

January 2021

## AARDAHL AMBASSADOR

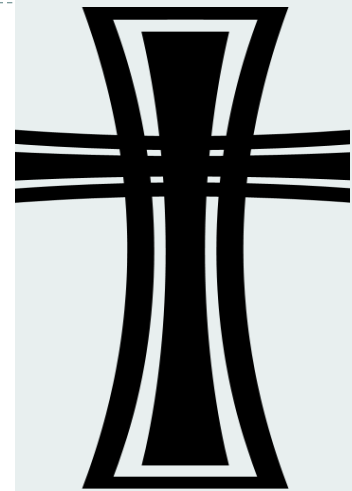
As I reflect on this Christmas of 2020, I had found myself lost without the long established traditions and hustle of the season. There were no trips, no stays, no large family, friend or work gatherings or warm friendly hugs. The beautiful church service was virtual but my heart sank because I missed the harmony of Christmas music and soft Christmas lighting. The year had been fraught with global issues, election discord and the greatest loss of life to a virus in my lifetime. This made it a personal difficult time, with adding this to the woes of the holiday season that plaques this time of year. For me the missing of parents, the diagnosis of my brother's terminal cancer and my own personal health struggle weighed heavy on my mind. And I found without the 'hassle' of Christmas, keeping a mind busy can be the safety that is sought.

I was caught in despair and found myself questioning, 'how do I celebrate Christmas this year?' I did as most of us did, I trudged thru the Season with some abbreviated tradition, baked cookies, made smaller traditional meals and delivered 'fly by' gift giving and dealt with 'Merry Christmas' across the sidewalk instead of warm hugs or friendly Christmas banter.

But then as the holiday, arrived, I began to see beauty in the things I had no longer taken time for at Christmas: the beauty of the Christmas tree lights in the early morning prior to anything or anyone stirring; the calmness of sleeping pets with fun toys and sleeping off their own food hang overs and most of all the time with my husband as we spoke of childhood Christmas' and listened to old holiday music on a small Crosley phonograph. I took the time to paint my nails bright red and wear silly holiday socks. I actually stood still and watched it snow just before Christmas.

And through the Season, as well as the rest of the year, my question had been, 'and where is God in this?' I knew He was there, but where?

But then, what to my wondering eyes, did appear, a verse in my reading that made it all clear: (cont. on next page)



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### ZOOM GATHERINGS

#### **Sunday Morning Coffee Hour**

813 1974 8459

#### **Wednesday Morn- ing Bible Study**

863 6694 2313

#### **Thursday Afternoon Coffee Break**

876 2742 6197

The Passcode is:

**Aardahl**

“The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by”. Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper’. 1 Kings 19: 11-12

And there it was, my answer and then, I realized that this Christmas was our whisper from God.

Christmas came in the whisper after the tears.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!

Bonnie J Oien Anderson 12/26/2020

Aardahl Lutheran Church  
November 17, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by President Mick

Opening prayer by Pastor Pete: “Encourage the Fainthearted” 1Thesalonians 5:12-18

Approval of October meeting minutes-Donna moved/John seconded approval of meeting minutes. Motion carried.

### Reports

**Treasurer’s-** Margaret met with the loan officer at the end of October. There is a new form for the PPP loan-this has been submitted. The Government has 90 days to review and determine if our loan can be forgiven. Checking account balance \$15,085.61. Darrel moved/Connie seconded accepting Treasurer’s report as presented. Carried.

**Education Committee-** Pastor Pete is doing videos for the kids and is working on Confirmation

**Altar Guild-** Judy Faymoville helping to change the banners.

**Worship Committee-** Pastor has been in communication with Pastor Amanda at Trinity Lutheran regarding videos for Advent. Discussion re: Christmas Eve Under the Stars from 11am-9pm at Calvary Lutheran- an outgoing outdoor bonfire service. Pastor will also do a video service.

**Kitchen Committee-** Did talk about care packages. Cheryl Lee has money from a Thrivent card and Pat Smith- bags. Discussed gathering after 12/1 to put together with pre-packaged items. Could also include the packaged wooden crosses from Thrivent.

**Properties/Maintenance Committee-**No signs of mice. The “bad water” spigot has only one shut-off valve which is right off of the pump-FYI.

**Pastor’s Comments/Concerns-** will be performing Patrick Moore’s Memorial Service via Zoom and has the family’s assistance with content.

### Old Business

Copy machine- has been installed and is working great.

### New Business

Christmas Eve Service-see above

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

Respectfully submitted by,  
Secretary Wendy Otness

# January 2021 Aardahl

Worship services can be found  
online on YouTube, Facebook, and  
at [www.aardahlutheran.com](http://www.aardahlutheran.com)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 <b>YouTube Worship Service Online</b>	4	5	6 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	7 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 PM	1/8	2/9
10 <b>YouTube Worship Service Online</b> Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	11	12	13 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	14 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 PM	15	16
17 <b>YouTube Worship Service Online</b> Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	18	19 Council 6:30 PM on Zoom	20 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	21 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 PM	22	23
24 <b>YouTube Worship Service Online</b> Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	25	26	27 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	28 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 PM	29	30
31 <b>Drive –Thru Communion 9:00-11:00 AM</b> <b>YouTube Worship Service Online</b> Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM						

Aardahl Lutheran Church  
December 15, 2020 Council Meeting Minutes

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

**MONTHLY  
FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

*Year to date income:*

*Year to date  
expense:*

*Income less  
expenses:*

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

***Year to date  
Regular Offering  
Goal \$58,786.00***

***Year to date  
Regular Offering  
\$56,010.07***

**Council Meeting  
will be on  
Tuesday,  
January 17th at  
6:30 PM on Zoom.**

**Meeting ID:  
857 9177 2714**

**Passcode: Aardahl**

**To Call in on a  
phone:  
1(312)626-6799**

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm by President Mick  
Opening prayer by Pastor Pete: "The Power of Repentance" Acts 3-4  
Approval of November meeting minutes-Dixie moved/John seconded approval of meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Reports**

**Treasurer's-** Margaret shared great news! We have received notification that our PPP loan was fully forgiven by the Small Business Association! We have been advised to keep all of our documents for 6 years as they are allowed that amount of time to ask for audit. Our offering is a bit down, but bills have been paid. Current checking account balance is \$10, 521.48 and Savings \$ 25, 069.97 (this includes our \$10,000 PPP loan). Darrel moved and Donna seconded approval of Treasurer's report as presented. Carried.

**Education Committee-** Confirmation has been a challenge to get up and running; it will be worked on after the New Year

**Worship Committee-** Services will be behind Calvary Lutheran Church on Christmas Eve. Services will be between 11am and 9pm with several churches participating. There was a list of volunteer needs with last week's service. Folks are needed to help with the Welcome Tent (Communion, Candles & Offering) at the 11:00 am service and parking at the 1:00 PM service.

**Kitchen Committee-** Mick and Cheryl Lee and Margaret and Kelly Booge put together approximately 32 goodie bags and distributed to many members of the congregation. They were VERY well-received by all. There are 7 bags left- let Mick or Margaret know if you have someone who could benefit from one of these goodie bags.

Old Business

New Business

**Pastor's Comments/Concerns-** Pastor would like to request vacation from 12/25/20-1/3/21. Mick moved/Dixie seconded we approve the vacation request. Motion carried. The Synod will be providing a service for 12/27 and Pastor is working on a service for 1/3/21. Mick will check on the church/mailbox every other day. Margaret will assist with depositing of money/paying bills. Pastor will change the voicemail on the answering machine.

**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, Darrell Smith, Mike Lauderbaugh, Guy Drevlow, 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



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***John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" Luke 3:7***

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## JANUARY CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

### Birthdays

Dave Bergstrom	8th
Taylor Otness	10th
Maija Otness	13th
Mason Woodford	14th
John Rubash	15th
Brandon Puschinsky	17th
Judy Faymoville	22nd
Art Sundahl	29th
Darrell Smith	31st

### Wedding Anniversaries

Dick & Marge Andersen	15th
Pr. Pete & Kim Warren	17th

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Dick & Margie Andersen, Judy Faymoville, Judy Hawkenson, Carol Iverson, Stan Kimmes, Chery & Mick Lee, Harry Wetzell, Austin, Autumn & Nash Skime, Sheri Eklund & Mason Woodford, Logan Christman



AARDAHL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

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## Aardahl's Church Council

Mick Lee— *President*

Harry Wetzel— *Vice President*

Wendy Otness— *Secretary*

Margaret Booge— *Treasurer*

Connie Bowman

Donna Kimmes

John Rubash

Sandy Steffen

Darrel Baltzell

Dixie Engler

## Drive-Thru Communion

On Sunday, January 31 from 9:00 AM  
to 11:00 AM, Pastor Pete will offer  
Drive-Thru Communion.

Simply pull up to the church between  
those times and Pastor Pete will have  
communion ready for you.

Contact Pastor Pete if you are unable  
to attend and he will offer delivery at  
another time.

*This will be postponed until February if the wind-  
chill is below -10 degrees.*

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