

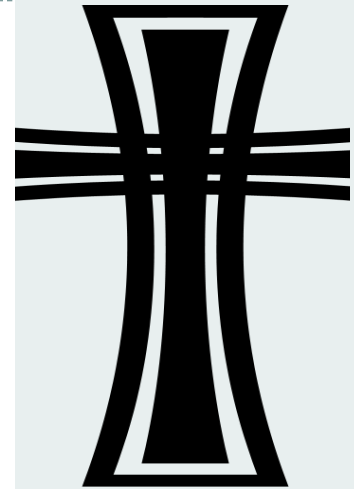
AARDAHL AMBASSADOR

The History of the Aardahl Lutheran Church 1896-1966 (as prepared for the 70th anniversary)

As the records of Aardahl are being scrutinized, one must look beyond the pages of statistics. They are nothing but names and dates and ages. It is important to understand that these yellowing and charred leaves reveal more than disclosed in mere words. This year, we are recalling the history of a simple country church. It is the history brave men and women who strove to attain that for which they longed. Our retrospective thoughts are concerned not only with bare facts, but with the needs and hopes and inner most wants of those who proceeded us. They were honest, god-fearing men and women. Centuries before, their ancestors roamed the seas and raided the coasts of Europe as savage pirates. They were the Norsemen, worshippers of Thor and Odin, brave, strong and fearless. Seventy years ago, the descendants of the wild Vikings, as settlers in a new land, turned their own bravery and strength toward founding a church in which they worship with complete freedom of self-expression.

Today, as we gaze upon this church with pride, knowing that with the help of God, it can continue serving its people as faithfully as it has for the last seven decades. This is a church of many memories. As a tribute to those who founded it, it is our duty to preserve and uphold the things which are right in the sight of God. In our walks throughout life, we may chance to view many beautiful and magnificent cathedrals and temples. Let us never forget the small, white church called Aardahl, where friendship is bountiful and the good things of life prevail.

The early settlers of Aardahl community, through persistence and sincerity, organized this congregation. Aardahl, according to the reports of many is very fascinating in that the early settlers donated much of the time and money in making this pioneer church a dauntless pillar of active religious faith. In accordance with the economic situation of seventy years ago, the donation of thirty dollars was indeed a great sacrifice to be made. Yet, these people, in the presence of numerous hardships, saw fit to make such great sacrifices in the name of a worthy cause. (to be continued...)

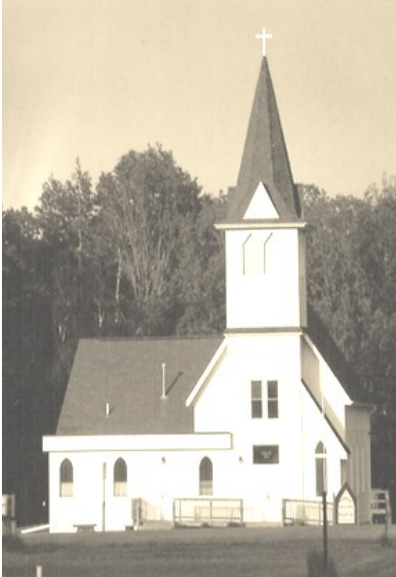


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JULY COFFEE HOUR SERVERS

- July 4— Englers & Wetzels
- July 11— Kimmes & Goehring
- July 18— Wells & Bowman
- July 25— Smiths & VOLUNTEERS



FUTURE EVENTS—SOME ITEMS TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

July

Dining Out at Bar 209 on July 18 @4:00 PM

Vacation Bible School—July 26-29 5:30-7:30 PM

Church Picnic—July 29 at 5:30—Diamond Point Park

August

Dining Out—**TBD** August 15 @4:00 PM

September

Dining Out—**TBD** September 19 @4:00 PM

“I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth. Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life. *Genesis 9:13-15*

Aardahl's 125th Anniversary

This year is our 125th anniversary. As a celebration, the opening article of the newsletters will contain excerpts from a history that was written in 1966 to celebrate our 70th anniversary.

Next Summer, we will have a big celebration. Keep your eyes peeled for future updates.

Vacation Bible School

July 26-29, 2021

5:30—7:30 PM is Supper Included

How can water do such great things?

“Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God’s word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit,” *From Martin Luther’s Explanation of the Sacrament of Baptism in the Small Catechism.*

Join us as we discover the amazing ways that God uses water to give us life. We will explore the great stories of the bible when God uses water to save, redeem and sanctify his people. We will have worship services, campfires, games, songs and crafts all packed into a few hours each night!

On Thursday night, we will gather at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji for a church picnic and there will also be time for swimming and water games. The meal is a potluck, so please bring a dish to share.

July 2021 Aardahl

Sunday Morning Worship at 8:30 AM and are livestreamed on Facebook & YouTube
Coffee & Fellowship follow the service

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Kitchen Comm NOON Quilters 1:00 PM	2	3
4 WORSHIP Ushers: Harlan & Sheri Eklund Reader: Sheri Eklund Preacher: Margaret Lubke Assisting Minister: Judy Faymoville	5	6	7 Bible Study 10:00 AM	8 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	9	10
11 HOLY COMMUNION Ushers: Darrel & Ferel Baltzell Reader: Judy Faymoville Communion Filler: Judy Faymoville Communion Helpers: VOLUNTEER & VOLUNTEER	12	13	14 Bible Study 10:00 AM	15 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	16	17
18 WORSHIP Ushers: Darrel & Ferel Baltzell Reader: Marsha Ness Communion Filler: VOLUNTEER Communion Helpers: VOLUNTEER & VOLUNTEER DINING OUT at Bar 209 4:00 PM	19	20 Council 6:30 PM	21 Bible Study 10:00 AM	22 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM	23	24
25 WORSHIP Ushers: Darrel & Ferel Baltzell Reader: Deb Taray	26 VBS 5:30– 7:30 PM	27 VBS 5:30–7:30 PM	28 Bible Study 10:00 AM VBS 5:30–7:30 PM	29 Church Picnic at Dia- mond Point 5:30 PM	30 Food Shelf 9:00 AM–	31

**MONTHLY
FINANCIAL
REPORT**

*Year to date in-
come:
\$107,887*

*Year to date
expense:
\$118,529*

*Income less
expenses:
(\$10,642)*

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

***Year to date
Regular Offering
Goal \$123,111***

***Year to date
Regular Offering
\$107,602.96***

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

**Dining Out will
be at Bar 209 at
4:00 PM on June
20th**

June 15, 2021 Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Pete, Mick L., Wendy O., Margaret B., John R., Dixie E., Donna K., and Harry W.

Absent: Connie B., Sandy S. and Darrel B

6:41 P:M Meeting called to order by President Mick.

Opening prayer: "Johnny Appleseed"

Approval of April meeting minutes: Harry moved/Dixie seconded approval of minutes. Carried.

Reports

a. **Treasurer's:** Checking ~ \$2900. This includes the \$5000 transferred from savings from the PPP loan. There is money received today still to be deposited, as well. All bills are paid for June. The family using Vanco has agreed to give their offering via another means, so we will no longer have Vanco as an option. Savings \$20,088.88 (includes the remaining \$5000 PPP loan funds).

b. **Education:** Bible study has been going well. Confirmation will be in conjunction with Calvary Lutheran.

c. **Altar Guild:** being changed as appropriate to church season

d. **Worship Committee:** Pastor Pete would like to be off 7/2- 7/6/21. He will send out a note for someone to help with the service and do the sermon. 8/8 Emily Papke-Larson will be guest Pastor. She is from Campus Ministry.

e. **Kitchen Committee:** Kitchen is being used again! 14 men met in person for breakfast.

f. **Properties/Maintenance:** A list of tasks is on a clipboard-jobs are getting tended to

g. **Pastor's comments and concerns-**

Would like to do VBS 7/26-7/29 from 5:30-7:30pm. Theme will be water/baptism. Will have church picnic the last night at Diamond Point Park pavilion. Wendy has offered to teach. Mick will reach out to rent it. Cost-\$120.

looking at the budget: where are we going/where do we want to go? Options may be increasing offering, a stewardship campaign, partnering with other church(es), bring back fundraising. "Faithful givers are grown". Pastor will discuss Lutefisk supper with Calvary and other churches to see what they are thinking for this type of event.

Old Business

a. Annual Meeting: June 27, 2021 after service. Potluck to follow

b. New Council member nominees needed as Mick and Connie terms are up. Sandy would like to step down if someone would take her place. That gives us two 3-year terms to fill and one 1-year term (replacing Sandy). We discussed some names of potential nominees.

New Business

Budget- the council reviewed the budget line-by-line, adjusting and changing some items. There were 3 options provided regarding Pastor's salary and wages. Wendy moved and Mick seconded we present Option 1 of the budget/salary (with the addition of 1 week vacation) to the Congregation to vote on at the Annual meeting.

Adjournment: Harry moved/John seconded meeting be adjourned. Carried. Pastor Pete led us in the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Otness, Secretary

PRAYER CONCERNS

In need of healing: Bonnie A, Jeffery D, Sheryl E, Bob M, Marlene M, Judy H, Joel S, Kelly B, Richard O, Beckie T, Jane R

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

Those who are grieving:

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



And early in the morning Jesus came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” *Matthew 14:25-27*

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



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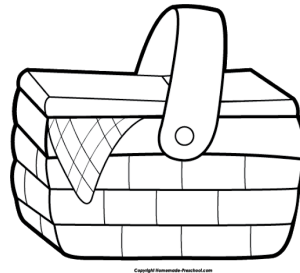
Aardahl's Church Council

A HUGE THANK YOU! Goes out to Mick Lee, Connie Bowman and Sandy Steffen for serving on the church council. Thank you for your years of service to our congregation!

And let us welcome our new council members: George (Farmer) Wells, Guy Drevlow & Amanda Wildman. Thank you for stepping for to help lead our church. And thank to you John Rubash for serving another term. We are looking forward to a great year!

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Church Picnic!!

On Thursday, July 29th, we will close out our week of Vacation Bible School by having a church picnic at Diamond Point Park in Bemidji, MN! This is for the entire congregation and friends of Aardahl. Join us at 5:30 PM and please bring a dish to share.