



## **NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2022**

WELCA met October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Quilting and Layettes done on Wednesday and Thursday.

Gladys opened the meeting with devotions Phil 19:25.

“Pastor Ron led the Bible Study Jesus and Nature Teachers of Faith

Secretary and Treasurer report were given

Thank you, cards were read.

Gladys thanked everyone who worked at funerals.



New Business:

Pilgrim breakfast November 9<sup>th</sup> Chetek Lutheran Church

A (M/S/C) Marion Debbie R to give Louise D \$60 for stamps and \$50 for thread.

Next WELCA meeting will be our Thank offering.

A (M/S/C) Marion Debbie R to give \$100 for the Regional Thank offering.

Offering was taken and we closed with the Lord's Prayer



**Christmas  
Luncheon**

**Christmas Program and Luncheon will be  
on December 8, at 11:00 a.m.**

**Christmas Carols**

**Hotdish and Norwegian baking**

**Everyone is invited including men.**



## **New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m. on December 24**

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

#### **WORSHIP EVENTS COMING UP:**

- We will be putting on Our Annual Sunday School Christmas Program on **December 18 at 9:30 AM.**
- We will be practicing **during Sunday School on November 27, 10:30-11:30 and December 4 and December 11 from 10:30 until Noon (the pre-k thru 1<sup>st</sup> grade can go home at 11:30)!!!**
- We ask that the **students be at the church at 8:30 am** to get costumes on
- We will be having **classroom parties** after the worship service and during fellowship hour **10:30 – 11:00 am - no exchange gifts we will have something for each child from the church.**

Please let Kristal Gifford or Chris Broten know ASAP if you and your family will not be able to participate....THANK YOU! Let me know if you have any questions – thanks, Kristal

#### **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*

## **AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**



right to left: Ashtyn Massie, Natelee Dahlberg, Pastor Ron Gerl, Ava Hundley, Reese Duncan were Confirmed on October 23

Natelee Dahlberg	03-Dec
Jennie Skoug	11-Dec
Brayton Kangas	12-Dec
Cameron Wigen	14-Dec
Xander Rihn	18-Dec
Dawson Wicken	20-Dec
Jason Dau	31-Dec



**Please remember to send your  
Thrivent Choice Dollars  
to New Scandinavia?**



**DECEMBER 11, 2022**  
**"NOISY OFFERING"**  
**Nature's Edge Therapy Center**



This center uses animals as well as therapists to help people with physical, speech and occupational therapy. They are in Canton.

Thanks to all who give.

**NEW MEMBERS AT NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN**



From Left to right. Matthew, Evan, Jenny Macho; Dennis, Lenore Robinson; Brenda, Duane Link.



**THANK YOU FOR NEW BANNERS**

New banners were purchased for the church by  
Maryann Rasmussen in memory of her husband Donald  
Deb Schieffer in honor of the Confiments and  
Marion Wigen in memory of her husband Gary

## **GIVING MISSION CAMPAIGN**

### **APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 30, 2022**

When we received the money from the insurance from the fire, there was lots of discussions as to how to spend it. When the building was rebuilt, we had \$250,000 left. Dave Driver took the responsibility to invest the money wisely. It was put in the mission Investment fund at the ELCA which was paying the most interest. The CD's, which were 6 years, are now coming due. The interest on these CD's is about \$56,000.

At the time of the building much discussion centered around giving some of the money to the Glory of God. It was decided at that time that we would use the interest for that work. This is money we did not plan for, nor did we earn it. It was a gift. The council voted to give ½ away in this program and the next half will be invested and given away in 3 years. Thus every 3 years we would have extra money for missions without touching the principle.

The council has taken into consideration that a furnace could break etc. but they feel that the \$250,000 would cover any such need.

We would like to have people pick up the application at the back of the church or the one in the newsletter and apply for grants for their missions. We would like to give priority to missions that people give to or work with within the church. You would be allowed to apply for more than one. Ex: quilting \$500... and maybe school kits \$ 500.00. Wells may need a larger gift. Apply for what you need, and we will adjust the amount given as to how many requests.

A committee of 5 would then review all the requests and make the awards.

We would like to accept applications in November and December. With the cutoff date being December 30. The money would then be awarded in a special dinner with a representative from the organization receiving the money present to give a little overview as to how the money would be used. Some publicity will be done to promote the fact that our church is working for the Glory of God.

Individuals that people have been working with are also included to receive the money should there be cancer etc. for need.

### **NAME OF CHARITY YOU WOULD LIKE THE GRANT FOR**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of charity you would like the grant for: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested \_\_\_\_\_

Detailed use of the grant for: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you financially support or work for this Organization:     Y     N

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

DATE	ATTEND	OFFERING
10/30	46	1332.20
11/6	69	2454.00
11/13	61	2995.00
11/20	39	756.00

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

"ELCA Good Gifts"

*make a difference in someone's life*



## How it works

1



Choose your gift.

2

Get a card.



3

Change lives.



# "From Worry to Wonder"

## A Christmas Message from Bishop Laurie

On June 19, 2020 our granddaughter was born. She was born three months into the pandemic. Her parents were worried. Her grandparents were worried. It is challenging enough to be pregnant and give birth in the best of times but to give birth in the middle of a worldwide pandemic is an even greater worry. We worried about the unknown dangers this virus might present to the mother, the unborn baby, and the new born baby. Our worries kept us up at night. Our worries were relieved when she was finally born, perfect in every way. Our worry gave way to wonder-filled joy. Worry transformed to wonder as we looked back to see how God was holding and carrying them through the unavoidable worry. Our worry transformed to gratitude and wonder watching for what God would be up to next in her tiny life.

It's December 2022. We prepare to celebrate the birth our Lord Jesus. This Advent we come with our fears and worries too. We are living in the midst of challenging times in our country. The very foundation of our nation seems less stable. We each come with our own personal set of worries and fears about our families, health, finances, work, safety, the future...What is it that keeps you up at night? What are you worried about today?

Folks across our church are experiencing doubts and uneasiness about the future of their church. Does it keep you up at night? What are the threats to your church's future? How can the conversation move from fear and worry to wonder? As the miracle of Christ's birth is celebrated this season, we can move from worry to wonder. We wonder what God is up to now in this day and age. Together we wonder what God's will is for the future of our church. Together we wonder; how can we use the abundance and blessings, (what we do have and opportunities in front of us), to make a difference in Jesus' name.

*Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. Luke 2:8-10a*

Shepherds living in the fields watched over their sheep to keep them safe. There were dangers that kept the shepherds up at night and plenty of things for the shepherd's to worry about in the cold night like wild animals, predators, thieves, & bad weather. There was so much to worry about, but one night an angel of the Lord, all shiny and bright appeared and transformed their fears and worldly worry to divine wonder.

*To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Luke 2:11-14*

Friends, you are precious, beloved, baptized children of God. We know that the antidote to worry is to trust in God.

During this Advent, Christmas and Epiphany season I pray that your worries will be transformed to wonder at what God **is** doing and promises **to** do in your lives and in our churches. May the miracle of Christ's birth transform your worries to wonder! I am grateful for your partnership in ministry.

Peace be with you,

*Rev. Laurie Shon. Olsun*

# DECEMBER 2022

*New Scandinavia Lutheran Church*

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9:30 a.m. Worship Services

Office Hours Tuesdays 9-2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 am Worship & Communion at rail 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas practice		9:00 am church office open	12:00 pm Chetek Clergy mtg Pastor Ron	11:00 a.m. WELCA program & luncheon		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 am Worship Noisy Offering Sunday 10:30 am Sunday School Christmas practice		9:00 am church office open 6:30 Council Meeting	No quilting in December	9:00 am HON Pastor Conference No Bible Study in December		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30 am Christmas Program 10:30 am Christmas parties		9:00 am Church office open 10:00 am Interim Pastor meeting				CHRISTMAS EVE 5:00 pm CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
CHRISTMAS DAY No worship service scheduled		9:00 am Church office open ANNUAL REPORTS DUE				



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"In Christ, we reach, teach and celebrate God's Word."

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