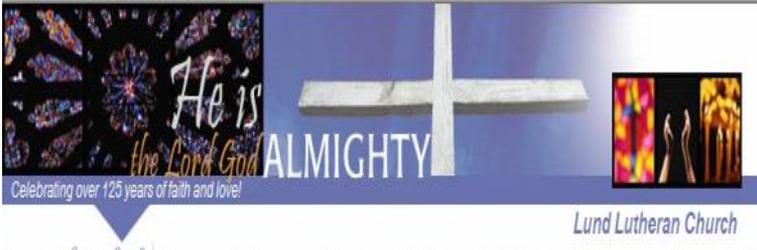


Lund Newsletter



2021

Lund Lutheran Church

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Pastor: Steve Bruer

Pastor's Perspective...

It seems today that nothing good happens in this world unless somebody is *stirred up*. It takes some event or some action to get us into action. The Bible uses terms like *“stir up”* to describe God’s wondrous moving into people’s lives. It all started with those explosive words spoken at creation that God encountered and drastically changed the lives of such people as Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses, David, the prophets, and many others. Sometime later, God’s Word became flesh or human and every time Jesus encountered somebody, he changed that person’s life dramatically. The truth of the matter is that one cannot walk with Jesus and continue to stay the same. When we walk with Jesus, he stirs everything within us up!

This Lenten Season is no different. Those powerful words of Jesus are now directed to you and me today just as if we were standing with him on those dusty roads to Galilee. As we stand at the foot of the cross and we face that cross through various means, we can come to see that he has the same kind of love and compassion for us today just as he did for those who were there with him suffering hardships and rejection. And when we come to that great knowledge, we are stirred in our hearts. Stirred to realize that he wants us to work for his new vision of the human life. We are stirred when he tells us to go out and spread the Good News which has power to transform and renew people of all ages.

I think we are so often amazed at how the Holy Spirit stirs people into action. Today, the Spirit continues to stir the hearts of people all over the world to jump into action. When we watch the daily news shows we see how much suffering and meanness afflicts our world. We sometimes weep in front of our television sets when we see the evil intruding. And we think, *“O how desperately the world needs to be stirred by the good news of Jesus Christ!”* Then we ask, *“Who can bring this stirring action? Only those whom God has stirred?”*

Friends, the answer to that question is *“I can!”* and *“You can!”* Not somebody else! We read of stewards who once took care of the owner’s estates in the Bible. Just like them, you and I are called to be God’s stewards on this earth. Our hands, our feet, our voices, and our goods are God’s way of caring for the church and the world. So, when God stirs us into action must remember that we have the tools we need to do the work God calls us to do.

Therefore, my prayer for each of us this Lenten Season is that we might be stirred by God’s Spirit to leap into action. Leaping with a heart of thankfulness and a heart of faith. Now, I realize that this sounds like quite a challenge, but with God’s help and guidance, we will be able to do it. It is my

hope that as we look forward, that we might be stirred by the Spirit to do what God has called us as stewards to do beginning this Lent. It is the hope of all people of God that the church of Jesus Christ will continue to accept the challenges which lie before us. We have a dynamic mission set out by God and we are given a vision for that mission through God's holy Word. May we all continue to use our gifts of time, talents, and treasures for God's purposes and not our own. May we all pray that more and more of us will see the light and that the Holy Spirit will **stir** us all to work together.

During this Lenten Season may you be stirred up to do some of the following suggestions:

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| Mend a quarrel. | Seek out a forgotten friend. |
| Write a letter of love. | Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. |
| Share some treasure. | Give a soft answer instead of a hard one |
| Encourage our youth at all times. | Keep a promise. |
| Manifest your loyalty in word and deed. | Find the time. |
| Forego a grudge | Forgive an enemy. |
| Listen more intently. | Apologize when you are wrong. |
| Try to understand. | Return charity for malice. |
| Regularly express your gratitude. | Take pleasure in the beauty of the earth. |
| Gladden the heart of a child in some way. | Welcome a stranger to your home or to church. |

As Lent can truly be a time when we Christians see Jesus Christ as one who has great compassion for us by his suffering and death on the cross, may we be stirred to respond in thankfulness to what he has done for us. May these suggestions help us to respond to one another more graciously, reflecting the gracious love of Christ that we can celebrate during this holy season.

And as we are stirred by God this Lent, may we remember that we cannot do it on our own. God needs to be within us to help us in following through with that which He has called us.

This Lenten Season, may you be stirred to do new and great things in this world with God as your guide and strength! Therefore we pray:

Stir us O Lord. Help us to respond to your love for us; For you have blessed us in so many ways. Everyday and everything is provided by your grace. Help us to receive your grace with thankfulness. O, stir us Lord. Stir us to respond with our time and talents and treasures. Stir us to use the gifts which you have given us so we may do the ministry which you have called us to do. AMEN

Your partner in Ministry, *Pastor Steve*

Lund Church Council Minutes

February 18th, 2021

Members Present: Russ & Carol Okeson, Lynda, Cindy, Myra, Karen, Donna, Jennifer,
Russ Olson, Pastor Steve

Absent: Bill

President Russ called the meeting to order.

Additions to the Agenda: 3 items

Devotions were given by Donna

Secretaries report: Myra motioned to accept, Donna 2nd. Passed

Financial Report: Approved as read

Women's Financial Report: Approved as read

Treasurer's Report: Choice dollars are not included in the Tithes and offerings.

Memorial acct report amended. Discussion, accepted.

Pastor's Report: 1. Presented with list of phone calls made to members.

2. Be patient about coming back inside to church. Need a preparedness plan to re-open. 3. Worship Service- Being recorded and uploaded in the evening. Will be able to watch any time on Sunday. 4. Lent services Wednesdays—Facing the Cross. Recorded and uploaded one day ahead. Services on Facebook 5. Food boxes—still being distributed in Detroit Lakes.

Presidents Report: The more people vaccinated; we can hopefully get back into church.

Trustee report: None

Deacon Report: None

Mission Report: Shroyer mission donation video is on facebook. You're welcome to watch this.

Old Business: Sign is installed outside "Join us for Church, Lund Facebook page @ 9:30 am"

We do not have enough capacity to live stream. We will continue to record and put on facebook.

New Business: Child safety Prevention Program through Becker County Sheriff's office, through Chief Todd. Myra motioned to give \$150.00 to program, Lynda 2nd. Discussion, motioned carried. Food Pantry—Souper bowl of caring. In the past we accepted donations through March which will double the giving. Russ Okeson will check into if they need monies.

Thank you received from Riley Heimark—Funds for his mission trip to Ecuador. He has set up a Blog and hopeful he can give a report to our church about his mission.

Next Meeting: Wed, March 17th—6pm Devotions: Cindy

Russ adjourned the meeting

Pastor led us in prayer and we recited The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hello Mousey here.

Hope everyone is hanging in there as well as possible. Vaccines are starting to come out. Had my first one and will have my second in March.

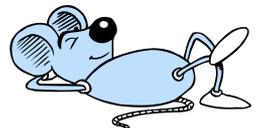
I get some really nice letters from Verda Stewart. There were two cards in them that really spoke to me. One was on Faith and had a verse from John 8:12, that said. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Things have been a little dark for a while. I miss my friends at church, but do talk to some every week. Not the same as seeing them in church and getting hugs and prayers.

I would think that as soon as everyone that wants will be vaccinated and we should be able to start returning to church. Some of the schools are returning to school full time. Pastor Steve and company do a really good job at bringing church to us on Face Book. It makes me feel better to hear the Word of the Lord on Sundays and now Wednesdays too.

My prayers go out to all, especially those that have loved ones who are sick or have passed away. I have lost some that makes me sad when I think of them, but they are with God and what Greater Glory is that? May everyone stay healthy and continue to pray for each other.

Love to all, till next month

Mousey





Upcoming Dates, Places, Sermon Title & Scripture Passages

Wednesday March 3rd

**Facing Our Fears • Isaiah 41:10
Recognizing what strikes fear in our hearts
Helps us to grab on more tightly to Christ.**

Wednesday March 10th

**Facing Our Worldliness • Matthew 6:19-21
Accepting we are often all too dependent on
worldly goods opens the door to seeing the value
of everlasting blessings.**

Wednesday March 17th

**Facing One Another • Ephesians 4:31-32
Confessing that we have not always treated each
other in a Christ-like manner helps to build
better relationships.**

Wednesday March 24th

**Facing Suffering • Romans 8:18-19
Enduring suffering in this world connects
us to Christ and points us to the joy to come.**

**This is the new Lund email address:
lundlutherandl@gmail.com**

Puzzle!

Search for these words that are all associated with the Lenten journey.

crown donkey hosanna penance Pilate sins
colt crucifixion forsaken kiss prayer suffer
confess death Gethsemane lots repent thorns
cross denial Golgotha palms silver vigil

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C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

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: lundlutherandl@gmail.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**

**Women of Lund
By Myra Eastman
1-31-2021**

Beginning Balance: \$3,420.67

Income:

WE Care \$58.56

Total of Income \$58.56

Expense:

Birthday & Anniversary Cards \$20.40

Pest Control \$60.00

Total of Expense \$80.40

Donations: 0

Balance in Checking \$3,398.53

Quitters Balance: \$769.75

QUILTER'S CORNER



The quilters have been busy on Thursday afternoons at church, meeting with masks and social distancing and also at their homes throughout the winter.

This is 24 lap quilts that were completed. They also made 20 fidget quilts for a care center.

And have been working on several other quilts.



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!
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Happy Birthday

- March 5 Karen Halver
- 7 Agnes Okeson
- 16 Sharon Howe
- 17 Don Okeson
- 19 Drake Halver
- 22 Lynda Hultin
- 25 Judy Gildersleeve
- 26 Nancy Bromley
Jay Richards
- 27 Karen Lundberg



Happy Anniversary

March 10 Mark & Barb Beug



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!



**Daylight Savings Time
starts Sunday, March 14th**



May the Strength of God pilot us. May the Power of God preserve us. May the Wisdom of God instruct us. May the Hand of God protect us. May the Way of God direct us. May the Shield of God defend us. Against temptations of the world.