

April 2020

AARDAHL AMBASSADOR

Dear Aardahl Family,

When the Church Council met on Tuesday, March 17th, we believe that it is prudent to suspend all activities at the church until further notice. This includes Sunday morning worship service and coffee hour, Wednesday Lenten Activities, Men's Breakfast, Quilters and anything else that might be going on in the church building. The minutes from that meeting are in the latest newsletter, which can be found on our website. We (the council) will hold a conference call on April 7th to reassess the situation and discuss what is currently being suggested by the Department of Health, CDC and the ELCA and synod.

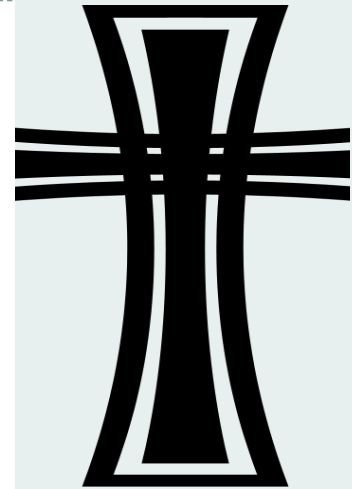
In the meantime, in addition to suspending all activities, the building will be closed. We will temporarily change the access code on the lock so that we can limit the surfaces that might be infected with the Coronavirus. The Coronavirus can remain on some hard surfaces for up to three days and we do not have a cleaning staff. Our church is kept clean by you and it would be too much to have someone come in every single day and wipe everything down. If you want a space to pray, if you need a holy place, please talk to Pastor Pete and together, you can arrange something. We do not want you to feel like you don't have a church home anymore.

Pastor Pete will continue to offer pastoral care, but in a remote manner. He anticipates making and receiving lots of phone calls, text messages, and Facebook Messenger. In addition, he has Facetime and Skype on his cellphone, so you can speak to him face to face. His cellphone number is (218)760-6974.

In addition to pastoral care, Pastor will be working with Wayne to provide online worship services. They will put together services that you can watch on the church's YouTube channel. This can easily be accessed thru the website and click on "YouTube Channel"

And now, the delicate part. We have agreed to pay Pastor Pete and Wayne until the money runs out. We have a two-month cushion in the bank. This will allow us to pay our bills for two months.

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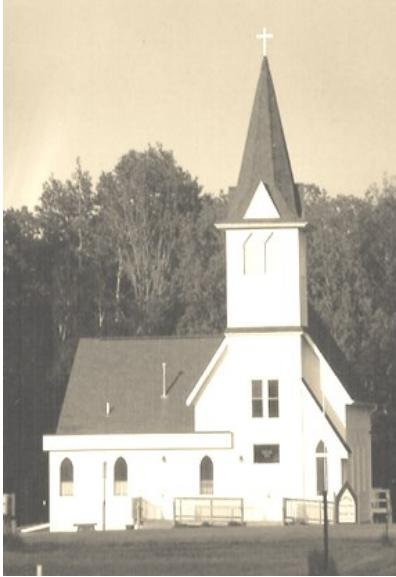
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APRIL COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- April 5— Wetzels & Magnussens
- April 12— Easter Breakfast

APRIL 19— VOLUNTEERS

- April 26— VOLUNTEERS



FUTURE EVENTS—SOME ITEMS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

April—see below

May
Grubby Sunday—TBD

June
Synod Assembly—June 11 & 12
Annual Meeting—Sunday, June 28th

July
Summer Music Festival—July 12th
Vacation Bible School—July 13-16 (tentative)

The Bemidji Lutheran Churches are working together to host a drive-in worship service. On March 28th, we will gather at the Gene Dillon Elementary Parking Lot at 10:45 AM. Tune your radio in to 91.1 FM to listen to the service.

NOTICE

All of the events in this bulletin are tentative. If we are not supposed to gather yet, that event will be suspended, but we are hopeful and optimistic that this will pass quickly.

In case we miss Easter, the first Sunday back will be our Resurrection Sunday! On that day, we will feast together!

Holy Week 2020

Here is our tentative schedule for Holy Week:
Palm/Passion Sunday April 5th 8:30 AM
We will read the Passion during the service

Maundy Thursday April 9th 5:00 PM
Dinner & A Movie
Pastor Pete will make homemade pizza and we will watch Luther, starring Joseph Fiennes

Good Friday, April 10th 5:00 PM
Tenebrae, A Service of Light and Dark

Easter Sunday, April 12th
Free Breakfast served by the men at 7:30 AM
funds provided by Thrivent Financial
Worship with Holy Communion 8:30 AM

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lenten Supper 6 PM Worship 7 PM	2 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Kitchen Comm noon Quilters 1:00 PM	3	4
5 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY Ushers: VOLUNTEER Reader: VOLUNTEERS	6	7 Council 6:30 PM	8	9 Maundy Thursday, Dinner & A Movie 5:00 PM	10 <i>Good</i> Friday Service @ 5:00 PM	11
12 EASTER SUNDAY Ushers: VOLUNTEER Reader: VOLUNTEER Communion Filler: VOLUNTEER Communion Helpers: Margaret L. & VOLUNTEER	13	14	15 Confirmation 7:15	16 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	17	18
19 HOLY COMMUNION Ushers: Darrell & Margo Magnussen Reader: Karen Puschinsky Communion Filler: VOLUNTEER Communion Helpers: VOLUNTEERS	20	21 Council 6:30 PM	22 Confirmation 7:15	23 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	24	25
26 WORSHIP Ushers: Margo & Darrell Magnussen Reader: John Rubash	27	28	29 Food Shelf 8:30 am—12:30 pm Confirmation 7:15	30 Men's Breakfast 8 AM Quilters 1:00 PM		

**MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

*Year to date income:
\$87,985.01*

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

*Year to date
expense:
\$89,145.93*

*Income less
expenses:
\$4,235.64*

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

***Year to date
Regular Offering
Goal \$83,657***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
\$80,048.65***

**Council Meeting
will be on
Tuesday,
April 7th at
6:30 PM**

AARDAHL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 17, 2020 MINUTES

PRESENT: Pastor Pete, Aaron D, Sue W, Connie B, John R, Margaret B, John R, Tim W, Donna K.

Absent: Sandy S, Wendy O.

- The meeting was called to order by president Aaron D. Pastor Pete read a devotion entitled “Jesus Loves Me Open Wide” (From Psalm 81)
- Secretaries Report: A motion was made to accept the report by Mick and seconded by Connie.
- Treasures Report: Checking account: \$19,466.19 Savings: \$4,107.13, Furnace: \$3,649.95 and \$7,288.93 in the Capital improvement fund. A motion to accept the report was made by Donna and seconded by John.

Committee Reports:

- Were all set aside in order to discuss our reaction to the Corona virus. Some of the following options were discussed
- The Synod recommends NO services.
- The church could be open from 11:00 -1:00. This was dismissed because we have no way to sanitize after each visitor. Live streaming the services is not an option for us.
- The Pastor can record a message of Facebook or You Tube.
- A possibility to have an “In Car” service like First Lutheran has in the summer. Some of the Lutheran churches are considering combining and offering this. (more info. to follow)

Final decision:

- All church activities will be cancelled in March, we will reevaluate the first of April.
- Pastor will send out a letter informing everyone of the shutdown. He will also have information on Face book.
- The code on the front door will be changed as a safety precaution because we cannot sanitize after each use.
- The Pastor and Wayne will put the Sunday Service on Face book and YouTube. If you would like a Hymnal to follow along let the pastor know.
- Pastor and Wayne will continue to be paid as long as possible so **Please** continue your offerings.

Adjournment and Lord’s Prayer:

- After a very serious and somber meeting, Sue made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Aaron.

PRAYER CONCERNS

In need of healing: Richard Oien, Wyatt Tecklenburg, Taylor Wildman, Beckie Thole, Lon Engler, Judy Hawken-son, Jane Richer, Fran Danielson, Joel Steffen, 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



*They crucified my Lord and he never said a mumblin' word.
They crucified my Lord and he never said a mumblin' word.
Not a word, not a word, not a word.*

CELEBRATIONS & MILE- STONES

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Connie Bowman	1st
Cale Puschinsky	2nd
Tessa Drevlow	3rd
Gabriel Lindman	5th
Bonnie Anderson	6th
Brandon Mutchler	7th
Jim Michalko	12th
Aaron Dubbe	13th
Trevor Bergstrom	16th
Alverna Michalko	18th
Dick Andersen	20th
Amber Lindman	27th
Carolyn Hegland	29th

April Wedding Anniversaries

Dave & Becky Christianson	9th
Jason & Katie Mellema	14th
Jack & Julie Brooks	20th

April Baptismal Anniversaries

Ferel B, Maija O, Cale P, Karen P, Ruth W, Conor S, Lillyana W, Taylor O, Jim M, Matthew M, Barb E, Thomas E, Trisha A



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(Letter from the Council, continued)

We need your continued financial support so that we will still have a church to come back to after this is over. There are a few ways that you can support your church.

1. Mail a check to the church
2. Have your bank mail a check to the church through your bank's bill pay. There are currently 4 members whose banks mail a check to the church either monthly or weekly.
3. Drop off your offering at the church during the week. Please call ahead to ensure that Pastor Pete is there.

We are also looking into some online forms of giving, but it will take a little while to get that set up.

Thank you so much for your support! We took a leap of faith when we decided to hire our own pastor and that decision was made FIVE years ago! God has blessed us, and we will get through this. Thank you and God Bless!

The Aardahl Lutheran Church Council