

GOOD NEWS

APRIL
2019

Lord of Life
Lutheran
Church
(ELCA)

Worship Schedule

Sunday 9:00 am
& 10:30 am
Wednesday 6:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00 am-12 pm
1:00 pm-3 pm

Ministers

The Lord of Life
Family of Faith

Pastors

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Lasting Hope

*"This I believe – that I will see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:13-14*

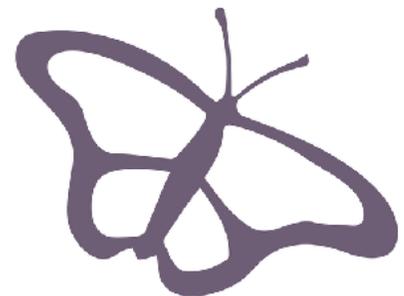
It's April and we still find ourselves in the middle of Lent—still on the journey to the cross and grave, yet signs of Spring and life beginning to bud all around us. Waiting is hard. The journey is long. But I love the wisdom and confidence of the psalmist, that even though we experience trials and difficulties in life, even though we struggle at times to make sense of the world around us, even when the darkness of our own thoughts and hearts are heavy, we need only to look around. We need only to lift up our eyes and see that all around us in the land of the living, there are signs of God's presence and promise and provision. Signs of our lasting hope.

One sign of God's goodness that I am looking forward to this year will come from seeds planted last summer. The seeds were a gift from Levi Schuld's family. Little Levi, who died at the age of 7, loved monarch butterflies. At his funeral, on May 7 of 2018, every guest received seeds to plant in order to grow a butterfly garden so that each of us in our times of longing, darkness and despair, can see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. I cannot wait for the butterflies to return, for those signs of hope and new life to flutter all around and lift our spirits.

Blessings in this month as we journey not only to the cross and grave, but through them to Easter hope and resurrection joy and the promise of new life.

With a lasting hope,

Pastor Erika



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Deb Bergstrom RN
Parish Nurse
deb.bergstrom@lolbaxter.org

Dear Friends,

This month I want to highlight our SAIL (Staying Active in Life) class. March 19th marked our one-year Anniversary of offering this class! From the onset it has been growing and we now average 18 people every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We are so happy that we not only have members of our church, but community members too!

We do a warm up, aerobics, strength training with or without weights, balance and flexibility exercises. The class is free to anyone and we do have weights that people can use. Val Jones and I are certified SAIL leaders and we work with CrowWing Energized and Central Minnesota Council on Aging to provide this class. I think I can speak for Val, that we are so humbled and thankful for everyone who participates!

Our class gives us energy, motivation and a few laughs now and then! Our participant's age range is from the 60's to the 80's! We have seen successes with muscle strength, balance and endurance. Val and I also want to send out a big thank you to Pr. Steve and Pr. Erika for their support and Sid Johnson, Steve Jones and Jerry Bergstrom for building the cart to hold our weights!

Come join us anytime, we meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 am-10 am in the Commons!

Blessings,

Deb Bergstrom Parish Nurse
Val Jones, SAIL Leader



7 am
9 am
10:30 am



Join us for Easter Breakfast
after the 7 am Worship Service!



Sunday's Lessons

April 7

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126;
Philippians 3:4-14; John 12:1-8

April 14

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56

April 21

Easter

Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 114;
1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Luke 24:13-49

April 28

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29
Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

Prayers for Strength, Comfort and Healing for...

Becky Bennett, who is now in remission.

Seth Pederson, son-in-law of Bruce & Carol Femling, who has cancer of the liver and is having further tests done.

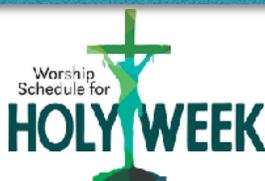
Tonya, Rick & Renzen Caughey.

David Schliek, who has stage 4 cancer.

Bruce Femling, as he recovers from a single lung transplant.

Our members & family in the Military:

Eric Nelson, James Nelson, Aaron Sopelle, Ben Correll



Palm Sunday: April 14
9 am & 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday: April 18
12 pm & 7 pm

Good Friday: April 19
12 pm & 7 pm

Knitting During Church

If you listen better when you are doing something with your hands, we invite you to take a scarf from the basket and knit a few rows during worship. After worship, return the scarf to the basket. Completed scarves will be put on the Giving Tree and the person receiving this scarf will be blessed by the many hands that knitted it and prayed over it.



Clean Out Your Closets!

Lord of Life is having its annual Rummage and Bake Sale on **May 10th and 11th**, and we would love if you would donate those items to our sale. Please put aside gently used items for the sale and drop them off Sunday, May 5 from 11:30 am - 3 pm and Monday, May 6, and Tuesday, May 7, from 8 am - 8 pm. We do not take TV's, computers, or adult clothing, kids' and junior clothing are welcome. Mark your calendars and come and help with this fun event.

Treasure Trove Thursday

Exclusive sale event LIMITED to 50 people. Shop without crowds and get first pick. Thursday, May 9th, 5-7 pm ONLY. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Children under the age of 12 are free with a paid adult. Tickets will be on sale at the church office starting Monday, May 6th, 8 am-4pm or at the door if any tickets are still left.



Trevor Michael Christenson
March 9, 2018

Parents: Dustin & Megan Christenson

This Month on your Connection Cards

Would you like to help out with Kids Time? We are looking for leaders and helpers to take children after the Children's Sermon and lead them in a bible story and crafts.

Prayer Chain - Join the Prayer Chain group and pray for those in our congregation. We require a commitment of each member to attend at least one prayer chain in-service during a 12-month period. Please mark the back of your Connection Card if you are interested in attending a future training.

Summer Watering Crew - Join the Summer Watering Crew this summer and take a week to help with watering the shrubs and flowers around LOL. Watch for sign-ups coming out soon!

serveCAMP - July 22-25—9 am to 3 pm, with an optional 7 pm - 10 pm and/or overnight. serveCAMP, a Middle School Mission "trip", is for students who will be entering grades 5-8 in the upcoming school year. Kid's will be building trust, helping others, growing in faith and having fun. There will be activities during the day, a break in the afternoon, and an option to return in the evening for night games, campfire and camping in Lord of Life's backyard. More information and registration details coming soon!

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 7 at 9:45 am. Free-will donations go towards our youth going on the mission trip in July.



Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast

Join us Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at LOL, for great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. If you have any questions contact Wendy Adamson at wendyadamson@ymail.com.



April Youth Update



Spring has arrived! It is time to start thinking about wrapping up programming during the school year and look forward to the summer ahead. Make sure to mark your calendars and look for sign-ups to launch in May for our summer programs!

Carpet Crew Remodel:

Check out these photos of the carpet project. Thank you to this crew who spent some time over their spring break volunteering to help remove the old carpet! Great Job!



Confirmation - One Month Remaining!

Confirmation classes wrap-up May 1st and will take a break over the summer. 9th graders will be busy assisting in Worship over this next month and processing the stories and lessons from Lent. Our 7th & 8th graders will be busy diving into the New Testament for their remaining study!



Middle School Youth Group Last Night April 28th:

5th - 8th graders come check out youth group on Sunday nights from 5:30 pm-7:00 pm. As the weather changes, be ready to get outside and enjoy the spring weather! Join your friends for an action filled evening & Bible study!

Summer Program Spotlight: Summer Stretch & serveCAMP: Summer Stretch Program starts June 6th:

Summer Stretch is a special program for those participating in Confirmation in the upcoming school year. This program ties in with Lord of Life's mission statement extremely well. It is an opportunity for young people to Connect with Christ (short study), to Connect with the

Community (doing service work), and to Connect to Each Other (fun summer activities). Join us Thursday's in June & July for this great program!

serveCAMP: Week of July 21st-25th:

This is a Middle School "Mission trip", for students who will be entering grades 5th-8th in the upcoming school year. Kids will be building trust, helping others, growing in faith and having fun. There will be activities during the day, a break in the afternoon, and option to return in the evening for night games, campfire and camping in Lord of Life's backyard.

First Communion Class:

We have a great class working hard this month in preparation for their First Communion during Holy Week. This is a special time for families involved and our congregation, as together we continue to journey together in faith.



NE MN Synod Women of the ELCA Summer Convention/Gathering Sugar Lake Lodge, near Grand Rapids, June 24 - 26, 2019

“For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works...” Ephesians 2:10

Called to Serve - theme for the 2019 Summer Convention/Gathering

Spring Green - theme color

Ladies, we are calling all women of the Northeastern Minnesota Synod to the 2019 Summer Gathering. Your SWO board has planned another inspiring, faith-filled, joyful, and fun gathering that you won't want to miss! All of this, in addition to the important agenda items of selecting a new president, treasurer, five board members and delegates to the 2020 Triennial.

We are pleased to have Pastor Kim Sturtz of Grace and Emmanuel Lutheran Parish as the convention chaplain. She will conduct a workshop Bible study on our theme and you will also be able to visit or consult with her in the Prayer Room. Our worship services include Holden Evening Prayer on Tuesday and Worship with Holy Communion on Wednesday morning. Plus, you will again be able to sing in or listen to our choir!

We have some great workshops and have planned it so that even those attending as voting members will have an opportunity to attend at least one. Some of the topics are: “Comparing Denominations-A History of Christian Differences”, “Rebuilding Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria”, “Rising Hope Foundation-Freedom Ranch”, “The Blanket Exercise: The Indigenous Rights History We’re Rarely Taught”, “The Cup of Your Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth”, a “Visit With the Church-wide Rep” and the Bible Study.

Monday evening, while the First Plenary is in session, non-voting attendees will be able to enjoy a social meet-and-greet evening. Pastor Andy Berry will be back serving his home-brewed beverages to taste and rate! There will be coffee, tea and cocoa available as well. Tables will have sheets of conversation starter topics that should get some good dialogue going and a way to meet your synod sisters. If you are feeling creative, you can bring your beverage down to the Maple Room where a variety of coloring pages and pencils will be available for you to color and converse away!

Tuesday night will be filled with a variety of activities as well. One Little Piggy Sign Co. will be on site to hold a class on sign painting. All participants will leave with their own handmade sign. The cost is \$30 and will require pre-registering and payment online at www.onelittlepiggy.com/book-online. There is no limit to class size at this time. Other fun activities that you can enjoy at no cost are: Learning to kayak with Sharon Schwegel. This class size is limited to five participants and we will have a sign-up sheet for those lessons at the Registration table at Summer Convention/Gathering. We will also have Game Night with card tables, games, cards and puzzles available. And for those who enjoy the outdoors, we still have the campfire with singing and s'mores!

The In-Kind focus is School Kits and the Convention Offering will go to Freedom Ranch (Rising Hope Foundation). The Triennial Marketplace will be open again and we encourage you to bring items for the Buy it Now area or a basket or other items for the Silent Auction with proceeds going towards defraying expenses for those attending the 2020 Triennial Gathering in Phoenix.

Your Sisters in Christ,

Pat Norby and Leigha Lange,
Convention/Gathering Co-Chair



Dear Friends,

In Romans 12:11 it says, "Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord." When I read this verse it spoke to me about our Stephen Ministry Class. We have met for 4 weeks and on March 23 we will have our first one-day retreat. Every time we meet we feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and each module certainly inspires us to keep our spiritual fervor up!

Our modules include role playing, group discussion and prayer. It is so inspiring to listen to the discussions, problem solving and the total commitment by the members of our class. Because Stephen Ministry is a lay ministry based on the premise that all of us are ministers, the responsibility for passing on God's love is for all Christians, not just a few. God has given us all gifts for ministry and called us to put these gifts to use. Maybe you haven't felt the call to be a Stephen Minister, but there are so many other ways to support this ministry! Some ways are spreading the word about our program, think about people who may be a great Stephen Minister or who may need one and of course donations are always welcome for supplies.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support for this ministry!

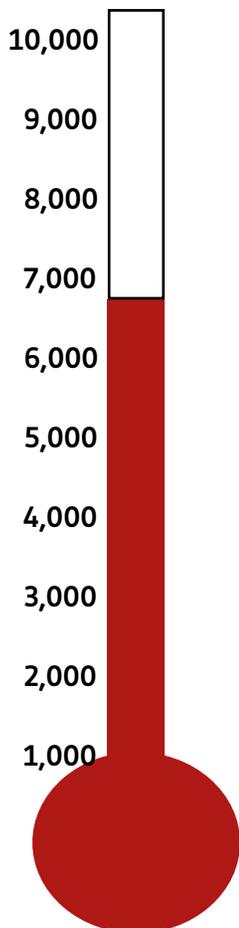
Blessings,

Pr. Erika Nilsen
Lolly Kalinoski
Deb Bergstrom



stephen
MINISTRY

Fund the Furnace Campaign



Many of you know that in January, during the coldest week of 2019, one of the furnaces at Lord of Life broke down after 25 years of service, and was found to be beyond repair.

The cost to replace that furnace was \$5,000. We will need another \$5,000 when Spring arrives for the air conditioning portion of the HVAC system. Simply put, Lord of Life does not currently have that amount of money in a dedicated furnace fund.

We have received a total of \$6,697. We thank everyone who has contributed so far! We will happily accept donations in any amount. No matter what the amount of your donation, you will be a blessing to all of us by keeping all who worship and work in this beautiful building warm in the winter and cool in summer.

We have an idea of how to raise the funds for the balance of the money needed for the furnace and air conditioning, and also to create a dedicated maintenance fund of our current HVAC systems.

If each of Lord of Life's 370 contributing families donated just \$30 toward the furnace fund we would raise \$11,100, giving us enough to not only pay for the HVAC, but to also put money into the Long Term Repair Fund. We would like to raise this money in the next few weeks.

A thermometer will be posted in the Narthex and each week in the bulletin as a visual aid so that everyone can see the progress that we are making in our effort to raise the funds needed for the furnace.

You may place your donations in the offering baskets, specifying the furnace fund in the memo. You may also mail your donation or deliver it in person to Anne in the church office Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5 pm. You can also donate online at <https://tinyurl.com/LOLB-Furnace> or via the Push-pay App.



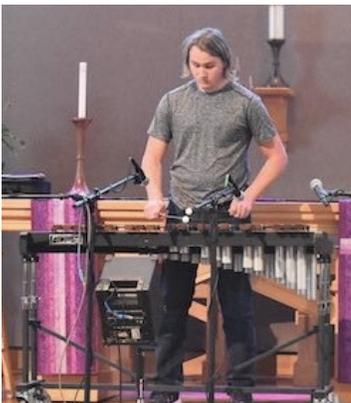
Hotdish & Hoopla



Thank you to everyone that attended Hotdish and Hoopla, we had a great night of food and entertainment!

A big thank you to everyone that performed and showed us your talents, they were wonderful! We had music written and performed by Macy and Attly Speer and Brady Zierke. We also had performances by Jacob Borgstrom, Rezen Caughey, Teresa Kingsley, Jaclyn Lorentz, Beck and Bryan Barber, EveryDaySon Day Band, One Night Stand Band, and Kaysie Carlson showed us how to make our own toothpaste. Thank you to our wonderful MC's Guy Kelm and Tim Slinger and to our Sound and Tech guys: Bob Nelson & Keith Binggeli.

All money raised will go to the Youth Mission Trip this summer.



Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting Mn Adult & Teen Challenge.

Each day your partnership plays a crucial role in the support we are able to offer at our Brainerd campus. Your generosity has brought restoration and hope to our residents.

We are grateful for the difference you have made. Your impact allows our clients and their families to move toward a brighter future.

May God bless you,

Carolyn

Dear Members of Lord of Life Lutheran Church,

Greetings from Luther Crest. Thank you for your continued partnership. Your gift of \$308 makes a huge difference in our ministry.

Camp these days is bustling with winter retreat activity and preparations for Summer 2019. We are getting more and more summer registrations and busy interviewing and hiring our 2019 Summer Staff Team as well.

In addition, we recently launched the Rise Up Campaign to remove our debts from our cabin, dining hall, chapel and green space projects and to set Luther Crest on a strong foundation for the future.

Your continue support makes a difference! Thank you for your generosity.

Check out www.luthercrest.org for the latest news from camp. Feel free to stop by for a visit anytime.

Blessings to you,

David Holtz
Executive Director

Dear Lord of Life,

Thank you for the \$450 worth of gift cards donated by your church (Pray & Ponder). Your generosity has helped us make the holidays brighter for so many of our families. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

The Staff and Board of the
Mid-Minnesota Women's Center

Dear Lord of Life,

Thank you for your support of the Radiothon to End Child Abuse. We are writing to confirm receipt of your donation to the Radiothon in the amount of \$500. For more than two decades, the Radiothon to End Child Abuse, presented by the stations of Hubbard Radio, has raised awareness about child abuse prevention and collected funds to support prevention efforts in North Central Minnesota. We are grateful for your part in making this a unique and powerful effort again this year.

Your gift will be put in motion through various programs of Child Abuse Prevention Councils and child Protection Teams across the Radiothon listening area, as well as through the efforts of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota.

Prevention happens when individuals and communities are empowered to support parents and nurture children. Some examples of prevention work include peer-led support groups for parents, parent leadership and mentorship programs, and education about childhood development and resilience-building for parents, families, and community members.

We are grateful that you recognize the need to offer support to every family and keep child abuse and neglect from happening, with your support we will continue to broaden our reach improve outcome for families. To stay connected to the work of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, sign-up for our newsletter at www.pcamn.org.

Sincerely,

Shelley Jacobson
Chief Executive Officer

Dear Lord of Life,

Thank you for your gift of \$250 to Lutheran Disaster Response.

With the Spirit-filled generosity you bring help and hope to families and communities reeling from disaster here in the United states and around the world. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of needs, your gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response make possible short and long-term recovery and rebuilding of lives and livelihoods.

Thank you for sharing the gifts God has activated in you!

With you in the Spirit,

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Lord of Life Lutheran Ministry Opportunities

Connecting to Christ

Circle, Martha - Meets the second Tuesday of the month off site at 7:00 p.m. (August-June) For more information contact Mary Anderson 330-6171 maryteda@charter.net

Circle, Sarah - Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. (Sept-May) at Lord of Life. For information contact Bugs Schmidt 829-3864 shmidye@icloud.com

Men's Breakfast - Fridays, 7:30 a.m. at LOL for Bible study, fellowship, fun and food - Ted Anderson 218-831-1372

Men's Fellowship - Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. at LOL for Bible study, fellowship and fun - Ted Anderson 831-1372

New Member Class - For individuals and families interested in joining Lord of Life. Childcare is provided upon request. - Pastor Steve 828-9374 steve@lolbaxter.org

Pray & Ponder Women's Breakfast - A gathering of women on one Saturday each month, 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. in the Commons. (Oct.-May). Experience great food, conversation, inspiration and prayer. Contact Wendy Adamson at wendyadamson@ymail.com

Prayer Chain - Faithfully lift up in prayer the needs and concerns of our church family and their loved ones. Contact Lolly Kalinoski at 828-3699.

Connecting to our Community

Caring for Creation Workgroup

We will meet from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. The Caring for Creation Workgroup on ecology and the environment is grounded in a biblical vision of God's intention for the healing and wholeness of creation. This group will meet to discuss ways to help take care of God's Creation. Contact Todd Holman with any questions at tholman@tnc.org.

Habitat for Humanity - Scott Hall, (w) 828-8517- scott.hall@lakesareahabitat.org

LOL Quilters - The LOL Quilters will meet Thursdays, from 9 am to 12 pm. Quilts are made for our graduating seniors, local charities and special requests. Thursdays are used for quilt designing, packaging into kits for LOL volunteers to sew into quilt tops, and also for tying and binding. Sewing experience is not required! If you have any questions you can contact Jan Hardesty at 218-828-1434.

Prayer Shawl Group - Meets 3 to 4 times a year. Anyone who is interested in this wonderful ministry is welcome to join our group. Please contact Jeannine zumBrunnen 829-2177- zummyb@brainerd.net or Brenda Johnson 831-9725- brensid@brainerd.net. Check our website at www.shawlministry.com for more information.

Soup Kitchen - Serving meals at Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen (923 Oak St., Brainerd), first Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. - To volunteer contact Nancy Smith (820-4273) or sign-up on the clipboard in the Narthex.

Connecting to Each Other

Sunday Evening Book Discussion Group meets on alternating Sundays at 6:30 p.m. (Sept. - May). All book lovers are welcome. Contact: Jerry Kuehn at 218-820-8566.

Monday Afternoon Book Group will meet at 1:00 p.m. each Monday (Sept. - May). For more information contact Nancy Smith 820-4273.

Tuesday Morning Book Group This group meets on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. and focuses on studying biblical books to expand our knowledge of the Bible and grow in faith. Contact Claire Rud at paulclairerud@msn.com.

Caring Friends Ministry - Find out how to become a Caring Friend or to receive this ministry as you navigate life transitions. Meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Contact Jeannine zumBrunnen 829-2177 zummyb@brainerd.net

LOL Ministry Teams - Congregational Life, Children's Education, Adult Education, Evangelism, Finance, Property, Social Concerns, Stewardship, Worship, Youth - Pastor Erika 828-9374 erika@lolbaxter.org

LOLLY (Lots of Living Left Yet) - Meets the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m.; ages 55+ (Sept-May). Call Mary Anderson at 330-6171 or Ted Anderson at maryteda@charter.net for more info.

Pre-Marriage Retreat - For couples preparing for the joys and struggles of married life. This is a pre-requisite for couples planning to be married at LOL. The next retreat is April 13, 2019. For more information, contact Anne in the church office at 828-9374 or anne@lolbaxter.org

Wednesday Night Supper Prep & Serving - Assist with cooking and serving of our Wednesday evening meal. (Sept.-May) Contact the church office at www.lolbaxter.org

Those Older Folders - Our energetic group meets every Friday at 1:00 p.m. to fold bulletins for the Sunday services.

For updated information on the above events, check out our website: <http://www.lolbaxter.org>



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Lord of life Church Council Meeting Notes for February!

By Unanimous Consent: Approved

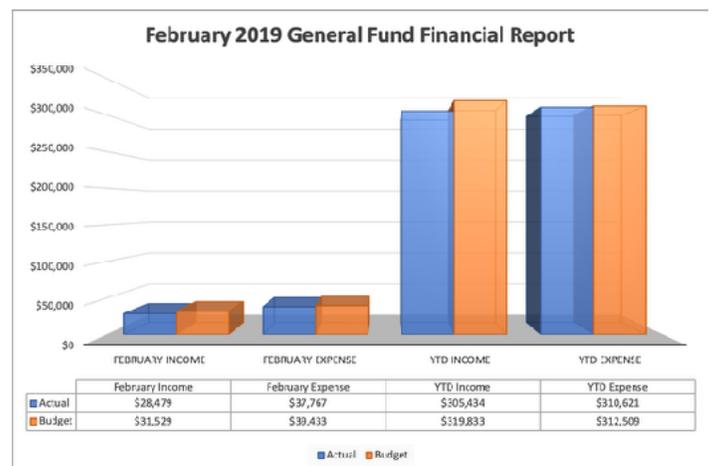
TO ADOPT – January 13, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes (CC.2019.2.2)
 TO APPROVE - Sending a check for \$2,713.00 from Account 9130(World Hunger) to the ELCA World Hunger Fund (CC.2019.2.3)
 TO APPROVE - Sending a check for \$2,000.00 from Account 9120(Hungry Jar) to the Sharing Bread Soup Kitchen (CC.2019.2.4)

Other Approved Motions:

Pastor Steve proposed motion for The Central MN Boys Choir to take a free will offering at some point, on the Sunday morning that they are singing in worship service, for the choir. The motion was seconded by Matt Feigum, all approved (CC.2019.2.10x)

Fund raising idea for Fellowship Hall furnace and air conditioner was brought to the Council via Pastor Steve from a member of the congregation. Steve will also direct staff on production of announcements for bulletins and newsletter, and special offering envelopes to be produced. (CC.2019.2.8)

Pastor Steve proposed motion to table discussion of Pasta Supper to the March Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Emilee Freed, all approved (CC.2019.2.9)



Meeting Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer

April Birthdays

- 1 Graycen Blum, Dawn Genz, Alex Getty, Melanie Helmrichs, Eric Jendro, Beckett Miller, Steve Schaitberger
- 2 Gary Engelmann, Annie Foss, Luke Swanson, Zach Olds
- 3 Elle Bruggeman, Nate Felix, Mike Fraki, Dorothy Nelson, Pat Saxum
- 4 Arabella Dumpprope, Joel Kingsley, Lisa Strelow-Kohls
- 5 Deb Cervantez, Bruce Jensen, Anadell Johnson, Mark Lange, Rick Smith, Hammy Staehling
- 6 John Davidson, Jim Larson, Lindley Mithun
- 7 Kim Erickson, Dorothy Karlson, Kay Rineck, Addison Selisker, Kaylin Vesely
- 8 Carol Blowers, Ernie Bruckner, Karli Knopf, Mary Jo Kobes, Alison Kohout
- 9 Ron Meyer
- 10 Hayden Carlson, Jocie Daniels, Simon Foss, Keaton Walkowiak
- 11 Katie Erickson, Abby Larson, Lynn Miller
- 12 Avery Davidge, Ethan Koering, Maura Halverson, Lauren Rud, Evan Shogren
- 13 Jerry Bruggeman, Arlo Hill, Lucas Hoglin
- 14 Pat Einarson, Daniel Nowacki, Kelcie Parrish, Jolene Parks
- 15 Mari Devine, Mike Marlatt, Nick Peterson
- 16 Jon Belanger, Luke Jacobsen, Mike Patrick, Molly Savage
- 17 Everett Grams, Bunny Window, Drew Whitlock, Ethan Wolfe
- 18 Gladi Eschenbacher
- 19 Ellie Hughes, Sandy Jensen
- 20 Debra Kron, Mel Nefstead
- 21 Jim Benson, Phyllis Campbell, Don Narveson, James Nelson, Rick Redshaw, Kathryn Tibbetts
- 22 Roland Anderson, Deb Bergstrom, Kelsey Binggeli, Carter Workman
- 23 Megan Christenson, Todd DeBoer, Amanda Myran, Caleb Patrick, Tara Smith
- 24 Tim Caughey, Eric Nelson, Amber Taylor
- 25 Hannah Drietz, Dalen Hodge, Sophia Hohman, Jana Shogren
- 26 Emily Bastian, Troy Fink, Ryan Goos, Sharon Syvertson
- 27 Dustin Christenson, Lucas Janey, Blake Smith
- 28 Irene Christofferson, AJ Gratke, Ron Hensel, Carlene Lange
- 29 ReNee Leonard, Teri Mackedanz, Austin Mau, Charlie Rude, Eric Rude, Iris Weihemuller
- 30 Levi Aadland, Kari Champion, Josh Freelove, Marcie Krall, Walker Peterson, Austin Rubin

April Anniversaries

- 4/3 Dalen & Lori Hodge❖
4/5 Dustin & Megan Christenson
Tim & Kaarin Hanske
4/7 Bob & Maxine Fromm❖
4/11 David & Renae Goos❖
Bruce & Sandy Jensen❖
4/12 Dennis & Teri Mackedanz
Tom & Lisa Patrick❖
4/16 Pat & Raquel Kiffmeyer
4/17 Rod & Deanna Kohout❖
Roger & Leisha Tietz❖
4/19 Mark & Carlene Lange❖
4/20 Troy & Lori Fink❖
4/23 Allen & Becky Braak
4/26 Chris & Kim Erickson
4/28 Wayne & Aleatha Knopf
4/29 Paul & Glenda Hoheisel❖

❖=Celebrating 24-49 years!

†=Celebrating 50 years or more!



Save the Date Spring Clothing Share

Friday, May 17 - 9 am to 3 pm and Saturday, May 18 - 9 am-12 pm. This event is open to the public and all items of clothing are free.

- Donations of all gently worn adult and children's clothing will be Monday, May 13-Wednesday, May 15, from 9 am - 3 pm.
- We are also in need of hangers and hanging clothing racks (you will get back).
- Volunteers are needed during the week for folding or hanging items and during the Giveaway.

Look for more information to come.

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WELCA Women's Heartland Conference

Join us at Bethesda Lutheran in Malmo on
Thursday, April 11, from 8 am to 12 pm.

If you would like to go and need a ride call
Brenda Johnson at 831-9725.