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February 2016

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Happy
Valentine's
Day!

Our Mission:

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

To the churches of Medina and Streeter, the loyal children in the faith we all share:

Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior, together one with the Holy Spirit.

If there was one word that could drop a Lutheran dead in their tracks it would be the word Evangelism. Often times that word carries a connotation of young men going around door-to-door unashamedly asking the residents, “Do you know where you are going if you were to die tonight?” For a variety of reasons this act of evangelism has never really gained traction within the Lutheran Church as a whole, and I would assume the same has held true for our specific Lutheran churches throughout the years as well. The truth is we, Lutherans as a whole, seemed to have become very content with sitting back and waiting for “new” people to come find us, and join our ranks as contributing members. As such, living out our calling as Christians to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) has unfortunately fallen to the wayside. However, in the 5th chapter of their book *Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Rural Congregations*, authors David Poling-Goldenne and L. Shannon Jung make the claim that one of the reasons the churches in their study of effective rural congregations are effective and vital, is how they approach evangelism.

What is surprising here, however, is that the way they go about evangelism is not in the way that one would expect. These rural congregations that have shown themselves to be effective are not going about evangelism as a program of the church, or as a function of a specific committee within the church, but instead is an integral part of everything the church does, and it begins for them with relationships. Poling-Goldenne and Jung write, “Not one of the congregations in the research study reported going door-to-door proselytizing. Instead, the focus is on helping the people of the congregation to invite others from within their natural webs of relationships: their friends, relatives, neighbors, and business and school associates” (61). The people in these vital rural congregations are engaging in evangelism simply by sharing their faith with the people they are already having conversations with on a day to day basis, and then inviting them into a relationship with the church. The understanding here is that the relationship with the church is not just a relationship with a building or the people in the building but with Christ Jesus himself.

In these vital, effective rural congregations evangelism becomes the work of every single person. While the pastor of these congregations serve as the chief evangelist, through preaching,

English Lutheran January Council Meeting Minutes

The council meeting of English Lutheran Church was held January 6, 2016 following the joint parish meeting.

Members present were Jacob Hofmann, Janet Well, Tina Guthmiller, Jeff Morlock, Darin Dockter and Scott Dockter along with Pastor Ryan.

Pastor Ryan gave his Pastor's update.

Old business

Tree trimming at the church, grass seeding and repairing the mailbox at the parsonage will all be postponed until spring.

Outgoing council members will be finding members to replace them on the council for the upcoming term.

Jacob and Pastor Ryan will be meeting with the Gary Reuer family to discuss a memorial for Gary.

New business

Diamond W Feeds has requested to borrow room dividers for an event in February. The council agreed to the request.

The council discussed finding a Sunday School organizer. Several names were brought up and will be contacted to see if interested. Also discussed were the duties of an organizer.

Endowment fund was discussed and to agree on an amount to put into the fund. Jeff moved and Darin seconded motion to take \$50,000.00 from savings and invest it into the endowment fund. Motion carried.

Jeff gave the council members recommendations on the proper way to count and record offering money on Sunday mornings.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Scott Dockter

St. Luke's God's Helpers News

Our WELCA Bible study and meeting was cancelled on January 16, due to the cold weather. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 16th. Esther is hostess and will have the offering meditation.

We sent our annual donation to the Gackle-Streeter After Prom Party. We received another donation from Estee for the sale of brooms. Brooms were sold at and for our bake sale. We sent a birthday card to Eddie Dockter from our congregation, in honor of his 100th birthday. Congratulations Eddie on reaching this milestone.

Altar Guild members, if you have not received your 2016 monthly list and the usher list, they are pinned on the board in the narthex. They were placed in your mail box in December. Someone left their copies on the railing.

Elsie Goldsmith, secretary/treasurer

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English/St. Luke Joint Parish Meeting

The joint parish council meeting was held January 6, 2016. Members present from St. Luke were Don, Denise and Margaret. Members present from English were Jeff, Janet, Tina, Darin, Jacob and Scott. Pastor Ryan was also in attendance.

Pastor Ryan opened the meeting with devotions.

Minutes from the last joint meeting were read. Darin moved and Don seconded motion to accept the minutes, motion carried.

The accounting firm of Schauer and Associates replied back to Pastor Ryan and would be willing to handle the joint parish financial needs. Don moved and Margaret seconded motion to hire Schauer and Associates as the parish financial accounting firm. Motion carried.

Pastor Ryan reported that the parish website was renewed for another year.

The joint worship schedule was decided. Council discussed having more joint church services during the year. Council decided to have an additional joint service on April 24th.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Scott Dockter

Medina Youth Group

A group of MYG youth went shopping for items to donate to help fill up backpacks for children in Haiti on Monday January 18th. How did all this come about you might ask? During one of the many power outages in January that left Music teacher Rochelle Bosche's classroom in total darkness, she visited with her High School Choir students about her excitement for her upcoming Mission Trip to Haiti. From there MYG vice president, Lindsay Hoffmann, started thinking about how she and other students could help fill some of the 84 back packs that Rochelle Bosche (and others from our area) will be taking with her to distribute to the children on the trip. Lindsay got the ideas going for MYG to help and MYG president, Brody Graff, took it from there and coordinated the shopping event. A total of 7 MYG members (Brody Graff, Alex Irlmeier, Kalie Gudmestad, Lindsay Hoffmann, Maddie Kleven, Kaden Schmidt, and Molly Harr) and 2 adult volunteers (Kim Hoffmann and Tina Guthmiller) went shopping in Jamestown.

Items needed for the backpacks were color crayons, coloring books, toothpaste, tooth brushes, soap, comb/brush, chapstick, and small toy items. It was impressive to see these members really think about their purchases for the kids in Haiti and a great opportunity for them to share God's love globally.

There will be a Youth and Parent/Adult Leader Meeting on Sunday, February 21 @ 5:30 pm at English Lutheran fellowship hall.



BIRTHDAYS

February

March

Brenda Guthmiller	Feb 3
Melissa Dockter	Feb 5
Ally Greer	Feb 7
Justin Dewald	Feb 7
Dacotah Dockter	Feb 11
Jenny Hieb	Feb 12
Kim Hoffmann	Feb 13
Katie Iszler	Feb 13
Bud Goldsmith	Feb 15
Madisyn Kleven	Feb 16
Madison Hofmann	Feb 17
Tammy Reis	Feb 17
Jarannah Liebold	Feb 19
Kyle Andres	Feb 20
Jordan Spitzer	Feb 22
Scott Dockter	Feb 23
Kylee Hofmann	Feb 26
Jeff Morlock	Feb 26
Brian Behm	Feb 26
Logan Hoffmann	Feb 29

Teresa Schelske	Mar 1
Tina Guthmiller	Mar 6
Morgan Irlmeier	Mar 7
Lillian Higdem	Mar 8
Robin Iszler	Mar 11
McCall Dockter	Mar 13
Jayse Christopherson	Mar 15
Beckett Dewald	Mar 15
Margaret Sam	Mar 16
Vicky Andres	Mar 17
Shawn Gefroh	Mar 22
Keisha Salinas	Mar 25
Renae Heinle	Mar 28
Alex Eissinger	Mar 29
Dale Wittmier	Mar 30
Maddie Gefroh	Mar 30

Celebrating Feb/Mar Anniversaries

Scott & Melissa Dockter

Feb 3, 1989

(none in March)

"BIBLE VALENTINE"

Valentine's Day is a day of love
For showing that we care
And if we read the Bible
God describes love there

If we speak like celestial angels
From heaven up above,
All our words mean nothing
If we don't have Christian love

Love is patient, love is kind
It doesn't brag or boast
Love conquers pride and envy
It is never self-engrossed

Love is not rude or angry
Forgiveness counters wrong
Love stays away from evil
It sings a truthful song

Love is full of trust and hope
It always perseveres
Love never fails; It's faithful
To the Bible its Sincere

And if you give this kind of love
To your special Valentine
You'll be loving right in harmony
With God's own sweet design

Author: KRISTEN M SACCARDI

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February Worship Times & Events

Wed, Feb 3, 2016

English

Council Meeting

7:00 pm

Sun, Feb 7, 2016

English

Sunday School @ English

St. Luke

Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

Wed, Feb 10, 2016

English

Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm

Sun, Feb 14, 2016

English

No Sunday School @ English

St. Luke

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 am

11:00 am

Tues, Feb 16, 2016

WELCA Bible Study

Council Meeting

Bible Study & Council meeting @ St. Luke

2:00 pm

6:30 pm

Wed, Feb 17, 2016

St. Luke

Lenten Service

6:00 pm meal; 7:00 pm service

Tues, Feb 18, 2016

English

WELCA Bible Study

7:00 pm

Sun, Feb 21, 2016

English

Sunday School @ English

St. Luke

Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

MOPS @ English

1:00 pm

MYG youth & parent meeting @ English

5:30 pm

Tues, Feb 23, 2016

St. Luke

Kids Bible Nite

3:30—5:00 pm

Wed, Feb 24, 2016

English

Lenten Service

6:00 pm meal; 7:00 pm service

Sun, Feb 28, 2016

English

Sunday School @ English

Altar Guild @ English

St. Luke

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am

10:00 am

10:00 am

11:00 am

Bold Women's Day

Wed, Mar 2, 2016

St. Luke

Lenten Service

6:00 pm meal; 7:00 pm service

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