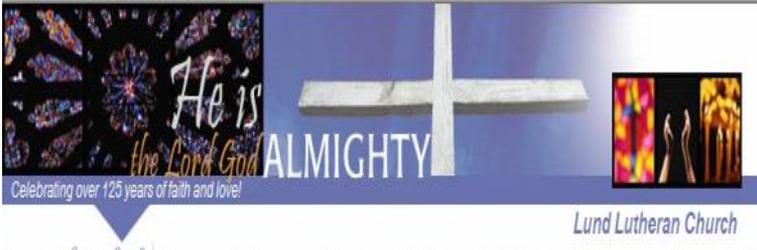


# Lund Newsletter



2020

*Lund Lutheran Church*

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*Pastor: Steve Bruer*

## *Pastor's Perspective...*

Wow! November is here already. I'm not sure I'm ready yet but I'm always amazed at how quickly the months go slipping by. Seems 2020 just got started and now has just flown by and before you know it, it will be Thanksgiving and hiccup; Christmas, then we will enter 2021! I'm learning that time accelerates as you age, or maybe it's me where I'm not as quick as I used to be.

**November means All Saints, Thanksgiving, elections, stewardship, and usually the beginning of Advent.** At least these are some of my associations as we move toward winter. Sundays – well, we begin November with All Saints and end November with Advent One, a new Church year.

As I write this article, there is snow on the ground outside, about 3-5 inches or so, and the temperature is reading a measly 22. A real sign that November is here and winter is just around the corner. Kind of makes one want to just stay inside and hunker down where it is warm and cozy. But we all know that we must venture out into the cold sometime during the day for one reason or another. But as we all know, this is Minnesota and we live by Forrest Gump's words, *"Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you are going to get next."* Doesn't that sound like a correct phrase for the weather? But, while the weather outside is cold there's a silver lining to be found; We can be thankful that God is still in control of everything, even the weather. And we should constantly give thanks for that promise!

Speaking of giving thanks, near the end of November we will celebrate an important holiday. No, not the beginning of the Christmas shopping season, but Thanksgiving. A time where we are to take a break from our busy lives to thank God for his love for us and for providing all that we need. Especially now during a pretentious presidential election and Coronavirus cases on the rise. And the reality is that Thanksgiving should not only be one day of the year to celebrate but every day of our lives should be lived in thanksgiving. Thank God that he has given us the promise that through thick and thin, he will never leave us to fend for ourselves. He has offered to be there when things get tough like the days we are currently in with all that's going on around us. Stop and thank him for always being there for us no matter what!

On a daily basis, God provides for us. Every day! God gives the seed, along with rain and sunshine to cause the seed to grow. God gives health, strength and life itself. God gives grace and eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ to all who look to Him in believing faith.

Did you ever stop to consider why God blesses us so abundantly? He does so for one simple yet profound reason: Because **He loves us**. In fact, the prophet Jeremiah tells us that God loves us with an “everlasting love,” that is, His love knows no beginning and no end. It is God’s love for us that causes Him to provide for us all that we have. And Christ demonstrated the Father’s love by dying on the cross of Calvary to redeem us “*while we still were sinners*” (Rom. 5:8). What then should be our response to God’s love and provision?

The answer is simple. We should live our lives with thanksgiving to God for all he has done and for all that he promises to do in the days ahead. And in November we have the opportunity to give him thanks through a special worship service. But like I said earlier, it shouldn’t just be one day to give thanks. Our entire lives should be lived with a grateful heart.

As you consider how God has blessed your life, please seek His direction concerning how you should respond. Remember, we have been “*blessed by God to be a blessing*.” Or as one anonymous author put it so succinctly, “*The greatest blessing comes to the one who freely gives and expects nothing in return.*”

Navigating through this November, let us be reminded again that God is still in control. I know that sometimes it may not seem like it but the bottom line is that he is! Take time to pause and give thanks to God.

Make it a habit to say a “Thank you” to God every day you wake up. When the stiffness, aches and pains take hold, thank God that you can feel. As you shave or apply makeup, look at the face in the mirror and thank God that you are unique. As you brush your teeth, thank God that you have teeth. If you wear dentures, thank God for the technology and people who make dentures. “*When you wash your face,*” as Martin Luther said, “*remember your baptism.*” You are a child of God. When you are reading your Bible and at worship with fellow believers, thank God for sending His one and only Son, Jesus who is the Christ, to save you from sin, death, and the power of the devil; that you have the privilege and freedom to gather openly with others to worship for that purpose.

Live your life in thanksgiving to God every day!!!!

Thanksgiving for God,

*Pastor Steve*

Lund Church Council Minutes  
October 14, 2020

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

President Russ called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Russ Olson - Porch Light

**Additions to agenda:**

**Secretaries report :** See report in newsletter - Myra motioned to accept report, Russ 2nd

**Financial Secretary report:** Myra - See report in Newsletter

**Treasurers report:** Karen - See report in Newsletter Accepted financial reports as given

**Pastors report:** Sign painter had an accident so needed to return the Church sign for out front. Not able to repaint at this time. Pastor has been tracking numbers for COVID. Thanks everyone for bearing with us by coming to church outside. Other people from all over are attending Church services on the Church facebook site.

**Presidents Report:** A call to Bill Gunderman to see how he was doing. He has to learn how To walk again, doing therapy, good spirits. Bill said Thank you for cards. He very much appreciates them.

**Education:** None

**Deacons:** None - Pastor suggested that if there are readers, come up to the front on the last verse of the song so not so much silent time.

**Mission:** None

**Endowment :** Kitchen request cancelled. Women do not need return of Monies at this time. Will set up time for a final update about kitchen.

Trustees: Sign out front being put back up.

Women's report: See report in Newsletter

Quilters making lap fiddlers quilts -will be giving those to memory care Unit in Nursing home. Reports accepted

## **Old Business:**

Church services - Discussion

\*Facebook services - Go live with Pastor Steve-Jennifer and Robin taping inside the church with Pastor at podium and Jenni for playing music.

\*We have pre-packaged grape juice communion cups- 500 count

\*Laney's report HVAC proposal. Furnace and heater, stand alone unit Located in entry way. Overflow would need another stand alone unit. \$3,494 installed for 3 units. Stand alone units are on back order now. Other unit is available. Karen made a motion to accept all units for Church, Myra 2nd. 9 members passed, 1 member apposed. Motion passed to go forward. Russ will contact Laney's.

\*Church services - Move to Facebook when weather is bad. Pastor/ Russ will call council if bad Weather to implement calling list. November 22nd move to Facebook, earlier if bad weather.

Church of the Lakes Publication Magazine. Publication is put out for 2 years. 2021 will Have new magazine. The newspaper will get in touch with us for changes before printing.

## **New Business:**

Military Bible sticks for Veterans- \$25.00 each- Every dollar given in November will be matched by the company providing the Bible sticks. Pastor has 2 in his office. \$375.00 collected last year. It was Suggested that the Mission committee Match up to \$500.00 for every Bible stick purchased from congregation. And the company providing the Bible sticks will match that as well. Myra motioned to match up to \$500.00, Karen 2nd. Discussion - Motion carried

Drive thru Taste of Lund: No activities allowed at church until further notice. Discussion- No motion made

November 1st Day light savings time. Turn clocks back 1 hour. "Fall back"

Thank you to everyone during this time of change with COVID. All are appreciated. Next meeting date: November 11th, 2020 @ 6 p.m.

Devotions: Lynda

Russ adjourned the meeting. Pastor lead us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cindy Sauer, Secretary

Lund Lutheran Church Special Meeting  
September 30, 2020

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

President Russ Okeson called meeting to order Pastor led us in prayer.

We were given printed Information from our President about deciding to offer in-person Services and activities, and a preparedness plan- faith based, singing regulations, facilities and buildings to look over.

Discussion about the letter sent out about having church inside and what our plans are about the cold weather and opening up the church. Went over summary of responses; 1st and 2nd choices; comments from congregation.

Not to exceed 50% capacity

Masks required

Poor ventilation - Laney's will do an air circulation check

Have to think about our congregation - health related issues - age

Using the basement and other areas of the church for seating

Shortened services

Organist

Facebook

Pastor—Jennifer & Robin taping services with Jennifer playing music

Discussion: October if weather ok - still stay outside. Come in side or decide in November. Keep doing what we are doing until the weather gets too cold.

Pastor will send a letter out stating we will be staying the same through October. Revisit next council meeting.

Discussion on purchasing pre-packaged communion cups. Cost: 500 count grape juice - \$194.95 this will be good for 5 months 500 count for wine—\$200.00 Discussion: Myra made a motion, Donna 2nd to let the Pastor order grape juice pre-pkg communion cups. Council members have been given a calling list in case of inclement weather. Council members Will call the families listed on their list to inform them about church services.

Pastor Steve and Jennifer are going to do a "Hymn of the Month" stay tuned and listen.

Pastor led us in Prayer We recited The Lord's Prayer.

Next Council meeting: November 14th, 6:00 p.m.

Russ adjourned the meeting

Hello there, Mousey here.



Is everyone getting pandemic overload?

We won't be together for a while, but I get tired of politicians running off at the mouth how they could fix it better. I know our county is getting pretty high in cases but still at 3 deaths. I don't like any but if we do everything to protect ourselves it should be OK. Everyone I know wears a mask and stays at home most of the time.

In about 1819 the Spanish Flu came through and took about 100,000 lives too. There were signs out that if you didn't wear a mask you went to jail. Sometimes I forget to put my mask on after being in the car between stores. I had to go back to the car to get it. Now I carry an extra in the pocket.

I have been praying a lot more. I think God likes to have us talk to Him. I have prayed for our church and our members every night when I go to bed. I also pray for our government that things get better and life isn't so political. Please keep on keepin' on, talking to God whenever you get the urge. He will be there for us.

Love you all,

*Mousey*

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All Saint's Day was on November 1st.

Listed below are the people who we remembered. Please pray for them and their families and all who have lost loved ones this past year.

Jim Alexander  
Dan Emerson  
Neal Hedlund  
Maxine Smith  
Richard Stearns

John Anderson  
Charyl Hahn  
Roger Hollerud  
David Stearns  
Shirley Wardak

## **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](mailto: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)**

You can find daily devotions at: [www.lundlutheran.org](http://www.lundlutheran.org)  
Devotion tab

Check the website for announcements: [www.lundlutheran.org](http://www.lundlutheran.org)



# HOPE FOR OUR HEROES!

Thank you to everyone who donated money for the Bible Sticks for the military.

We received 11 donations \$275.00 Lund will match. Once received by Faith Comes by Hearing, they will match the amount that Lund send in.

If you would like a Bible stick, Pastor Steve has two. They are free!

**On November 8th we will honor our veterans during the service.**

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## Lund Women's Mission 9-30-2020

Balance brought forward: \$3,184.05

### Income:

Donations for new kitchen \$100.00

Reimbursement from Ferguson  
Returned a sink didn't use. \$596.75

We Care: 15.83

Total for income \$712.58

### Expenses:

Reimbursed church  
For dish soap \$73.70

Hobart:  
For checking dish washer \$242.50

Total for Expense: -\$316.20

Balance in Checkbook \$3,580.43

Quilters Balance: \$594.45



Thank you to everyone who are sending 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!**

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During these “struggling” times reach out to each other. Some of our members are shut-ins; some are alone; some are **lonely**, send a card, or phone calls to lift others up. I know most of us pray regularly for our members but a one-on-one outreach could build up someone who is lonely especially with a card that can be kept and looked at again and again. Maybe God is asking us to reach out and keep each other close during these trying and gloomy days.



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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

# Happy Birthday

- November 4 Barb Beug
- 5 Joy Schuler
- 7 Jan Mills  
Russ Okeson
- 10 Megan Anderson
- 11 Marcy Erickson  
Nora Towers
- 13 Christine Gemlo
- 15 JoAnn Flaa
- 20 Jake Okeson
- 21 Joel Okeson  
Jan Anderson
- 22 Sheila Bower



# Happy Anniversary

- November 4 Willie & Lynda Hultin
- 18 Russ & Carol Olson
- 27 Eric & Belynda Nickolauson



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!

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*thank you!*

Thank you to Pastor Steve and everyone for all the calls and cards while I was at Pelican Valley Health Center. I am at home now. "There is no place like home"!

Bill Gunderman

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**Worship Service**  
Sundays 9:30 am

**Pastor Steve Bruer**

**Communion on the**  
1st & 3rd  
Sundays of the month

**Church Office Hours**  
9:30—12:30  
Wed & Thurs.

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