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*The
Season
of
Lent*



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LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Our Mission:

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

Miracles of Jesus

Jesus said, "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and what mercy he has shown you." [Mark 5:19]

Healings. Feeding thousands. Raising the dead. These miracles of Jesus stand out for being so out of the ordinary. They are memorable. For the people involved, they are life changing. For we who hear about them from the Bible, they are inspiring revelations of Jesus as God's promised Messiah.

Our response to these miracles may be like the man from whom Jesus cast out demons. [Mark 5:1-20] The man's life had been changed. He wanted to follow Jesus on his travels. But Jesus had a different message for this man. "Go home to your friends, and tell them how much the Lord has done for you and what mercy he has shown you." [Mark 5:19]

Jesus tells the man that a faithful way for him to follow Jesus is to stay in his community. The way this healed man can make an impact in his own community is to tell his friends and neighbors what the Lord has done for him. Telling of God's mercy to the people who knew him before he was healed is a message that will carry a lot of weight because of the relationships between this man and his friends and neighbors. They knew him before he was healed. They can see him healed now. The man can give the glory for this healing to God.

Admittedly, the experience is more complicated in the Bible. Read Mark 5:15-17 for more about the reaction of the people in the community. But by verse 20, the healed man has told people about how much Jesus had done for him and everyone was amazed.

Early in the Gospel of Mark, we hear that Jesus came saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near." Mark 1:15 These miracles are revelations of God's reign (kingdom) here in the presence of the people. Healings. Feeding thousands. Raising the dead. Changed lives. Jesus is God living among us.

During the season of Lent, you are invited to explore some of the miracles of Jesus through art. On Thursdays, a video series by ELCA Pastor Paul Oman, will share artwork drawn by Pastor Oman as one of Jesus' miracles is told. The connection between the artwork and the miracles will invite you to see and hear these miracles in new ways.

Discernment Process among South Central North Dakota ELCA Congregations

Overview

The next two months will focus on communication and developing options for the eight congregations.

Half the planning team members are on the Presentation and Listening Team. They will travel in groups to visit each congregation. Their purpose is to share what was heard during the January/February listening sessions. They will also continue to listen to how each congregation responds to the topics and concerns raised by other congregations.

The other half of the planning team members are on the Options Team. They will use the information shared in the listening sessions to develop a set of options that will be presented to the congregations. After additional feedback, they will refine the options.

Timeline

Jan 16-Feb 10—Video presentation and initial listening sessions with each congregation

February 16—March 13— Presentation and Listening Team visits each congregation

March 16—April 12—First set of Options presented to each congregation for feedback

Next Steps

When dates are announced for visits from the Presentation and Listening Team, please plan to participate. Expect monthly opportunities during the next three months.

A sampling of ideas that have been shared in past Discussion

- Interest in sharing a youth director
- Interest in sharing musical leadership/joint choir or praise band
- Preaching rotation with consistency
- Connect ministry with the needs of the community
- Listen and build relationships
- Communication is most important
- Willingness to try something, see how it works, get feedback and adapt

FOR SALE ON BIDS

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Streeter, North Dakota



St. Luke Lutheran Church in Streeter, North Dakota, is offering its all- brick church building and lot at 300 1st Avenue NE, Streeter, ND, for sale on sealed bids.

St. Luke Lutheran Church in Streeter, North Dakota, is offering its all- brick church building and lot at 300 1st Avenue NE, Streeter, ND, for sale on sealed bids. The building is approximately 36' x 80'. The primary floor consists of the sanctuary (all hardwood flooring with carpeted aisle, newer windows), the raised altar (carpeted), and an office situated beside the altar area. There is a balcony above the sanctuary. The church's basement includes a finished kitchen with two sinks, two stove and oven combinations, microwave, utility room, and two bathrooms. It also includes a large fellowship area which is used for church meals and family gatherings. There are also three small storage rooms in the basement. The church operates on either fuel oil or electric heat. There is air conditioning on both floors. The furnace is approximately 45 years old. The water heater was replaced in 2019. The roof was replaced approximately 25 years ago.

All bids must be postmarked by March 15, 2022. Please send bids to Estee Nenow, St. Luke Lutheran Church Bid, 5262 58th Street SE, Streeter, ND 58483 or drop off bids at Dakota Heritage Bank Streeter location only. Top three bidders will be notified in late March and will be able to increase their bid at the church council's April 3 meeting. Buyer will not take possession until July 15. Buyer will be responsible for all closing costs. St. Luke Lutheran Church – Streeter reserves the right to reject/accept any or all bids. Contact Estee Nenow at 701-320-2832 for more information or to view the property. Serious inquiries only.

More pictures and info on Facebook.

English Lutheran Church Council Meeting minutes – 2/16/2022

Members Present: Michelle Lytle, Brenda Guthmiller, Phillip Hofmann, Karen Heinle, and Pastor Kristi Weber
Members absent: Kurt Hayes

Pastor Report:

- Pastor Kristi began the meeting with a devotion.
- Pastor Kristi summarized where the process is for discernment team.
- January minutes were read. Brenda moved to approve the minutes. Karen seconded, motion carried.
- Treasure's Report: Karen motioned to accept the treasure's report. Brenda seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

- No change with Maranatha. No bid from Dakota Sound. Bek may have an option for cameras to be set up where services would be live streamed. A smart tv would have to be purchased.
- The sign is near completion
- Steeple: Westward will complete by June
- The accounts will transfer to Dakota Heritage when Bryan is able.
- 100 year anniversary: another meeting will be scheduled this March 27th to continue planning
- Painting will be done this spring behind the boxes on the new LED lights on the outside of the fellowship hall.
- Discernment Process: Each team is collecting questions and answers from the congregations. A team will be visiting our church to further collect information within the next month.
- May 15th will be congregational clean-up day of the church and grounds

New Business:

- Annual meeting was held on January 23, 2022. Council member terms that expired were Austin Dockter and Lynda Mayher. Phillip Hofmann was nominated to be council president. Brenda ceased nominations, Phillip will continue to be council president after unanimous vote. Kurt Hayes was nominated for vice president. Karen ceased nominations. After unanimous vote, Kurt will be Vice President. Michelle Lytle was nominated for secretary, Karen ceased nominations. After unanimous vote, Michelle will continue to be secretary. Council will review the constitution to move forward with reducing the number of members from 7 to 5 in a formal congregational meeting.
- Pastor Kristi presented the new agreement through August between Trinity, English Lutheran, and St. John's. Karen motioned to approve the agreement, Brenda seconded. Motion carried.
- Lent services: UCC is planning a Maundy Thursday service. English will do Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The ninth graders are going to do faith statements they will present at Lent services that will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. Pastor Kristi will check on interest in a Thursday morning Bible study during Lent.
- No March council meeting. Next meeting will be April 6th.
- Pastor Kristi is gathering 5th and 6th grade names for First Communion and will plan a date.

Meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Lytle

English Lutheran Church January 23, 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes

- The annual meeting of English Lutheran Church was held on January 23, 2022. Phillip called the meeting to order and went over the president's report.

-Phillip read minutes from last year's meeting. Changed name "Julie Hofmann" to "Janine Hofmann" under section for voting for new council members. Motion to approve updated minutes made by Karen Heinle, second by Bonnie Hofmann. Motion carried.

-Yearly treasurer's report was reviewed. Motion to approve report by Bonnie Hofmann, second by Bill Lytle. Motion carried. Accounts will be moved to Dakota Heritage in Medina. 5% of the endowment fund was taken for church/community projects. Renae Olson motioned to accept the endowment fund report, second by Karen Heinle. Motion carried.

-Alter Guild and other reports were read silently. Jacob Hofmann moved to approve the reports as written, second by Bryan Behm. Motion carried.

-Lutheran Social Services: Julie Opp will remain as the volunteer contact. Tina Guthmiller will remain on as the Red Willow contact. Janet Well will continue with Global Missions Advocate and Kathy Hieb will continue as World Hunger Advocate. Karen Heinle motioned to continue with these members and second was made by Jacob Hofmann. Motion carried.

-Bill Lytle made a motion to reduce the council members from 7 people to 5, second by Jacob Hofmann. Motion carried. A special meeting will be held to ratify this decision and amend the church constitution, if required.

-Lynda Mayher's term is up this year on council.

-Austin Dockter's term is up this year on council.

-Current council members are as follows: Phillip Hofmann, Kurt Hayes, Michelle Lytle, Karen Heinle, and Brenda Guthmiller. Bryan Behm will continue as Treasurer.

-Bryan Behm motioned to continue Tammy Reis as endowment fund president. Second made by Kurt Hayes. Jacob Hofmann ceased nominations, second by Karen. Motion carried.

-Kurt Hayes will be the council member representative on the endowment fund.

-Synod delegate volunteers needed before June.

Old business

-water is off at the parsonage and the floor has been replaced

-The highway sign is in the process of being made

-Screen for the fellowship hall: Maranatha quoted \$8,000-\$10,000.

-The eves on the fellowship hall and lights out the north and south doors have been replaced.

-Janitor/grounds keeper: after discussion, continue with the volunteer cleaning rotation--possibly adding confirmation kids to help with cleaning. Do a spring/fall clean up as a congregation for both inside and outside the church. The last day of Sunday School, May 15th, will be spring clean up and all families/members are encouraged to attend and help out.

-The youth who are going to Youth Gathering may shovel before Sunday service when needed for money to go towards the youth gathering.

-100 year celebration: paint the trim on the outside windows and around the new lights outside the doors.

-Michelle Lytle gave an update on Sunday School. We have had good attendance and offering collected is going towards community and surrounding community needs.

New business

-discernment process: Bryan Behm and Phillip Hofmann have been participating since November. This process involves 8 congregations to find solutions to the growing needs of area church communities. In the near future there will be meetings between church members and Bryan and Phillip to get input needed for this process. Pastor Kristi reviewed a power point on the discernment process and who is taking part and what the needs/hopes are of these congregations participating.

-Wayne Reardon offered to talk to Dave Nadeau about mowing the parsonage lawn.

With there being no further business to discuss motion made by Bryan Behm to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Lytle, ELC Church Council Secretary

English WELCA Meeting February 13, 2022

- Julie Opp, Irene Otto, Marlein Hillius, Ethel Heinle, Patty Roemmich, Pat Everding and Jennifer Hayes present.
- President Julie Opp started meeting with a devotional reading and a prayer.
- Minutes from the January 9, 2022 read by Secretary Jennifer Hayes.
- Treasurer Ethel Heinle reported that account has about \$3000. Bills and donations are to be paid. God's Child, Salvation Army, Project Ignite Light, Great Plains Food Bank, Red Willow Ministries charities to receive donations.
- Bible Study to be restarted with coffee hour one Sunday a month. All are welcome at 10 am. March 20, 2022 the first Bible study day.
- Bold Women's Day is February 27, 2022. Celebration of all women in our church.
- World Day of Prayer is Saturday, March 5, 2022 at English Lutheran. Begins at 10 am with light brunch and service activity.
- WELCA Synod board meeting at English Lutheran on March 12, 2022. Board members to discuss possibility of ELC hosting the Fall Synod Meeting. WELCA to supply light snack and coffee for board members.
- Discussion of donations to help support youth attending the mini-groups instead of the large Minneapolis convention that was cancelled. More discussion to be held.
- May 1, 2022 – Confirmation of students. Eight students will be confirmed.
- Graduation of seniors – two seniors from congregation – Micaiah Kliem and Elijah Leik.
- Discussion of supporting any youth from congregation to attend Bible Camp – prorated according to previous determination.
- Treasurer Ethel Heinle will complete the WELCA books and distribute
- Next WELCA meeting March 13 @ 10 am. Please join us.
- Ended the meeting with the group saying the Lord's Prayer

Jennifer Hayes, WELCA Secretary

Lent Schedule 2022

Ash Wednesday, March 2 7:00 pm at English

Wednesdays, **March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6** 7:00 pm at English

Maundy Thursday April 14 time tbd at Zion UCC

Good Friday April 15 time tbd, Medina location tbd

On Wednesdays during Lent, the 9th grade confirmands and their adult partners will share faith stories as part of the evening worship service.

Bible Study during Lent

on Thursdays @ 10:00 am in person at English

Drawn to the Word Lenten video series by Pastor Paul Oman

Artwork created as we hear Miracles of Jesus from the Bible.

****Pastor Kristi Weber will lead a discussion about the Miracle and the Artwork presented in the video for each week.**

March 10 Jesus Heals the Gerasene Dementiac (Mark 5:1-20)

March 17 Jesus Raises a Little Girl & Heals the Bleeding Woman (Mark 5:21-43)

March 24 Jesus Feeds the 5000 & the 4000 (Mark 6:30-44 & Mark 8:1-10)

March 31 Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41)

April 7 Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead (John 11:1-44)

A ZOOM option for this Bible Study will be offered Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm

led by Pastor Erik Weber

