

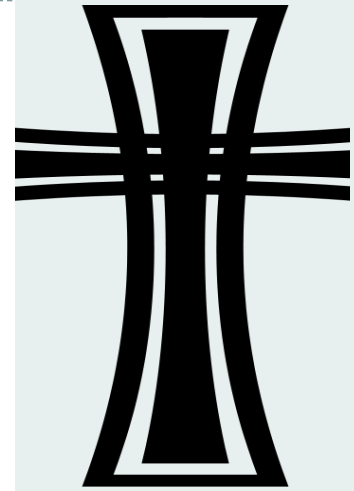
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HITTING PAUSE

I love to watch to movies and it is so much fun to watch them at the movie theatre. The screen is so big and the sound is impressive, but inevitably, I have to go to the bathroom. I wish that I could pause the movie so I don't miss anything. I'm sure that other people would get annoyed, if I could do that, but sometimes it is good to pause. It is good to stop and look around, get our bearings, take in the scenery, and catch our breath. We are just past the halfway point of our year and I thought that we should do some reflections and celebrate some moments.

Back in July, we had our Summer Music Festival, which was a rousing success. August was a blur and in September Wayne and Olivia hosted a recital in their barn. October was crazy with the Lutefisk and the ABC Sale in November was amazing! December was jam packed with Advent and Christmas activities and this year, we had TWO services on Christmas Eve!! The first service was at 2:00 PM and we had over 50 people here and the 6:30 PM service had over 80 attend so we will probably have two services again this year. And during January, we shoveled snow, all the time, every day! At least that's what it felt like to me.

In January, I have to submit a report of the previous year to the ELCA that requires me to dig thru our records. I want to lift up some highlights for you. For 2019, our average weekly attendance was 58.3 people per Sunday and the number for 2018 was 54.9. We also celebrated 4 baptisms last year, which was the same as the year before. *cont page 2*

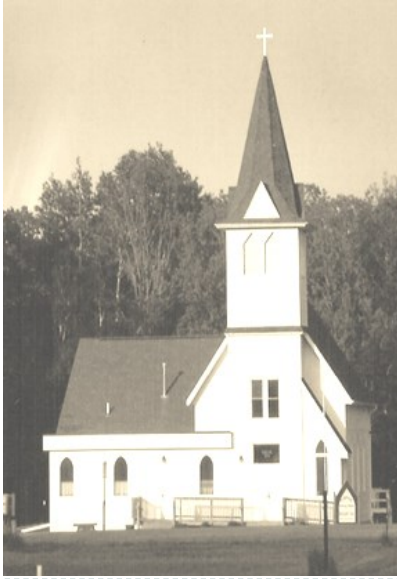


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FEBRUARY COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- Feb 2— Katie Z,
John R & Virginia M
- Feb 9— Coopers &
Kids
- Feb 16— Smiths &
Wildman
- Feb 23—
Magnussens, & Hot-
vedts



FUTURE EVENTS—SOME ITEMS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

February

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 26th 7:00 PM

March

Wednesday Lenten Suppers— 6PM

Wednesday Lenten Worship Services—7 PM

Baking with Grandparents—March 28th

April

Maundy Thursday *Dinner & a Movie*—April 9th

Good Friday—April 10th

Easter Breakfast—April 12th—7:30 AM

He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. Mark 5:41-42

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

All Thrivent members who are eligible for "Choice Dollars" should call 1-800-847-4836 or go on-line to designate their "Choice Dollars". Please call even if you have called earlier this year as we have until the end of March to designate for 2019. Thank you!
Alverna Michalko,
Advocate for Thrivent

HITTING PAUSE (continued from page 1)

Here is an interesting statistic for you. As I look back in our church's records, I realized that I have done more baptisms than funerals!! And that is almost unheard of in rural congregation like ours. So I thank you for not dying.

I want to lift up one other thing. As of right now, January 29th, our year to date goal for offering is \$67,830 and our actual offering received is: \$66,296.47. That is \$1,533.53 behind our goal, which isn't too bad! I'm a numbers nerd and enjoy looking at spreadsheets (yes, I'm weird, but we already knew that). Historically, January is our worst month for giving and attendance and this year was no different, in fact, it was the worst one yet. But we have an amazing congregation and I am humbled and honored to serve as your pastor. Thank you for generosity and your faithfulness and I am grateful that God has led me to this amazing congregation. Thank Aardahl Lutheran and God Bless! Pastor Pete

February 2020 Aardahl

SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM
COFFEE SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday						1
2 HOLY COMMUNION Ushers: Darrel & Ferel Baltzell Reader: Katie Zionis Communion Filler: VONUNTEER Communion Helpers: Margaret L & Margo M.	3	4	5 Confirmation @ Calvary 7:15 PM	6 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Kitchen Comm noon Quilters 1:00 PM	7	8
9 HOLY COMMUNION Ushers: Darrel & Ferel Baltzell Reader: John Rubash Communion Filler: Judy Faymoville Communion Helpers: Margo M. & VONUNTEER	10	11	12 Confirmation @ Calvary 7:15 PM	13 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	14	15
16 Noisy Sunday Ushers: Pat & Darrel Smith Reader: Margaret Lubke Dining Out at Buffalo Wild Wings at 4:00 PM	17	18 Council 6:30 PM	19 Confirmation Old Testament Test	20 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	21	22 Pastor @ Synod Council Meeting
23 Worship Ushers: Darrel & Ferel Baltzell Reader: Cheryl Lee	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 PM	27 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	28	

**MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

*Year to date income:
\$54,147.91*

Transfer from
Capital Improve-
ments Fund
\$5,396.56

*Year to date
expense:
\$58,542.44*

*Income less
expenses:
\$1,002.03*

***Our weekly
offering goal
\$2,261***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
Goal \$54,264***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
\$53,634.70***

**Council Meeting
will be on
Tuesday,
February 18 at
6:30 PM**

***Dining Out will
be at Buffalo
Wild Wings at
4:00 PM on Sun-
day, February 16***

Aardahl Lutheran Church December 17, 2019 Council Meeting
Present: Aaron D., Mick L., Wendy O., Margaret B., Connie B., John R., Sandy., Sue W., and Tim W. Absent: Donna K.

6:30 P:M Meeting called to order by President Aaron.

Opening prayer by Pastor Pete: "Healing for All" from Acts 5.

Approval of November minutes: Mick moved/Connie seconded approval of minutes. Carried.

Reports

Treasurer's: Checking \$16,396.78, Savings \$4,092.38, Furnace fund \$3,649.95 and Capital Improvement fund \$4,788.93. Mick moved/John seconded approval of Treasurer's report. Carried.

Education committee: Thanks so much to Sue for the Christmas program! Now to focus on Sunday School.

Altar Guild: getting ready for Christmas services, Poinsettias have been ordered. Those who order should take them home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Worship Committee: Judy F and Margaret L are set up to lead worship on 12/29 in Pastor's absence. Pastor and Kim will be on vacation from 12/25-1/1/20. Help is still needed for the 2pm Christmas Eve service.

Kitchen Committee: Baking with grandparents was a success.

Properties/Maintenance Committee: Wade Julin is getting our plowing done

Old Business

Technology upgrades: a new transmitter was purchased and it is working really well. A newlap has been discussed. Mick moved/Tim seconded approval to purchase a \$449 laptop at Office Max. Motion carried.

New Business

Pastor's vacation-things to be taken care of: Mick will attend to snow shoveling, checking the mail, furnace and propane tank.

Pastoral Care coverage will be provided by Mike Naylor from the Puposky/Debs area. Pastor Pete will change our outgoing voicemail message to direct folks to contact a council member if needed.

Activity bags: Tim is cleaning out/refurnishing kids' activity bags monthly.

Margaret mentioned there are a few miscellaneous things needing fixing: sprayer handle on kitchen sink and the door latch/lock on front door. Connie moved and Wendy seconded approval for Kelly Booge to repair. Carried.

Adjournment: Mick moved/Wendy seconded meeting be adjourned.

Aardahl Lutheran Church

January 21, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Pete, Margaret B., John R., Donna K., Connie B., Sandy S., Tim W. and Wendy O.

Absent: Aaron D., Sue W., and Mick L.

6:30PM: Meeting called to order by Pastor Pete.

Opening prayer by Pastor Pete: "Anguish Into Light" from Isaiah 53:11

Approval of December minutes: Margaret moved/Connie seconded approval of minutes. Carried.

Reports

Treasurers- Connie moved/Donna seconded approval of Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

Education Committee- Pastor Pete has emailed parents with children regarding VBS and their preference as to the 3rd week in June or a week in July. Awaiting responses.

Altar Guild-the sanctuary is always taken care of. Lots of folks helped to take down the Christmas decorations.

Worship Committee- Christmas Eve Services: 2pm service-51 attendees, 6:30pm service-86 attendees. There were many new faces. A great turnout for the first time offering two services.

Kitchen Committee- Typically a decision is made as to how to distribute funds earned during the year at the January Kitchen Committee meeting, but there were not enough members present to have a quorum. Decision will be made and reported to the Council during their February meeting. Start-up fund is generally \$5000. Currently they have a balance of \$15,338.75!

Properties/Maintenance Committee- Wade Julin reached out to Council member Sue Wells and asked if we would like to have our snowbanks pushed back. He has acquired a new piece of equipment. Cost is \$125/hour, but it needs to be done as our parking lot is "closing in" with all the snow we have had. Should be done sometime this week.

Pastor's comments and concerns-Pastor has been working on Parochial reports this week. In looking back over all that has happened in the last year (s), there were some interesting findings. We currently have 181 members "on the books" with 140 "active" members. Also, he has performed more baptisms than funerals over the last 4 years. Wonderful news!

Old Business

Misc. repairs- Kelly Booge was not happy with the quality of door handles anywhere in town, so he ordered some and they have arrived. With the nice weather coming this week, he likely will get the door handles replaced this week as well as the sprayer in the kitchen repaired. John Rubash offered to assist.

New Business

Winter weather and cancellations-reminder that generally the decision to cancel church services will be determined by the Pastor and Council President (or the next Council member in line if President is unavailable). Cancellation notice will be available on Facebook, via email, a radio announcement and/or a telephone call. A Master Directory list has been passed around church to make sure that each of has verified our contact information is correct.

Coming attractions

Wayne and Olivia Hoff have asked if we might be interested in a Mardi Gras event as Nary School is under construction. Tentative date is 2/22/20. Pastor Pete will contact them to get more details and communicate with the Council via email for vote.

Lenten services begin 2/26 which is Ash Wednesday. Services will be at 7pm, with soup/sandwich beginning at 6pm.

Good Friday service time is yet to be determined.

Easter Sunday is 4/12/20.

5/16/20- Pastor will officiate at the wedding of Kyla Langerak and Brady Hannem.

Summer Festival- tentative date 7/12/20

Grubby Sunday-start to make a list of things that need sprucing up. The north outside wall of the church could use a power wash. Wendy offered the use of her power washer.

2021 will be the 125th Anniversary of Aardahl. We will need a committee to plan a celebration.

Adjournment- 7:25pm Connie moved/Donna seconded meeting be adjourned.

Carried. Lord's Prayer led by Pastor Pete.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Otness, Secretary

BAKING WITH GRANDPARENTS

Back by popular demand, we will have another baking with grandparents event on Saturday, March 28th. This time, it will have an Easter theme.

More information to come!!



PRAYER CONCERNS

In need of healing: Beckie Thole, Judy Hawkenson, Jane Richer, Fran Danielson, Joel Steffen, Beckie Thole, Marlene Moore

Our Service members: Johnny Baltzell

Those living in care facilities: Marlene Moore

Those who are grieving:

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



He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Mark 8:29-30

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

Willow Drevlow	3rd
Karen Puschinsky	12th
Dwayne Young	20th
Julie Brooks	28th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Harlan & Sheri Eklund	5th
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BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Gavin Bergstrom	5th
Amanda Thole	25th
Brandon Puschinsky	27th



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