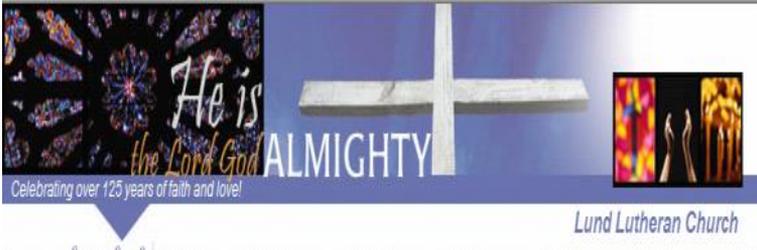


Lund Newsletter



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Pastor Message November 2015

“Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Jesus was asked “What is the greatest commandment (or law)?” He responded, ***“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”***³⁸ ***This is the first and greatest commandment.***³⁹ ***And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’***⁴⁰ ***All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.***” (Matt. 22:37-40)

I hear these words and most heartily agree with them. Love God and love my neighbor—that sounds like a great recipe for a better world! Of course the difficult part seems to be doing so “with all your heart, soul, and mind.” I believe that anyone would agree that love is the soul remedy for the pain of this world. But the love being defined here is not an emotion but it is an act of benefiting others even at the cost of the “lover.” Certainly the lover may sense a great emotion of joy, care and accomplishment in giving such love, but the ultimate gain is for the recipient.

Jesus spoke of such love just before his crucifixion: ***Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*** (John 15:13) We again may whole heartedly agree—for a great friend whom we love we might even give the ultimate sacrifice. Yet, Jesus love was extended to all who were not yet his friends. He gave his life to make enemies into friends. Sinners are enemies of God. Our sin places us in a rebellious state against Him. Al Capone was known as “public enemy #1” in the 1930s, why? Because he acted selfishly and murderously outside of the law that benefits our society. Did you know that Capone paid for Chicago soup kitchens to help those out of work? Many in Chicago thought he was a generous man and well liked, but that did not wipe out the terrible wrong he committed. He was still an enemy of our country.

As sinners we are enemies of God, ***“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*** Romans 5:8. I was recently asked by a parishioner if we are to love those who are part of ISIS. They are doing horrific things in the name of their god,

especially to Christians. But what does Jesus say? ***“You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,”*** Matthew 5:43-44 (NIV) We depend upon our government to rightly uphold and protect us against those who break laws and harm others, and I believe that when called upon by our nation to defend against enemies, we are obligated to that call. But at the same time we understand that the best way to stop an enemy is when they become your friend. That does not mean that we as Christians adopt their harmful ways, but that out of our sacrificial love for them, they will come to know the One who has love us.

I hope and pray that the world will become a better place. That’s the big picture, but then again, I wonder if our greatest challenge is much closer to home? What is our response when someone has said something unkind or insulting? How do we treat someone who has taken advantage of us, or not followed through on a promise? Do we treat them as enemies? Do we break off relationship, ignore them in social gatherings, secretly feel satisfied if they get their “just desserts”? Jesus said to love them and pray for them. He even said to forgive them.

November begins with the 1st designated as “National Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.” We are asked to pray for those who have been beaten, stole from, kicked out of their jobs, treated by their family as “dead”, just because they have given their lives to follow Jesus as their savior and lord. We must hear the words of Jesus and help them carry their burdens. Each of us must look for ways to come along side of those who are our brothers and sisters in Christ that are suffering for their faith. Please consider during the month of “Thanksgiving” to be active in living out Christ’s love for them. I suggest you visit the website **www.persecution.com** the official site for Voice of the Martyrs. Maybe you feel you have little to give, but it is always better to “light a candle and curse the darkness.”

The amazing thing that these persecuted Christians have said time and again, even in their midst of suffering, is that they request we pray for their enemies, love their enemies and help their enemies in their time of need. Why? Because they know it is the only way that their enemies will encounter the love of Christ and be changed from enemies of God to friends of God. This is the true solution for our hate torn world.

Lund Council Meeting
October 15th, 2015



Members present: Sharon W. Myra E. Karen H. Tom A. Carol and Russell O. Lynda H. Pastor Jim, Cindy Sauer.

Members absent: Robin and Jennifer T. Les and Donna H.

Sharon called the meeting to order with devotions about .

Sec. report read and approved. Russ made a motion to accept, Myra 2nd Financial Secretaries report and Treasurers report combined to be approved with an adjustment to the treasurers report to have the Women's Ministry fund pay for the exterminator instead of the general fund. Myra made a motion to accept, Tom 2nd. Karen will make adjustment.

Committee Reports:

Mission have not met

Education: Doing well in Sunday school

Endowment: Next meeting date is in Dec. Linda Kiehl / Cindy Sauer will be going off. They both have served two - 3 yr terms.

In need of Treasurer and President officers filled, including one person to join the church council as Cindy is on council and will be leaving the Endowment

Deacons: Lynda and Carol

Carol will check sign-up sheet for volunteers

Trustees: Russ, Tom, Donna

Russ and Tom changed light bulbs and installed shelves in storage building. Will be moving recycling bins to storage building in lieu of possible Fire Marshall codes. They will look into replacing back door dead bolt and door lock. Tabled to pay the rest of building expenses until next month to make sure all bills are in.

Pastors Report: LCMC theme "Our DNA" The proof of our DNA will be in the next generation of our congregation.

Confirmation Sunday, November 1st. Young adults being confirmed are: Jack Richards and Hannah Jacobson. Ladies will provide monetary gift and they will receive a cross and flower corsage. The pastor will also be doing a workshop with Jack and Hannah. The youth are studying "The Apostles Creed"

Living Waters well project- The pastor is showing video's during bible study Sunday mornings. Fall bible class will be studying the book of James and they will be starting a 7-week study on the Spirit World. All are welcome to attend 8:30 am Sunday mornings.

Pastoral duties: Pastor Jim has visited many members and would like to invite any of the congregation to join him if you would like to go visit.

Grand Parade of Lights: Monday, November 30th. Christmas parade in Detroit Lakes, we are in need of helpers to put together a float. Contact Cindy if you would like to help.

Meatball dinner: The pastor will host and sing upstairs. The dinner needs to be put on the agenda and finalized. We will be switching to paper plates. Note change date for making meatballs will be Friday, October 23, not Saturday. Please sign up to work and make pies. The pastor will be given complimentary tickets to hand out for a free dinner. Maria will make these and give to pastor.

Trunk and Treat: Saturday, Oct. 31st. 5 pm to 7 pm. Location will be the Lund church parking lot. Bonfire provided by Karen H. plus treats provided by Cindy. Maria S. made the flyer's, Sharon and Cindy did advertising. Everyone is invited. We are in need of more people with cars and treats. If you cannot attend please think of donating treats. They can be dropped off at the Church. Thank you!!

Milt E. requested an electric candle on Altar. Candle wick is hard to keep lit, and we are going through a lot of candles. An electric one is over \$800. Lynda H. checked on prices and candles so we will be looking at other options. We will be testing out options on Sunday service.

Meeting dates of Church council to be set for the 2nd Thursday of each month to be more consistent so members can plan their schedules accordingly. Note time change to 6:00 pm.

Thanksgiving service, November 24th, 2015 to be set at 7 pm.

October is National Bullying month. We were given an option to donate to an ad for the D.L. Newspaper. Voted No on this as Oct is just about over.

Dedication of New storage building will be held during the summer at one of our outdoor service times. Exact date to be determined later.

Ad on church website states children 6-12 yrs change to \$5 per meal instead of \$4. Linda K. will be asked to do this.

We will be going viral as the Pastor will ask Holly Okeson to set up a facebook site for us to post pictures and comments about church happenings. Make sure to visit this site. Thank you Holly for doing this for us.

Cindy S. will do devotions next meeting.
Next meeting date will be November 12th, 2015 at 6 pm. at Lund Church

Sharon adjourned the meeting with Pastor Jim saying prayers.

Kids EVENTS



**Sunday School
Come and Enjoy:
Bible Stories,
Crafts & Singing
Treats provided!
8:30am—9:30 am
Sunday Mornings**

Ages 3 years and up are welcome to attend.

YOUTH NEWS

**Attention Students
Youth Night Wednesdays**

**6:30 pm Supper
Talk & More 7 - 8:00PM**



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Lund Endowment Committee has camperships available for one time a year for members to attend Christian camp/LCMC retreats if funds are available. The amount will be 70 % of the cost up to \$225.00 upon approval of the committee. Applications can be found on the bulletin board in the entry way.

Here is an update that we received from Missionary Dan Venberg:

Hi Pastor Jim,

I will be leaving for Chad, Africa on the 11th of November. While there, we will be using the donations from Lund to install a new well in a needy community. Following is some basic information: Mafling-Brousse is a small community of Fulbe and Arab nomads who are settling down into a sedentary lifestyle and in desperate need of a well. This community will receive one, thanks to Lund's generosity. I had initially designated another community for this donation, but the state of the roads are going to postpone when that village will receive a well. My original designation for your church was Moudourou. They will still receive a well, but now it will be installed later in February through other donations. I will provide a report with pictures upon my return. Thank you Jim! And thank you Lund! Your partnership in this Living Waters Ministry has far reaching impact for God's Kingdom!

Dan Venberg

Dan, former missionary to Chad, is currently serving Lutheran Brethren International Missions as Mission Mobilizer and Recruiter. He is working to mobilize congregations to intentionally pray for and passionately engage the spiritually ripe harvest fields of Chad, Africa. He is looking for those who will answer the “call” of our Lord to go.

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Lund Women's Bible Study
Tuesday, November 10th
2:00 PM at Lund
Myra Eastman Serving

Come for Bible study and fellowship!
All women are welcome to attend!



Congratulations to
Brander and Emily Halver
On the birth of their son,
Jackson James.
Jackson was born Monday, October 12th
weighing 8 lbs, 20z.
Congratulations to first time Grandpa and
Grandma Halver also!

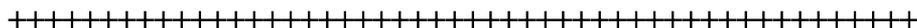
Our Sun Shine Lady is in need of birthday cards suitable
for men, youth, young children, and women. Put them in
Myra Eastman's mail folder. Thank you.



Taste of Lund 2015
Thank you for all your help and support.

November Lectionary

November 1	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
November 8	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 15	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
November 22	Daniel 7:9- 10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelations 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
November 29	Jerimiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thess. 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36



November Worship Volunteers

Reader: Cleo Johnson

Ushers:

Greeters: Willie & Lynda Hultin

Communion Server:

Communion Helper:



Sunday Coffee Servers:

November 1: Ron & Jan Anderson Confirmation Sunday

November 8: Joe & Sharon Westerholm

November 15: John & Judy Gildersleeve

November 22: Lorna Schons

November 29: Bill Gunderman & Jeanne Johnson

Lund and Area Happenings:

Sunday, November 1st Daylight savings time ends.

Sunday, November 1st Sunday School 8:30am, Worship Service with communion 9:45am.

Sunday, November 1st Confirmation Sunday.

Wednesday, Nov. 4 Youth Night 6:30pm Supper, Talk & More 7-8 pm.

Saturday, Nov. 7th Methodist Church Bazaar 9am-1pm.

Sunday, Nov. 8th Sunday School 8:30 am Worship Service 9:45 am.

Tuesday, Nov. 10th Women's Bible Study 2:00 pm.

Wednesday, November 11th Veterans Day. Thank a Veteran!

Wed., Nov. 11th Youth Night 6:30pm Supper, Talk & More 7- 8 pm.

Thursday, November 12th Council Meeting 6:00 pm.

Sunday, November 15th Sunday School 8:30, Worship Service with communion 9:45 am.

Wednesday, Nov. 18th Newsletter articles due into the office.

Wednesday, Nov. 18th Youth Night 6:30pm Supper, Talk & More 7- 8 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 22nd Sunday School 8:30, Worship Service 9:45 am.

Monday, Nov. 23rd , Tuesday, Nov. 24th, & Wed. Nov. 25th the church office will be open.

Friday, November 27th Church office will be closed.

Tuesday, Nov. 24th Thanksgiving Service 7:00 pm.

Wednesday, Nov. 25th No Youth Night.

Thursday, November 26th Happy Thanksgiving!

Sunday, Nov. 29th Sunday School 8:30, Worship Service 9:45 am.

Monday, Nov. 30th Grand Parade of Lights in DL 5—6:00 pm.

December 4, 5, & 6 Concordia Christmas Concert.

Volunteers Needed

to decorate the float for the *Grand Parade of Lights* on Monday, November 30th in Detroit Lakes.

We will also need people to ride the float. Talk to Sharon Westerholm or Cindy Sauer if you are interested in helping.

Birthdays:

- November 4.** Barb Beug
- 5.** Joy Schuler
- 7.** Russ Okeson
Jan Mills
- 8.** Mathew Mosher
- 11.** Marcy Erickson
- 19.** Pam Grieger
- 20.** Jake Okeson
- 21.** Jan Anderson
Joel Okeson
- 27.** Pam Ross



Anniversaries:

- November 4** Willie & Lynda Hultin
- 27 Eric & Belynda Nickolauson



God Bless you on your special day!

Hello there, Mousey here.

It sure is a busy time of year and God has given us beautiful weather.



The Taste of Lund was fabulous as usual, and I stored up some real goodies.

Now comes the Meatball Dinner and that is always good too. What a wonderful Church Family we have that does so much in putting it all together, making food, especially the Meatballs, making that good smelling coffee, serving it up, and cleaning it up. Takes a lot of people to do that.

I am really excited about the Trunk and Treat. I hope I can give out some candy too and what fun to see the kids come in costume, and maybe the big people will have costumes on too.

God has given us a lot of talent for our little church and we sure do put it to good use. What a Blessing! Thank you God!

Till next month, Mousey