



## **NEW SCANDINAVIA LUTHERAN CHURCH JUNE NEWSLETTER 2025**



### **Report of the Synod Assembly of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin**

The voting delegates of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin gathered at Bethany Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 26, 2025 to make decisions about the ministries happening within the synod and the work of the greater church.

The gathering began with a “Holy Humor” worship service with Holy Communion under the theme of “Come and See” and Bishop Martin used John 1:43-51 as the starting point for his sermon and the theme for the gathering. The prayers of intercession were compiled using the words of the Sunday School students of United Lutheran.

We saw a video from Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton and given a Churchwide greeting from Churchwide Representative, Imran Siddiqui, Vice President of the ELCA. We heard about the decisions that need to be made at the Churchwide level over what to do with decreasing benevolence and recognizing they understand that is because of smaller offerings at the congregation level. We then heard the organizations supported by the ELCA and what it means that fewer dollars are going to these organizations.

A resolution was submitted and approved that the synod would be conducting a three year “Love Your Neighbor” Capital Campaign with the goal of raising \$175,000 for the support and sustainability of the Neighbor 2 Neighbor ministry, created and run by Deacan Lidixe Montoya, that builds connections between the synod and the Hispanic community within the synod including but not limited to Eau Claire.

A resolution was submitted and approved that the Synod will make every effort to translate key documents and provide interpretation for events and experience in both English and Spanish, as a way to more fully connect with our Spanish-speaking neighbors. Furthermore, the costs for translation and interpretation services will be covered for two years through a grant received from the ELCA.

After much discussion, a resolution was submitted and approved to accept the 2026 Minimum Standards for Compensation and Benefits that was approved by the Synod Council.

This led to the resolution submitted and approved for the Operating Mission Plan recommended by the Synod Council.

The final resolution submitted and approved was called “National Day of Remembrance for Indian Boarding Schools. This will be memorialized at the 2025 Churchwide Assembly to address the legacies of our church’s role in Indian Boarding Schools. Including but not limited to each congregation commemorate the day annually on or near September 30<sup>th</sup>, and encouraging ministries to commit to learning the truth of their involvement with Indian boarding schools and to responsibly create paths to healing and repair.

The synod also received reports from the following ministries operating within our synod; Lutheran Social Services (LSS), Campus Ministry, and Portico (benefit provider for those called to serve). We received the Bishop’s report, elected new Synod Council members, elected people to the Discipline Committee, and recognized those council members that have completed their time. We remembered those who passed away this last year, including SAM John Kurschner of Chetek and we celebrated those who have reached milestone Anniversary and those who have retired.

The Assembly with closing prayers and we were on our way at 3pm.

A big thank you to Carol Abbuehl, Addyson Micheels, Tom Ebler Jr, and Marion Wigen for your willingness to be representatives for our congregations and for being leaders in our congregations.

Submitted by Rev. Sara Feld

## **Church Council Report**

New Scandinavia Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 13, 2025

Called to order by Vice President, Janelle Gordon

**Devotions** by Kristal Gifford – “Slow Down” and “The Power of Worship”

**Non-Council members/visitors** – none

**Last month's minutes** – **M/S/C** – Kristal/Shelly

**Treasurer's report -**

We currently have a \$985 surplus, primarily due to Easter offering.

New Business – None

**M/S/C** to accept Treasurer's report – Kristal/Sue

**Pastor's report -**

Dairy Days is July 13<sup>th</sup> in Prairie Farm. 9:00 am service will be at NSLC. Pastor Sara will play guitar on Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup> for Father's Day. Pastor is in the planning stages of VBS at United for some time in July or August. Also considering ideas for garage theology. Finished Moses Project in Des Moines, IA last week. May be interested in attending The Jordan Project some time in a year or two, a program that is also offered through Grand View University in Des Moines.

**Deacon Ministries** – WELCA women's group made 7 quilts today. Tentatively planning Rogation Sunday in June.

**Trustee Ministries** – Light bulb is out on the altar to be replaced. Ice maker is out, looking into replacement options.

**Children Youth and Family Ministries** - Last day of Sunday school was May 4, along with blessing of the quilts and Senior Recognition. Seniors Sam Bryngelson and Nathan Skoug were celebrated.

**Old Business** – Tom & Marion attended Synod Assembly at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Shelly will look into t-shirts for 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Tom Ebler had business cards made up and proposed we make a banner for the side of the float for parades. Looking for volunteers to participate in parades, will be announced at church on Sundays. Per email from Michelle Klefstad: She spoke with Peggy Rassbach, have spot reserved for the Dairy Days Parade in Prairie Farm. Have one reserved for Ridgeland Fair on Labor Day. Working on Cameron parade and Chetek Liberty Fest.

**New Business** – The Bishop is coming July 6<sup>th</sup>. As discussed at April meeting, Noisy offering will be combined for 3 months of June, July & Aug, with the recipient as Jim Reckert. **M/S/C** – Robert/Marion. Motion made to update the food service prices to the funeral book as noted per attached handout. **M/S/C** – Kristal/Shelly. Rasmussen Family Reunion requested for September 20<sup>th</sup>. **M/S/C** – Chris/Marion.

Adjourn – **M/S/C** – Kristal/Sue

Next meeting – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Devotions – Marion

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Sue Dau, NSLC Council secretary

Present – Pastor Sara Feld, Robert Bryngelson, Sue Dau, Chris Broten, Kristal Gifford, Shelly Shipley, Marion Wigen, Janelle Gordon, Debbie Schieffer

Absent – Tom Ebler, Jr., Dawn Bryngelson, Michelle Klefstad, Dave Dau and Kelly Martinson

## WELCA Report

WELCA met May 13, 2025 after quilting.

Marion opened with devotions

We sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Secretary and Treasure Reports were read

A M/S/C (Debbie R/Barb H) for the Lenten offering to be used for LWR shipping quilts and kits.

W/ELCA Retreat at Luther Park June 4th and 5<sup>th</sup> Hosted by Chippewa Valley Conference.

A M/S/C (Debbie R/Debra S) to send \$100 for the Wolf's Den Charity for Area Schools Back Pack Programs.

We took offering and sang "We Give Thee But Thy Own"

We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be June 17<sup>th</sup> with quilting in the morning and Bible study at 1:30 with quilting also on June 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00

Chris Broten secretary



Richard Ebler	06/12	Jerome Bakken	06/20
Richard Broten	06/13	Kyle Steele	06/20
Evelyn Plock	06/13	Austin Bitney	06/21
Jackalyn Sandve	06/15	Jo Ann Lystig	06/24
Bruce Klefstad	06/19	Dorothy Larson	06/27
Kent Wicken	06/19		



Remember to donate your Thrivent Dollars

# JUNE 2025

SUNDAY	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.	SAT.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8+6+63	9	10 6:30 pm. Council Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 Fathers Day 	16	17 Quilting 9:00- 12:00 noon WELCA meeting 1:30pm.	18	19 Quilting 9:00- 12:00 noon	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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