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Word from Our Pastor



Dear

Friends,

February, we celebrate Valentine's Day and the beginning of Lent. Both of these special times celebrate love. Valentine's day a love expressed to sweethearts and friends and Lent the story of Jesus love for us that took Him on the journey to the cross.

Love – real love – calls us out of ourselves. The story of Jesus love for us guides us and inspires us to reach out to others and share love. As most of you know by now, I'm not big into self sacrifice without a point for Lent. Giving up pop, candy or other stuff just hasn't helped me to grow in the way giving up my time and talent to care for others has. This year, as we come together in Lenten worship and potlucks let's take the time and go out on a limb to be that loving outreached hand or "Valentine" to those around us. Don't we all need a bit of "Son" shine in the midst of winter, anyway?

Some ways to be a loving "Valentine":

- Send a card to someone just because you care.
- If you are able, shovel snow for someone.
- Call someone you've been meaning to connect with.
- Is there something you appreciate about someone? TELL them.
- Is there someone who doesn't have the joy of a church family? Invite them to worship and be family with us.
- Look around for things you no longer need and donate them.
- If you see someone in need – extend help as best you can.
- In all these things – bring the presence of Christ, the source of love, into the lives of others.

In Faith,

Pastor Diane

Father,
 whose Son called children to him, we pray for boys and girls everywhere,
 that their childhood may be filled with laughter and happiness. As they
 learn so many facts and enter into so many new experiences, may they
 learn of Your love, and how to serve Jesus our Lord. Amen

Bernard

Thorogood

Dear Father, whom I cannot see, I know that You are near to me. Quite
 quietly I speak to You; please show me what You'd have me do. Please
 help me plan kind things to do, for other people and for You. Thank for
 always helping me, Dear Father, whom I cannot see. Amen

Lilian Cox

O Lord and Heavenly Father, who has given to us Your people the true
 bread that comes down from heaven, even Your Son, Jesus Christ, grant
 that throughout this Lent that we may so be fed by Him that we may
 continually live in Him and He in us; and that day by day we may be
 renewed in spirit by the power of His endless life, who gave himself for us
 and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever
 and ever. Amen

Frederick B.

Macnutt

Dear Lord, we come together again to journey through Lent, to learn, grow
 and serve You in our world. Bless us as we gather together to share in
 meals to strengthen our bodies and share in worship to strengthen our
 spirits. Help us to build our relationships as a church family, to build up the
 body of Christ that we may bring Your Word to our community and our
 world. Help us to deepen our understanding of Your commandments and
 Your Word. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

OUTREACH

Loaves and Fishes Interfaith Food Pantry

Monthly report: Households served 144, Adults 276, Children 143.
 New families:19,Food Received-30 cases, Non-USDA: 4,106 Lbs.
 Groceries purchased- 670 lbs. Volunteer hours-84

**Food items needed this month: canned fruit, peanut
 butter,canned or dry potatoes.**

Blessings & THANK YOU Vivian Brahmer 472-2003
**Please place these donations in the “quiet room” next to
 the entryway in the church.**

Good Samaritan Fund

This is a fund controlled by Faith.. If you can help, please put your
 cash donations in the offering with a memo “Good Samaritan”, or
 non perishable groceries can be brought to the parsonage/office.
 Bring a variety of items in a bag, or just 1 or 2 items. This fund is for
 the purpose of helping those in need who come to our church
 directly. Pastor Diane speaks to them and decides how to help
 them.

No cash is given. Groceries or gas needed for Dr. appts.

Save pop tabs, soup labels, and milk caps!

Please save **Campbell’s Label UPC codes, “Box Tops for
 Education” found on food products, and 5 cent kids caps &
 cash milk caps from Foremost Farms or 5 cent LandOLakes or
 Kemps milk caps.** labelsforeducation.com.

Also we are asking you to save **pop tabs** for the Ronald McDonald
 house in Rochester, MN.

Interfaith Caregivers

They are in need of volunteers to provide services to those who are
 unable to do them. These services are offered at no charge by our
 volunteers under the supervision of our program staff. Visits,
 reading, transportation, phone calls, yard work, shopping and
 errands , light housekeeping, in other words any thing most of us
 do easily. If you are interested to volunteer for an area of help, or
 want to donate money to this ministry. Please call them. 485-9500

Minutes of 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting

Call to Order

~ Council President Wayne Camper called the 2010 Annual Congregational meeting to order on January 17, 2010, following prayer lead by Pastor Diane Norstad. (ELCA Devotions)

~ The meeting was attended by 52 members. A quorum was declared and the meeting was conducted using Roberts Rules of Order. The agenda was

presented. Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

~ President Camper asked everyone to read through the minutes of last year's meeting. The minutes were read, seconded and approved.

~ President Camper read the rotation of the council members and asked the

congregation to read through the various reports. After review, a motion was made, seconded and approved to accept all the reports at one time.

Action Items:

~ The Budget for 2010 :Discussion of process of development of the budget, looking at dynamics of change and need to be proactive yet conservative. Pastor Diane reminded us that use of money also flexes according to the work of the Holy Spirit in our congregation. Recognition of our stability due to no outstanding debts caused by construction.

Ideas to decrease expenses came from the congregation. John Kallevig motioned that we not give \$5,000.00 to the Synod due to recent issues and put that money into boiler repair, three voted yes. Forty two voted no, one abstained. Motion made to accept the budget as it stands, made, seconded and approved. Pastor Diane explained, to an extent, the difference between the local and the National Synod and the use of the monies.

~ Possible replacement of the boiler produced discussion with recommendation of John Kallevig and Gordon Hanson to work with Bob Robinson in planning a course of action.

~ Clarification of use of the CD's produced information that the monies they retain are earmarked in the church fund.

~ Kitchen fund has been and will continue to be raised through donations and fund raising.

~ Betty clarified that the money from Thrivent Matching Funds is given in 2 designations, \$500 from the Arts and Crafts Bazaar to be used for kitchen remodeling and \$520 is listed under receipts to total \$1,020.00.

Correction of additional \$20.00. (minutes continued on page)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Through December 2009

RECEIPTS	112,916.09
EXPENSES	-112,522.85
	+ 393.24

Ash Wednesday is February 17th

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. Service will be at **7pm**. Choir is at 7:30, but no other usual Wednesday night Confirmation and Youth Group.

Lent Pot Lucks begin February 24th

Wednesday nights through March 31 will be a time of fellowship with Pot Luck at **6pm**. Each week a different ministry group of the church will do the serving. Worship Service is at 7pm. Choir is at 7:30pm. No confirmation or youth groups until April 14th.

Palm Sunday is March 28th

Maundy Thursday is April 1st

Good Friday is April 2nd

Easter Sunday is April 4th

Kitchen Planning Group SOMETHINGS COOKING!!

This project is an ongoing task. Our kitchen needs to be brought up to code and up to date. The kitchen is (like at home) an important part of our church life. Pot lucks, Community Events, Breakfasts, and Soup suppers make this area one of fellowship. Funerals, Weddings, and Special Dinners need the kitchen to be ready. A group of dedicated volunteers are researching and developing plans to submit to the church council. Funds are continuing to come in, and the project will be accomplished only as money becomes available. If you would like to contribute money to this project, please mark your check clearly that it is for "kitchen" and place it in the offering plate. If you would like to participate in this project please contact the office.

WELCA

The “*Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*” meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **All women are members of this organization, there is no “joining” or installation of any kind, you just come.** Please join us for breakfast, bible study and a short business meeting. The women of Faith who can not attend these meetings are also very involved in the work of this group. Helping hands, donations, baking, cooking, and working in the kitchen is what makes this group so productive. Plans are in the works for an update to the kitchen. If you are interested in helping design and plan these improvements contact the office.

This month’s meeting will be February 9th 9:30am. Please join us.

This month we will be sending out Valentine Cards to shut-ins and nursing homes. Lent brings Wednesday night pot lucks. Our group will organize one of those evenings. The pot lucks are a shared responsibility with other church groups (choir, men’s group, Sunday School, Youth, Council)

Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for more knitters and crocheters to make shawls for people who are going through a tough time and need a hug and prayer.

Online Magazine for Women

Caf’e is a free, monthly online magazine for young women offered by WELCA. Visit www.boldcafe.org and subscribe.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Stella Prokop
4	Jordan Hendrickson
8	Ben Mathson
9	Tom Albrecht
9	Colleen Noonan
10	Angie Camper
11	Al Olson
11	Betty Doty
13	Jean Tilton
13	Allyssa Jeska
15	Jarett Davison
17	Dorothy Jorgenson
18	Jolene Jones
19	Bill Jenson
21	Cathy Albrecht
21	Wes Hendrickson
23	Josh Hendrickson
23	Jacob Hendrickson
23	Madison Anderson
24	Jason Reed
25	Roy Bollinger
26	Chloe Jones
27	Vera Bollinger
28	Marge Price

February Anniversaries

4	Bryce & Sue Thomson
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Altar Flowers

Altar flowers help beautify the interior worship space and can be donated by anyone.

If you are interested, you can donate flowers in the following ways; in honor of; in memory of; or to recognize someone for an accomplishment. Such information will be printed in our bulletin announcement for that particular Sunday.

Anniversaries, birthdays, or baptisms are memorable occasions where meaningful flowers add to worship.

Contact the church office or sign up on the chart in the narthex if you would like to donate flowers for our worship space on a certain Sunday.

Hospital or Shut-In Visits

As you may or may not know, Pastors are not notified by hospitals when you are admitted. This is not longer legal. It is also not legal for a staff person at a hospital to give out information about who is a patient when asked without specific permission from the patient. If you are hospitalized, or if you know of someone who is, please call the church office and let us know who is hospitalized and where they are hospitalized. I am more than willing to make hospital calls but need the information to do so.

Thanks, Pastor Diane

Remember too, that you can call the church 485-3800 or Marylou 554-7543 or Mary Nelson 825-2239 to put someone in need on the prayer chain. Full names are not necessary.

Church Library

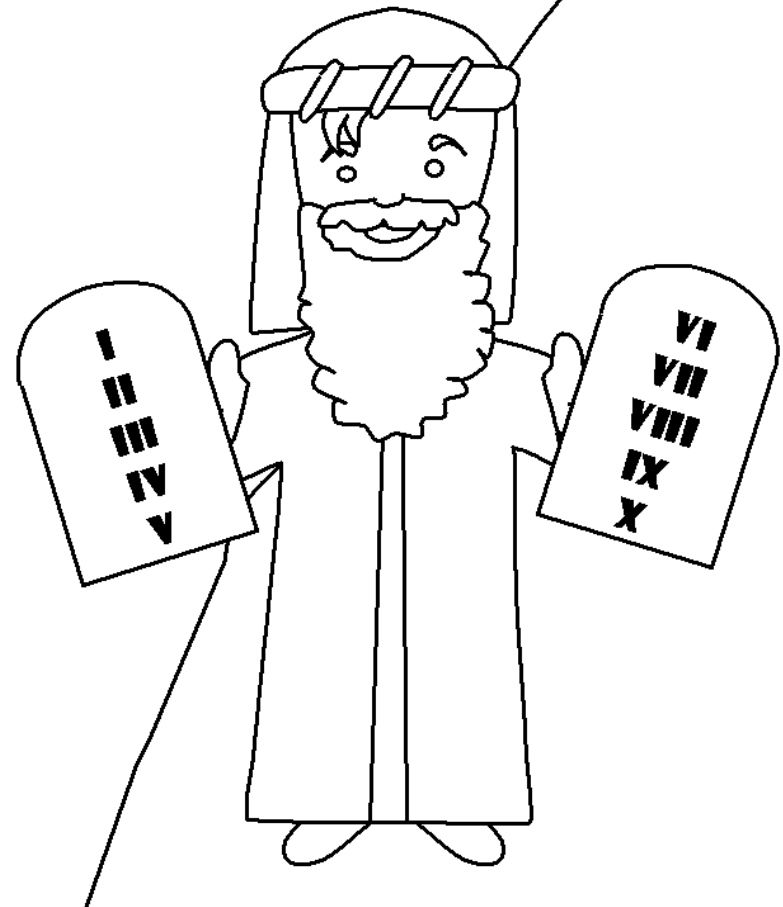
Our library is now in order and ready for you. "Check out" is on the honor system. There is quite a wide variety of subjects.

"Check it Out!"

Kid's Coloring Page

And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

Exodus 34:28



GREETINGS FROM LUTHER POINT

December 2009

GRANDPARENT/GRANDCHILD ADVENT RETREAT December 5-6: Take this opportunity to get away for some quality time with your grandchild and celebrate the Advent season. We will gather together in the warm Retreat Center and sing Christmas songs, enjoy warm drinks, and work on some fun craft projects. There will be time for outdoor winter activities as well! Please consider taking this unique opportunity to help teach your grandchild what the Christmas season is all about. **NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT December 31 – January 1:** Looking for a fun place to bring in the New Year? Come on out to camp for the night and celebrate with other families. Go to the website for more details.

More information online at www.LutherPoint.org

- Sat.-Sun., Dec. 5-6 Grandparent / Grandchild Advent Retreat
- Tues.-Wed., Dec. 29-30 Summer Staff Reunion
- Wed.-Thurs., Dec. 30-31 BUDDIES Reunion
- Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 31 - Jan. 1 New Year's Eve Retreat
- Sat. Feb. 6 or Feb. 13 Ambassador Retreat

Opening More Doors Together (OMDT) capital campaign update: It is important that the momentum of the campaign be maintained so that we can reach our goal of building a storm shelter for the youth and families that come to camp. Congregational leader training will be held January 9th and 10th. The training will take place at two different sites each day (locations to be announced). Encourage your congregation to pick a congregational leader or volunteer for the position. The major gift portion of the campaign continues and over \$540,000 has been raised in pledges and gifts. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who have participated so far.

Summer 2010—Put Us on Your Calendar Moms: This is a special word to our moms who are beginning to look ahead to the summer of 2010. The camp schedule will be coming out this month of December on the Luther Point website: lutherpoint.org. We plan to have online registration available by December 15 so start watching for the summer camping schedule on the website. Once again, there will be a number of incentives and discounts, so take advantage!

Encourage Your College Students to Apply: With the Christmas holiday and break from college and school coming up, this is a great time to encourage those young college students to consider a summer of employment at Bible camp. Applications for summer employment at Luther Point will be available on our website in Mid December: LutherPoint.org. Scroll down to the employment section on the left hand tool bar.

Thank you for your partnership!
Craig M. Corbin, Director

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

Lectors are those who read the designated scripture passages on Sunday mornings. This brings a different voice to the worship service and is a very meaningful ministry.

February Lectors

February 7	Mary Nelson
February 14	
February 21	
February 28	MaryLou Bufkin

Altar Guild are those who care for the altar and display the paraments. They also prepare and help serve Holy Communion. Please consider serving in this ministry. You will be instructed on how do everything.

February Altar Guild: Bob & Lilah Robinson

Ushers enhance the ministry of Faith Lutheran by overseeing all those who worship on Sunday. Greeting worshipers, gathering the offering and making the worship experience enjoyable for everyone is a vital ministry of the church. And it is a great way to get to know the people of the church. Children are welcomed to co-usher with a parent.

February Ushers: Gordy Hanson & Sue L'Allier

Sign-up sheets for these ministries are on the announcement board in the narthex.

Acolyte Schedule

Feb.7	Jordan Hendrickson
Feb.14	Shallena Davison
Feb.21	Jarrett Davison
Feb.28	Eryn Mares

February Deacon: Mary Nelson

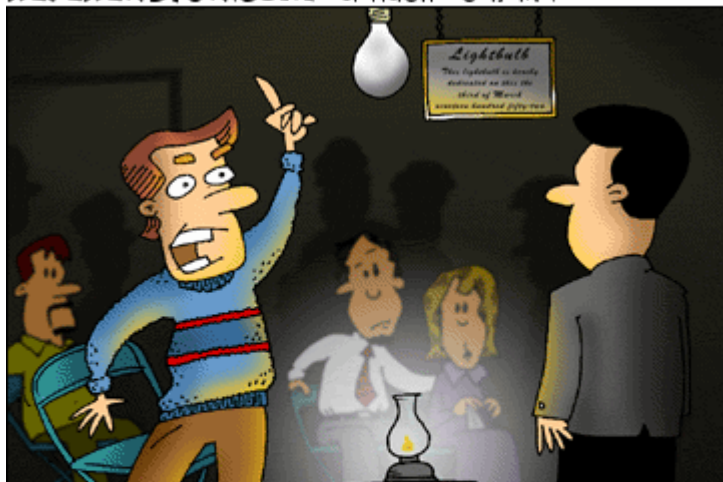
Tellers: Vera Bollinger and Bob Robinson

Coffee Servers: Bob & Lilah Robinson

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- ~ Recognition of the good work Pastor Diane had done. Applause.
 - ~ People expressed concern if we didn't have enough members or the giving went down and how could we stay within budget. President Wayne reminded us quoting from Rod's comment last year, "to keep the Faith".
 - ~ Council Ballot: Four council seats were vacant and 4 ballot nominees were posted on the ballot to be voted on: Rich Hustad, Keith Anderson, Loretta Kallevig, Wes Hendrickson. The floor was opened for nomination with no responses. A motion was made to unanimously accept the ballot as it stands, seconded and approved.
 - ~ 2010 Synod Convention May 21 and 22. Delegates are Vera and Roy Bollinger with RaeAnn Lennartson and Rich Hustad as alternatives. Pastor Diane will also attend. Motion made to accept, seconded and approved.
 - ~ The Apple River Conference will be attended by delegates Sandy Jones and Keith Anderson. Motion made to accept and approved.
 - ~ Recognition of end of meeting, everyone said the Lord's Prayer and the meeting was adjourned.
- Adjourn: A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.
Respectfully submitted, Loretta Kallevig, Council Secretary

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LIGHTBULBS MAY BE DANGEROUS, IT'S NOT
IN THE BUDGET ...**

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HOLY MOSES!

And the 10 Commandments

Lenten Happenings 2010

This year we will be looking at (with both humor and devotion) the Ten Commandments. Each Wednesday night after Ash Wednesday we will meet for potluck at 6:00pm followed by worship at 7:00pm and we will try to keep worship to a half hour. Each night we will also be visited by "Holy Moses" who will help explain to us God's Commandments. Note: Moses may look mysteriously like some of our council members! This is a good opportunity for young, old and all in between to study, pray and worship together.

February 17th – Ash Wednesday

- * 7:00pm Worship in Sanctuary
- * No potluck

February 24th - Wednesday

- * 6:00pm Potluck in basement
- * 7:00pm Worship by fireplace
- * Confirmation and Youth Families serve
- * 7:30pm Choir practice

Following Wednesdays, Holy Week and Easter will be covered in March Newsletter.

CALENDAR WILL GO HERE

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