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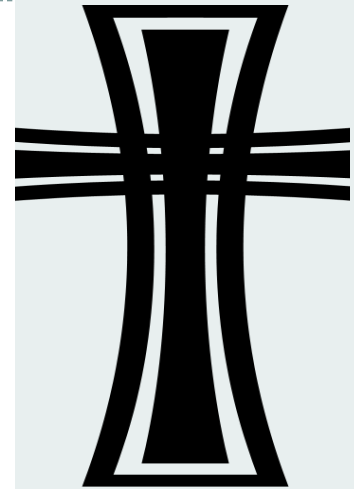
From Behind the Altar

In the movie “Tommy Boy,” Chris Farley’s character is in a last ditch effort to save his family’s auto parts manufacturing business. They are in Chicago and the rest of the shareholders are about to sign over the company to a competitor and Chris and his friends are barred from the meeting. In fact, they are chased out of the building and Tommy looks over a construction site and stutters, “I’ve, got, a, plan.” and it’s a hairbrained plan where he straps road flares to his chest and pretends that they are sticks of dynamite. It worked, but in real life, a plan like that probably wouldn’t work.

In reality, we need time to come up with a thoughtful plan. And that is what the church council is currently working on. We know that a number of people are wishing to resume in-person worship that is inside of the church. At our last meeting, Jan. 19th, we formed a committee to work on that plan. We need to develop a Covid-19 Preparedness Plan that establishes: Cleaning protocols, ways to keep each other safe and how to keep track of people, so that we can quickly and easily notify people in the unfortunate event that someone attends who may have been unknowingly infected. This takes time, so please be patient.

In the meantime, if you would like some space for prayer and meditation, please contact me and we can set up a time for you to come to the church and use the sanctuary. If you would like, there could even be some music playing in the background. I would be more than happy to pray with you or lead you in guided meditation.

In the meantime, I’m praying for you. God Bless!



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ZOOM GATHERINGS

Sunday Morning Coffee Hour

813 1974 8459

Wednesday Morn- ing Bible Study

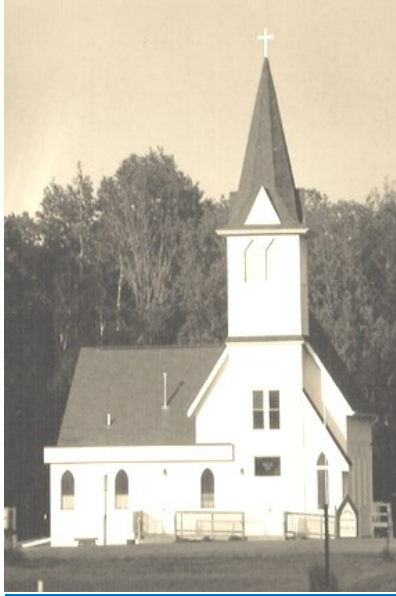
863 6694 2313

Thursday Afternoon Coffee Break

876 2742 6197

The Passcode is:

Aardahl



***He answered,
"You shall love
the Lord your
God with all
your heart, and
with all your
soul, and with
all your
strength, and
with all your
mind; and your
neighbor as
yourself."***

Luke 10:27

Luther Social Services of Minnesota

You may have seen on the news that LSS of North Dakota is shutting down and might wonder what the means for LSS of MN, or how they are doing. LSS of MN wants you to know that they are in a strong financial position and are here to help in many different ways and here is what they have done:

- LSS of Minnesota serves 1 in 65 Minnesotans across all 87 counties and is the largest provider of human services in the state.
- Last year 7,835 volunteers contributed 319,041 hours of service through LSS
- 17,733 people received financial counseling services and nearly \$18 million was repaid to local and national creditors.
- In 2020 we saw a 40% increase in services to older adults.
- LSS provided 1.5 million meals in 2020 compared to 900,000 in 2019.
- LSS of Minnesota is financially stable achieving surpluses in each of the past 10 years.
- Nearly \$12 million were contributed to LSS in 2020.

While many of us might be most familiar with LSS because of Meals on Wheels, they also offer financial counseling. They offer plans to help people get out of debt and offer educational opportunities to teach people how to not fall back into that trap. If you need help, please contact Lutheran Social Services, they are awesome!!

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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	3 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	4 Kitchen comm. 1:00 PM @ Booges' Coffee Break 3:00 P	5	6
7 YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	8	9	10 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM	11 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	12	13
14 YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	15	16 Council 6:30 PM on Zoom	17 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM Campfire Worship Service 6:30 PM	18 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	19	20
21 YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM	22	23	24 Online Bible Study 10:30 AM Campfire Worship Service 6:30 PM	25 Zoom Coffee Break 3:00 P M	26	27
28 YouTube Worship Service Online Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:00 AM						

**MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

*Year to date income:
\$62578.91*

*Year to date
expense:
\$63,945.44*

*Income less
expenses:
(\$1,366.53)*

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

***Year to date
Regular Offering
Goal \$65,569***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
\$62,310.10***

**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
ID#: 857 9177 2714
Passcode: 966107**

Aardahl Lutheran Church

January 19, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Pete, Margaret B., John R., Donna K., Wendy O., Dixie E., Harry W., Darrel B., Mick L., Sandy S., and Connie B.
Visitor: Guy D.

6:38 PM: Meeting called to order by President Mick Lee
Opening prayer by Pastor Pete: "Going the Distance" from Psalm 86:11

Approval of December minutes: Darrel moved/Donna seconded approval of minutes. Carried.

Reports

Treasurers- Checking \$12,635.02, Savings \$25,073.16. We have received a letter from the PPP regarding a second draw for stimulus dollars. There will be different set of "qualifiers" to be eligible for these dollars, and we may not meet the criteria. Margaret will keep us posted as new information comes in and we will revisit as necessary. Donna moved/Connie seconded Treasurer's report as presented.

Education Committee-

Altar Guild- Pastor is maintaining the sanctuary paraments

Worship Committee- January 31, 2021 Pastor is offering Drive-through Communion at church from 9am-11am

Kitchen Committee-Will meet again 2/4/21. There are 5 Goody bags still available if there is anyone in need.

Properties/Maintenance Committee-

Pastor's comments and concerns-Pastor is overwhelmed with how we are more than "just a Sunday morning family". We have folks reaching out to each other, providing meals and conversation. Way to go Aardahl family!

Old Business

New Business

Visitation- Margaret raised the question of whether or not the Council had ever made known our expectations for him and visitation. With COVID, Pastor is not doing in-home visits and understandably so. Great discussion regarding how we, as Council members, can assist with reaching out to members to check in. It was suggested that Pastor consider reviewing the Prayer list on a regular basis and touch base with those folks to see how they are doing. No lists will be assigned to any Council member, but we will call as we feel moved to do so.

Resuming in-person worship

COVID Protocol Team- much discussion was had regarding returning to in-person worship. Donna, Wendy, Margaret and Dixie have offered to work together as the Protocol team and report back to the Council in February with our recommendations. We must follow the State Guidelines. Donna will attend church at Trinity in Cass Lake to see how they resume meeting in person and has offered to visit with the Pastor there for comments, as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm and Pastor Pete shared the Lord's Prayer. Respectfully submitted, Wendy Otness, Secretary

PRAYER CONCERNS

In need of healing: Bob Moe, Judy Hawkenson, Darrell Smith, Mike Lauderbaugh, 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



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen listen to him!" Luke 9:35

FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS & MILESTONES

BIRTHDAYS

Willow Drevlow 3rd

Karen Puschinsky 12th

Dwayne Young 20th

Julie Brooks 28th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Harlan & Sheri Eklund 5th

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

Gavin Bergstrom 5th

Amanda Thole 25th

Brandon Puschinsky 27th



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Connie Bowman

Donna Kimmes

John Rubash

Sandy Steffen

Darrel Baltzell

Dixie Engler

Wednesday Lenten Night Campfire Service

During this season of Lent, we will have a campfire worship service in the back corner of the parking lot, at the firepit. It will be a brief service, one that reminds us that during these dark times, there is light out there. And there is a light inside of our hearts and that light is Jesus Christ.

Join us at 6:30 PM and dress warm. If the temperature is below zero, we will postpone until the next week. Starts on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17th.

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