



**NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2022**

**QUILT, QUILTS, AND MORE QUILTS**

The WELCA has made quilts all year long and they are on display in our church sanctuary. These quilts will be dedicated on Sunday October 2 during morning worship. The following week they will be packed and sent on their journey through Lutheran World Relief to third world countries and areas in the United States needing them.

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 13, 2022**

Council Minutes for September 13, 2022 President Rick Broten called the meeting to order. Devotions led by Rick Broten Jonah vs.10

Dave DaBruzzi came to explain different models and features of signs that would be our best option for location and what we want.

**Secretaries report-** read and accepted

**Treasurer's Report-** read and accepted. M/ Louise, S/ Jeff, C to go back to offering collections in pews.

**Pastor's report-** Adding headings for scripture readings to help with summarizing what the readings are about. September 10th, funeral for Doris Jean Ebler, September 11th, Baptism of Serenity Lee Gordon Pastor Visited Val Shipley at Our House Senior Living in Rice Lake People interested in becoming members please contact Pastor Ron, and will have a service on November 13th for honoring new members and a harvest service.

**Deacon Ministries-** Sunday Serenade performed by the Dau family in August September is Kristine Thompson, along with her Mother and Sister Looking to skip Sunday Serenade for Nov/ Dec due to Hanging of the Green services and Christmas program services.

**Trustee Report-** Electronic sign estimate working on, still need helpers to repair retaining wall by cemetery. Fire sign has been replaced. County has cleared back trees on the bottom parking lot of the church and Jeff Timm will also clear more back if needed. Looking to get Amundson's Appliance to repair the dishwasher in the kitchen.

**Children Youth and Family Report-** Confirmation starts on September 18, Kristal Gifford will teach through the "Faith Incubators" program. Blessing of the backpacks Sept 18th. Preparing for Hanging of the Greens, and Christmas Program.

**Old Business-** Electronic sign Prairie Farm sharing of pastor- United Lutheran Church will be having their 150th Anniversary in September, after that, will then meet with Randy Olson, and the presidents

**New Business-** Mic sound system papers with Audio Architects signed and will be coming in September.

CD mission committee of 5 members including- Dave and Louise Driver, Jeff Timm, if interested please let Dave or Louise know.

Start thinking about the 150th anniversary at New Scandinavia Lutheran Church in 2025.

M/S/C Dawn/ Kristal for Pastor fall retreat September 25-27 which costs \$225.00

**Next meeting- October 11, 2022,**

Devotions will be led by Louise

Motion to adjourn- Jeff Timm

Lord's Prayer Respectfully submitted by, Shelly Shipley, Secretary

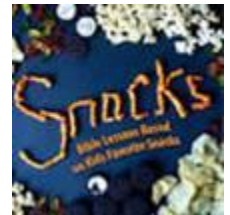
Members present: Pastor Ron Gerl, Rick and Chris Broten, Louise Driver, Shelly Shipley, Jeff Timm, Kelly Martinson, Dawn Bryngelson, Deb Schieffer, Eric Skoug, Kristal Gifford Members absent: Grant Gifford, Billie Jo Peterson, Tom Ebler Jr, Kris Skoug, and Janelle Gordon

Non council members present: Rhonda Candler, Dave Driver, and Dave DaBruzzi from Diversified Design Sign shop.

**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

Hello NS Families!

First Day of Sunday School: Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. We are going to have Pre-K and K will be together. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grades will be together 4,5,6<sup>th</sup> grades will be together and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades will be together. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades will be student/volunteer helping the 2,3,4,5 and 6<sup>th</sup> grades. We are "snacking" our way through the year!



We are going to try having Confirmation during Sunday School on Sundays.....if we find that this is not working with families we will go back to Wednesday evenings.

Families are being pulled in so many directions right now and we need to be flexible and try new avenues – please be patient and keep me posted if there is a hardship.

Confirmation will run each Sunday during the school year from 10:30 am until Noon.

We are using the Faith Incubators curriculum. Our Confirmation Class is open to all 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. We encourage those in 5<sup>th</sup> grade to take part in our First Communion Classes. Which will be offered in February or March.

**LOTS OF NEAT WORSHIP EVENTS COMING UP:**

\*Confirmation Sunday: October 23, 2022

(Being confirmed Reese Duncan, Natelee Dahlberg, Ashtyn Massie and Ava Hundley.)

\*Reformation Sunday: October 30, 2022

\*All Saints Sunday: November 6, 2022

\*New Member Sunday for all new members who joined in 2020, 2021 and 2022:  
November 13

\*Hanging of the Greens Sunday: November 27, 2022

\*Annual Children's Christmas Program: December 18, 2022



## **THIS IS OUR CORE CURRICULUM BEFORE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM:**

Pre K and K: 2 or 3 table prayers and or bedtime prayer, The Lord's Prayer and church manners.

1st and 2nd Grade: The Lord's Prayer, Apostle's Creed and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd The Commandments.

3rd and 4th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Bible usage (looking up verses).

5th and 6th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Matthew 22:37-39, John 14:6, Matthew 7:7, Matthew 7:12, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Isaiah 40:3,5, Matthew 7:1-2, Matthew 5:43-44, 1 John 1:7, Matthew 28:19-20.

7th and 8th Grade: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23, The Beatitudes Matthew 5:3-12, Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 18:20, John 11:25-26, Matthew 25:40, Matthew 6:19-21, Mark 9:23b, Psalm 100, Roman 3:28, John 8:31b, 32, 1 Corinthians 10:13, John 20:23 and Matthew 18:18.

High School: Be a leader and good role model, open your Bible and devotion books 3-4 times a week or daily;), read any of the above Bible verses, The Lord's Prayer, The Apostle's Creed, The Commandments 1-10, Psalm 23.

Make homemade cards for our shut-in members. Smile often and sing –Hugs to you all!

*Kristal Gifford Superintendent~ Board of Education and Family Ministry- Kelly Martinson, Janelle Gordon and Kris Skoug*



### **THE OFFERING PLATE**

The Sunday offering plates are now passed by the ushers like it used to be before the pandemic. The church council discussed and voted to move back to taking offerings again, but they will evaluate this in two months. On Sunday the Klefstad family ushered and brought the offering plates up to the front of church afterward where our pastor placed them on the altar. The 'Noisy Offering' will still remain in the back of the church.

**Call for ushers each Sunday! Please sign up today by the week or the month. Sign up at the first round table in the Fellowship Hall.**

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM SUNDAY OCTOBER 23**

Reese Duncan  
Natelee Dahlberg  
Ashtyn Massie  
Ava Hundley



These four young people all were baptized into the Kingdom of God and now after Sunday School and Catechism instruction are ready to make an affirmation of their faith in Christ Jesus. Their parents and sponsors vowed to raise them in the faith, place into their hands the Holy Scriptures, pray for them, and bring them to the serves in God's house. On this day they will stand on their own before God and witnesses to affirm this faith. Join us in celebrating their entry into the Church as followers of our Lord!

## **A NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 13**

The church council at New Scandinavia decided to set a new member Sunday for anyone who has returned to the area or has visited our congregation and would like to join us in mission and ministry. It will be an opportunity to introduce new people to everyone and celebrate our time together. Please talk to Pastor Ron and share this information with others.

## **PRAIRIE FARM AND UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Preliminary discussions with a neighboring church eleven miles away have occurred to discover the sharing of a full-time pastor have begun. On Sunday September 16, they celebrated their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Council President Rick Broten and Interim Pastor Ron Gerl attended their celebration. The following is their history.

United Lutheran Church of Prairie Farm, Wisconsin has a rich cultural and spiritual history. When the early settlers arrived in the area, often from Scandinavian countries, they worked hard and long to establish a new life. They had been lured to America by the promise of cheap land, a better life, and freedom to worship God. Parting was never easy as many family and friends remained behind. The hills, flowing streams, and natural beauty of the region reminded them of the old country. Life was difficult as the stumps left by the massive white pine trees previously harvested by the Knapp Stout Lumber Company had to be grubbed out to begin farming. The men and older boys worked winters in the logging camps to earn scarce cash to buy tools, implements, and livestock for the farm. The women and children were left on the homestead to keep things going until spring. Life was not only physically trying but there was a strong need felt for Christian fellowship.

The first Lutheran pastors who visited Barron County were probably Rev. A Johnson of Eau Claire and Rev. C.G. Helsem of Running Valley. In the fall of 1869, they made a trip through Barron County preaching to what few settlers they could find in settlements and logging camps in Chetek, Sumner, Dobie, Lakeland, and Prairie Farm. Services were held, children baptized and the sick ministered to. Some settlers traveled 10 to 15 miles to attend services.

Feeling a need for regular worship and ministry, in August 1872, the Solum Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church was established with 37 members. In November 1872, the Akers Scandinavian

Evangelical Lutheran Church was formed with a membership of 73. Both congregations met in homes until they could build their houses of worship, with Akers completing theirs in 1887 and Solum in 1894.

In September 1890, a Christian group met in Sheridan Township, Dunn County, at the Washburn Farm Schoolhouse for the purpose of organizing a Norwegian Lutheran congregation. In 1891, they purchased land from John Knapp for a church and cemetery. In 1893, Zion Lutheran Church, a building 26x36 feet, was completed enough to be used for worship.

These three Lutheran congregations, Solum, Akers, and Zion, continued to flourish as more and more settlers moved into the Prairie Farm area. They, along with the community, continued to grow.

Transition from Norwegian to the English language was slow in coming. Older members felt they could not comprehend an English sermon, but little by little it was accomplished.



In 1936, Solum Lutheran Church changed its name to First Lutheran Church. In 1947 First Lutheran and Akers Lutheran consolidated and became United Lutheran Church of Prairie Farm. As the Akers church building was larger, it was chosen to be used by the new congregation. In 1948, the First Lutheran Church building was sold and moved to Ridgeland where it still is used by Ridgeland Lutheran Church.

In 1959, the Zion Lutheran Church dissolved, and many members joined United Lutheran.

On Easter Sunday, March 29, 1964, the church building burned. Spirits of the congregation were only temporarily dampened as by mid-April they had voted to build a new church. Services were held in Austin Murra's shed until completion of the new building which was dedicated on October 31, 1965. On that sunny, warm October day, a procession of joyful believers, carrying the worship furnishings marched up River Avenue to the beautiful new church building for its dedication, placing the worship articles in their proper places. Trusting in the Lord and working together in faith, the congregation rejoiced. Since the original construction, there have been additional enhancements including a new heating system, stained and etched glass windows, a new organ, kitchen updates, as well as the addition of central air conditioning and the construction of a new Pastor's office. Presently we have 700 members. (The congregation gifted us there 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book and can be checked out from our church office.)

### **WELCA MET SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

Quilting and Layettes done on Wednesday and Thursday.

Gladys opened the meeting, and we sang "Jesus Loves Me"

Pastor Ron led the Bible Study

Discussion and motion to give \$200.00 for shipping expenses (WELCA).

A motion was made and carried to send \$100.00 for Rice Lake Area/Chetek Food Shelf.

Debbie was reimbursed for new bedding supplies for 'Beds for Kids' at Day of Renewal Offering taken and we closed in prayer.

October 19 and 20th Quilting and 1:30 Thursday October 20 is Bible Study



## REFORMATION SUNDAY IS OCTOBER 30



We invite everyone to wear something red to celebrate the birth of the Reformation which placed the Bible into the hands of lay people for the first time in history. Before this only priests could read the Holy Scriptures. The first Bible distributed to common folks was printed in German during a period of history in which the Guttenberg press was invented. Martin Luther had one of the most dramatic impacts on Christianity in history because of this.

Martin Luther also influenced how we understand our salvation. People could now read on their own that “we are saved by grace through faith alone, and not by works of the law.” His reforms, however, were met with clamor by the Roman Catholic church which excommunicated him for teaching other than what the church at that time taught.

Come and celebrate with us as we sing together “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” written by Martin Luther himself!

## ALL SAINTS SUNDAY IS NOVEMBER 6

This is a day in which we remember all who have died in this last year. The bell will toll in honor of those we knew and loved and have gone into the Kingdom of Glory. Look for names in the newsletter next month.



For those who are usually 15 minutes late to church, please set the clock back 45 minutes when Day Light Savings time changes on **November 6.**

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Peter Severude	10/1
Kristi Hilbert	10/2
Zory Parker	10/3
Alexia Peterson	10/6
Adam Shipley	10/9
Aaron Reichert	10/15
Brenda Link	10/18
Warren Rasmussen	10/21
Forest Stanley	10/22
Matthew Bryngelson	10/26
Carol Solie	10/28

## **“SERENADE SUNDAY”**

Serenade Sunday will be October 16<sup>th</sup>. This Sunday we will feature Rick Berg singing hymns while playing his guitar. There will be coffee hour after for all to attend. Please join us and bring a friend.



Please talk to Louise Driver if you have someone or a group that might be willing to provide special music at church on a Sunday! Our goal is to have at least one Sunday a month for some special music. Perhaps even you would be willing to provide either vocal or instrumental music.

### **ATTENDANCE & OFFERING**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>ATTEND</b>	<b>OFFERING</b>
8/28/22	41	931.00
9/4/22	26	1355.00
9/11/22	62	2144.00
9/18/22	42	2410.00

### **OCTOBER “NOISY OFFERING” “Adopt a Family”**

**HUMOR.....Does anyone need an ark, I happen to Noah guy.**





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**OCTOBER 2022**  
 9:30 a.m. Worship Services  
 Office Hours Tuesdays 9-2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion at rail Blessing of the Quilts						Quilts to Rice Lake for LWR
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		6:30 Council Meeting				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Communion Sunday Serenade			Quilting 9-12	Quilting 9-12 1:30 Bible Study		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
CONFIRMATION						
30	31					
REFORMATION SUNDAY						



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“In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God’s Word.”

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