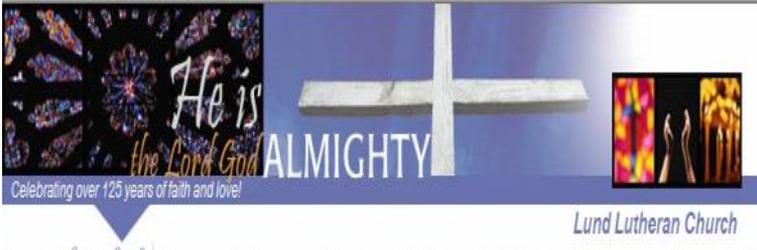


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“What’s Next, Lord?”

⁷ “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

The month of May brings the end of school academics at schools and college campuses. The question is often put to the pending graduate, “**What’s next?**” Those completing their degrees may respond with high hopes to finally “matriculate” into the real world of earning a living, hopefully by using the skills and credentials they received in their schooling. They may also share dreams of moving to an attractive destination, like the mountains or the sunny coasts of California. It’s great to dream about what’s next, but the “what’s next” is something that must be planned for, prepared for, and vigorously pursued if the dream is going to become reality.

I believe the people of God are encouraged to ask, “**What’s next, Lord?**” When we awake in the morning, we have a brand new, never before used, day of creation that the Lord is laying before us. Do you think He has plans for us in this new day? I think He has huge plans! And we are invited to be part of His loving, eternal plan. If God has placed us in this moment, at this very place in time and location, I believe He wants us here for a purpose. Do we know what that purpose is? Maybe we should *ask*. Maybe we should *seek*, maybe we should *knock*. Maybe we should put our plans on the table and see how they line up with God’s plans, plans for our personal lives and for our church.

We are called together as the body of Christ, His church, for such a time as this. Looking back, we have seen His hand moving upon us. Blessings have come to us in our season of faith together as a Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ. We can celebrate that we exist and that we worship together and fellowship with one another. But I believe it is our responsibility to be forward-

looking and ask, ***“What’s next, Lord?”*** as we ponder our future role in His kingdom purposes.

In the next weeks and months, it is healthy for us, even a necessity for us, to seek God’s plan. We may have ideas of what to do, and not do, to fit our own preferences. But we should desire to know *His will* and then be obedient and have the courage to step out with faith into our future with Him. It takes faith. The good news is that if we ask for faith, God gives abundantly. ***“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”*** Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

It takes obedience and courage. The good news is that the Holy Spirit will equip us. ***“⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways SUBMIT to him, and he will make your paths straight.”*** Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

It takes discernment. The good news is that God’s Word is available for our benefit. ***“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,”*** 2nd Timothy 3:16 (NIV)

We are invited to our future with the Lord leading the way. We may find that the future is full of surprises, at least unexpected turns, but we can trust that He will take us through whatever lies ahead, his love and power demonstrated in and through us as we trust in Him. ***“What’s Next, Lord?”*** ***“Please Lord, we desire to walk the path you have chosen for us today and tomorrow. Help us to plan our future in accordance to Your will. We want nothing else. Amen.”***

“¹¹For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.” Titus 2:11-14



Lund Council Meeting
April 18, 2017

Members present: Robin, Carol, Russell, Lynda, Karen H., Myra, Judy and Pastor Jim.

Members absent: Cindy, Jennifer and Tom.

President Robin Turnwall opened the meeting with prayer.

Agenda was set with additions.

Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve Myra/Lynda/Carried.

Financial Secretary Report: Receipts were up for March. We received a \$300 donation for the Connection magazine. And we also received donations for LBIM and the memorial account.

Treasurer's Report: Reported the General Fund is now in the black again. The fee for the Simply Giving program is increasing and will no longer be run through Thrivent.

Motion to approve Financial Reports: Russ/Judy/Carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor provided us with hopeful scripture passages: Romans 15:13, Colossians 1:26-28, 1Peter 1:3, Titus 2:11-14, 1Timothy 4:10. He also reminded us that May 4th is National Day of Prayer. Detroit Lakes will hold two services: Courthouse at 12 noon and Faith Lutheran at 7 pm. Pastor will participate in the service at Faith Lutheran.

Committee Reports:

**President Robin:* Reminder of the Church Transition meeting on April 27th at 6 pm with Shepard of the Lakes and Don Suiter.

**Deacons:* Still need readers for May.

**Trustees:* Need a work day to clean branches in cemetery. West and south sides of church need painting. Lynda will look up bids we got last fall. Painting project will be discussed further.

**Education:* Looking at having VBS in August this year.

Endowment Meeting April 5, 2017

Members present: Chad, Lynda, Linda, Judy and Orin.

Chairman Chad brought meeting to order with the Lord's Prayer.

Treasurers report by Linda K: Ended 2016 with \$8066 in checking. After receiving first quarter Thrivent funds checking balance is now \$9,610 as of March 31st.

Two request for funds were presented:

Aurora for Jersey shore mission trip. Approved for \$250. Linda/Judy/Carried.

Francis for house fire. Approved for \$250. Linda/Lynda/Carried. Meeting adjourned. Judy Gildersleeve, Secretary

Special Endowment meeting April 9, 2017

Members present: Lynda, Linda, Orin and Judy.

Members absent: Chad.

Special meeting to act on request for funds.

Okeson's for house fire. \$500 approved. Lynda/Linda/Carried. Meeting adjourned. Judy Gildersleeve, Secretary

Hello, Mousey here.



The Lenten and Easter season is past, but it gives us a renewal in our faith. Christ has Risen. Halleluiah! Some of the people that came for Easter hadn't been there for a while and it was great to see them. Maybe they will keep coming.

On May 28th, our Pastor Jim will deliver the sermon for the last time. We will greatly miss him, and miss his beautiful voice, when he does a solo or just singing with the congregation.

On May 7th we will be having our service at 11:00 a.m. with a dinner following. Lasagna and salad with garlic toast and a cake. Sharon and Judy will be doing the cooking and the congregation will do nothing but enjoy. We hope to see a lot of the members there that day as we honor Pastor Jim. We will also miss Barb's cheerful personality, her playing the harp and filling in for Jennifer.

See you in church! Mousey

National Day of Prayer



Thursday, May 4th
12:00 Noon
First Lutheran Church

Or

7:00pm
Faith Lutheran Church
24688 County Hwy. 6

Bars and refreshments following!

**“O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! Lord, Hear and Act!
For Your Sake, O My God..” Daniel 9:19**



Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, May 9th, 2:00pm
Hostess: Nancy Bromley

All women are welcome to attend!



Thank you to everyone who helped set up, donated, worked and bought at the rummage and bake sale. It was a great success.

Thank you to Les for helping organize everything.



Adult Sunday school classes 8:30am
Title
"Old Age Saints"

Get a cup of coffee and come and join in!

Kids EVENTS

Sunday School 8:30am—9:30 am
Sunday Mornings

YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday, May 3rd will be the last Youth Night for the summer

May Lectionary

May 7	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 14	Acts 6:1-9; 7:2a, 51-60	Psalm 146	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 21	Acts 17:16-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 28	Acts 1:12-26	Psalm 68:1-10	1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11



May Worship Volunteers

Reader:

Ushers:

Greeters: Karen Lundberg

Communion Server: Myra Eastman

May Sunday Coffee Servers:

- May 7: John & Judy Gildersleeve
- May 14: Carl & Pam Greiger
- May 21: Jan & Ron Anderson
- May 28: Jim & Barb Osvold



Lund and Area Happenings:

Thursday, May 4th National Day of Prayer Noon First Lutheran & at Faith Lutheran at 7:00pm.

Sunday, May 7th **Worship Service 11:00 with Communion 9:45am. Farwell Retirement Dinner for Pastor Jim & Barb after the service.**

Tuesday, May 9th Women's Bible study 2:00pm.

Wednesday, May 10th Methodist Church Rummage Sale 7am—1pm

Thursday, May 11th Council Meeting 7:00 pm.

Friday, May 12th Grace Lutheran Spring rummage sale 8am—Noon.

Sunday, May 14th Sunday School 8:30 for children Worship Service 9:45am. **Happy Mother's Day!**

Monday, May 15th Feed My Starving Children Bagley 7-9pm. (see below)

May 21st Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

Wednesday, May 24th News letter articles due.

May 29th Worship Service 9:45am. Pastor Jim's last day to preach.

Pastor Jim no longer has a home phone and any calls should be to his cell phone at 701.238.8172.

“Feed My Starving Children”



May 15th in Bagley, Minnesota

at the hockey arena

Lund will be participating from 7:00—9:00pm

Let Robin know if you are interested in volunteering.

Birthdays:

May

- 1. Chad Okeson
- 13. Vince Root
- 18. John Downs
- 29. Maria Sauer
- 31. Paul Okeson



Anniversaries:

May

- 21. Russell & Carol Okeson
- 25. Vern & Mary Riehle





You are invited

to a Farewell

Retirement Dinner

for Pastor Jim & Barb

On Sunday, May 7, 2017

Fellowship Hall at Lund Lutheran Church

Worship Service that day will be at 11:00 am

The Dinner after the service.

Sunday, May 30th will be Pastor Jim's last day to preach.