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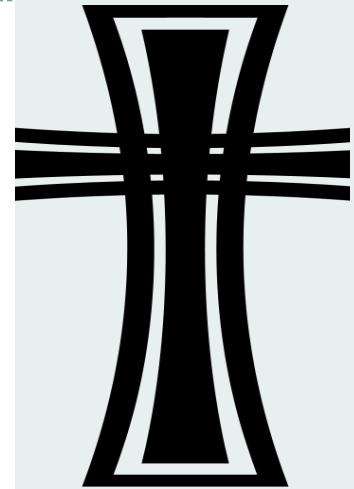
AARDAHL AMBASSADOR

NOW WHAT (ARE WE GOING TO DO)?

The New Testament in the bible begins with the Gospel of Matthew, followed by Mark, Luke & John. The Gospels tell the story of Jesus and his ministry. The second half of the New Testament is full of epistle's or letters that were written by the early church leaders and the book of Revelation. In between these two sections is a large book called Acts, or the Acts of the Apostles and it was written by the same person who wrote the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel was the story of Jesus' life, death and resurrection and the book of Acts is the story of life of the church after Jesus' life, death, resurrection and ascension. It is the **NOW WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?** Jesus was here, but he has ascended into heaven, what are we going to do about it? Acts tells us how the Holy Spirit moved through those first Christians to out and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ! Go and make disciples!

Life is circular and we are kind of in that same space in our lives right now. Back in March, we were thrown into a huge upheaval with the coronavirus where we basically shut almost everything down and went into hibernation. For the first few weeks, most of us were in this together, but we have started to fall apart. We want our world to go back to normal, but every time we try to do that, something else cause a major upheaval. Many of us are saying, "I just want my old life back."

But I think that we are at a **NOW WHAT** moment in our lives. We have been shown that our world is far from perfect and that we have a long way to go to reach a fair, equitable and just society for everyone and everything that lives on this earth. It will be hard at times, but God does not call us down the easy path. But we are not walking it alone. Jesus tells us to take up his yoke. The yoke is what ties us together. It harnesses our strength so that we can pull together. I think that our **NOW WHAT** is to get to work. We are called to help heal the world and share the Good News of Jesus Christ: you are forgiven, you are loved, you are a chosen child of God, marked with the Cross of Christ and sealed with Holy Spirit. Peace, Pastor Pete



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ZOOM GATHERINGS

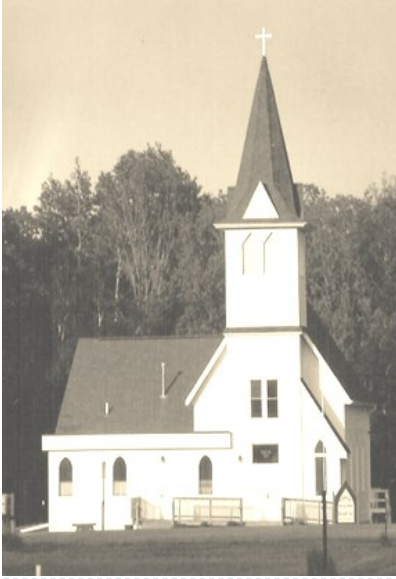
Wednesday Morn- ing Bible Study

863 6694 2313

Thursday Afternoon Coffee Break

876 2742 6197

The Passcode is:
Aardahl



OUTDOOR/DRIVE-IN WORSHIP SERVICES

On Sunday mornings, we have begun to gather in the parking lot to hold worship services on Sunday mornings at our usual time of 8:30 AM. They are an Outdoor/Drive-In Worship Service. You can bring a lawn chair and enjoy the fresh air as we worship our Lord, or you can sit in your car and tune your radio into 90.9 FM. The bulletins will be available on www.aardahllutheran.com.

We will also record the service and post it to YouTube within the next 24 hours for you to view!

“The Word of God continued to spread; the great number of disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.” Acts 6:7



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OUTDOOR/DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	2 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	3	Happy Fourth of July!!!
5 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	6	7	8 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	9 Kitchen Committee Meeting @ Booges 2:00 PM	10	11
12 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	13	14	15 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	16 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	17	18
19 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	20	21 Council 6:30 PM	22 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	23 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	24	25
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**MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

*Year to date income:
\$114,929.44*

Transfer from
Capital Improve-
ments Fund
\$5,397

*Year to date
expense:
\$123,782.90*

*Income less
expenses:
(\$3,456.46)*

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

***Year to date
Regular Offering
Goal \$113,050***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
\$106,778.18***

**Council Meeting
will be on
Tuesday,
July 21st at
6:30 PM**

Aardahl Lutheran Church
June 2, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Aaron D., Pastor Pete, Mick L., Wendy O., Margaret B., Donna K., Tim W. and Sandy S., Sue W., and John R.

Absent: Connie B

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by President Aaron

Opening activity was each member sharing a High and a Low from the effects of the Corona virus and sheltering-in-place.

Approval of May minutes: Mick moved/John seconded.

Reports:

Treasurer's report: Checking \$19,734.54, Savings \$15,050.94.

John moved/Wendy seconded approval of balances as presented.

Kitchen Committee- they are going to try to meet outside at Engler's house on 6/4/20. Margaret and Kelly are going to donate 2 pies for Father's Day.

Properties/Maintenance Committee-Pastor Pete has changed the table decor in the Fellowship Hall. Harlan and Mick have been taking care of mowing the yard.

Pastor's Comments/Concerns-heartwarming to see offering coming in despite not being able to worship in person. It has been very difficult to "unplug" and Pastor would like to take vacation from 6/8-6/14/20. Board approved.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: we need a minimum of 25 people in attendance for voting purposes (quorum). The meeting is set for the 4th Sunday in June, which is 6/28/20. Pastor has talked to the Bishop and some guidelines for re-opening have been presented. We will discuss again at our 6/16 regular Council member meeting, but one option is to have it outdoors in the parking lot.

Budget- Margaret and George will be getting together to work on this.

Elections: Aaron and Sue will have concluded their 2nd terms and are not eligible for re-election. Candidates are needed. Pastor will send out a note to ask if anyone is interested. Margaret is eligible to serve another term and has agreed to stay on as Treasurer.

New Business:

Re-opening Plan

Covid-19 Preparedness Plan- Tim and Pastor will review the Guidelines

Team

Leader

Outdoor Worship Service- guidelines will be reviewed and we will discuss again 6/16/20.

Adjournment: Mick moved/Donna seconded meeting adjourn at 7:47pm.

Pastor Pete led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Aardahl Lutheran Church
June 16, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:36 pm by President Aaron

Pastor Pete opened with a prayer and thoughts surrounding the second of the 12 Step program: "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity" and how that is so applicable to our lives right now in the midst of the Corona Pandemic.

Approval of May minutes: Mick moved/John seconded.

Reports:

Treasurer's report: Checking ~\$14,000 and Savings ~\$15,000. Guy has paid all of the bills through the end of the month other than Tsararano and Workman's Comp. Margaret shared with us that 3 members are using the online giving site, Vanco. Due to number of transactions, which have increased, we are being assessed a fee. Will keep a close eye on that. Wendy moved/Donna seconded approval of balances as presented.

Kitchen Committee- meeting was held as planned at the Engler's. They had a wonderful time visiting with one another in addition to conducting business. It has been decided that the Summer Music Festival will be cancelled for this year. Decision regarding being able to host the Lutefisk supper and ABC Sale will be determined at the Kitchen Committee's meeting in early August.

Properties/Maintenance Committee-Harlan and Mick are keeping the lawn mowed and have agreed to do so through July. Aaron has offered to help after that.

Pastor's Comments/Concerns-Pastor has noted that there are not a lot of folks from Aardahl attending the Drive-in worship services at the Fairgrounds and wonders if we (he) should continue to attend. There were a few varied comments regarding the service. Sue and Farmer have attended church at Malvik the last couple of weeks and shared that.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: will be held on Sunday, June 28, outdoors after service. Pastor did purchase an FM transmitter so that people can tune in to the meeting via radio from their car in the parking lot if they so choose. He also has a 10 x 12 tent that he could put up if needed.

Budget- Margaret and George presented and answered questions about the proposed budget. The council reviewed each line item and were given a chance to comment and/or ask questions for clarification. It should be noted that we will have a reduction in income from our normal events which could definitely have an impact on what we can pay out.

Nominations: Aaron and Sue will have concluded their 2nd terms and are not eligible for re-election. Tim also shared with us that he has taken a job in north-western Minnesota and will be leaving us, so his position will need to be filled. Candidates are needed. Pastor and Wendy will call some members to see if they would be interested in serving on the Council and will report back to the group.

Re-opening Plan

Covid-19 Preparedness Plan- Tim and Pastor will review the Guidelines. Pastor has received some information from a church that has re-opened in Bagley with the assistance of a Clearwater County Public Health nurse. He will email out their information for us to look at as we prepare to move ahead.

Team
Leader

Outdoor Worship Service- will try our first one 6/28/20 to be followed by the annual meeting.

New Business:

PPP (Payroll Protection Plan). This is a government plan that has been put in place to assist with payroll, rent and utilities for a 2 ½ month period for a select group of businesses, churches included. Application must be done by 6/30/20. Margaret and Farmer have agreed to look into this. Mick moved/Margaret seconded we look into completing the application.

Adjournment: Sue moved/Donna seconded meeting adjourn at 7:59pm. Carried. Meeting concluded with a prayer of thanks for presiding at our meeting and wishing Tim, Deb and Tommy best wishes on their new endeavor. They will be missed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Otness, Secretary

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWUP

In case you were not at the Annual Meeting, here is an update on our budget.

For the fiscal year ending 06/30/2020, our giving remained fairly steadfast even through the on-going pandemic. We finished the fiscal year close to the budgeted amount. Thank you to everyone for your continued support.

For the fiscal year ending 6/30/2021, the Pastor's salary and housing will remain the same for this fiscal year. We have budgeted an additional \$3,000 to help pay for a potential insurance increase. We won't know until October what the increase is, and it will go into effect in January.

One thing that makes a noticeable difference in our budget this year is not being able to have our three money makers: Music Fest, Lutefisk Dinner, and ABC Sale. The profits from those events usually goes into our General Fund. That is an approximate \$7,000 deficit for the fiscal year. All of us contribute our dollars, time, and talents to these events. At this time, the Music Fest for this year has already been cancelled. We are hopeful the other two events can still be held, but don't believe it will happen this year.

I am sure you have heard of, or seen an advertisement for the PPP Loans (Payroll Protection Program Loan) now being offered by the government because of the pandemic. It is available to small businesses, and in this instance the church is considered a business. The loan can be used for salaries and utilities for a short period of time. We have applied for, and received, a small loan. This loan is to help bridge the gap left by not having our three money making events. We will fill out the necessary paperwork to hopefully get this loan forgiven. This is a onetime thing, and will not be available again. While these funds will help, it in no way relieves the need for all of us to continue our on-going support of Aardahl Lutheran Church. That support depends on all of us, and there is no doubt in my mind that we can make this happen.

If you have any questions, please contact any of the Church Council Members for more information. Thank you very much.

Margaret Booge, Treasurer

PRAYER CONCERNS

In need of healing: Bonnie Anderson, Margie Andersen, Richard Oien, Wyatt Tecklenburg, Beckie Thole, Lon Engler, Judy Hawkenson, Jane Richer, Fran Danielson, Joel Steffen, Marlene Moore

Our Service members: Johnny Baltzell

Those living in care facilities: Marlene Moore, Beckie Thole, Fran Danielson, Judy Hawkenson

Those who are grieving:

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



While they were praying, the place where they were meeting trembled and shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak God's Word with fearless confidence. Acts 4:31 from The Message

JULY CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

Leah Woodford	1st
Bently Wildman	1st
Dave Christianson	2nd
Nash Skime	10th
Jeanne Marti	27th
Harlan Eklund	28th
Trevor Smith	28th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kirk & Laura Christman	7th
Jim & Sheila Armstrong	19th
Margaret Lubke & Antonio Arce	22nd
Stan & Donna Kimmes	27th

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Pastor Pete
Lindsey Spangler
Nathan Spangler
Nicholas Mutchler
Wayne Hoff
Trevor Bergstrom



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Sue Wells

Tim Williamson

Church Council News

Aaron Dubbe and Sue Wells have served on the church council for the last 6 1/2 years and we would like to thank them for their years of service! Thank you for your leadership!

We also say good-bye to Tim Williamson, who will be moving out of the area, and we thank him for serving on the council this past year. Good Luck and God Bless to the Williamson-Worley family. We will miss you!

And we welcome our new council members: Dixie Engler, Darrel Baltzell and Harry Wetzell. Dixie and Darrel were elected to three year terms and Harry will complete the last two years of Tim's term. Thank you for stepping up to serve!

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