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OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

September 2015

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Worship Schedule

Sept 6, 2015

Worship times change:

St. Luke @ 9:00 am

English @ 11:00 am

Our Mission:

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

Letter from Bishop Terry Brandt:

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are a synod called to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. We are a synod called to boldly live the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Yet, there are people in our communities, country and world who are hurting, as injustice, violence, and racism abound. Now, more than ever, this synod's witness to the dignity of all human life and the reign of God is needed. In regards to recent words and acts of injustice, violence and racism, I believe God is calling us to pray, speak, and respond peacefully, yet at the same time, boldly and confidently against such hurtful and destructive behavior.

My heart has been heavy with grief in response to recent tragedies in places like Ferguson and Charleston. Last month, I was moved by having the opportunity to visit Old Ebenezer Church, the congregation which Martin Luther King Jr. served, only to hear the next week four Confederate flags were placed in the church lawn. In addition, these past weeks have brought these issues even closer to home as a petition has been created to stop Lutheran Social Services' refugee resettlement ministry. And of course, we must not forget those native to this country, including those in our own state, who have had to live with racism each and every day.

Racism is "prejudice plus intent to discriminate based on a belief that one is superior or has freedom to use power over another based on race". Xenophobia is "an unreasonable fear or hatred of foreigners or strangers or of that which is foreign or strange". Racism and xenophobia, like other sins, keep us from being who God calls us to be. They deny the truth we are ALL made in the image of God.

Eastern North Dakota synod has an opportunity and a duty to lead in casting a vision of a world where human worth and dignity defeat acts of xenophobia and racism. Knowing our silence serves only to make

St. Luke August Council Meeting Minutes

St. Luke Church Council meeting was held August 18, 2015. Present: Clydell, Robin, Margaret, Lloyd and Pastor Ryan. Absent: Estee, Donny, Tommy and Denise. Robin will try to email reminders to council members the week of the meeting to help remind members of the date and time.

Meeting was called to order by president Clydell. Pastor provided a prayer. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting. Treasures Report was provided by Margaret. Total assets for the month are \$44,722.89, see report. There was discussion on the fixing of the AC and Water Faucets in the bathroom. There was a motion made by Robin and seconded by Lloyd to approve the treasures report. Motion carried.

Pastors Report: Pastor has made calls to Arlene Ackerman and Judy Williams. Parish Joint meeting is scheduled this week Sunday during the church picnic in Medina. Pastor is looking for a time for the Medina Youth to present on their trip to the national conference. Blessing of the Bikes went well and was a good turnout. He is planning to begin the kids bible night in September. The first meeting will be on September 29. Talked about a curriculum for the kids bible night and Pastor would like to purchase the kit in a box series that provides all the materials needed for the kids bible night. Motion made by Robin and seconded by Margaret to purchase this kit, cost is \$110.00 and the kit would be age appropriate for the current kids attending. Theme will be the Ten Commandments. Pastor will be on vacation on Sunday following the picnic and will return the following Monday.

Old Business: Trustees were reminded that a Table is still needed for the sanctuary. Memorial Plaques need to be put up.

Discussion was held about contacting Ruff Heating to come and look the heating and AC system and provide us with answers why the system is not working properly. Clydell will contact Ruff Heating and consult with him regarding the heating and AC system.

Gods Work, Our Hands day of service - Suggestion was made to see about painting playground equipment owned by Alan Ruff which is in the old school yard across the street. Pastor will call Alan and see if he would mind if the equipment was painted and see about arranging that activity.

German Supper – Robin reported that things are on track with the supper planning. Date is September 20, time is 4 to 6 followed by music at 7. The occasional gospel quartet will perform again. Planning for a Thrivent

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English Lutheran August Council Meeting Minutes

The council meeting of the English Lutheran Church was held August 5 at 8:00 pm.

Pastor Ryan began the council meeting with devotions.

Minutes from the last meeting were presented. Darin moved to accept and Tammy seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's report was given. Jeff moved and Darin seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report, motion carried.

Pastor Ryan gave his Pastor's report to the council.

Old business:

Tammy checked on the purchasing of two trees to be planted in front of the parsonage. It was agreed to buy and plant the trees this fall.

Olson Tree Trimming has removed the dead trees on the south side of the church and will also trim branches off the tree on west side of parking lot.

The condition of the asphalt in the church parking lot was discussed. One option discussed was to put a sealer on it but no final decision was made.

Parish picnic is set for August 23 at English with joint council meeting to follow.

The "God's Work, Our Hands" Sunday is set for September 27 with church members doing several jobs in the community.

A new mailbox and post will be put up in front of the parsonage to replace the damaged one.

The boulevard at the parsonage will be seeded with new grass when the new trees are planted this fall.

New business:

Shirley Judin attended camp this summer at Wesley Acres by Rogers, ND. The church will give Shirley \$25.00 to cover some of the cost to attend the camp.

The outside faucet on the west side of the church will be replaced to correct water problems in the basement.

The education budget was discussed. It was agreed that in the future the budget for education will be broken down between different groups in the church rather than having it all lumped together as one group.

Pastor Ryan and the council spent some time on vision planning for the church. Areas that the church is doing well on were discussed and also areas that need to be improved.

Tammy moved to adjourn the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be September 2nd at 8:00 pm

Scott Dockter, Council Secretary

BIRTHDAYS

September

Mabel Cowell	Sept 3
Aubree Lachenmeier	Sept 4
Taylor Dockter	Sept 5
Clydell Dockter	Sept 17
Jim Cowell	Sept 18
Sherry Everding	Sept 23
Gary Reuer	Sept 24

October

Becky Greer	Oct 4
Charlee Jo Gefroh	Oct 6
Isaac Olson	Oct 11
Ron Otto	Oct 13
Gerhardt Reuer	Oct 17
Dave Kooker	Oct 17
Leona Morlock	Oct 18
Kane Schmidt	Oct 20
Oliver Hofmann	Oct 20
Daniel Juelfs	Oct 22
Gene Guthmiller	Oct 25
Erika Olson	Oct 26
Maynard Dockter	Oct 27
Jessica Dong	Oct 29
Mike Schleske	Oct 29
Carrie Kapp	Oct 30
Brandi Eissing	Oct 30
Bruce Liebold	Oct 30
Caity Eissing	Oct 31

Celebrating Sept/Oct Anniversaries

Bruce & Jaranah Liebold	Sept 1, 2012
Dennis & Sharon Behm	Sept 4, 1971
Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann	Sept 8, 2012
Maynard & Darlene Dockter	Sept 23, 1962
Gene & Brenda Guthmiller	Sept 24, 1971
Delton & Joey Guthmiller	Sept 26, 1973
Xuejun & Chunyan Dong	Sept 29, 1994
Isaac & Lisa Olson	Sept 30, 2006
Dwight & Janine Hofmann	Oct 7, 1978
Vergil & Gertrude Neumiller	Oct 14, ??
Wayne & Sue Reardon	Oct 18, 1975
Shawn & Kadie Gefroh	Oct 22, 2005

Wed, Sept 2
English

Council Meeting
8:00 pm

Worship Service time change

Sun, Sept 6
St. Luke
English

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am
11:00 am

Sept 11, 12 & 13

Medina Fall Festival

Sun, Sept 13
St. Luke
English

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am
No service

**Ecumenical service @ Medina Legion Hall
Fellowship @ 10:30 am; Worship @ 11:00 am**

Tues, Sept 15
St. Luke

Bible Study & Council Meeting
Bible Study @ 2:00 pm
Council Meeting @ 8:00 pm

Wed, Sept 16
English Lutheran

Confirmation
6:30-8:30 pm

Thurs, Sept 17
English

Bible Study
7:00 pm

Sun, Sept 20
St. Luke
English

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am
11:00 am

**German Supper and Music @ St. Luke's
Beginning @ 4:00 pm**

Wed, Sept 23
English

Medina Youth Group meeting
7:00 pm

Sun, Sept 27
St. Luke
English SS
English

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:00 am
9:45 am
11:00 am

Rally Sunday/God's Work; Our Hands Sunday

Tues, Sept 29
St. Luke

Kids Bible Nite
3:30—5:30 pm

Wed, Sept 30
English Lutheran

Confirmation
6:30-8:30 pm

September Worship Times & Events

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