

December 2020

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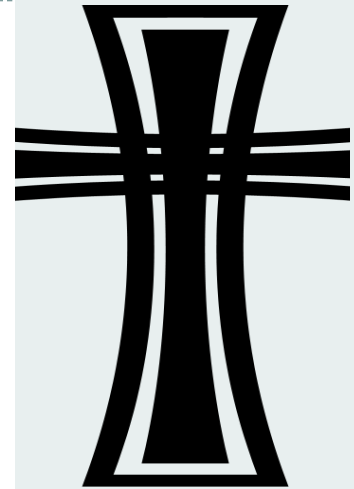
We are in the season of Advent, a season of preparation for the coming of our messiah, the anointed one, who will and has changed our world. As part of the preparations in this time of Covid-19, I have been slowly decorating the sanctuary. It has been a wonderful, meditative, and humbling experience for me.

It has been humbling because instead of putting up the big tree in the sanctuary, I put up the smaller one and I found a small tote of Christmas ornaments in the basement that I thought would be a nice change of pace for decorations. This is a tote that I have hauled up and down the stairs for the last 5 years, but have never opened or if I did, I did not look closely at the decorations or put them on a tree.

As I began to put them on the tree, I noticed that many of the ornaments had years on them. Some of them look like ones that youth had made in years past. As I was taking the balls out of the tote and hanging them on the tree, I noticed that there were names written on them. I recognized some of the names and for some, I only recognized the last name. And there were others, that I have no idea who they were. I'm guessing that most, if not all, were in memory of a loved one and I was struck by the magnitude of it all. These were loved ones that were connected with our Aardahl family. It brought me to my knees for a moment of prayer and thanksgiving.

I think that when this is over, we will have a greater appreciation for "Blue Christmas" because we will grieve the loss of timeless traditions. But we can also celebrate the new ones that have been created. We can find joy in the discovering new ones and we might even find some old ones tucked away in corner that we forgot we had. And we can remember with thanksgiving, those who have gone before us.

Stay safe and have a Merry Christmas!! Pastor Pete



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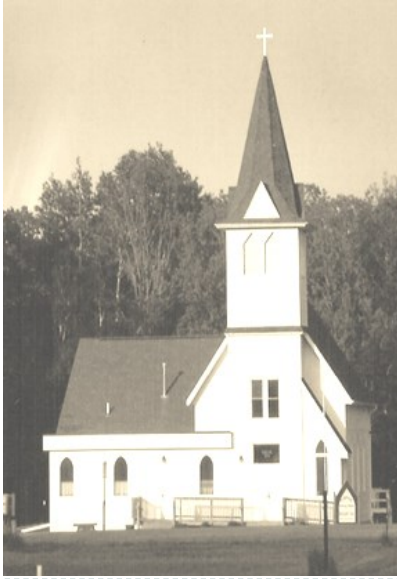
ZOOM GATHERINGS

**Sunday Morning
Coffee Hour**
813 1974 8459

**Wednesday Morning
Bible Study**
863 6694 2313

**Thursday Afternoon
Coffee Break**
876 2742 6197

The Passcode is:
Aardahl



Wait, Watch, Wonder & Worship

is our theme for this year's Midweek Advent Services. We will light the Advent wreath and sing familiar Advent hymns. And we are partnering with Trinity Lutheran Church again this year, but you don't need to worry about which church to go to because it will all be online!!

Tune in to YouTube and Facebook to worship with us!!



41When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit 42and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Luke 1:41-42

Christmas Greetings

We would like to create a video of Christmas Greetings that we can share with one another.

Please record you and your family sending your Christmas greetings to our Aardahl Family and send it to Pastor Pete.

Christmas Eve Under the Stars

Calvary, First, New Salem and Aardahl Lutheran Churches will gather together to host *Christmas Eve Under the Stars* on December 24th in Calvary Lutheran Church's parking lot. There will be a large bon fire burning all day and the worship services will be 25 minutes and will include: The Christmas Story, some of your favorite Christmas Carols, and Holy Communion.

There will be six worship services at:
11:00 AM 5:00 PM,
1:00 PM 7:00 PM,
3:00 PM 9:00 PM

Please wear a mask and respect Social Distancing Guidelines.



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Worship services can be found
online on YouTube, Facebook, and
at www.aardahlutheran.com

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	3 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 PM	4	5 Good Luck Hunters!
6 Advent Festival YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	7	8 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	9 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	10 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 PM	11	12
13 Advent III YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	14	15 Council 6:30 PM on Zoom	16 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	17 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 PM	18	19
20 Advent IV YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	21	22 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	23 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	24 Christmas Eve under the Stars at Calvary Lutheran 11 am, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 pm	25	26
27 YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	28	29	30 Aardahl volunteers at the Food Shelf 9 AM- 12:30 PM	31 New Year's Eve		

**MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

*Year to date income:
44,012.29*

*Year to date
expense:
\$43,190.04*

*Income less
expenses:
\$822.25*

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

***Year to date
Regular Offering
Goal \$45,220***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
\$43,809.05***

**Council Meeting
will be on
Tuesday,
December 15th at
6:30 PM on Zoom.**

**Meeting ID:
857 9177 2714
Passcode: Aardahl**

Aardahl Lutheran Church
October 19, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Pete, Wendy, Margaret, Darrel, Dixie, Harry, John, Donna and Sandy
Absent: Mick, and Connie

- Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm by Vice President Harry.
- Opening prayer by Pastor Pete
- Approval of September meeting minutes-Donna moved/Darrel seconded approval of meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Reports

- Treasurer's- Margaret reported that for now our PPP funds are remaining in our savings account until they are needed. Most of the loan forgiveness application has been completed. Currently there are some proposed changes with special notice loans under \$150,000, so will wait to see what happens there. Bank will be contacted before our 24 week period is up. Our checking account balance is \$15,156.84. Wendy moved/Donna seconded accepting Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.
- Education Committee- Confirmation class will be focusing on the small Catechism. Beginning in November, Pastor will also provide "Kids' Corner" in addition to preparing worship services.
- Altar Guild- paraments are being changed by Pastor. Thank you!
- Worship Committee- Discussion re: one more outdoor meeting. With weather changes, Donna moved/Dixie seconded we move to strictly on-line church services. Motion carried. Pastor has been trying to develop some "fireside" type Wednesday night service for Christmas time. More to follow.
- Kitchen Committee-did not meet in October. Pastor drained the coffee maker earlier this summer.
- Properties/Maintenance Committee-No signs of mice. Donna moved. Dixie seconded we renew our contract with Wade Julin to keep our parking lot clear of snow. Motion carried.
- Pastor's Comments/Concerns-thanked us for his time off.

Old Business

- Copy machine- we will have delivery early November. We are being upgraded to Model 308E from 300I for no additional cost.

New Business

- Wednesday Advent Services-see above
- Water test-State tested our water. Our outside front faucet tested positive for chloroform. Everything was flushed for ½ hour and all inside lines were negative. Will need to discuss further.

Adjournment- Darrel moved/Donna 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: Judy Hawkenson, Clark Cvancara, Darrell Smith, Mike Lauderbaugh, John Taray, Tomy Hegland, Guy Drevlow, Michelle Copeland, Ellen Hotvedt, Joel Steffen, Marlene Moore, Kelly Booge, Bonnie Anderson, Richard Oien, Wyatt Tecklenberg, Beckie Thole, Jane Richer

Our Service members: Johnny B, Blake Q.

Those living in care facilities: Judy H., Marlene M., Beckie T., Rose P.

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



43And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? 44For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. 45And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." Luke 1:43-45

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

Kathy Cvancara	2nd
Kieth Fenner	6th
Virginia McDonnell	9th
Ferel Baltzell	11th
Carol Iverson	13th
Clark Cvancara	13th
Marsha Ness	13th
Nancy Benson	14th
Sheri Eklund	16th
Noel Benson	19th
Heidi Bergstrom	22nd

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Kelly & Margaret Booge 5th

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

George Wells
Sue Wells
Kathy Cvancara
Laura Dubbe
Kathy Sundahl



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50th Wedding Anniversary!

Congratulations to Kelly and
Margaret Booge who will
celebrate their 50th Wedding
Anniversary on December
5th!

