

#### AARDAHL AMBASSADOR

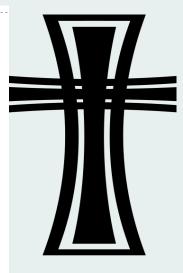
It's beginning to look a lot like Advent!!! Haha, I fooled you! I know, I know, your thinking, "but Pastor Pete, it's the Christmas season!" Well, according to the rest of the world, the Christmas season starting just before Halloween, at least that's they way it looked in Walmart, Target, Home Depot... you get the idea.

But I'm saying, "Whoa there Nellie!" Let us slow down a bit and enjoy the moment. Let's slow down and savor the holidays. Afterall, there is no need to rush into things. The world around keeps telling us to go faster and do more. Thankfully, God tells us to slow down. In fact, we have a God who tells us to take a whole day off each week and do nothing. Even our those who are retired often forget that. When I worked at the Elks Lodge in Ashland, WI, they also had a golf course. One summer, I was talking with one of our members was an electrician and he was so excited for October, when he would finally be able to retire. That next Spring, I asked Gary, "How is retirement treating you?" He said, "I'm busier now than when I was working!"

It is very easy to find something to fill our time. There is no end to the places that we can volunteer at and rarely do our bosses say, "Don't work so hard, take your time." It's always do more and do it quicker so that you can do even more.

So as we enter this crazy month of December, don't forget to stop and smell the roses, well, those are dormant now, stop and smell the pine trees. Take a moment every once in a while and pause and say little prayer. Enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. Enjoy the sights, smells and sounds of the Christmas season.

Have a Merry Christmas! Pastor Pete

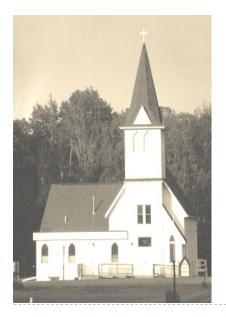


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#### DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- December 2nd—Booges & Bowman
- December 9th— Sue Wells & Judy Faymoville
- December 16th— Sue Wells & Judy Faymoville
- December 23rd— Wendy Otness & VOLUNTEER
- December 30th— VOLUNTEERS



### FUTURE EVENTS—SOME ITEMS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

December
Advent Festival—December 2nd
Mid-week Advent Service 12/5 Aardahl @ 7pm
Mid-week Advent Service 12/12 Trinity @ 7pm
Kitchen Christmas Party @ Green Mill 12/13 noon
Christmas Baskets—December 16
Sunday School—December 16
Mid-week Advent Service 12/19 Aardahl @ 7pm
Christmas Eve Service—6:30 pm

January
Breaking Bread—Tuesday, January 8th
Sunday School—Sunday, January 20th

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. Luke 1:30-31

#### **Christmas Baskets**

On Sunday, December 16th, we will be assembling the Christmas Baskets that will be filled with lots of Holiday Cheer & Goodies!

We are asking people to bring in a dozen of your best Christmas cookies. We will also need some people to bring in cookies for the kids to decorate and put in the baskets.

The baskets go to friends of the congregation and those who might need a little holiday cheer.

#### **Advent Festival**

On Sunday, December 2nd, we will have our annual Advent Festival. We will decorate Sanctuary and tell the stories behind some of our most treasured Christmas traditions. We will also sing Advent and Christmas songs while we decorate. Be sure to join us at 8:30 AM.

#### **Wednesday Evening Advent Services**

We invite you to join us on Wednesday evening for an Advent worship service. This year, we will partner with Trinity Lutheran Church in Cass Lake for our services. The services will be at 7:00 PM and we will take turns hosting the service.

December 5th—Aardahl December 12th—Trinity December 19th—Aardahl

The services will include prayers and hymns and will focus on "Praying with the Saints." Each week, we will learn about a different Saint and how they helped the world around them. Join us for this time of worship and rejuvenation.

# December 2018 Aardahl

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM Sunday School on the third Sunday COFFEE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 ADVENT FESTIVAL Ushers: Marly & Dixie Engler Reader: VOLUNTEERS Communion Filler: Dixie Engler Communion Helpers: Kelly & Margaret Booge	33	4	5 Advent Service 7:00 PM Aardahl Confirmation at Calvary 7:15 pm	6 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilters 1:00PM	2	8
9 HOLY COMMUNION Ushers: Kelly & Margaret Booge Reader: Judy Faymoville Communion Filler: Judy Faymoville Communion Helpers: Marsha Ness & Wendy Ot-	10	11	12 Advent Service 7:00 PM Trinity Confirmation at Calvary 7:15 pm	13 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	14	15
16 NOISY SUNDAY Ushers: Stan & Donna Kimmes Reader: Margaret Booge Sunday school after church & XMAS Baskets	17	18 Council 6:30 PM	19 Advent Service 7:00 PM Aardahl Confirmation at Calvary 7:15 pm	20 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	21	22
23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Ushers: Drevlows Reader: Marsha Ness	24 Christ mas Eve Ser vice 6:30 PM	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28	56
30 <b>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE</b> Ushers: Margnussens Reader: Marsha Ness	31 Food Shelf 8:30 am to 12:30 pm	1 Нарру New Year!!				

#### MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Year to date income: \$46,069.47

Transfer from Capital Improvements Fund: \$9,276.40

Year to date expense: \$50,148.71

Income less expenses: \$5,197.66

Our weekly offering goal for this year is \$2,170

Year to date Regular Offering Goal \$45,445

Year to date Regular Offering \$45,570

Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:30 PM

No Dining Out this month, take a break during the Christmas Season

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## ARDAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2018 MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Pastor Pete, Clark C, Mick L. Sue W, Donna K, Aaron D, Beckie T, Connie B, Margaret B

Absent: John R, Sandy S.

The meeting was called to order by Clark C. followed by Pastor Pete reading a devotional entitled "Rewards and Recognition."

Secretaries Report: A motion was made to accept the report by Sue and seconded by Aaron.

Treasures Report: Checking account: \$22,852.53, Savings: \$4,015.64, Furnace: \$3,649.95 and \$3,323.81 remaining in the Capital improvement fund. A motion to accept the report was made by Connie and seconded by Beckie.

#### Committee Reports:

Kitchen Committee: Preliminary number for the Lutefisk Supper is \$3,251.85

Education Committee: Rally Sunday was held on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Sunday School Sunday with a representative from Thrivent presenting.

Altar Guild: New banners are being purchased.

Worship/Lay Liturgy: The first "Breaking Bread Service" was held. The next one will be Nov.6<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Pete bringing a turkey and pot luck for side dishes.

Properties/ Maintenance: A new screen door needs to be installed on the office door.

Pastor's Comments: Benevolence's were discussed

Old Business: None at this time

New Business: The Advent Festival will start December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Adjournment and Lord's Prayer: A motion to adjourn was made by Aaron and seconded by Mick.

#### PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>In need of healing:</u> Jane Richer, Fran Danielson, Jeff Danielson, Joel Steffen, Beckie Thole, Glen & Marlene Moore

<u>Those living in care facilities:</u> Glen & Marlene Moore

#### Those who are grieving:

And: Please pray for our Sister Congregation and Seminary in Madagascar, Tsararano Lutheran Church and Betela Lutheran Seminary



And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Luke 2:13-14

#### **CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Kathy Cvancara	2nd
Kieth Fenner	6th
Ferel Baltzell	11th
Carol Iverson	13th
Clark Cvancara	13th
Nancy Benson	14th
Sheri Eklund	16th
Noel Benson	19th
Heidi Bergstrom	22nd

#### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kelly & Margaret Booge 5th Marlene & Glenn Moore 15th

#### **BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES**

George Wells Sue Wells Kathy Cvancara Laura Dubbe Kathy Sundahl



#### AARDAHL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### **Aardahl Lutheran Church Council**

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