



# Healing Waters Parish

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Augustana – Bergen – St. Lucas – Yellow Medicine

An area parish of Lutheran churches in Yellow Medicine County, Minnesota

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## Overflowing with thankfulness

*-from The Joyfull Heart*

I hate organ recitals. Not pipe organs, especially, but this kind:

"How are you today, Gladys?"

"Terrible, just terrible? Did I tell you about my gall bladder acting up?"

"Yes, Gladys."

She doesn't seem to acknowledge my, "Yes," but launches into a full-scale report on gall bladders around the world, and hers in particular. When she sees my eyes beginning to glaze over, Gladys falters for a moment. She knows she has to switch gears quickly to keep me from nodding off.

"And I have this terrible skin rash that drives me so crazy that I can't sleep at night."

I am trying hard to be polite. "Oh, I'm sorry."

I attempt to stop myself, but it is too late. The ill-fated word has crossed my lips — "sorry" — and now I have fed

Gladys her first morsel of real food for the day. She seems to take new energy, and as she describes her itching, I begin to sense little crawling things in my scalp. I unconsciously reach up to scratch my head, but nothing gets by



hits home. The phrase, "overflowing with thankfulness," begins to repeat itself over and over in my mind.

"Overflowing" — "abounding," some translations say — brings the mental picture of the Thanksgiving cornucopia spilling out an abundant harvest blessing. Jesus said, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks." What is in my heart? Complaining? Selfishness? Pride? — or Thanksgiving?

Thanksgiving is the mark of a Christian, because thanksgiving points out and up while my complaining points only back to me and feeds my pride and dissatisfaction. Thanksgiving towards God and man fits the Great Commandment like a glove, to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love my neighbor as myself. What better vehicle than thankfulness to express love?

So when I read Colossians 2:6-7 it

## Upcoming Events:

-St. Lucas Scandinavian Fest November 5, 2016. For more information, see the flier on Page 8 inside this edition of the newsletter.

-Quilting begins. See Page 7 for more information.

-Thanksgiving is November 24.

-All Saints Day is November 26. Order your poinsettias in honor of a loved one. See page 6.

-Thursday, November 17th: Mark your calendars for the annual Bergen Mens Waffle Supper and Bazaar. See page 4.

-November 23 Thanksgiving Eve chilli dinner at Bergen. See page 4.



Isaiah 41:17 "The poor and needy search for water; but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the Lord will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them."

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Thank you for helping with the October newsletter assembly:  
Connie Pehrson, Janeen Kompelien, Joyce Gregg, and Angie Thostenson.

## Worship Schedule

### *Sunday, November 6*

Augustana 9:00 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
Bergen 10:30 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
St Lucas 9:00 a.m.....Kelly France  
Yellow Medicine Lutheran 10:30 a.m....Kelly France

### *Sunday, November 13*

Augustana 9:00 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
Bergen 10:30 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
St Lucas 9:00 a.m.....Kelly France  
Yellow Medicine Lutheran 10:30 a.m....Kelly France

### *Sunday, November 20*

Augustana 9:00 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
Bergen 10:30 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
St Lucas 9:00 a.m.....Kelly France  
Yellow Medicine Lutheran 10:30 a.m....Kelly France

### *Sunday, November 27*

Augustana 9:00 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
Bergen 10:30 a.m.....Pr Dave Peterson  
St Lucas 9:00 a.m.....Kelly France  
Yellow Medicine Lutheran 10:30 a.m....Kelly France

### Weather Related Cancellations Of Sunday School and Worship Services

Please listen to the following stations for weather related  
announcements regarding Sunday cancellations:

KMHL – 1400 AM (Marshall)

or

KDMA – 1460 AM (Montevideo)

### *Please notify us when:*

- There is a birth or adoption of a child
- There is a death in your family
- There is a hospitalization in your family
- Someone becomes home bound
- Someone becomes unemployed
- You move or get a new phone number
- A child moves out of the house or attends college or whenever there is a cause for sorrow or a cause for joy

Healing Waters Parish, the body of Christ, wants to bring you Christ's love in all the seasons of your life.

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(and save printing and mailing costs),  
please email [office@healingwatersparish.org](mailto:office@healingwatersparish.org).

# Pastor Dave's Reflections

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*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5*

The month of November has always been a kind of transition month. For high school and college sports enthusiasts it becomes the transition between fall and winter sports. For this part of the country where four seasons are experienced it often is the transition time between fall and winter.

November also is a time of observances, holidays, and even the beginning of the next church year as the last Sunday of the month most years is also the first Sunday of Advent. Almost lost in the sequence of faith observances is All Saints' Day on November 1. Because November 1 does not always fall on a Sunday, it is often forgotten about except for briefly on the Sunday following as the names of members of the body of Christ who died during the year are read, remembered in prayers, and then forgotten by most everyone except for immediate family.

The writer of the verses from 1 Peter shared above reminds us that the designation of saint applies to far more than just those who have died and gone before us to rise and be gathered with us when the time is ripe for Christ to return. A saint is ANYONE for whom Christ has died and risen again and who lives out their lives with the grace wrapped around them, filling them and flowing from them to touch the lives of others. What this means is that a saint is not just one who has died. Saints are very much ALIVE and well also; "protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

While All Saints' Day(Sunday) is indeed a time to remember, reflect and be thankful for the lives of faithful and faith filled that will be missed; it also is a time to remember that the work of the saints alive is far from over. This time of the year is also when time is set aside to look critically at how ministry has been shaped within our settings. It also becomes a time to think about and determine how it might be enhanced and/or shaped in the year yet to unfold. One thing is indeed certain, change will always be part of living, maturing and growing as the people of God. Without change, we would not know the new birth in the waters of baptism that provides the living hope through the resurrection of Jesus. As time is taken to remember and reflect may we also be open to and living into the new birth, life and living hope that is ours in Christ. Amen.

*Pastor Dave*

## Pastor Dave Peterson's Office Hours:

Tuesday: St. Lucas parsonage 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Wednesday: St. Lucas parsonage 9:00 am -  
12:00 pm, Yellow Medicine 2:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Thursday: Augustana 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
(afternoons for visitation)  
Friday: Yellow Medicine and visiting 8:00 am -  
12:00 pm, St. Lucas Parsonage - 1:00 pm-5:00 p.m.

## Community Prayer List

family of Gerry Leenerts, Jared Stevens, Duane Severson, Agie Zimney, Bret Herigon, Jill Boehne, Margaret Remiger, Jerome Timm, Cindy Buyert, Tony Rodriguez, Adela Espinosa + Please let our church secretary or the pastors know of any change that should be made to the prayer list.



# AUGUSTANA CHURCH NEWS

## Augustana Lutheran Church

921 11th Avenue  
Clarkfield, MN 56223  
320-669-4645

**November work group leader:** Dick & Elaine Petersen

**Rachel Circle:** Rachel Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 16th at Julie Schlenner's home.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 6	9:00 a.m
Sunday, November 13	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 20	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 27	9:00 a.m

Augustana  
Prayer List  
Pr. Rena Peterson,  
Marion Varpness

### YOUR ASSISTANCE IS STILL NEEDED:

When HWP does services once a month at Valhalla we bring something small for residents to have following church. It can be bars, cookies, cake, cheese & crackers, or whatever you wish to bring. Have enough to serve about 25 people. Call Nancy Chasteen at 669-7427 if you can take one of the following remainder dates in 2016: October 5, November 2 or December 28. Services start at 2:00 pm so please drop it off at Valhalla any time prior to 1:30. Staff there will serve and clean up.

Thank you to all who brought to Valhalla for residents to have some goodies following church services. The dates for 2016 are filled. Please watch for the new schedule for 2017. Call Nancy Chasteen at 320-669-7427 to sign up for a month in 2017.

Please support the Clarkfield Food Shelf this November by bringing your donations to church where a box will be available for your convenience.

Augustana funds are still very low, so please remember your financial commitment to our church.

FALL for a Good Book and SPEND an evening READING a book from the shelves of the Bergen Church Library. Kim McCoy Mead has donated the most recent addition; "Miracles from Heaven" by Christy Beam.

*If you have information you would like to have in newsletter, please contact Nancy Chasteen at 320-669-7427/320-226-1529 or nchasteen68@hotmail.com*

# BERGEN CHURCH NEWS

## Bergen Lutheran Church

4603 310th Ave.  
Granite Falls, MN 56241  
320-369-7092



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 6	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 13	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 20	10:30 a.m
Wednesday, November 23	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 27	10:30 a.m

Bergen Prayer List:  
Pr. Rena Peterson, Kim Mead

### Opening Church:

Galen Halverson & Curt Skulstad

### Work Group Leaders:

Curt & Cindy Skulstad, Dave & Kim Kvam

Bergen women's meeting will be held November 9 at 1:30 p.m. at the church.

Sunday, November 6th is going to be Mission Sunday at Bergen (10:30am). We are excited to have guest speaker, Jessica Moes, with us. She recently spent a year in Cambodia as part of ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission. We will have potluck dinner following worship and Jessica will join us. We would like to invite anyone interested in hearing about Jessica's experience to please join us!!!

*Spread the word --- come and worship and enjoy the potluck and fellowship afterwards!! Those coming are invited to bring a dish to pass.*

Thursday, November 17th: Mark your calendars for the annual Bergen Mens Waffle Supper and Bazaar. We invite everyone to attend for yummy food and fellowship and browsing at the bazaar.

November 23rd: Thanksgiving Eve Chili Supper at 5pm at Bergen followed by worship services at 6 p.m.

## ST. LUCAS CHURCH NEWS

**St. Lucas Lutheran Church**  
 4232 170th Avenue  
 Cottonwood, MN 56229

*St. Lucas Prayer List*  
 Pr. Rena Peterson,  
 Donald Lowe,  
 Donovan Stensrud

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 6	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 13	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 20	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 27	9:00 a.m.

### *November Birthdays*

1 Dean Olson  
 3 Ross Thompson  
 Jaeda Marie Heinis  
 9 Jason Stensrud  
 14 Barbara Thompson  
 15 Jeremy Brusven  
 17 Jonnie Danielson  
 19 Lisa Jolstad  
 21 Cydney Manning  
 24 Kay Van Maldeghem  
 25 Kristen Gray  
 Steven Stensrud

### **Scandinavian Fest Work Assignments for Nov. 6, 2016**

Hostess: Pastor David Peterson  
 Publicity: Shirley Stensrud  
 Decorating: Ann Stensrud, Linda Dieken  
 Bake Sale: Janeen Kompelien, Joyce Gregg, Jonnie Danielson, Linda Broughton, Sara Settle, Nancy Brusven, Nola Thompson, Marilyn Brusven, Kristen Gray  
 Ticket Sales/Cards & Napkins: Teresa Hoff, Ann Stensrud  
 Prepare Meatballs and Gravy Friday: Gloria Johnson, Teresa Hoff, Carol Kompelien, Marge Reishus, Linda Broughton, Connie Pehrson, Lisa Olson, Chery Stensrud, Joyce Gregg, Nola Thompson  
 Kitchen and warm up meatballs Saturday morning: Gloria Johnson, Ronda Herigon, June Stensrud, Carol Kompelien, Lisa Olson  
 Prepare potatoes: Lonna Stensrud, Shannon Lenz  
 Prepare carrots: Jamie Martin, Ronda Herigon  
 Make coffee and fill servers: Lois Albin, Judy Van-Maldeghem

Butter buns and lefse: Connie Pehrson, Sheldon Haaland, Betty Lovsness, Beulah Anderson, Norman Anderson, Shirley Stensrud, Larry Stensrud, Mitch Brusven, Darris Kompelien  
 Cut and serve pie: Marge Haaland, Linda Dieken, Jodi Bofferding  
 Serve coleslaw and cranberries/prepare takeouts: Leah Brusven  
 Serve potatoes: Marcia Brusven  
 Serve meatballs: Roberta Brusven  
 Serve carrots: Diane Gregoire  
 Serve lefse: June Stensrud  
 Prepare takeouts & serving window back-up: Sara Rausch, Amy Manning  
 Supply Table: Connie Pehrson, Aubreigh Rausch, Cydney Manning,  
 Head Waitresses: Cindy Jolstad, Chery Stensrud  
 Servers: Savannah Rausch, Grace Rausch, Rachel Brusven, Emily Lenz, Alex Lenz, Andrew Lenz, Teal Bofferding  
 \*\*Everyone is encouraged to bring baked goods and crafts for the sale. Please have these items at the church before 10 am on Saturday.

\*\* The following ladies are asked to bring 24 lefse for the dinner: Ann Stensrud, Shirley Stensrud, Lonna Stensrud, Linda Broughton, Teresa Hoff, Gloria Johnson, Carol Kompelien, Janeen Kompelien, Beulah Anderson, Diane Gregoire, Connie Pehrson, Judy Van-Maldeghem, Roberta Brusven  
 \*\* Everyone is asked to bring 2 pies in foil pans for dinner or 9x13 desserts  
 \*\*If possible, everyone should wear a white blouse and dark skirts or pants. There are red vest and caps available.  
 \*\* We ask that the workers try and wait to eat until all the guests have been served.  
 \*\* Please bring your own equipment to prepare foods if needed.  
 \*\* Everyone is asked to please help with dishes and clean up. Any help offered by men and boy in the congregation would be deeply appreciated. If you can't do your assigned job, please switch with someone or let the committee members know.  
 Group 2 – Teresa Hoff – 507-828-0049

### ANNIVERSARIES

08 Ken and Connie Pehrson  
 15 Dean and Julie Olson  
 21 Ron and Joyce Gregg

St. Lucas Lutheran Cemetery Association  
 Rules and Regulations  
 Effective January 1, 2016  
 Memorial Day flowers and decorations are permitted one week before and one week after Memorial Day.  
 Flowers and decorations at other times must not interfere with the maintenance and care of the cemetery. Removal of these will be at the discretion of the cemetery board.  
 No planting of trees or plants is permitted.  
 Cremated remains may not be scattered anywhere in the cemetery. The remains must be in a container and buried within a burial space approved by the cemetery board.  
 The St. Lucas Cemetery assumes no responsibility for vandalism or defacing of interment lots.  
 The cemetery board reserves the right to change these rules and regulations as they deem necessary for the operation of the cemetery.

## YELLOW MEDICINE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

### **Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church**

101 Main Street, P.O. Box 119  
 Hanley Falls, MN 56245  
 annettelsharkey@gmail.com  
 www.healingwatersparish.org



### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 6	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 13	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, November 20	10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, November 23	7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 27	10:30 a.m.

### **YM Prayer List:**

family of Coleen Olson,  
 Heather Torke, Hiram Thostenson, Zee Anne Reishus, Pr. Rena Peterson, Bruce Engel, Mary Ellen Anderson, Loie Dale, Hazel Martin

# YELLOW MEDICINE LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWS

## **NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS:**

### **Ushers:**

- 6 Kevin Eye
- 13 Gary Enger
- 20 Arlan Gustafson
- 27 Allen Torke

### **Lay Readers:**

- 6 Kevin Eye
- 13 Kristin Nygaard
- 20 Cindy Eye
- 23 Jon Thostenson
- 27 Donna Ricke

### **Altar Guild:**

- Angie Thostenson

### **Communion Assistant:**

- Grant Velde

### **Counters:**

- 6 Becky & Grant Velde
- 13 Becky & Grant Velde
- 20 Becky & Grant Velde
- 28 Becky & Grant Velde

### **Acolytes:**

- 6 Megan Timm
- 13 Madelin Kuehl
- 20 Zachary Towne
- 23 Landon Dale
- 27 Isaac Bautista

### **Crossbearers:**

- 6 Sydney Lerud
- 27 Austin Pringle

### **Funeral Chairs:**

- Service Group #2,  
Kristin Nygaard (507) 828-2558 and  
Shawna Tusberg (507) 530-6394.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorials will be received again this year. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please mail the attached tear off slip and your check for \$19.00 per poinsettia to Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church. You may also save postage by putting your order in the Sunday offering plate. We need to know how many to order by Sunday, November 13th. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you!

Poinsettia given in memory of/honor of (circle one):

\_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off and put in envelope with your check for \$19.00 payable to Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church. Either mail this or deposit in church offering on or before Sunday, November 13th.

## **Yellow Medicine Lutheran WELCA News**

Sunday, Nov. 20th Annual Thank Offering service  
as part of our worship service  
Bring your offering in an envelope marked  
**THANKOFFERING.**

Saturday, Dec. 3rd Advent Celebration starting at  
11 a.m. Members from service group #4 are asked  
to provide a main dish and serve. The rest of us will  
bring Christmas-type goodies. Guests are welcome.

Thank you, Carol Tusberg, members of service group #1  
and others for serving lunch after the funeral for our  
WELCA sister Coleen Olson on October 18th.

Correction to Sept. WELCA meeting minutes:  
2017 Officers are Co-Chairs: Judy Ristau & Cindy  
Velde

Vice-Chair: Carol Rikke Secretary: Carol Engel  
Co-Treasurers: Carol Tusberg & Jean Nelson Anderson.  
Mission Growth chair: Cindy Velde and Mission  
Action chair: Connie Velde

## **November Birthdays**

- 1 Laura Eckstrom
- 3 Carter Eckstrom
- 4 Heather Velde
- Augusta Volstad
- 5 Howard Torke
- Tara Torke
- 7 Noah Schultz
- Sandie Torke
- 8 Carl Sharkey
- Angie Thostenson
- 9 Travis Fry
- 10 Carrie Jeseritz
- 11 Thomas Oftedahl
- 14 Charles Hewitt
- William Sharkey
- 15 Wesley Cole
- 17 Jeffrey Tusberg
- Jane Vandelanotte
- 18 Andrew Hewitt
- 19 Michelle Stolp
- 20 Kenneth Grothen
- Wynn Halverson
- 21 William Eckstrom
- 24 Matthew McPhail
- 25 Joshua Wolner
- 26 Xavier Towne
- 27 Austin Timm
- 28 Hunter Grothen
- Corrine Gustafson
- 29 Hannah Lecy
- 30 Alan Mock
- Jakob Pringle

### **Ministerial Acts:**

**BAPTISM:** Claire Louise Brusven, daughter of Joshua & Nicole Brusven, was baptized on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at Yellow Medicine Lutheran. Baptismal sponsors were Erin Stevens and Dan & Christy Brusven.

Aubrey Arabella Massmann, daughter of Cole & Trisha Massman, was baptized on Sunday, October 16, 2016 at Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church. Baptismal sponsors were Alissa & Matt Siefkes, Amanda Hansen, and Angie Jans.

**TRANSFERS IN:** Derrald and Sandee Meyer transferred to Yellow Medicine Lutheran from Peach Lutheran Church of Plymouth in Plymouth, MN on October 11, 2016.

**MARRIAGE:** Laura Marie Dahl and Zachary David Fischer were united in marriage at YMLC on September 10, 2016, by Rev. Dave Peterson.

**FUNERAL:** Coleen Mae Olson passed away on Friday, October 14, 2016, and was buried at Yellow Medicine Lutheran East Cemetery on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

All Saints Day will be celebrated on November 6th, 2016, at Yellow Medicine Lutheran Church. Below are the saints who passed away this past year.

- Pearl Eye November 26, 2015
- Allen Anderson December 1, 2015
- Gary Lee Velde February 10, 2016
- Merlin Gustafson April 12, 2016
- Mabel Slettedahl June 8, 2016
- James Grothen July 25, 2016
- Coleen Olson October 14, 2016



News & Notes

**YMLC Altar Guild** will have their annual meeting to set up the 2017 calendar on Wed., November 2, at 7:00 pm. Please let Connie know if you are unable to attend.

**THE NOVEMBER YMLC COUNCIL MEETING** will be held Wednesday, November 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

**QUILTING** will be starting on Tuesday, January 10th at 9:00 a.m. and continues on Tuesdays through March. Slightly used sheets or fabric is needed to make quilts. Also, if anyone has ideas on where we can deliver some quilts, please call Connie Velde 507-828-4227.

**NEW COOKBOOKS AVAILABLE:** Is your church cookbook worn out, splattered with various ingredients, missing a cover or pages? You are in luck, for the newly reprinted Favorite Recipes of Yellow Medicine Lutheran cookbook is now available. This is a joint fundraiser between the church and WELCA. Cookbooks are \$10.00. Please contact Cindy Eye if you would like to purchase one. (507) 768-3547 or ceye@mvtvwireless.com

**Yellow Medicine Lutheran East and West Cemetery**

**Rules and Regulations**

- No shrubbery shall be allowed.
- All family decorations are at the family's own risk and will be removed at the next mowing.
- All foot markers to be set at grass level to preclude equipment damage.
- It shall be the duty of the Sextons to enter upon any lot or grave to prohibit, modify or remove and dispose of any structure or object which may have been placed there in violation of any of the rules and regulations submitted, or which may be considered in their judgment to be unsightly, dangerous, or objectionable or interferes with the cemetery operations.
- Family shall be responsible for the cost of snow removal in the case of winter burials.
- The cemetery board reserves the right to change these rules or to make such other rules as they deem necessary for the operation of the cemetery. No notice of such intended changes shall be required.

Effective: March 17, 2010

**St. Lucas W.E.L.C.A.**  
**Scandinavian Fest**

*Saturday*  
**NOVEMBER 5, 2016**  
 11:00 AM ~ 1:00 PM

<b>Menu</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Meatballs & Gravy	\$10 Adults
Potatoes	\$6 Children
Coleslaw	
Carrots	
Leffe	
Pies & Desserts	

**Takeouts available**

**St. Lucas Lutheran Church**  
 9232 172th Avenue, Coon Rapids  
 115. Hwy. 59 off Valley, Medicine Co Rd 2

**Division Four:**  
 12th Street & 7th Ave, Free Co Rd 62  
 Clarksburg, Iowa Sunday 39, 14th St. Dr  
 Co Rd 2  
 Mendenhall, Iowa Park Co Rd 17  
 2nd St & 14th St, Lee Co Rd 2  
 Alameda, Iowa York Co Rd 17  
 14th St, Eau Claire 2



2016-2017  
 NOV 4-5  
 MAR 17-18  
 APR 21-22

**CONFIRMATION RETREATS** WWW.SHETEK.ORG



**NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST AND EACH ONE OF YOU IS A PART OF IT**  
 1 CORINTHIANS 12:27



# HWP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## Healing Waters Parish Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved) September 27, 2016, 7:00 pm Bergen Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Jolene Johnson. A quorum was in attendance.

Present: Jolene Johnson, Peggy Danielson (sub for Larry Danielson), Elmo Volstad, Julie Volstad, Pati Marquart, Kathy Koetter, Chery Stensrud (sub for Ross Thompson), Pr. Dave Peterson, support staff Angie Thostenson

Absent: Larry Stensrud, Ann Stensrud,

Pr. Dave offered devotions from Luke 16: 19-31

Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Congregation Council Reports:

Augustana stated they have someone looking at the parsonage. They requested a time change for Christmas service. Salad Luncheon was a success.

Bergen remodeled their bathroom and kitchen. They set their Waffle Supper for Nov. 17th from 4:30 – 7:00 pm.

St. Lucas has been working on some repairs for the parsonage. They will be having their annual Scandinavian Fest on Nov. 5th at 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Yellow Medicine raised \$6,000 from the Threshing Show food stand fundraiser. They got some of the trees trimmed. The "Little Free Library" was installed in memory of Norma Simonson. They had a celebration for Allard Stevens' 96th B-day during church.

Financial Reports for July and August were received and filed, subject to approval by audit.

Pastoral/Staff Reports:

In his report, Kelly France stated visitations were going well. He is working on updating some of the visitation information.

In his report, Pr. Dave discussed the Fall Theological Conference and how there will be some rewording to the Synod Constitution. He said to bring this back to each individual councils as there will need to be some changes made to each church's Constitution. Pr. Dave will have the information they need to make the changes to each church by Dec. 1st. He stated that YMLC's Sunday School was up and going and St. Lucas', Not So Sunday School was beginning on Wednesday from 4:30 – 5:30 pm. The parents will continue this, at St. Lucas, until Pr. Rena gets back. He also discussed Pr. Rena's health.

Old Business:

All Parish Changes – Starting Jan. 1st 2017, there will be 2 services on each All Parish worship days. Bergen and Augustana will rotate for 1st service and Yellow Medicine and St. Lucas will rotate for the 2nd service.

New Business:

2017 Budget – Need to get the Confirmed Contributing Members number to Angie as soon as possible so she can get a proposed budget started. Angie will send out an email with the 3 rules that were decided last year. Discuss at each individual council meeting the staffing needs and ideas to increase revenue or decrease expenses. If you have any events that happen in your church, stories from members, etc. send them to Chery Stensrud at cherystensrud@hotmail.com. She will compile them all and make a booklet for people to look at what we have to offer.

Annual Pastor Performance Review – Add signature line allowing any concerns to be addressed to the correct person. Angie will put this in the newsletter, and send it to each church to give out.

Thanksgiving/Holiday Schedule – Pr. Kelly will be gone during Thanksgiving so we will find pulpit supply for Nov. 27th Possible Holiday scheduling as follows: This is not approved yet. Please bring back to Councils to discuss.

o Thanksgiving Eve –

† Bergen – Supper at 5:00 pm and worship at 6:00 pm

† Yellow Medicine – Supper at 6:30 pm and worship at 7:30 pm\o Thanksgiving Day -

† Augustana – Worship at 9:00 am

o Christmas Eve –

† St. Lucas, Augustana, and Yellow Medicine all would prefer worship at 5:30 pm.

Please bring this to your council for possible options.

o Christmas Day –

† Bergen worship at 10:30 am

o New Year's Day –

† Bergen No Sunday Worship on the 3rd

† St. Lucas worship at 9:00 am

† Augustana worship at 9:00 am

† Yellow Medicine worship at 10:30 am

Mission Fund - \$300 will be split between each 4 local backpack programs (Lakeview, Clarkfield Charter, Yellow Medicine East, and Montevideo Schools) and \$300 split between each 4 local food shelves (Prairie Five, Neighbors United, Clarkfield Lutheran, and Christ Lutheran)

Rotating Worship Times – discussion about Yellow Medicine and St. Lucas rotating worship times. Bring back to councils to discuss.

Issues to take back to church councils:

Holiday Scheduling – See above

Church Events/Stories - If you have any events that have happened in your church, stories from members, etc. send them to Chery Stensrud at cherystensrud@hotmail.com. She will compile them all and make a booklet for people to look at what we have to offer at HWP.

Confirmed Contributing Members Number - Need to get the Confirmed Contributing Members number to Angie as soon as possible so she can get a proposed budget started. Angie will send out an email with the 3 rules that were decided last year.

Constitution Changes

Budget Ideas - Discuss at each individual council meeting staffing needs and ideas to increase revenue or decrease expenses.

Rotating Worship Times – discussion about Yellow Medicine and St. Lucas rotating worship times.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Next parish council meeting: Tuesday, October 25th at St. Lucas 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Thostenson, Recording Secretary Julie Volstad, Secretary/Treasurer



## Pastor Annual Performance Review

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