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Daylight Savings Time Begins



Our Mission:

Called to be shepherds, doing God's work, daily.

Greetings in the name of our Lord! May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance!

By now we have hopefully come to see very clearly that Scripture teaches us, through Law and Gospel, that we are justified before God by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, the one who was sacrificed on the cross for the sin of the world. However, there is one small issue that I find arises from the core of the Lutheran faith centered on the grace found in Christ. That issue is that grace, in and of itself is not something we can physically experience. We can say all we want that God's grace has been bestowed on us but until we are physically able to experience this it does not become real for us. It is almost like saying that you have had a savings account opened for you, but you are not able to physically touch that money nor are you able to see a bank statement verifying that fact. Unless we can experience it with any or all of our five senses, it just isn't real for us.

However, God has given us gifts in which we can physically experience the grace of God in Christ Jesus. These gifts are what Martin Luther commonly referred to as the means of grace, where as "means" here refers to the way things actually occur. When someone asks "by what means of transportation did you come?" we know that they are asking how it actually happened that they arrived, was it by car, train, plane, etc. And so when we talk about the means of grace we are talking about the ways in which we physically experience God's grace.

According to Lutheran teachings there are two means of grace: word and sacrament. That is through the holy word of God, i.e. Scripture, and through the two sacraments instituted by God, we are physically able to experience the grace God bestows on us through Christ Jesus. In the article Lutheranism 101 the means of grace is explained in this way: "When good news is preached, when someone is baptized, when we receive the Lord's Supper, grace happens." In other words, when we hear the good news, when we feel the water, when we taste and smell the bread and the wine, we know that we are physically experiencing God's grace.

With this understanding we can be certain that grace is not something that we have no connection to, but instead is something that we experience every time we come to worship, whether that be on a Sunday morning, at a midweek Bible Study, or by your own personal

English Lutheran 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Medina English Lutheran Church was held Sunday, January 24, 2015 after worship services in conjunction with a potluck dinner. Rory called the meeting to order.

Pastor Ryan gave the Pastor's report outlining many events that have taken place in the church this past year.

Rory also highlighted the many projects that took place in the church this year in his President's report. Some of the projects this year were the carillon bells, a new sound system, church directory, adding the weekly sermons on the church website and developing an endowment fund.

Minutes from last years annual meeting were read. Bill Well moved and Renae Olson seconded to approve the minutes, motion carried.

Financial report was presented and reviewed by the congregation. Irene Otto moved and Bill Well seconded to approve the report. Motion carried.

All other reports were presented and reviewed by the congregation. Janet Well moved and Janine Hofmann seconded to accept all reports. Motion carried.

Volunteers for church mission work for 2015 are:

Lutheran Social Services contact—Julie Opp
Red Willow Bible Camp—Tina Guthmiller
Global Missions Advocate—Janet Well
World Hunger Advocate—Kathy Hieb

Rory Hoffmann and Dwight Hofmann's terms have expired for church council. Two church members were nominated for the two empty seats. They were Jacob Hofmann and Darin Dockter. Bill Well moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for the two nominees. Arlyn Schmidt seconded, motion carried.

Bill and Janet Well will be Synod delegates to the Synod Assembly held in Fargo, April 18-19, 2015.

Two Council members will be chosen to attend Conference Assembly, November 1, 2015.

The church budget was presented and reviewed by the congregation. Kim Hoffmann moved and Gil Everding seconded to approve, motion carried.

There was no new business or old business brought before the congregation. Annual meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

A short council meeting to elect council officers for 2015 was held after the annual meeting. Officers elected:

President: Jacob Hofmann
Vice President: Jeff Morlock
Secretary: Scott Dockter
Treasurer: Janine Hofmann

Submitted by Scott Dockter, Council Secretary

Medina Youth Group News

MYG met on February 22 to partake in the annual Valentine Goodie Baking Day. With the help of Sue Reardon, Bill and Janet Well, Lindsay Hoffmann, Brody Graff, Madi & Jaycee Moldenhauer, Caity & Dani Eissinger, Kaitlynn Andres, and Maddie Kleven, this group made and delivered 32 plates of Valentine goodies to the elderly and “shut ins” of Medina. A huge thank you goes out to Janet Well and Sue Reardon for organizing this yearly event. It was definitely a sweet success.



MYG members discussed some possible events for the future. Events include a movie night, playing games with nursing home residents, and Sunrise Easter Service. The youth also talked about going to the Correctional Center in Mandan to attend church service one day. However, after later discussion with Pastor Ryan this event cannot take place due to regulations at the Correction Center. I am proud of our youth and their ideas for different ways to serve, have fun, and worship all in the Lord's name.

A big thank you goes out to everyone who has been supporting the fundraising efforts of the six youth going to the ELCA National Youth Group Gathering in Detroit this summer (coffee hour free will donations, Valentine fundraiser, Potato Bar & Silent Auction, and envelope drive donations). Your support is greatly appreciated. This group will also be serving soup and sandwiches before Lenten services and selling Patty's Pizzas soon.



Pizza's for Sale

The Youth going to the National Youth Gathering in Detroit will be selling Patty's Homemade Pizza's! Orders are needed by March 6. Call Pastor Ryan, Kim Hoffmann, or any of the youth going on this trip for varieties and to place an order!

BIRTHDAYS

March

Teresa Schelske	Mar 1st
Tina Guthmiller	Mar 6th
Morgan Irlmeier	Mar 7th
Lillian Higdem	Mar 8th
Robin Iszler	Mar 11th
McCall Dockter	Mar 13th
Jayse Christopherson	Mar 15th
Margaret Sam	Mar 16th
Vicky Andres	Mar 17th
Shawn Gefroh	Mar 22nd
Keisha Salinas	Mar 25th
Alex Eissinger	Mar 29th
Dale Wittmier	Mar 30th
Maddie Gefroh	Mar 30th

April

Joey Guthmiller	Apr 2
Daniel Olson	Apr 2
Alex Irlmeier	Apr 3
Lindsay Hoffmann	Apr 4
Martha Dewald	Apr 7
Janine Hofmann	Apr 9
Ceph Dockter	Apr 9
Teddi Shay Dockter	Apr 9
Bill Well	Apr 12
Cassie Eissinger	Apr 12
McKenzy Dockter	Apr 13
Travis Guthmiller	Apr 20
Dirk Otto	Apr 22
Kaden Schmidt	Apr 23
Bruce Dammel	Apr 30

Celebrating April Anniversaries

(none in March)

Ben & Patrice Juelfs	April 18,
Bryan & Kendra Behm	April 22, 2006
Gerhardt & Leona Reuer	April 23, 1950

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Continued: ELC Feb Council Mtg. Min:

Old Business

The Continuing Resolution creating an Endowment for the church was reviewed. Janet moved to accept, Darin seconded, motion carried.

The formation of the Endowment Committee was tabled till the March council meeting.

The gutter above the parking lot doors to the Fellowship Hall is still leaking above the door. Talk of replacing them will be tabled till spring/summer.

The door sweep underneath the door to the Fellowship Hall from the parking lot needs to be replaced. Jacob will fix it.

New Business

Janine requested authorization to take another \$10,000 from the Building Savings Account in order to cover current expenses in the General Fund if needed for this year. Tammy moved to accept, Janet seconded, motion carried.

Next council meeting Wednesday March 4th after Lenten worship service in Streeter.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Pastor Ryan

St. Luke Schedule

March 2015 Deacon— Mike AG— Jackie
 Filling of Candles: Mike Iszler

	Usher List	Reader List	Communion Assistant
	<u>Head Usher—Mike</u>		
1	Robin	Denise	Margaret
8	Vi (hunger off.)	Robin	-----
15	Margaret	Elsie	Esther
22	Don	Lila	-----
29	Mary (Palm Sunday)	Judith	Robin

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St. Luke February Council Meeting

St Luke Council met 2-17-15. The meeting was called to order by President Clydell Dockter. Present via speaker phone was Estee Nenow. Also present Tom Nienow, Lloyd Veil, Margaret Williams, Denise Wittmier, Robin Iszler, and Pastor Ryan.

1. Tom Nienow was elected to fill a 3 year term as Trustee.
 2. Pastor read The Order of Leaders.
 3. It was recommended that any increase to Pastor's salary be given in January to cut down on bookkeeping issues.
 4. Church council training March 14, 10:00 at Red Willow Bible Camp.
 5. Furnace heater fan was replaced.
 6. We will no longer purchase offering envelopes.
 7. Lloyd was asked to make a table for the sanctuary to be used for funerals when individuals have been cremated.
 8. Trustees will put new door stops on bathroom doors and replace or add new weather striping where needed on the front door.
 9. Tom Nienow will check with the Streefer Fire Dept concerning an AED for the church.
 10. Denise will purchase a new thermostat for the sanctuary.
 11. Double doors to the sanctuary & fellowship hall need to be closed at all times. This will help keep the heat inside.
 12. All donations collected during Lent will be used for a community mission project.
 13. Next Parish meeting will be held in Medina possibly in April.
 14. Council received thank you's from the Salvation Army, Lutheran Social Services, & ELCA.
 15. Denise & Robin will be sharing the church secretary responsibilities.
 16. Next meeting March 18 after Lent worship. Approx 7:30.
 17. Robin typed up furnace notes so all council members know how the furnace works.
 18. Denise was assigned the job of lining up candle fillers for the rest of the year. Candles need to be filled every 2 weeks. At this time head ushers will be filling the candles. Feb-Clydell Dockter; March-Mike Iszler; April-Bud Goldsmith; May-Steve Wentz; June-Denise Wittmier; July-Elsie Goldsamith; August-Margaret Williams; September-LeRoy Wieland October-Judith Williams/Denise; November-Elsie Goldsmith; December-Robin Iszler
- Contact Denise if you are unable to fill the candles. Thanks Denise & Robin

March Worship Times & Events

Sun, March 1	Second Sunday in Lent
St. Luke	9:00 am
English Sunday School	10:00 am
English	11:00 am
Wed, March 4	Lenten Service
St. Luke	7:00 pm
Soup & Sandwich @ 6:00 pm	
ELC Council meeting @ St. Luke following service	
Fri, March 6	World Day of Prayer
English Lutheran	11:00 am
Lunch served	
Sun, March 8	Third Sunday in Lent
St. Luke	9:00 am
English Sunday School	10:00 am
English	11:00 am
Daylight Savings Time Begins—turn clocks ahead 1 hour	
Wed, March 11	Lenten Service
English Lutheran	7:00 pm
Soup & Sandwich @ 6:00 pm	
Sat, March 14	Leadership training
Red Willow Bible Camp	10:00 am
For Council Members	
Sun, March 15	Fourth Sunday in Lent
Joint Worship service @ English	11:00 am
sponsored by Red Willow Bible Camp	
MOPS meeting @ English	3:00 pm
Tues, March 17	Bible Study
St. Luke	2:00 pm
Wed, March 18	Lenten Service
St. Luke	7:00 pm
Soup & Sandwich @ 6:00 pm	
St. Luke council meeting to follow the service	
Thurs, March 19	Bible Study
English Lutheran	7:00 pm
Sun, March 22	Fifth Sunday in Lent
St. Luke	9:00 am
English Sunday School	10:00 am
English	11:00 am
Wed, March 25	Lenten Service
English Lutheran	7:00 pm
Soup & Sandwich @ 6:00 pm	
Sat, March 28	First Communion Class @ English Lutheran
Sun, March 29	Palm Sunday
St. Luke	9:00 am
English Sunday School	10:00 am
English	11:00 am
Tues, March 31	Kids Bible Nite
St. Luke	3:30 pm– 5:00 pm

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