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Senior Recognition
@ English Lutheran at
11:00 am service, May 15.

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Summer Worship Schedule

Our Mission:

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

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be all glory forever and ever.

Friends in Christ, over the last several months we have been looking in-depth at what exactly goes into making a congregation in a rural setting vital; how do these churches discover hope for the future of their ministry in an ever changing world? We have explored the aspects of congregation vitality: Prayer, Worship, Making Disciples, Evangelism, Caring Ministries, and Leadership. We have been following the outline laid out for us in the book *Discovering Hope: Building Vitality in Rural Congregations* by David Poling-Goldenne and L. Shannon Jung.

However, there is one aspect of building a vital congregation in the rural setting that we have yet to explore; the final chapter of their book entitled *Context: Discovering the Gift of Place*.

In the world of Real Estate the motto is, “Location, Location, Location.” When it comes to these different aspects of building a vital rural congregation, I would say that this motto also applies, and I would say this is the point Poling-Goldenne and Jung were making in their final chapter as well. “A key to effective ministry is acknowledging, celebrating, and using the gifts of a congregation’s place and its people” (96). All of this is to say that none of those other aspects matter unless a congregation is in tune with its people, and its surrounding area; that is the context of the congregation. To put it even more simply, what works for a vital congregation in Fargo is not going to necessarily work in Jamestown; and what works for a vital congregation in Jamestown is not necessarily going to translate to Medina and/or Streeter. Each church in these different contexts are going to have to find ways that work for their own context in these areas of building a vital congregation.

In this last chapter of Poling-Goldenne and Jung’s book, the authors list off four different types of contexts in which congregations that identify themselves as “rural” fall into, according to Canadian sociologist R. Alex Sim’s 1988 book *Land and Community*. Those categories are: Ribbonville, Agraville, Might-have-been-ville, and Fairview. Poling-Goldenne and Jung take this one step further and add one more context of their own to this list: Countryville. Each one of these contexts have their own gifts and drawbacks that are unique to them that the congregations in these contexts have to figure out and overcome if needed. Each one has their own unique set of aspects

English Lutheran Council Meeting Minutes

The council meeting of English Lutheran Church was held on April 6, 2016. Members present were Bryan Behm, Janet Well, Austin Dockter, Tina Guthmiller, and Tammy Reis, along with Pastor Ryan.

President Bryan called the meeting to order with Pastor Ryan giving the opening devotions.

Minutes from the last meeting were read. Janet moved and Austin seconded a motion to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Bryan will follow up on questions with the Utilities and Copier entry. Tina made a motion to approve with a second by Janet.

Discussion was held on developing an analysis to compare offering to budget to attendance for the last two years. Pastor Ryan will work on this.

Pastor Ryan presented his pastor's report. Pastor Ryan was contacted by a representative from the Eastern Synod who asked if they could use our church/building to hold a joint committee meeting with the Western ND Synod staff to plan a Rural Ministry Event. The meeting will be held on the 2nd or 3rd weekend in October. The Council agreed to allow use of our facility.

OLD BUSINESS

Pastor Ryan will follow up on tree trimming at the church and replacement of the parsonage mailbox. Austin will fix the gap in the gutters above the south door. Janet will follow up on the reseeding of the parsonage boulevard.

Discussion was held on the Gary Reuer Memorial. After discussion with Leona Reuer, Bryan contacted Nodak Ironworks, Ashley, ND, for pricing of a sign. Bryan will check into annual costs for posting the sign.

Pastor Ryan will contact Janine to get a check to initiate the Endowment Fund in the ELCA Pooled Trust.

Discussion was held on a maintenance agreement for the furnaces and air conditioning units at the church and parsonage. Tina will get further clarification on the quote provided and will get back to council members. All agreed that if the clarifications were acceptable, we would go ahead with an annual maintenance agreement.

Thank you to Ron and Sharon Otto for checking, changing, disposing and purchasing light bulbs in the Fellowship Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Pastor Ryan met with Kendra regarding possible dates for Vacation Bible School.

Discussion was held on the need to realign the pews for more consistent spacing and to allow space for wheel chairs. We will try to do this on April 17.

The Council agreed to allow use of our tax ID for a donation to Oliver Hofmann.

Discussion was held on plans for the Joint Parish Worship service and potluck to be held on April 24. Janet will follow up with WELCA to plan the meal.

Church Council Covenant work will be tabled until next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Tammy Reis, English Lutheran Council Secretary

BIRTHDAYS

May

Ben Juelfs	May 1
Sharon Otto	May 3
Molly Harr	May 3
Alice Opp	May 6
Ardis Hochhalter	May 7
Addison Hofmann	May 8
Mindy Kapp	May 10
Benjamin Juelfs	May 12
Micaiah Kliem	May 14
Katie Dewald	May 14
Jayme Andres	May 16
Eldroy Salinas	May 16
JaSondra Dockter	May 18
Carley Kliem	May 18
Tim Heinle	May 19
Zachary Hofmann	May 21
Don Gienger	May 25
Daven Dockter	May 25

June

Emelia Greer	June 1
Del Guthmiller	June 1
Kathy Hieb	June 2
Elaine Martel	June 5
Adeline Link	June 6
Darlene Dockter	June 7
Linda Morlock	June 9
Krysta Olson	June 12
Aiden Greer	June 14
Lane Schmidt	June 15
Kadie Gefroh	June 18
Gil Everding	June 18
Leroy Wieland	June 19
Maynard Link	June 20
Camden Hofmann	June 21
Sherry Schmidt	June 24

Celebrating Apr/May Anniversaries

Eldroy & Dawn Salinas	May 17, 2003
Frank & Tammy Reis	May 21, 1982
Maynerd & Adeline Link	May 26, 1963
Ron & Sharon Otto	June 3, 1972
Jeff & Linda Morlock	June 5, 1981
Leroy & JoAnn Wieland	June 10, ??
Gary & Kathy Hieb	June 13, 1987
Pastor Ryan & Betsy Ferwerda	June 14, 2008
Joe & Sherry Schmidt	June 15, 2001
Dale & Denise Wittmier	June 17, ??
Bill & Janet Well	June 20, 1959
Tim & Renae Olson	June 14, 1980
Jared & Julie Opp	June 29, 1974

WORSHIP SERVICES CHANGE

Sun, May 1

St. Luke
Sunday School @ English
English

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am
10:00 am
11:00 am

Wed, May 5

English

Council Meeting

8:00 pm

Sun, May 8

St. Luke
Sunday School @ English
English

Seventh Sunday of Easter

9:00 am
10:00 am
11:00 am

Wed, May 11

United Methodist Church, Streeter

Guest Night

7:00 pm

Sun, May 15

St. Luke
Last Sunday School @ English
English

Pentecost

9:00 am
10:00 am
11:00 am

Senior Recognition

Mission Trip Fundraiser sponsored by Crossroads Church youth group, Streeter, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm @ Medina School. Free will offering. Serving pancakes, sausage, eggs, French toast, coffee & juice.

Tues, May 17

WELCA Bible Study
Kids Bible Nite (last one)
Council Meeting

St. Luke meetings

1:00 pm
3:30—5:00 pm
7:30 pm

Thurs, May 19

English

WELCA Bible Study

7:00 pm

Sun, May 22

St. Luke
Kids Bible Nite singing during the service
English
Medina Graduation

First Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am
11:00 am

Sun, May 29

St. Luke
English
Altar Guild meeting

Second Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am
11:00 am
10:00 am

Summer Schedule for June

Sun, June 5

St. Luke

Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am

No services at English Lutheran

May Worship Times & Events

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