



Epiphany Lutheran Church

“Growing in faith through God’s Grace.”

THE EPIPHANY STAR



All Saints’ Sunday

Sunday, November 3

On All Saint’s Sunday, November 3 we remember our loved ones who have died. During our worship service you will be invited to come forward to light a candle in their memory. We especially remember Debra Wiens, a member of our church family. Debra died this past year on January 10, 2019 (see page 5).

Taste of Fall

Sunday, November 10

We’re in for a special treat! We are invited to enjoy the flavors of fall during coffee fellowship on November 10. Join us in the community room following worship to enjoy some wonderful fall treats and hot apple cider.

This event is sponsored by members of our Fellowship Committee.



Salvation Army ‘Food for Friends’

Saturday, November 16

Epiphany will be serving the ‘Food For Friends’ meal at the Salvation Army on Saturday, November 16. We have formed an Thrivent Action Team and are inviting workers to join us as we provide this noon meal for our hungry neighbors. Check out the bulletin board for our menu, food needs, and worker sign-up sheets. Our Action Team will be using the \$250 in seed money from Thrivent to help fund costs for this meal - however, we welcome additional donations to cover the cost of the food and beverages - if you are able to help please place your check in the offering plate with “Feeding Friends” noted on the memo line.

November

2019

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Worship

9:00 a.m.

Fellowship

10:00 a.m.





Over 25 years ago the people of Epiphany saw a need in our community for a preschool. Since then, we have served the needs of hundreds of students, preparing them for school while surrounding them with the message of God's deep love.

In those 25 years there have been a lot of changes. The biggest change our congregation members noticed was when we moved our preschool from the community room into a dedicated space. This has changed the way we live in our building and changed the way that we are able to invite others into this space. Today our building is far more open to our community.

What you may not see is the impact we had on the lives of families when we began to offer all-day care. Talk to our parents and you will quickly understand what a big deal that change was. Before, parents were required to drop kids off for preschool and mid-morning transfer them to daycare. Many parents chose to skip preschool and leave their kids in daycare because it just wasn't possible to transfer their child every day. For those who were able to transfer their kids, daycare providers needed to charge for a full day of care even though the student was gone to preschool. Parents were paying for childcare twice, and it just wasn't sustainable. With our move to all-day care, parents could drop their child off in the morning and know they were taken care until they picked them up to go home. This relieved a lot of stressed parent schedules and budgets!

The move to all day-care had some other financial implications. When we moved to all-day care we were able to pay our teacher a full time wage, year round, with medical benefits. In addition, we grew to provide three part-time jobs in the Eagle Lake economy. The church benefits from the additional income from all-day care as well. For many years the preschool provided \$250 monthly for utilities. In the last year the preschool provided half-day preschool, the board was not able to reimburse utilities at any level. Since December of 2018 the Preschool has monthly transferred \$450 to Epiphany for utilities. The increased reimbursements from the preschool is like adding the giving of 2 average families to our budget.

Looking forward, our Preschool will need to make additional changes in order to continue to serve the needs of our neighbors. The federal government is now providing funding for school districts to provide free preschool. These programs are beginning to expand and we expect in the coming years there will be fewer students in our preschool. Meanwhile there is a

profound shortage of daycare spots for children younger than 3 years old.

At our next Preschool board meeting we will be talking with a non-profit that specializes in business plans for childcare centers. They will help us understand how to best plan for the future of Epiphany Preschool. We anticipate this meeting will lead to a new direction for our program. The preschool board will be making recommendations to our Church council concerning our preschool's charter, and likely asking for renovation of classrooms on the East end of our building. There are currently grants available from the city of Eagle Lake that would make this work possible.

After the church council has reviewed the recommendations of the preschool board, there will likely be decisions that need to be made by the whole congregation at a congregational meeting. As we discuss these decisions we want to be as open and transparent as possible. When making decisions like this often times we hear rumors and false information, so if you have questions please talk to Pastor Myers, Ms. Amber, our Congregational President Amy Ely, or Preschool board president Jane Carter. You can also talk to any of our Council Members or Preschool Board Members. If we don't know the answer to your question we will try to find out.

Please join us as we dream about the future of Epiphany preschool and plan for a strong future for this ministry that continues to serve our neighborhood.

Yours in Christ,

The Collection Corner

The Evangelism committee is trying something new with our collections for local charities. In our entry way there is now a metal rack with individual bins for our partner organizations. There will be permanent bins for Echo Food shelf, the Epiphany Little Pantry, Reach, and CADA house. At other times we may have bins for other partners or special causes like scrapbooking, parades or vacation bible school. We hope this new system will help us more clearly direct our generosity to our chosen organizations.

Community

CADA

CADA provides safety and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence through education, advocacy, and shelter. It is a nonprofit victim advocacy and emergency shelter organization based in Mankato, serving eight counties. They are there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to provide free and confidential services to all victims and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.

Kari Severson one of Epiphany's members serves on the CADA board. Recently Kari shared that CADA is seeing a higher than normal level of need. Donations can be left in the basket in the entry:

- Women's deodorant
- Conditioner (full size)
- Women's underwear all sizes
- Hairbrushes
- Body wash (full Size)
- Q tips
- Baby wipes

Christmas Memorials

This year celebrate Christmas by remembering your loved ones who warmed our hearts and homes with their love. Please use the special envelopes found in the pew racks for donations to the furnace fund. They may be made 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' loved ones or to the 'Glory of God'. As in past years these memorial gifts will be listed in our Christmas bulletin.

We are grateful for your past generosity to the flower fund which means there are sufficient funds in the memorial account to decorate our sanctuary with Christmas plants and raise funds for a warm sanctuary!

Preschool Mission Project Mitten Tree



A tree for our collection of (new) mittens, caps, gloves and scarves for children of any age will be in the church entryway during the coming weeks. Winter wear items collected will be donated to a several organizations as well as our Eagle Lake school for distribution to those in need. Thank you in advance for your support of this mission project to help others stay warm this winter.

Christmas Style

The Worship and Music committee is trying something new for Advent and Christmas. Starting the first week of December through Epiphany our sanctuary will turn 90° to face West. The committee is excited to see who ends up in our pew neighborhoods for the Christmas season!

Holiday Brunch & Ornament Exchange Saturday, December 7 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



All (men and women) are invited to come and enjoy a wonderful brunch and time of fellowship! This annual holiday party is sponsored by our Fellowship Committee.

Bring your favorite brunch item (egg bake, fresh fruit, muffins, coffeecake, cinnamon rolls, etc.) to share and a small, wrapped, Christmas ornament to exchange. Invite a friend! Watch for a sign up sheet in the entryway.



Children's Christmas Program 'A King is Born' ~ Sunday, December 8

Join us at 9 a.m. worship on Sunday, December 8 as our children present "A King is Born". Kids of all ages are invited to be in this musical play. Practice is Sunday during Faith Formation - 10:30-11:05 a.m.

Preschool Christmas Program Thursday, December 12 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited to our Preschool Christmas Program "Jesus is my Christmas Gift" on Thursday, December 12.

'Shepherds, Angels and King' Sunday, December 15

Our Epiphany Choir will embrace the Christmas season by singing selected Christmas songs during worship. Come enjoy a mixed blend of traditional and contemporary selections by our talented musicians.



December 22 - 9:00 a.m. Worship

December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship

No service on December 25

Spring Women's Retreat February 22, 2020

A Women's Retreat (1-day) is planned for February 22, 2020 at the church. Watch for fun and exciting details.

A weekend Women's Retreat is planned for the fall of 2020 during the weekend of November 13-15.



Thanksgiving and Gifts of Grace

Yes, it's already November and the holidays are looming.

Give your hostess, Secret Santa, friend or family member a Gift of Grace. Our single source honey would be a perfect Gift for Thanksgiving.

Chocolates are always a big hit and for the very best hot chocolate try our new item - organic Cocoa Powder. The chocolate minis are back as well as chocolate snack bars.

Fall and Thanksgiving cards are here and Christmas cards will soon follow.

We continue to strive for a balance that reflects your interest and needs.

We appreciate suggestions, requests and thank our crafters for the many items that have been made and donated. Our crafters and your purchases help to subsidize Epiphany's many programs.

Thank you ~ Sue Nasinec

Little Pantry

As we approach the season where our weather begins to be cooler our Little Pantry needs to be stocked with items that will withstand the cold. Suggestions include the following:

- Tuna or Hamburger Helper
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Pasta/egg noodles
- Rice
- Dry Soup Mix
- Granola or cereal bars
- Cereal
- Oatmeal
- Pancake Mix
- Paper products (i.e. toilet paper, Kleenex)
- Diapers



Feeding the Community

Please leave your donations in the tub located in the narthex.

We are very grateful for the donations received for our Little Pantry as we serve a need in our community. Special thanks to the Fisher family for keeping the pantry filled.

Lutefisk & Meatball Fall Supper

Saturday, November 2

Scandian Grove Lutheran Church will be hosting their traditional annual Lutefisk and Swedish Meatball supper on Saturday, November 2. Serving from 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Lutefisk and meatballs, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, buns, lefse, apple and pumpkin desserts will be served buffet style. Take outs will be available.

Adults-\$18 Children to age 6-12-\$7
Children 5 and under - Free

42869 County Road 52 ~ St. Peter, MN

Directions: 10 miles west of St. Peter on Hwy 22 then 1/2 mile North on County Road 52

Nordic Bazaar

Wednesday, November 6

Nordic Bazaar: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Lutheran Church-Mankato

Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, peach with lingonberries, dessert, beverage.

Lunch: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Tickets: \$10

Hardanger, Handiwork, Christmas Crafts, Fair Trade and Book Sales, and much more for sale.

Snow Emergency Policy

Sunday Morning Policy:

In severe weather, a decision regarding cancellation of worship services will be made by 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning and the radio stations KTOE and KYSM and TV station KEYC will be notified. The closing will also be posted on katoinfo.com (on the top of the homepage for the message "Business, Community & Event Closings Alert - click here for details.") If there are still questions, please call the Council President.

Midweek Snow Policy:

If the Mankato School District is cancelled or dismisses early because of weather, there will be **NO** Wednesday evening activities. Please contact your committee chair or choir director to determine if committee meetings or choir is cancelled.

Our Saint ~ Debra Wiens

Debbie was born October 23, 1967 to Dean and Deloris (McCollum) Mosher. Debbie grew up in St. Clair and graduated from St. Clair High School in 1986.

Todd Wiens was truly Debbie's best friend and the love of her life. Debbie and Todd were married at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Eagle Lake on October 22, 2011 and made their home in Savage, Minnesota. Debbie died at home on Thursday, January 10, 2019 with Todd by her side.

Debbie had a wonderful sense of humor and although she had a quiet manner about her, she always had a twinkle in her eye and was ready with a witty remark or a clever come-back. She enjoyed teasing and being teased.

Debbie is survived by her loving husband Todd Wiens, her parents Dean and Deloris Mosher, sister Dawn (Mark) Braam, step-son Ryan (Katie) Wiens and 2 step-grandsons, father and mother-in-law Eldon and Mary Wiens, brothers-in-law Trent Wiens and Troy (Pam) Wiens, step-nephew Tyler Wiens and her cat Charlie B.

Debbie was preceded in death by maternal grandparents Lester and Lena McCollum, paternal grandparents Joe and Clara Mosher and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

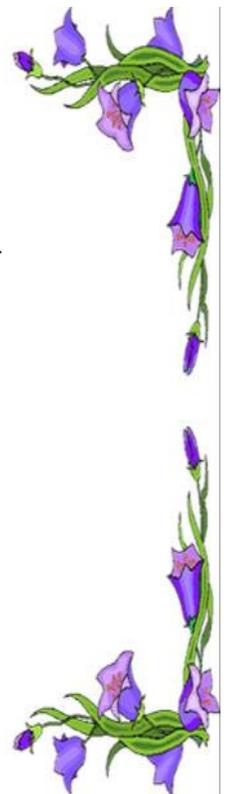
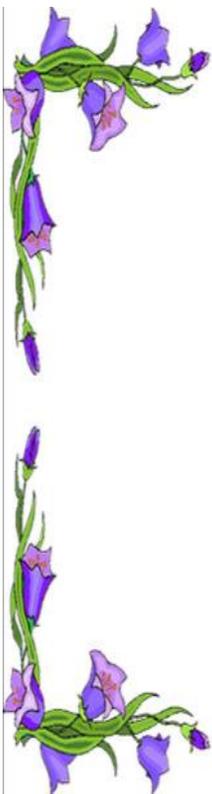


Blessed be the memory of Debra Wiens

Our Epiphany Saints who have entered life eternal

- Rusty McQuiston ~ December 27, 1993
- Burnell Decker ~ February 14, 1994
- Laurie Jacobs ~ October 16, 1996
- Irene Glaubitz ~ December 16, 1997
- Patrick Orcutt ~ October 15, 1999
- Alice Olsen ~ October 5, 2000
- Carolyn Johnston ~ March 5, 2001
- Jack Johnson ~ August 3, 2001
- Harold Olsen ~ November 7, 2004
- Julie Lorentz ~ November 6, 2006
- Dennis Rieck ~ October 16, 2008
- Catherine Jacobson ~ December 10, 2008
- Roger Ideker ~ April 25, 2009
- Marlys Barrett ~ September 6, 2009
- Florence Behsman ~ June 27, 2011
- Jim Rogers ~ September 26, 2011
- Chuck Schueneman ~ October 4, 2011

- LaVern Matthies ~ June 3, 2012
- Elizabeth Hase ~ August 21, 2012
- Larry Krueger ~ September 30, 2012
- Harold Knutson ~ February 7, 2013
- Barbara Enz ~ February 20, 2013
- Lloyd McCollum ~ November 27, 2014
- Robert White ~ December 20, 2014
- Janet Knutson ~ November 7, 2015
- Tim Johnson ~ October 20, 2016
- Donald Preston ~ December 9, 2016
- Larry Stensrud ~ July 30, 2016
- Carol Borchardt ~ October 3, 2017
- Bryce Olson ~ December 30, 2017
- Joy McLean ~ February 10, 2018
- Allen Kapfer ~ July 2, 2018
- Larry Behsman ~ October 10, 2018





PRESCHOOL

Happy Thanksgiving everyone! It's that time to gather with family and friends and be thankful for God's many blessings He has bestowed upon us.

In November, we will honor our Veteran's and have some Veteran visitors come to the classroom. If you are interested in coming to the classroom during the week of November 11th, please let Amber know. This month, we will focus on the holiday of Thanksgiving and Opposites.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be conducted November 25-27. The Preschool will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Butter Braid Sale Totals were 297 breads sold for a profit of \$1782.00! We thank everyone for promoting this fundraiser and for supporting our Preschool Program by purchasing these yummy treats. We also made a little over \$200 at our Rummage Sale. Thank you for your continuing support through these fundraisers!

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 12th! At 6:30 p.m. our Preschoolers will present their Christmas Program: "Jesus is My Christmas Gift". What a wonderful gift to receive! Grace and love from our Father above!

We wish everyone a Happy Fall! ~Amber Preston

Children's Christmas Program

Parents - Please include these program practice dates on your calendar.

Sundays in November - 3, 10, 17 - 10:50 a.m.

Sundays November 24 and December 1 - 10:20 a.m.

Saturday, December 7 - dress rehearsal - 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 8 - Christmas Program

No Faith Formation on November 24 and December 1 but still be sure to come for program practice.

Making Sense of Scripture

Pastor Myers will begin a 7 week bible study series in November. Classes will be at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. We will take a break on confirmation Sunday, November 24 and end our classes on December 22.

Topics include What is the Bible? Is the Bible true? How is the Bible the Word of God? Where did the Bible Come from? How can I read the bible with greater understanding? Is there a center to scripture? What kind of authority does the bible hold?

Winter Warm Up 2019

Wednesday, November 20
Bethlehem Lutheran Church,
720 S 2nd Street, Mankato, MN

Winter Warm Up is a gathering of area ELCA confirmation students from the Mankato and the surrounding communities. There will be a Faith & Science presentation and worship with Chaplin Siri and Gustavus Adolphus College students. Our confirmation students will all be attending this event; chaperones are needed. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. and Gathering Music begins at 6:30 p.m. Please speak with Pastor Myers if you have questions.



Confirmation ~ Sunday, November 24

Confirmation will be held on Sunday, November 24 during our 9 a.m. worship. All are welcome to join our 9th graders David Allensson, Trista Bonnifield, Jaylee Ely, Regan Oian Vust, and Michael Sorenson as they publicly affirm their baptism.

2020 Mission Trip

This year our youth hope to explore the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina around the small town of Hiddenite.

By participating in work projects, running a Kids Club, helping at a local nutrition program and supporting a few other ministries, we'll make connections with the people of the area while addressing some significant needs. In the evenings, our group will visit a cowboy church, experience the thrill of a homemade water park, hike to the top of Lowe's Lookout and partake in a community cookout.

The trip will be June 6-13, 2020, and is open to all students who will complete 6th grade through high school graduation. Cost for the trip will be approximately \$600 per student. A family contribution of \$100 must be received to be registered. Our hope is to fundraise the remainder of the cost, so look for ways to support our youth in the coming months. Financial assistance is available for those who need it.

Faith Formation Singing

Sunday, November 10

Our Faith Formation students will be singing during our worship service on November 10. Please arrive by 8:20 and gather in the council room.

P r a i s e

- Dave and Becky Overholser for organizing the meat and gift card raffle. Thanks to everyone who donated gift cards and sold raffle tickets.
- Everyone who helped with the meals for the scrapbook retreat and to the scrapbook committee members for their dedication to this important event.
- Vicki Ristau who helped with a service project for our Confirmation students to make fleece blankets.
- Sue Edstrom and Barb Johnson for helping prepare a Stewardship mailing.
- Our adult parent leaders who have helped each Wednesday with Confirmation Class.
- Our Preschool students for singing at worship.
- Macy Walker for sharing special music at worship.
- Everyone who participated in the focus discussion lead by our LEAD team.
- Jan Lange for leading the Mindful Meditation and Relaxation classes.
- Morning Blend and our choir, directed by Jan Lange, for providing special music at worship.
- John Hobbs for installing the AED unit in the narthex.
- Tom Wellner for trimming bushes around the church.
- Representatives from Eagle Lake Lions for doing vision testing of our preschool students.
- Beth Rossow and Donna Nielsen for making a new bulletin board for the entryway.
- Our Noisy Offering where we collected \$72.18 for Crossroads Campus Ministry.
- Our Preschool fundraiser - 'Pennies for Preschool'. Thanks to all who brought donations and all who came to shop at the sale.
- All who joined us for Tailgating Sunday. Thanks to all who brought food to share and to Keith and Sue Edstrom, Amy Ely and Donna Nielsen for their help with the tailgating party.
- Duane Anderson, Keith Edstrom, John Hobbs, Jan Lange, and Neil Westby for singing at worship.
- Our confirmation youth who helped lead worship following their lock-in.
- Brenda Oian Vust, Melissa Fisher, Amy Ely and Becky Overholser, adult helpers for our youth lock-in and the Severson's and Thordis Adalsteinsdolfir for helping provide food and beverages.
- Austin Fisher, Brooklyn Fisher, Eli Sieberg for running the projector
- Dennis Hallaway for mowing the church lawn.
- Barb Johnson, John and Sue Nasinec for helping prepare the newsletter for mailing.

P r a y e r s

Dorothy Zeissneiss, Pastor Myers, grandmother
Neil Westby
Dean Mosher
Ralph Buesing
Pam Wendt
Mike Devens, friend of Tracy Enz
Ken Lines, father of Amber Preston
Warren Schueneman, brother-in-law of Katy Schueneman and uncle of Debbie Weckman
Peggy Rogers
Dennis Knutson, brother of Tim Knutson
Jan Leitheiser, cousin of Colleen Hall
Henry Hansen, nephew of Deb Lawson
Wyatt, great nephew of Linda Kiecker
Bev Hild, friend of Deb Lawson
Lue Arndt
Chris Price, friend of Winnis Buesing
Brooke Resner, granddaughter of Katy Schueneman and niece of Debbie Weckman
Craig Kapfer, son of Dorothy Kapfer
Mark Buesing, nephew of Ralph and Winnis
Kristian Peter, Edstrom's great nephew
Barb Youell, sister of Marylss Johnson
Patrick, Eagle Lake resident
Barb, Joann Meyer's aunt

Members of our church family battling cancer:
Sue Nasinec, Dorothy Kapfer, Gloria Ideker

Regan Geving, grandson of Larry and Bernita Geving who serves in the Navy

Dear Epiphany.

This note comes full of thanks for your partnership with Crossroad Campus Ministry. Your recent offering of \$72.18 is already at work supporting students at a critical time in the personal, spiritual formation.

This month we are singing praises to God for the growth in our partner relationships across campus and throughout our network of donors and volunteers.

- *Pastor Heather was a guest lecturer in a 300-level health education course on the subject of food insecurity and Campus Cupboard.*
- *A campus-wide drive to benefit our Cupboard produced an amazing donation of 1404 pounds of food, and \$900 in cash and gift cards.*
- *Offerings from scores of donors like you keeps Crossroads a hospitable space for the campus community. We are so very grateful for your generous support, remembering you in the prayers of the community when we gather for worship.*

Blessings, Heather Hannond, Campus Pastor



TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Report - September 30, 2019

General Fund

For the Month:

Beginning Balance 9/1/2019	(\$4,666)
Monthly Receipts	11,866
Monthly Expenses	<u>(10,714)</u>
Ending Balance 9/30/2019	(3,514)

Year to Date:

Beg Balance 1/1/2019	\$4,132
Year-to-date Receipts	94,350
Year-to-date Expenses	<u>(101,996)</u>
Ending Balance 9/30/2019	(3,514)

Mortgage Fund

Beginning Balance 9/1/2019	\$3,403
Income	\$3,011
Expenses	<u>(3,011)</u>
Ending Balance 9/30/2019	3,403
Year-to-date Receipts	\$28,763
Year-to-date Expenses	(28,763)

Stewardship – A Financial Check-in

- As of October we have spent \$7,798 more than we have received in offerings.
- Our bi-annual street assessment of \$1668 is due in November.
- Our sanctuary furnace was replaced by Prange Heating and Air Conditioning at a cost of \$3845.
- Memorials for Christmas have been designated for a Furnace Fund.
- \$900 was raised in the first weekend for the furnace fund.
- We sold nearly \$2000 worth of raffle tickets this year!
- Our bi-annual scrapbooking event raised nearly \$2000
- Together we are reducing our debt and providing for our building maintenance.
- Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness!

~ Stewardship Committee

Thrivent Members make a big impact

Thrivent members make a big impact on Epiphany through two special giving options. The first way is by directing their Thrivent Choice dollars to Epiphany. These funds can be directed through your member page and directly fund the general budget of Epiphany.

Another way the Thrivent members can help Epiphany is through Thrivent Action grants. Each member can apply for two \$250 grants per year to fund projects that feed people's passions. Some of the projects that have been funded through Thrivent at Epiphany are Breakfast churches, Food for Friends, Lunch for a Buck, Maintenance projects where members buy supplies and do work in the building, youth fundraisers and preschool events. Thrivent grants are meant to be seed money to gather community and help others. If you are a Thrivent Member and want to use your grants for Epiphany talk to Pastor Myers about ideas!

Winners of the Meat and Gift Card Raffle

A drawing for the raffle was held following worship on October 27. The lucky winners are:

- \$100 Meat Bundle ~ Dan Coughlin
- \$60 Meat Bundle ~ Edstrom's
- \$40 Meat Bundle ~ Marlys Weckwerth
- \$50 Gift Cards ~ Tom Wellner, Tricia Kliest, Deloris Mosher, Aaron Meyer, Carol Regnier
- \$45 Gift Cards ~ Tyler Frank
- \$35 Gift Cards ~ Walker's
- \$35 Gift Cards ~ Jacki Madden
- \$35 Gift Cards ~ Walker's

2019 Church Council

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Council Summary October 16, 2019

(draft version-not yet approved by church council)

Members present: Winnis Buesing, Sue Edstrom, Amy Ely, Deb Lawson, Jacki Madden, Dave Overholser, Pastor Myers, Tom Wellner

Absent: Duane Anderson, Heidi Johnson,

Guest: John Hobbs

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Devotions – Dave

Prayerful Preparation – Pastor Myers

Agenda Review - additions/changes

Move up furnace discuss to accommodate our guest John Hobbs.

Motion to approve: Deb Lawson. Second: Sue Edstrom. All in favor-motion carried

Approval of minutes: Deb Lawson. Second: Dave Overholser. All in favor-motion carried.

Pastor Report: As submitted

Committee reports

- Preschool: Butter braid sales brought in \$1782, garage sale approximately \$200. Next meeting is November 11, 2019. Discussion on what direction to go with the preschool.
- Evangelism: Report submitted. New shelves purchased for donations.
- Stewardship: Discussed budget shortfalls, furnace repairs and ideas to improve giving. A letter will be sent to the congregation from the council.
- Property: Preschool door still not installed, will follow through to find out where this is at. No update on the sign. Boelter looked at the flashing/soffit damage and will be getting back to us.
- Fellowship: Reviewed upcoming events. Planning for scrapbooking dinner.
- Education: No report.
- Worship & Music: Looking into portable sound system for community room. Keyboard was purchased and planning on the set up and decorations for Advent/Christmas.
- Youth: 3 youth signed up so far for North Carolina mission trip.

Treasurer’s report

- Financial Statement review
See Treasurers report for details.
Motion to approve: Deb Lawson. Second: Jacki Madden. All in favor-motion carried.

- Approve Bills to be paid with the transfer of \$1,158.03 from General to Building Fund.
Motion to approve: Tom Wellner. Second: Winnis Buesing. All in favor-motion carried.

Old Business

- LEAD update – The results from Sunday’s exercise will be evaluated by the LEAD members. The next meeting will be in Rochester Nov 8-9th with council members invited to participate.
- Council Goals for 2019
 1. Sign Replaced – Still waiting on installation.
 2. Constitution review – on hold.
 3. Building audit -Items still need to be completed. List is on Happening board.

New Business

- Budget, Committee reports and annual meeting prep:
Congregational Meeting set for January 26,2020. Committee reports due to Donna by December 15, 2019. Nominating committee needs to be activated and a replacement found for Greg Brandt.
- Furnaces:
John Hobbs spoke on behalf of the building task force (John Hobbs, Duane Anderson, John Nasinec and Keith Edstrom) and presented a history and update on our current furnace situation. The Sanctuary furnace is currently not working. After receiving bids from three (3) different companies, it was their recommendation that we contract with Prange to replace the sanctuary furnace at a cost of \$3845. Motion to accept the recommendation: Sue Edstrom. Second: Winnis Buesing. All in favor- motion carried. The building task force will coordinate the installation.

Next meeting date: November 14, 2019

Treats: Jacki Madden

Devotions: Sue Edstrom



If you are interested in serving on the church council beginning in 2020, please speak with a member of the Nominating Committee, Church Council or Pastor Myers.



November 3	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Mark & Vickie Huebl
Readers:	Jaylee Ely
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Marlyn & Theresa Mosher, Deb Fingerson
Ushers:	Jim Enz, Dale Hall, Sandy Johnson
Acolyte:	Michael Sorensen
Open/Close:	Jacki Madden & Heidi Johnson
Altar Guild:	Susan Brunz & Carol Regnier
Counters:	Jacki Madden & Adam Johnson
Fellowship:	*Sieberg, Brunz, Mastin, Fisher, Kohler

November 24	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Linda Kiecker
Readers:	Allison Madden
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	John & Sue Nasinec, Beth Rossow
Ushers:	Tom Wellner, Alan Peterson, Brian Fingerson
Acolyte:	Brooklyn Fisher
Open/Close:	Duane Anderson & Tom Wellner
Altar Guild:	Lisa Nagel & Sarah Weber
Counters:	Katie Sieberg & Amber Preston
Fellowship:	*Hall, Rossow, Hobbs, L/B Geving, Stensrud, Westby

November 10	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Ralph & Winnis Buesing
Readers:	Marlyn Mosher
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	John & Jan Hobbs, Donna Nielsen
Ushers:	Dean Nagel, Ray Weber, Bob Brunz, Joel Nielsen, Alan Baer
Acolyte:	David Allensson
Open/Close:	Sue Edstrom & Winnis Buesing
Altar Guild:	Deb Fingerson & Patty Adams
Counters:	Linda Arndt & Sarah Weber
Fellowship:	Taste of Fall

December 1	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Oian Vust Family
Readers:	Joel Nielsen
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Jacki Madden, Allison Madden, Linda Kiecker
Ushers:	Jim Enz, Dale Hall, Sandy Johnson
Acolyte:	Nadia Oian Vust
Open/Close:	Jacki Madden & Adam Johnson
Altar Guild:	Lisa Nagel & Sarah Weber
Counters:	Jacki Madden & Adam Johnson
Fellowship:	*Buesing, Matthies, Peterson, T. Wellner, Lange, Oachs

November 17	
9:00 a.m.	
Greeters:	Audrey Rieck
Readers:	Dave Overholser
Pianist:	Laurie Thorstad
Communion:	Dave & Becky Overholser, Savanna Adams
Ushers:	Marlyn Mosher, John Nasinec
Acolyte:	Austin Fisher
Open/Close:	Deb Lawson & Amy Ely/Dave Overholser
Altar Guild:	Deb Fingerson & Patty Adams
Counters:	Bob Meyer & Colleen Hall
Fellowship:	*Fingerson, Weston, D/M Braam, D/D Mosher, B. Olson

Confirmation-Parent	11/6 - Amy Ely	11/13 - Naomi Mackrill
	11/20 - Winter Warm-up	11/27 - No Class

Greeters: Please arrive at least 15 minutes before worship to greet people as they enter the church. Help Ushers with offering by passing the offering plates.

Communion Assistants: We offer two communion stations, two families (3 people) & the Pastor serve bread & wine.

Fellowship: (The Lead Family is designated by a star and listed first.) Lead Family is responsible for coordinating with other families to ensure there will be 10 dozen treats and 1-2 gallons of beverages. A council member will make coffee prior to fellowship. Please serve, do dishes and wipe down tables. Floors need to be swept and trash taken out.



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Epiphany's the place to
congregate!!!*

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“O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 118:1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p style="text-align: center;">Remember Daylight Savings Ends November 3 Turn clocks 'back' 1 hour</p>					1	2
<p>3 <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:25am Choir 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30am Faith Formation 10:50am Christmas Program Practice <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i></p>	<p>4 Men's Breakfast at Uncle Albert's 6:30-7:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. STRIDE</p>	<p>5 <i>Election Day</i> S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Evangelism Mtg 5:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6 9:00 a.m. Sewing 11:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel Time 2:30 p.m. STRIDE 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>7 S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Lions 7:15 p.m.</p>	<p>8 LEAD Retreat in Rochester</p>	<p>9 LEAD Retreat in Rochester</p>
<p>10 <i>Taste of Fall</i> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30am Faith Formation 10:50am Christmas Program Practice</p>	<p>11 2:30 p.m. STRIDE Pack 54 6:15 p.m. Preschool Board Mtg 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12 S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13 10:00 a.m. Connecting Community Coffee 11:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel Time 2:30 p.m. STRIDE 6:30 pm Choir 6:30 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>14 S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Church Council Mtg 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 Food for Friends at Salvation Army</p>
<p>17 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30am Faith Formation 10:50am Christmas Program Practice</p>	<p>18 Men's Breakfast at Uncle Albert's 6:30-7:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m. STRIDE Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19 S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Lunch for \$1 at MSU Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>20 9:00 a.m. Sewing 11:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel Time 2:30 p.m. STRIDE 6:30p.m. Winter Warm-up at BLC 6:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>21 S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 <i>Confirmation</i> 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:20am Christmas Program Practice <u>No Faith Formation</u> <u>No Bible Study</u></p>	<p>25 Decorate Sanctuary 4:00 p.m. Pack 54 6:15 p.m.</p>	<p>26 S.A.I.L. 9:30 a.m. Choir 6:30 p.m. Lions 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>27 9:00 a.m. Sewing 11:00 a.m. Preschool Chapel Time <u>No Confirmation</u> <u>No Choir</u></p>	<p>28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> </p>	<p>29 Preschool Closed</p>	<p>30</p>



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Sunday Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship
10:30 a.m. Faith Formation

Wednesday Schedule

6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Confirmation

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Schedule of Events

- Nov 3 - *All Saints Sunday*
- Nov 16 - *Food for Friends*
- Nov 19 - *Lunch for \$1 at MSU*
- Nov 20 - *Winter Warmup*
- Nov 24 - *Confirmation*

Looking Ahead

- Dec 7 - *Holiday Brunch/Ornament Exchange*
- Dec 8 - *Children's Christmas Program*
- Dec 12 - *Preschool Christmas Program*
- Dec 15 - *Shepherds, Angels, and Kings presented by Epiphany Choir*

