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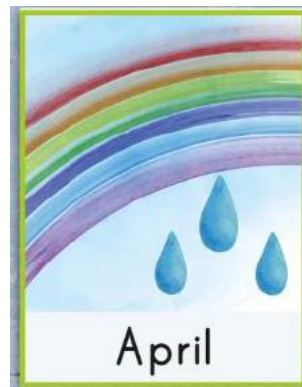
Spring 2025

Sunday Worship: 10:30a
(Fellowship AFTER)

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Apr. 13 Palm Sunday Worship
Apr. 16 No Soup or Worship this night
Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday Worship
Apr. 18 Good Friday Vigils
Apr. 18 Good Friday Worship
Apr. 20 Easter Sunday Worship

9a **St** and 10:30a **G**

 6p **St. Stephen's**
 12-3p **St St** and 12-3p **Geth**
 6p **Gethsemane**
 8a Breakfast: **St. Stephen's**
 9a Worship: **St. Stephen's**
 10:30a Worship: **G**





2 Al Lindner
6 Diana Jarnutowski
8 Debbie Panske
9 Ann Rasner
20 Levi Paris
22 Lena Stage
22 Neva Stage
23 Ruth Thoune
24 Sharon Starr
26 Nate Klein
27 Vernon Paul
28 Karen Parrish
28 Nicole Wilczynski
31 Judi Freis



13 Jim Pfister
17 John Hoof
21 Harvey Moore
22 Lexi Aretz
27 Wendy Christophersen

*We invite you to pray
for those serving in the
military: Jordan Baril,
Jay Chapple, Brent
Jurmu, Jared Jurmu*



Apr.25 Sue + Jim Skowronski

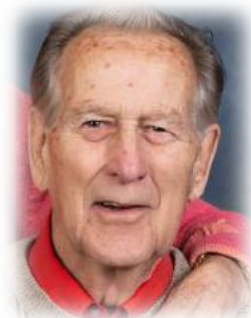
We continue to hold the following in prayer:

Bruce Campbell
Pastor DJ Rasner
Paisley Aretz
Rob Boe
Tracy Raasch

Bud Light
Erin Etelamaki
Pearl Christenson
Sharon Starr
Sue Misch

Carla Dutkavich
Jenny Numikowski
Peter Getzen
Tracy Klatt

*May the comfort and hope of the
Resurrection be with the friends and family of*
+Jim Parrish+ 1937 - 2025



*Thank you for holding the friends and families of our Congregants
in your prayers. Please contact the Office with any corrections.*

Hospitalized? Welcome a visit? Contact the Office at
906.788.4234, or reach out to **Pr Brenda** directly at
720.989.8218 (call/text), and we'll make it happen!





God of Grace, God of Glory

Bishop Katherine Finegan

***“What then shall we say to this?
If God is for us, who is against us?”***

Romans 8:31

Dear People of the Northern Great Lakes Synod,

As I write this article, we are still in a flurry of executive orders and declarations that give rise to a host of emotions. While some are cheering campaign promises kept, others fear for those most impacted and question the constitutional integrity of actions and orders. My own heart feels heavy as funds have been paused for humanitarian aid. I know the work of Lutheran Social Services makes a compassionate difference in the world and frankly, US AID funds make America look good. (It was through USAID grants that the NGLS was able to help build Kisarawe Junior Theological Seminary in Tanzania.) As we consider our theme of Seeds Sowers and planting seeds of faith, the seeds that are now being sown by these actions are unclear. Within that space of planting and growth is the tension between border security and a compassionate immigration system that works, between excessive spending and effective stewardship of federal resources, between legal processes and getting things done. What then shall we say to this?

There is much that I disagree with, and much that provokes concern. But my understanding of the example and call of Jesus to be his disciple brings me back to what I can do, what I should do, and what lies beyond my reach (although not beyond my grief and disquiet.)

I can call my congressional representatives to work to restore funds, and in the meantime, I can encourage congregations to gather in their Synod Assembly offering for World Hunger. I can support local and global efforts to address issues of poverty. I can participate with the efforts of our synod to make a difference with the people who are in our reach and continue to educate around international issues even as we pray for peaceful resolutions and just action.



And I can remember, and remind you and myself, that the God we proclaim is one who promises new life from death. The Savior we serve is one who bids us to “go and do likewise,” not seeking to condemn but inviting us into a deeper understanding of how it is that the least are the greatest. God is for us and working through us to be the presence of Christ. What that means for us in these days, we figure out together.

I find that the words of **ELW Hymn #705** speak to me with new resonance:



***God of grace, and God of glory, On your people pour your power.
Crown your ancient church's story, Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.***

***Lo! The hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days.***

***Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your Kingdom's goal.***

***Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore.***

In Christ,

Bishop Katherine Inega

2025 Lenten Schedule – Journey to the Resurrection

On **Ash Wednesday**, we will begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of **fasting** and **repentance**. Marking our foreheads with **dust**, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the **life-giving cross** indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we **journey** through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God **through Christ**. We humbly pray for God to **make our hearts clean** while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our **baptismal call**, we more **intentionally** bear the fruits of **mercy** and **justice** in the world.



March 5 **Brief Ash Wednesday Worship** (Ashes, Scripture, Prayer)
Full Ash Wednesday Worship (no Meal this night)

12p at **G**
 6p at **St**

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| 1) March 12 | 5:15p Meal, 6p Worship | at Gethsemane |
| 2) March 19 | 5:15p Meal, 6p Worship | at St. Stephen's |
| 3) March 26 | 5:15p Meal, 6p Worship | at Gethsemane |
| 4) April 2 | 5:15p Meal, 6p Worship | at St. Stephen's |
| 5) April 9 | 5:15p Meal, 6p Worship | at Gethsemane |

(No Meal or Worship on Wednesday, **April 16**, as it is Holy Week.)

**Join us each
 Wednesday
 Evening
 during LENT
 for a Meal and
 Brief Worship.**

Daily Bible Readings: March 2025

Sat – Mar 1 Deuteronomy 9:15-24 Luke 10:21-24 Psalm 99

Sun. Mar. 2 Transfiguration of Our Lord Ex 34:29-35 | Ps 99 | 2 Cor 3:12-4:2 | Lu 9:28-36

Prayer of the Day: Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

Mon – Mar 3	Exodus 35:1-29	Acts 10:9-23a	Psalm 35:11-28
Tue – Mar 4	Ezekiel 1:1–2:1	Acts 10:23b-33	Psalm 35:11-28

Wed. Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday Joel 2:1-2 | 12-17 | Ps 51:1-17 | 2 Cor 5:20b–6:10 | Mat 6:1-6, 16-21



Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen

Thu – Mar 6	Exodus 5:10-23	Acts 7:30-34	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Fri – Mar 7	Exodus 6:1-13	Acts 7:35-42	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Sat – Mar 8	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	John 12:27-36	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Sun. Mar. 9 First Sunday in Lent Deut 26:1-11 | Ps 91:1-2 | 9-16 Rom | 10:8b-13 | Lu 4:1-13

Prayer of the Day: *O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*

Mon – Mar 10	1 Chronicles 21:1-17 1	John 2:1-6	Psalm 17
Tue – Mar 11	Zechariah 3:1-10 2	Peter 2:4-21	Psalm 17
Wed – Mar 12	Job 1:1-22	Luke 21:34—22:6	Psalm 17
Thu – Mar 13	Genesis 13:1-7, 14-18	Philippians 3:2-12	Psalm 27
Fri – Mar 14	Genesis 14:17-24	Philippians 3:17-20	Psalm 27
Sat – Mar 15	Psalm 118:26-29	Matthew 23:37-39	Psalm 27

Sun. Mar. 16 Second Sunday in Lent Gen 15:1-12 | 17-18 Ps 27 | Phil 3:17—4:1 | Lu 13:31-35

Prayer of the Day: *God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*

Mon – Mar 17	Exodus 33:1-6	Romans 4:1-12	Psalm 105:1-15, 42
Tue – Mar 18	Numbers 14:10b-24	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Psalm 105:1-15, 42
Wed – Mar 19	2 Chronicles 20:1-22	Luke 13:22-31	Psalm 105:1-15, 42
Thu – Mar 20	Daniel 3:19-30	Revelation 2:8-11	Psalm 63:1-8
Fri – Mar 21	Daniel 12:1-4	Revelation 3:1-6	Psalm 63:1-8
Sat – Mar 22	Isaiah 5:1-7	Luke 6:43-45	Psalm 63:1-8

Sun. Mar. 23 Third Sunday in Lent Isaiah 55:1-9 | Ps 63:1-8 | 1 Cor 10:1-13 | Luke 13:1-9

Prayer of the Day: *Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*

Mon – Mar 24	Jeremiah 11:1-17	Romans 2:1-11	Psalm 39
Tue – Mar 25	Ezekiel 17:1-10	Romans 2:12-16	Psalm 39
Wed- Mar 26	Numbers 13:17-27	Luke 13:18-21	Psalm 39
Thu – Mar 27	Joshua 4:1-13	2 Corinthians 4:16—5:5	Psalm 32
Fri – Mar 28	Joshua 4:14-24	2 Corinthians 5:6-15	Psalm 32
Sat – Mar 29	Exodus 32:7-14	Luke 15:1-10	Psalm 32

Sun. Mar. 30 Fourth Sunday in Lent Josh 5:9-12 Ps 32 (11) 2 Cor 5:16-21 Lu 15:1-3, 11b-32

Prayer of the Day: *God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*

Mon – Mar 31

Leviticus 23:26-41

Revelation 19:1-8

Psalms 53

Daily Bible Readings: April 2025

Tue – Apr 1

Leviticus 25:1-19

Revelation 19:9-10

Psalms 53

Wed – Apr 2

2 Kings 4:1-7

Luke 9:10-17

Psalms 53

Thu – Apr 3

Isaiah 43:1-7

Philippians 2:19-24

Psalms 126

Fri – Apr 4

Isaiah 43:8-15

Philippians 2:25–3:1

Psalms 126

Sat – Apr 5

Exodus 12:21-27

John 11:45-57

Psalms 126

Sun. Apr. 6 Fifth Sunday in Lent Isaiah 43:16-21 | Ps 126 | Phil 3:4b-14 | John 12:1-8

Prayer of the Day: *Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*

Mon – Apr 7

Exodus 40:1-15

Hebrews 10:19-25

Psalms 20

Tue – Apr 8

Judges 9:7-15

1 John 2:18-28

Psalms 20

Wed – Apr 9

Habakkuk 3:2-15

Luke 18:31-34

Psalms 20

Thu – Apr 10

Isaiah 53:10-12

Hebrews 2:1-9

Psalms 31:9-16

Fri – Apr 11

Isaiah 54:9-10

Hebrews 2:10-18

Psalms 31:9-16

Sat – Apr 12

Leviticus 23:1-8

Luke 22:1-13

Psalms 31:9-16

Sun. Apr. 13 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40 | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Psalm 31:9-16 | Philippians 2:5-11 | Luke 22:14 – 23:56

Prayer of the Day: *Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*

Mon. Apr. 14

Isaiah 42:1-9

Hebrews 9:11-15

John 12:1-11

Tue. Apr. 15

Isaiah 49:1-7

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

John 12:20-36

Wed. Apr. 16

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Hebrews 12:1-3

John 13:21-32

Thu. Apr 17 Maundy Thursday Exodus 12:1-14 | Psalm 116:1-19 | 1 Cor. 11:23-26 | John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Prayer of the Day: *Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Fri. Apr. 18 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13—53:12 | Psalm 22 | Hebrews 10:16-25 | John 18:1—19:42

Prayer of the Day: *Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

Sat. Apr. 19 Vigil of Easter

Romans 6:3-11 | John 20:1-18

Prayer of the Day: *O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*

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| 1. Creation | Genesis 1:1-2:4a, Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 (1) |
| 2. Flood | Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13, Psalm 46 (7) |
| 3. Testing of Abraham: | Genesis 22:1-18, Psalm 16 (11) |
| 4. Deliverance at the Red Sea | Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21, Ex 15:1b-13, 17-18 (1) |
| 5. Salvation Freely Offered to All | Isaiah 55:1-11 Response: Is. 12:2-6 (3) |
| 6. The Wisdom of God | Pr. 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 |
| 7. A New Heart and a New Spirit | Ez 36:24-28 Response: Psalms 42+43 |
| 8. Valley of the Dry Bones | Ezekiel 37:1-14 Response: Psalm 143 (11) |
| 9. Gathering of God's People | Zephaniah 3:14-20 Response: Psalm 98 (4) |
| 10. Call of Jonah | Jonah 1:1-2:1 Response: Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9 (9) |
| 11. Clothed in the Garments of Salvation | Is. 61:1-4, 9-11, Deut. 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a (3-4) |
| 12. Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace | Dan 3:1-29, 35-65 (35) |

Sun. Apr. 20 Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 | Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24) | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18

Prayer of the Day: *O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.*



Mon – Apr 21	Joshua 10:16-27 1	Corinthians 5:6b-8	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Tue – Apr 22	Judges 4:17-23; 5:24-31a	Revelation 12:1-12	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Wed – Apr 23	2 Samuel 6:1-15	Luke 24:1-12	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Thu – Apr 24	1 Samuel 17:1-23	Acts 5:12-16	Psalm 150
Fri – Apr 25	1 Samuel 17:19-32	Acts 5:17-26	Psalm 150
Sat – Apr 26	1 Samuel 17:32-51	Luke 24:36-40	Psalm 150

Sun. Apr. 27 Second Sunday of Easter Acts 5:27-32 | Ps118:14-29 | Rev 1:4-8 | John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Day: *Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen*

Mon – Apr 28	Esther 7:1-10	Revelation 1:9-20	Psalm 122
Tue – Apr 29	Esther 8:1-17	Revelation 2:8-11	Psalm 122
Wed – Apr 30	Esther 9:1-5, 18-23	Luke 12:4-12	Psalm 122

January 23, 2025 - Council Meeting

Absent: Rose Klatt Opening **Devotion:** Wendy Meeting **Called to Order** at 6:05p

SECRETARY'S REPORT: December 2024 **Motion:** Pr Brenda **Second:** Gail **Carried.**

CALENDAR	☐ Funerals	(1/7/25)	+Eunice Svinicki+	Anderson Diehm
		(1/18/25)	+LaVerne Noasconi+	Anderson Diehm
	☐ Worship	(12/24/24)	Christmas Eve: 4p Heavily attended, 6p - Normal	
		(12/29/24)	Joint Potluck (Brunch)	
		(1/19/25)	Last Minute Joint (construction)	
		1/26/25	Annual Meet for G at 11:30a-ish	
		2/2/25	Annual Meet for St: JOINT at 9a, Meeting at 10a-ish	

CALENDAR

☐ Community	Jones Death. Svinicki Funeral. Mental health. Hospice Presentation: 2/16			
☐ Concerns	(to be shared verbally at meeting)			
☐ Council	SOME reports on time. SOME late. SOME incomplete.			
☐ Digital Ministry	HOLY MOSES. It's all in place. WOW. Just WOW!			
	Next? Pr B will simplify to make it approachable and user-friendly.			
☐ Faith Formation	Confirmation to resume in March. Plenty of time for instruction.			
	Growing Younger - Pr B taught "Taking Jesus's Message Seriously"			
☐ Ministerium	Food Pantry: \$12,500 grant in the works. Treasurer switch.			
☐ New Member	January 25 class:18 invites, 5 yes, 1 maybe, 2 no 2 can't. 8 nothing			
☐ NGL Synod	HEAVY Council Meeting; Exiting Youth Council upon conclusion Assembly			
☐ Nursing Homes	Harbors: Jack Wittgren - 4 th Tuesday of each month			
	Menominee Health: Worship - 4 th Tuesday of each month			
	Roubal's: No worship in January (COVID)			
☐ Office Manager	Tony's last day was December 31, 2024. Left us a software program that automatically flips and sorts the weekly bulleting. VERY cool (and helpful). Beginning February 5.... :)			
☐ Visits	Homes: 3	Hospital: 5	Retire. Home: 5	Office: 13
	Phone: DAILY	Text: DAILY	Squad Calls: 6	

- ❑ **WHAT:** Administrative Interim Pastoral Ministry: provide pastoral ministry and leadership to Grace Lutheran in Pembine, WI
- ❑ **HOW LONG:** Beginning February 1, 2025 until such time as interim leadership is no longer needed or concluding by mutual consent after consultation with the Bishop. Looking at a 3-4 year process.
- ❑ **WHAT IT MEANS:**
 - o Work as an Administrative Interim.
 - o Arrange for or provide pulpit supply for weekly worship as agreed at Grace with the understanding that Holy Communion will be included at least once monthly, and a lay led "Service of the Word" may be arranged on the alternate Sundays.
 - o Train volunteers for home communion distribution to shut-ins/homebound as needed.
 - o Provide leadership or make arrangements for new member classes, confirmation, First Communion, weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship planning, etc.
 - o Attend Church Council Meetings by zoom or in person.
 - o Keep the parish records of the congregation and provide a monthly newsletter article.
 - o As needed, provide pastoral leadership to the Congregation leadership, serve as consultant to all committees and equip leaders so that the ministries of Grace continue during this transitional period.
- ❑ **WHAT IT DOESN'T MEAN:**
 - o That Pr Brenda is leaving Gethsemane or St. Stephen's. *NOPE!*
 - o That Pr Brenda will be the new Pastor at Grace Lutheran. *NOPE!*
 - o That we'll have a ton of guest pastors. *SELDOM!*
- ❑ **Details:** What it will mean for the congregations of Gethsemane + St. Stephen's: After noting that she has been assigned as the Administrative Interim Pastor at Grace, Pembine, (*replacing Pastor DJ Rasner*), Pastor B asked for assistance wherever/whenever anyone could help out!

TREASURER'S + FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion: Carol

Second: Gail **Carried**

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

- **Faith Formation:** There was a New Members Class on 1/25/25; Confirmation will resume in March
 - **Fellowship:** a potluck was enjoyed following the 5th Sunday service at St., and then shared coffee and treats again on 1/19 at another combined service at St. because of construction at G.
 - **Living Trust:** the digital sound system is completely installed, Pr B, Ann, Wendy have been trained
 - **Memorial:** the storage box for the AED is here and will be installed, allowing the AED to be readily accessible. Training to come soon!
 - **Property:** The furnace at the parsonage was not heating properly so Eickmeyer's was called and repairs made. Also, a second quote was received for sealcoating the parking lot. A decision will be made at the February Council meeting.
 - **Social Ministry:** Folks responded generously and a LOT of items were donated to Rainbow House!
 - **WELCA:** The ladies continue to meet every month for quilting - and social time! And our second order of baking items was purchased for the Food Pantry.
 - **Worship/Music:** We had a beautiful Christmas Eve worship service which saw an attendance of 97 of our members, family, and friends! A 5th Sunday service was held at St. followed by a potluck.
- Motion** was made by Pastor B to accept all team reports; **Second:** Cindy. **Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

- **Angel Tree Recap:** A lot of donations were received and picked up by Rainbow House! It was decided that we would do this again next year.
- Decision on **WHO** to fund out of Social Ministry: tabled until February
- **Soup & Sandwich Supper** during Lent: will do again this year.
- **Support of Pastor DJ Rasner:** To give our support to DJ and his family during this difficult time, a **motion** was made by Gail to purchase a \$250 gift card from Walmart (groceries), a \$250 Kwik Trip card (fuel), and a \$300 Visa card (lodging). **Second:** Carol. **Carried.**
- **Annual Meeting** Prep & Plans for 1/26: Pastor Brenda gave us our scripts and Annual Reports so that we could read through them and be ready for Sunday!

NEXT STEPS

- Next Gethsemane Council meeting: 1/26/25 immediately following the Annual Meeting
- **Motion** to adjourn was made by Pastor Brenda; **Time** adjourned: 7:30p
- *Respectively submitted, Carol Klein, Council Secretary*



Church Council Minutes

January 26, 2025 - Council Meeting



Members present: Wendy Hanson, Carol Klein, Cindy Moore, Gail Schmidt, Pastor Brenda Greenwald

Absent: Rose Klatt

Opening **Prayer:** Wendy

Meeting **Called to Order** at 12:22p

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Wendy

Second: Cindy

Carried

BRIEF REVIEW OF ANNUAL MEETING

- **Celebrations:** It was a consensus that ALL went well! Grateful to those who volunteered to serve!
- Areas Where We Could **Grow:** Hold the meeting in the Fellowship Hall next year.

NEW BUSINESS: ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS: Those nominated, and accepted, include:

- President: Wendy Hanson
- Vice-President: Gail Schmidt
- Secretary: Carol Klein
- Treasurers: Ruth Thoune, Vicky Kline
- Financial Secretary: Ann Rasner (*Pastor B will contact Sandy Beardsley or Gina Mistark to fill in for Ann when she needs to be away*)

A **motion** was made by Cindy to elect all those nominated; **Second:** Gail **Carried**

APPOINTMENT OF LIAISON TEAMS:

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|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| • Faith Formation: | Carol | • Fellowship: | Cindy |
| • Living Trust: | Gail | • Memorial Fund: | Cindy |
| • Property Team: | Carol | • Social Ministry: | Wendy |
| • WELCA: | Gail | • Worship/Music: | Wendy |

NEXT STEPS: Next Gethsemane Council Meeting: February 20, 10a February **devotions:** Gail

- **Motion** to adjourn was made by Wendy at 12:59 pm Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.
- *Respectfully submitted by, Carol Klein, Council Secretary*



Church Council Minutes

February 20, 2025 - Council Meeting



Members present: Wendy Hanson, Cindy Moore, Gail Schmidt, Carol Klein, Pastor Brenda Greenwald

Absent: Rose Klatt **Opening Devotions:** Gail **Meeting Called to Order:** 10:05a

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion: Gail

Second: Cindy

Carried.

- 2 additions: #4: World Hunger, #5: Copier - was made by

SECRETARY'S REPORT: JANUARY 2025

Motion: Pr Brenda

Second: Cindy

Carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: January 23 - February 19, 2025

- ☐ Baptisms 3/16/25 Kody Davis St. Stephen's
- ☐ Funerals (2/14/25) +Jim Parrish+ Funeral, Gethsemane
- ☐ Dates (1/26 + 2/2) Annual Meetings - went SPLENDIDLY! Amen!
- 3/5/25: Lent is a'coming: Ash Wednesday. NO meal on this day.
- 12p Brief service at G
- 6p Full service at St
- 3/9/25 Clocks! Daylight Saving Time

CALENDAR

MINISTRY MOMENTS

- ☐ Community Lots of falls and slips. SLOW down (ha!) and step carefully. Volunteer Coordinator for Hospice shared info during/after worship (2/16/25) Pr DJ was VERY thankful for the support shown to his family by G and St. *(to be shared verbally at meeting)*
- ☐ Concerns
- ☐ Council Reminder that taking names off of accounts is an annual task. NOT personal.
- ☐ Digital Ministry G: Training was helpful - will launch during LENT
- ☐ Faith Formation St: Walkthrough completed 2/5/25, John S to assist. Astrea decision to make. Confirmands were reminded to attend worship, with or without class. January 25 New Member class was FUN and faith-forming! So grateful!
- ☐ NGL Synod Welcomed Pr Amanda Kossow to Zion - Installation Service (2/16/25)
- ☐ Nursing Homes Professional Leader's Conference: 2/23/25 in Gladstone
- ☐ Office Managers Harbors: Jack Wittgren - 4th Tuesday of each month
- ☐ Visitors Menominee Health: Worship - 4th Tuesday of each month
- ☐ Visits Roubal's: No worship in February (COVID). BINGO on the LAST week (G) TWO, functioning offices. Glory be!
- Homes: 2 Hospital: 1 Retire. Home: 5 Office: 9
- Phone: DAILY Text: CONSTANT Squad Calls: 0

GRACE

- ☐ People First Council Meeting, Women's Meeting - all went well.
- ☐ Preaching Sun., February 23, 2025. Deacon Lori Ward will be at G and St. *(no cost to us)*
- ☐ Prayers What to do first, how to delegate, when to step back.

TREASURER'S + FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT **Motion:** Carol **Second:** Cindy. **Carried.**

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

- **Fellowship:** A special Fellowship Hour was held to welcome our new members following the Annual Meeting on 1/26, and again on 2/16 to honor Pastor Brenda's birthday!
- **Social Ministry:** A volunteer from Hospice shared info with the congregation on 2/16 explaining some of the things a Hospice volunteer might be asked to do! Also a thank you was received from Pastor DJ Rasner's family for the gift card supporting them during this time for his medical care.
- **WELCA:** The ladies completed 12 quilts during their February quilting sessions! Also provided the cake for Pastor B's birthday and will provide cupcakes and gifts for the Roubal's birthday party this month.
- **Worship/Music:** We received 5 new members on 1/26; participated in two Joint Worship services at St. Stephen's; funeral service and luncheon was held for Jim Parrish; and a representative from Hospice shared some info with us on 2/16.

Motion: Pastor Brenda; **Second:** Cindy. **Carried.**

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Parking Lot Project:** After some discussion and comparing quotes from Draz Seal Coating and Dun-Rite, Pastor Brenda made a **motion** that we go with Draz authorizing them to repair and recoat with one layer of seal coat and restripe lot as it currently is. **Second:** Gail. **Carried.** Doug will contact Draz and get us on their schedule!
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NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize **Treasurers** to pay all monthly reasonable/routine expenses:
Motion was made by Carol and seconded by **Cindy** to approve; **Carried.**
2. Decision regarding who to pay out of **Social Ministry** for 2025: several local non-profits were considered - a **motion** was finally made by Gail to send \$500 to each Mid-County Rescue Squad, Hope Memorial, and UP Foster Closet. **Second:** Carol **Carried.**
3. **World Hunger** funding: Pastor B made a **motion** authorizing Ruth to transfer \$1086 from the Social Ministry fund back into World Hunger; **Second:** Carol. **Carried.**
4. **Copier:** Pastor Brenda explained that there has been a high number of copies being made especially with the printing of the song books for the "Carols, Cookies, & Cocoa" event. Therefore she was asking that because that is an outreach activity, could some dollars from Social Ministry be used to offset some of the cost of the copies. **Motion** was made by Cindy to authorize \$350 be used for the cost of extra copies; **Second:** Gail. **=Carried.**

NEXT STEPS

- a. **Next** Gethsemane Council Meeting: **March 27, 6p**
- b. **Devotions** for March 2025: Cindy

Motion to Adjourn was made by Pastor Brenda; meeting adjourned: **11:25 am**

Meeting was closed with the *Lord's Prayer*.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Klein, Council Secretary



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