Community Concert Band 7 pm. Picnic at 6pm.

Wednesday, June 8th Council Meeting 7:00 pm.

Thursday, June 9th VBS 5:30—8:00 pm Supper will be served.

Friday, June 10th Holy Rosary Salad Luncheon 11—1:30 pm.

VBS 5:30—8:00 pm Supper will be served.

Saturday, June 11th VBS 9:00 am—2:00 pm lunch will be served.

Sunday, June 12th Worship Service 9:45am VBS Program potluck lunch after the service.

Tuesday, June 14th Flag day.

Women's Bible Study.

Secret Sister Dinner Holiday Inn 5:30 pm.

Tuesday in the Park Mr. Jack and Friends. Picnic at 6pm.

Wednesday, June 15th Open Church Night, Game night. 6-8pm

Thursday—Sunday, June 16th—19th Hope Fest DL

Friday, June 17th Relay for Life DL Pavilion opening ceremony 5:00pm luminaria ceremony 9:30pm.

Sunday, June 19th Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY!

Monday, June 20th Summer Begins.

Tuesday June 21st Tuesday in the Park Bruce Neumann & Tiki D. 7:00 pm. Picnic at 6pm.

Wed., June 22nd Open Church Night Movie Night 6 –8pm.

Newsletter articles due.

Sunday, June 26th Outdoor Worship Service 9:45am Hawley Alliance Worship Team. Pot Luck lunch after the worship service.

Tuesday, June 28th Tuesday in the Park Moriya Rufer & Dan Thornby 7:00 pm Picnic at 6pm.

Wed., June 29th Open Church Night with campfire 6 –8pm.

Birthdays:

June

1. Norma Hedlund
2. Brander Halver
Karen Alexander
4. Cade Okeson
9. Jake Richards
11. Don Schuler
18. Arnie Kiehl
19. Carl Grieger
23. Pastor Jim
24. Julia Okeson
25. Les Heimark
26. Peggy Melin
27. Logan Sweeney
30. Marie Lundberg



Anniversaries:

- June 5. Les & Donna Heimark
10. Robin & Jennifer Turnwall
Joe & Sharon Westerholm
 16. John & Cindy Sauer
 26. Roger & Cleo Johnson
Orrin & Vickie Okeson
 29. Carl & Pam Grieger
 30. Milt & Marcy Erickson



TUESDAYS IN THE PARK! MUSIC AND PICNIC!!!

Every Tuesday night, local musicians & bands will perform in the DL City Park's Band shell, near the Pavilion, at 7:00 pm. If it rains, concerts are moved inside the Pavilion. Prior to the FREE concert, there will be a picnic style meal from 6 – 7 pm served up by volunteers. This is a fund-raiser for Habitat for Humanity and the Community Connections Series of the Historic Holmes Theatre, so your donations for the food will benefit those programs.

- June 7 – Lakes Area Community Concert Band
- June 14 – Mr. Jack and Friends
- June 21 – Bruce Neumann & Tiki D.
- June 28 – Moriya Rufer & Dan Thornby