

**NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH NEWSLETTER 2023**

**COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
FEBRUARY 14, 2023**

President Rick Broten called the meeting to order.

Pastor Ron gave devotions “Whose Hands” and “Serenity Prayer” Written by Prairie Farm Youth

Non- Council members/ visitor reports: Rhonda Candler

Secretary’s report: Nothing new, accepted by council.

Treasurer's report: Read and accepted.

Pastors Report: Evan Macho Baptism performed, projecting hymns on screen during worship is going well, 1st Holy Communion is the March 5th, 5 kids will be getting Holy Communion.

Deacons Ministries: Lenten suppers with leaders are as follows:

March 1- Deb Schieffer

March 8- Martinson’s

March 15- Marion Wigen

March 22nd- Tom Jr Ebler

March 29- Driver’s

The meal will be at 5:15 pm and service will be held at 6:30pm. Serenade Sunday for March still waiting to hear back.

Trustee Ministries: M/S/C Dawn/ Louise/ Council to accept Meyers bid for replacing lights at Altar unless Red Cedar Electric has a better bid.

Solutions heating repaired furnace and Fire Extinguishers were checked and up to date.

Children Youth and Family Ministries: Sunday school going well, 1st holy communion education classes held with Pastor Ron going well with 4 boys and Confirmation is going well with Kristal. Looking into Scholarships for Luther Park campers again this year.

Old Business:

Update on Prairie Farm:

The committee consists of Grant Gifford, Rick Broten, Tom Jr or Kristal Gifford. Discussion on the Logistics of sharing a pastor and what all needs to be decided. What percentage, trial period, starts May 1st?, times of services, etc.

Media Update: Getting quotes from Audio Architects

New Business:

New Shed. Tom Jr will head this, M/S/C Louise/ Marion/ Council to go forward with the building process of a new shed for storing snowblower/ mower and other storage. Robert checked into Zoning and was good to go. Discussion on where to put extra chairs that weren’t getting used in the fellowship for storage.

Bruce Klefstad- offered to do steaming of the roof, but due to thawing out of the ice on the roof will not be needed.

Noisy offering for March is Backpack for Barron

April is Lutheran Social Services. M/S/C Tom Jr./ Marion/ Council.

Council welcomed new members: Marion Wigen and Robert Bryngelson

Devotions for March meeting: Louise Driver

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Shelly Shipley, Secretary.

Present for meeting: Shelly Shipley, Robert and Dawn Bryngelson, Marion Wigen, Tom Ebler Jr, Pastor Ron Gerl, Chris and Rick Broten, Louise Driver, Kelly Martinson.

Absent: Kristal and Grant Gifford, Janelle Broten, Eric Skoug, Deb Schieffer, Michele Klefstad.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

WORSHIP EVENTS COMING UP:

- First Communion Class will be celebrating the **Rite of First Communion** on **Sunday, March 5th**. Please invite your grandparents, aunts, uncles, sponsors and other family and friends. There will be cake to celebrate this milestone. Congratulations to Wesley Martinson, Easton Rihn, Emmit Hundley, Evan Macho and Paige Gerl.
- Confirmation Class – 10:30 AM-Noon. We are studying the Old Testament using Faith Inkubators.
- Sunday School Class -10:30 AM until 11:30 AM. We are doing Bible Lessons based on Candy Bars along with the study of the Lord's Prayer and Lent, Holy Week and Resurrection.
- Please join us for Lenten Suppers starting at 5:15 each Wednesday evening and worship service at 6:30 pm.

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

WELCA ASKING FUNDS FOR A NEW COFFEE MACHINE

At the February 9 WELCA meeting, the ladies discussed the need for a new coffee making machine. The old machine has been experiencing requent issues. A new machine is costly, and they do not have enough available fund. They said this old machine needs replacements, and they request donation to purchase a new coffee machine. A basket placed on the kitchen counter for Sunday coffee and the Lent Supper will begin for you to help them gather enough funds for this project. Thank you!



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF QUILTS

On March 19 Our Lutheran World Relief quilts, which have been completed so far this year, have been placed on the pews in the sanctuary for your enjoyment. We hope you will take a look at them. Many hours go into the completion of one quilt. We appreciate the donations of good used sheets, blankets, and fabrics. (We don't use fabric that is worn out.). We also invite you to join us in making these quilts for our mission.

DISCUSSIONS WITH UNITED LUTHERAN IN PRAIRIE FARM TO BEGIN

President Rick Broten has received a call from the church council at Prairie farm to initiate conversations about working together in ministry going forward. It is hoped to meet before the end of February, and he will keep us posted as to these discussions.



MARCH NOISY OFFERING



Thanks to everyone our "Noisy Offering" for both January and February were over \$100.00. For March our "Noisy Offering" will go to the Barron School Weekend Backpack Program. This supplies food for kids over the weekends that would not necessarily have adequate food for meals. Our congregation helps in "Feeding America."

VANDALISM OF CHURCH SHED INITATES BUILDING A NEW SHED?

The Church Council is considering the construction of a new storage shed after annual meeting discussions.

This Fall the old storage shed was broken into with stealing of gasoline and its containers. Tom Ebler looked at some new storage shed prices and sizes. The building will be much more secure and provides both storage for lawn equipment and space for other seasonal items, taking up space in the church building located in various places. More specifics will be looked at the March Council Meeting.



Austin Shipley	04-Mar
Curtis Matton	05-Mar
Jodi Bryngelson	08-Mar
Kelly Martinson	08-Mar
Megan Giles	09-Mar
Audrey Kreutz	13-Mar
Mary Brown	14-Mar
Easton Giles	22-Mar
Isabel Massie	23-Mar
Elizabeth Steele	24-Mar

THANK YOU FOR FINANCIAL GIFTS



The “Gift Away” banquet was held on Sunday January 15 after the annual meeting. NSLC awarded financial gifts to those who submitted donation forms and reviewed by the committee. All gifts are awarded from the interest investments from the Fire Fund. We have received many Thank you cards and letter from Natures Edge Therapy Center, Comet Care Pack, Beds 4 Kids, Chetek Area We Care Ministries, Pioneer Village Museum, Daybreak Program of Barron County, St. Jude’s Research Hospital, ELCA World Hunger and Michelle Ladehoff.

YOUTH IN CHRIST AT NSLC

United Lutheran Church of Prairie Farm Youth presented a skit on February 12 at NSLC. It was titled “Have No Fear, Jesus is Here!” We would like to thank you and we really enjoyed having you here. Here is a reading from Paityn and Helda.



BE THAT ONE

THAT ONE who forgives when deep offense has been committed.

THAT ONE who loves when no one else does.

THAT ONE who gives kindness to those who are mean.

Be **THAT ONE** who looks past in insult, instead seeing the pain that motivated it.

THAT ONE who shines a light upon those who sit in utter darkness.

Because the impact of being **THAT ONE** runs far and wide.
It brings healing to the wounded, joy to the sad, and hope to **BE THAT ONE**.

ATTENDANCE & OFFERING

DATE	ATTEND	OFFERING
1/1/23	32	1414.00
1/8/23	50	917.00
1/15/23	52	2602.00
1/22/23	45	896.00
2/5/23	52	2092.00
2/12/23	91	4119.00
2/19/23	52	2071.00



DAU'S ATTEND LUTHER PARK BIBLE CAMP ANNUAL MEETING

Information about Luther Park and the new Bible Camp forms are available on the first-round table in the Fellowship Hall. Sue said, "Luther Park is where our kids had a great experience, and we want to support them so all our church kids could attend the Bible Camp." *Pastor Ron*



LUTHER PARK ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting called to order 10:10 am.

Looking for staff, posted on website:

Executive Director
Property Manager, Dave Dobbs retiring
Camp counselors

7 volunteer nurses.
Many other volunteers are needed during the work week for this summer.

Thrivent Choice Dollars can be donated to LP.

Endowment committee has remained dormant for a few years; selection of a new endowment committee took place today.

Strategic Planning review & select priorities each year, top 3 priorities for 2023:

- 1) Full-time staff - full picture including advertising, job description, training, retention, etc.
- 2) Summer staff - budget nearly doubled for 2022 actual, offering a more competitive wage scale to attract college kids.
- 3) The Ministry Center (new bldg.) - Campaign Fund YTD expenses \$2.4 million, with only \$234,000 in debt, budgeting for an audit in 2023. The question is - why do we have debt when income is greater than expenses? Audit firm yet to be secured, should begin auditing this summer, will take several months to complete. Estimate to complete lower level is \$242,000. Lower Level will be used for housing counselors, used for wedding parties and other purposes yet to be determined. Consulting fees (\$75-\$90K), hiring fundraising employee & associated expenses, and completion of LL for approx. \$75K all allocated to the Campaign fund.

Nominating committee (all left unfilled, Board may appoint):

Cluster 1 -

Cluster 2 - * this is the cluster NSLC is in

Cluster 3 -

Cluster 4 -

Annual Cleaning Day @ LP is April 22 - 8:30-4:00 (Dau Family organize group from NSLC?)
Luther Park Bible Camp Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Dave & Sue Dau

LETTER FROM LUTHER PARK INTERIM DIRECTOR

We are now taking applications for the Maintenance Director at Luther Park. This is a full-time position with a good salary and benefits. It is for someone who knows how to do a variety of maintenance issues and wants to be a part of a ministry team. Apply now!

I am traveling to many of the colleges in our region looking for those special staff persons. I need

your help to identify youths from your parish who could be potential staff. Now is the time to help find them. Please and thank you!

Dick Iverson, Interim Director

MARCH 2023

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church

March 2023
9:30 a.m. Worship & FACEBOOK
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Pastor Ron Gerl

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
			5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper Deb Schieffer Group 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2 nd Sunday in Lent Rite of First Communion First Communion cake		Office open 9-2	5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper Kelly M. & Deb R. Group 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
3 rd Sunday in Lent Serenade Sunday "Higher Vision" Daylight Savings (change ahead)		Office op54en 9-2 6:30 p.m. Council Meeting	Quilting 5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper Marion Wigen Group 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service	Quilting 1:30 p.m. Bible Study		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
4 th Sunday in Lent LWR QUILTS on pews		Office open 9-2	5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper Tom Ebler Jr. Group 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
5 th Sunday in Lent		Office open 9-2	5:15 p.m. Lenten Supper Louise Driver Group 6:30 p.m. Lenten Service			

Global Mission



“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith.”
Colossians 2:6-7a.

Rooted and built in Jesus! This is the core of our work as the ELCA walks with more than 80 companion churches in other countries to participate in God’s reconciling mission through proclamation and service. Participating in these relationships, ELCA members see how people’s lives are touched by the gospel, how their lives are transformed and renewed, and how their communities live in hope. Our living, daring confidence in God’s grace propels us, along with our companions, to say “yes” to a world searching for renewal and wholeness. As part of a global Lutheran community, we gratefully receive the witness of global brothers and sisters whose faith, hospitality, resilience and zeal energize us and our own congregations. In response, we share our gifts and talents to address the root causes of poverty and hunger and meeting human needs, fight HIV and AIDS, build communities that coexist in peace, and prepare women and men to preach the good news of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Walking and working together, we seek to *accompany* our companions. Accompaniment is defined as *walking together in a solidarity that practices interdependence and mutuality*. The ELCA lives out accompaniment in relationships with global companions, striving to share God’s love and participate in God’s mission together:

Flourishing, long-term, mutual relationships strengthen the worldwide Lutheran community as they deepen our global mission engagement. The church-to-church relationship between the ELCA and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania, for example, includes 20 more relationships between ELCA synods and Tanzanian dioceses. With over 120 such relationships, the ELCA Companion Synods Program connects thousands of Lutherans, who share joys and sorrows, pray together, and collaborate on mutually beneficial ministries — most notably as a member of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of 143 member churches in 79 countries worldwide. Because we can do more together than we can as individual congregations, ELCA Global Mission:

- stewards the international web of ELCA relationships.
- listens to companion church bodies and responds to their priorities in mission with program grants and personnel.
- receives the gifts of Christian witness from the global church in order to build our own capacity for witness.
- funds long-term, sustainable development projects and responds to international disasters.
- calls and prepares mission personnel for service in response to requests from companions.

As an ELCA member, you already walk with companions and participate in God’s mission. In these pages you can also find out how to serve as a missionary, get involved in a companion synod relationship, make a gift to global mission, learn more about *accompaniment*, and find resources and events that equip you for global engagement.

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

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