

AARDAHL AMBASSADOR

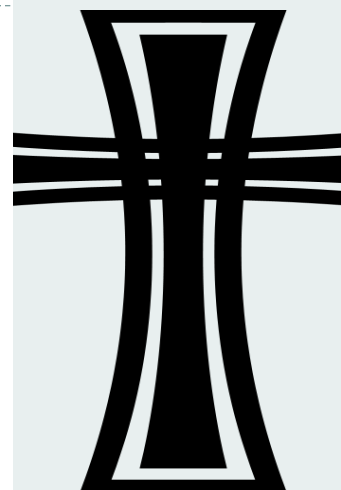
And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. Romans 5:3-5

It has been a crazy year and there are still three months to go! And it is tough because it seems like every time we turn around, something else goes wrong. There is so much despair, fear, and anger in our world right now and it is heart-breaking. Where do we turn to for hope?

In his letter to the Romans, Paul tells them that their suffering isn't meaningless. Their struggles, troubles and sufferings produce endurance. It's kind of like the old saying, whatever doesn't kill you makes you stronger. And being made stronger produces character. God shows us that our troubles and failures can mold us into better people. We are better able to understand what others are going through when they have struggles. That is called empathy. And character and empathy produce hope, because we know that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. It might be a tiny little pin-prick of light, but we know that we will come to the end. There is hope

I know that it is hard to find good news about anything right now, and our tanks are about to run dry. This is the time that makes me joyous that Christ calls me as his own child!! Hope does not come from within! As Paul tells us, "because God's love has been **POURED INTO** our hearts **THROUGH** the **HOLY SPIRIT** that has been given to us!! Hope is a gift from God, just like faith, grace, forgiveness and love! A gift that is **FREE!!!**

Still, it is okay to take a break from time. Get some rest. Find activities that bring joy. Eat good food, eat healthy food that sustains us. Feed your mind, your soul and heart. That being said, I will be participating in a conference October 5-7 and then going vacation Oct 12-19. Worship on the 18th will only be online. I will be taking sometime to rest and rejuvenate and I hope that you can find some time for that too. Find rest in the arms of our savior, Jesus Christ.



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ZOOM GATHERINGS

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

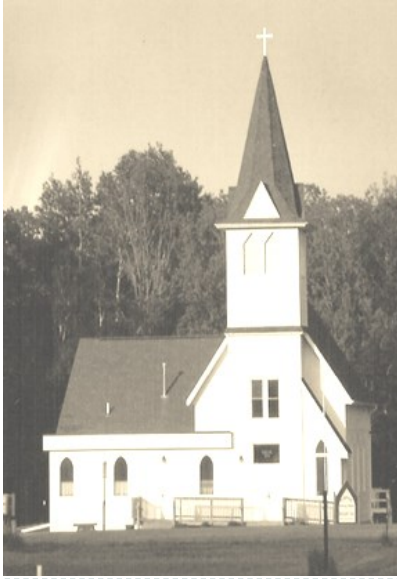
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Thursday Afternoon Coffee Break

876 2742 6197

The Passcode is:

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Outdoor & Drive-In Worship Service

As long as the weather cooperates, we will continue to worship outside on Sunday mornings.

Join us at 8:30 AM, you can sit in your car and tune your radio to 90.9 or bright a lawn chair and enjoy the fresh breeze.

For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. Exodus 12:12

Kid's Corner

We will be producing short videos that we will post on Facebook and YouTube for the kids & parents to watch together and then discuss.

Make sure you like our Facebook page and subscribe to our YouTube Channel to stay up to date!!

CONFIRMATION

When I was going through confirmation, I had to sit in the church basement and listen to an hour-long lecture from the pastor and then work on my memorization.

My, how things have changed. Confirmation has become more interactive. Instead of an hour of lecture, we had been doing 25 minutes of large group teaching and then we would break out into small groups for discussion time. But in the age of Covid-19, we are again scrambling to find new ways to pass on the faith.

This year, Pastor Pete will post a short video to watch and then there will be some guided questions for our youth to discuss with their parents. Pastor Pete will check-in with our youth from time to time to see how they are doing.

Confirmation starts in November.

October 2020 Aardahl

OUTDOOR/DRIVE-IN WORSHIP AT 8:30 AM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	2	3
4 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	5 Pastor Pete at a conference	6 Pastor Pete at a conference	7 Pastor Pete at a conference	8 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	9	10
11 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	12 Pastor Pete on vacation	13 Pastor Pete on vacation	14 Pastor Pete on vacation	15 Pastor Pete on vacation	16 Pastor Pete on vacation	17 Pastor Pete on vacation
18 YouTube Worship Service Online Pastor Pete on vacation	19	20 Council 6:30 PM	21 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	22 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	23	24
25 Drive-In/Outdoor Worship Service 8:30 AM in the church parking lot. YouTube Worship Service Online	26	27	28 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	29 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	30	31 Turn your Clocks Back

**MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

*Year to date income:
\$31,451.28*

*Year to date
expense:
\$27,786.22*

*Income less
expenses:
\$3,665.06*

***Our weekly
offering goal
\$2,281***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
Goal \$27,132***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
\$31,272.13***

**Council Meeting
will be on
Tuesday,
September 15th at
6:30 PM**

Aardahl Lutheran Church
August 18, 2020 Council Meeting
Pastor Pete Warren

Present: Pastor Pete, President Mick Lee, Vice Pres. Harry Wetzel, Treasurer Margaret Booge, Secretary Wendy Otness, Darrel Baltzell, Connie Bowman, Dixie Engler, Donna Kimmes, John Rubash and Sandy Steffen

6:30pm Meeting called to order by President Mick Lee
Opening Prayer- Pastor Pete "Who is Your Savior?" Isaiah 43:8-13

Approval of July 21, 2020 meeting minutes-Darrel moved/ John seconded approval of minutes. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer's report: Margaret shared she has an appointment at the bank later this week to share what we have been using the PPP loan money on. This is required as part of the process for seeking loan forgiveness. She has also received an email with some information on how to start this process. Reviewed the Balance sheet and Income/Expense Statements. Donna moved/Connie seconded acceptance of report as presented. Carried.

Education committee: VBS was held on-line 8/3-8/7. No feedback on who may have attended or who it went Altar Guild

Worship Committee-will continue to hold services outside as long as the weather holds. If it looks to be inclement weather, Pastor Pete will record the service to be viewed on Youtube.

Kitchen Committee-it has been decided that we will NOT have the ABC sale or the Lutefisk supper this year. There was mention of moving a sale to Christmas or springtime, but overall feeling was that our Fall sale is very popular and we will hope for a normal Fall next year.

Properties/Maintenance committee- Tomy Hegland helped mow this last week. Thanks to Tomy, and again Mick and Harlan for keeping our church grounds looking nice.

Old Business:

PA Speakers- speakers arrived last Friday. Pastor and Kim will have them up and ready for services on Sunday. Pastor was able to purchase a cheaper pair as we didn't need all of the components included with the original bid, so he used the extra money to purchase a camcorder for recording church services. This will make uploading the service to our website MUCH easier and faster.

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August 18, continued

Drive-in movies night- will look ahead to pick a date and will pay attention to what time of night it is dark enough that a movie will show on a screen. Apparently this was tried at the Beltrami County Fairgrounds and was a huge success.

New Business:

Propane Pre-buy- Margaret received a letter offering us the opportunity to pre-buy our propane for \$1.29/gallon if we did so by 8/26/20. Last year we used 2789 gallons and did a pre-buy of 1930 gallons. Discussion regarding what would happen if we didn't go through that many gallons this year: we would not lose anything. We would get credit towards next year's bill. Darrel moved/Donna seconded we pre-buy 2000 gallons at \$1.29/gallon. Motion carried.

Electronic giving (Vanco)- in April we decided to trial an on-line version of giving called Vanco with the understanding that we would review usage, fees etc at 6 months. Since we began using the system, 2 families consistently use this method to give their offering with 1-2 other families using it intermittently. We knew there would be fees associated with its use. We have had approximately \$1700 in contributions via Vanco and \$65 in fees since we began using it. After discussion, Darrel moved/Donna seconded that we continue using Vanco as a way for members to give their offering through next year's Annual meeting, with the option to revisit this motion if we begin to incur fees from our bank (First National) due to increased number of transactions. Motion carried.

Dining out at Farris Park/Farden township was attended by 16 people. Complimentary comments.

Adjournment: 7:20 Darrel moved/Connie seconded meeting adjourn. Motion carried. Pastor led us in the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Otness, Secretary

Aardahl Lutheran Church

September 22, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Present: President Mick, Pastor Pete, Wendy, Margaret, Darrel, Connie, Dixie, Donna and Sandy

Absent: John, Harry

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm by President Mick Lee.

Opening prayer by Pastor Pete: Genesis 28: "Not a Ladder, but a Cross"

Approval of August meeting minutes. Connie moved/Sandy seconded approval of minutes as read by Secretary Wendy Otness. Motion carried.

Reports

Treasurer's- Our propane has been prepaid for 2000 gallons as per our last meeting. We received a \$0.09/gallon additional discount since we are a church, which reduced our pre-buy cost from \$2580 to \$2400. Margaret will meet with the bank again at the end of September and at that time we should be close to knowing if our PPP loan will be forgiven or not, and what, if any, paperwork might need to be completed. Darrel moved/Mick seconded accepting Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

September Council Minutes, continued

Education Committee- Sunday school and Confirmation class. Sunday school does not seem like a possibility at this time, but Pastor Pete will visit with our confirmation students and their parents to discuss options, which may include joining with Calvary Lutheran in some fashion.

Altar Guild—nothing to report

Worship Committee-a few of our Council members have been approached by members of the congregation about returning to worship in church. Much discussion was had and at this time it does not seem like a feasible option. If we were to follow the social distancing guidelines, our sanctuary could only hold 15 people. Pastor Pete has been “attending” a 6-week training series on how to enhance online worship services and he will use the ideas he is learning to keep us engaged as best as possible given the circumstances.

Kitchen Committee-will meet 10/1 at Margaret’s house

Properties/Maintenance Committee-Pastor Pete has noticed some mouse droppings and traps have been set.

Pastor’s Comments/Concerns-he would like to take vacation 10/12-10/18. The Synod is preparing a service for that Sunday that could be viewed electronically, or Pastor would be willing to show someone how to set up the equipment if they were inclined to do a service. Council agreed that Pastor could take that week off.

Old Business

Drive-in movie night- tabled for now

New Business

Copy machine-the 5 year lease on our current copier will be up on 11/30/20. There is not an option to renew that lease, as generally the “lifespan” of a copier is 7 years and there will not be parts/support for the current machine for much longer. We could buy it outright for \$1000, but again, no parts/support. We received some bids for new copiers: Black and white option is \$113.90/month (currently we are paying \$100.78/month). Color copier option: \$137.16/month + \$0.05/colored page. Both options include 1950 black and white copies. After discussion, Connie moved/Donna seconded we sign a new lease for the Black and White copier at \$113.90/month. Motion carried.

Thrivent Action Team Projects- Pastor wants us thinking how we might use any of these remaining dollars for worship. He will assist those who need with completing the report required by Thrivent.

COVID-induced needs- Parish nurse, Wendy, brought forth discussion on if we had anyone in our Parish in need of emotional support at this time due. Sandy discussed Pastor’s options of visiting those folks who are shut-ins. Wendy asked/suggested the Kitchen Committee discuss at their next meeting options for reaching out to our members in the way of a little goodie basket, or something similar.

Adjournment- Darrel moved/Connie seconded the meeting adjourn. Carried. Pastor Pete led us in the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,
Secretary Wendy Otness

PRAYER CONCERNS

In need of healing: Michelle Copeland, Ellen Hotvedt, Harry Wetzel, Fran Danielson, Coltyn Anderson, Ginger Hubbell, Sally Steffen, Joel Steffen, Marlene Moore, Kelly Booge, Judy Hawkenson, Margie Andersen, Bonnie Anderson, Richard Oien, Wyatt Tecklenberg, Beckie Thole, Lon Engler, Jane Richer

Our Service members: Johnny Baltzell & Blake Quick

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

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



***Hannah prayed and said,
"My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory."
1st Samuel 2:1***

OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

Pat Smith	4th
Matthew Woodford	6th
Austin Skime	14th
Laura Dubbe	15th
Deb Satre	18th
Darrel Baltzell	20th
Guy Drevlow	20th
Calie Dubbe	22nd
Chase Woodford	28th
Donna Hegland	29th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Deb Taray	19th
Aaron & Laura Dubbe	22nd
Dwayne & Gwen Young	25th

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Sandy Steffen, Marlene Moore, Gwen Young, & Trevor Smith



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Holy Humor

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One enterprising man asked the Lord, "Lord, how long is a million years to you?"

The Lord replied, "To me, a million years is like a second."

The man asked, "Lord, how much is a million dollars to you?"

The Lord said, "To me, a million dollars is like a penny."

The man asked, "Lord, may I have a penny?"

The Lord answered, "Sure, just a second."

