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Summer

2025



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**On Wednesday, June 18,
we gathered for our
Annual Congregational
Day Visit to *Fortune Lake
Lutheran Camp!***

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We shared in Morning
Worship, a Bible study,
time at the beach, a
pontoon ride, arts and
crafts, and even some
snack time. *A beautiful,
faith-filled day together!***

**The Annual Time Swap begins *ON September 7, 2025*
Worship at *Gethsemane* will be at *9a* for the next year.**



5 Jackson Hafeman
12 Dillon Wilczynski
18 Dennis Anderson
22 Jim Gill
23 Howie Klein
30 Tom Geltz



30 Kaylyn + Jordan Parker



***We continue to hold
our military members
in our prayers:
Jordan Baril,
Jay Chapple, Ken
Dams, Trish Dams,
Toby Irish,
Brent Jurmu***



17 Jenny Hanson
22 Stephanie Klein
24 Lisha Stage
25 Mike Caylor
27 Debbie Hanson
28 Sue Skowronski



26 Cindy + Harvey Moore
29 Cindy + Vernon Paul

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



July 6, 13, 20, 27 Worship, 10:30a

Aug. 3 Worship, 10:30a

Aug 10 Church Picnic: Worship, 10:30a *Mellen Township Park*

Aug. 17, 24 Worship, 10:30a

Aug. 31 5th Sunday Joint Worship, 10:30a *at Gethsemane*

September 7 Worship officially **switches** to **9:00a**
God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

Sept. 14, 21, 29 Worship, 9:00a

**SUNDAY
WORSHIP**
9:00 a.m.

We continue to hold the following in prayer:
**Alicia Renforth, Jenny Numikowski, Jim, Paisley Aretz,
Pearl Christenson, Rob Boe, Tracy Klatt**

May the comfort and hope of the Resurrection be with the friends and families of



**+Johnny
Felch+**
*Gethsemane
Brother
of Duane*



**+Marty
Grinsteiner+**
*St. Stephen's
Brother of Roger*



**+Greg
Majkrzak+**
*St. Stephen's
Majkrzak Family*



**+Jan
Djupstrom+**
*St. Stephen's
DIL of +Linda
Djupstrom+*



**+Peanut
Gustafson+**
*Gethsemane
Grandma of
Kaylyn Parker*



**+Jimmy
Tickler+**
*St. Stephen's
Brother
of Steve*



**+Dodo
Rye+**
*Gethsemane
Grandma of
Karlie Wagner*



**+Arthur
Bergren+**
*Rice Lake, WI
Friend of
Pr Brenda*



**+Bud
Light+**
*St. Stephen's
Former Member
of St. Stephen's*

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

Planning way, Way, WAY Ahead!

Along with delightful temperatures, the summer months also bring us lots of **“Back to School” sales!** Take advantage of the great deals, and stock-up on the supplies we’ll need to pack-up a ton of **SCHOOL KITS.**



While we gather the supplies in **SUMMER**, the School Kits themselves will be assembled following worship on **Sunday, September 7**, known as **“God’s Work, Our Hands”** Sunday.



These **kits** will be loaded into a giant **BOXCAR** in mid-October, and sent to a warehouse in Delaware where **Lutheran World Relief** sorts and ships these items to those in need around the globe.

Please pay **SPECIAL** attention to the **list** below, getting **EXACTLY** what is written.

We **can’t** use sharpened pencils, we **can’t** send SHARP scissors, etc.

Just follow the details below, and we’ll be on our way to some **AMAZING** kits!

- ☐ **Notebooks** Wide/College Ruled. 70-sheets. 8x10.5 in.
NO loose-leaf. NO Composition Notebooks
- ☐ **Ruler** Inches/Centimeters
- ☐ **Pencil Sharpener** Any color
- ☐ **Blunt Scissors.** **BLUNT** Safety scissors
- ☐ **Crayons.** Box of 16 or 24
- ☐ **Pencils** #2, **UN**sharpened. **UN.**
- ☐ **Black or Blue Pens** . . . Ballpoint. **NO gel.**
- ☐ **Eraser** 2.5 inches



Where do I put all the stuff I purchased?!

Bring to the **BACK COUNTERS** in the Fellowship Hall

**** SUNDAY, August 24, 2025 ****

Thank you for doing **GOD’s** work with **YOUR** hands!

"Realtest Job on the Planet!"

Rev. Brenda L. Greenwald

Dear Church, In a matter of just 7 days in mid-June, my role as both your Pastor and as Chaplain of the Mid-County Rescue Squad had me witnessing 3, major events:

1. A squad call where a vehicle was hit by a **TRAIN** they didn't hear coming,
2. A dear colleague, congregant, and friend **COLLAPSING** in worship, and
3. A major **COLLISION** involving a moving truck and small car on M-35.

Funny enough, the **TRAIN** incident was the **LEAST** dramatic, as I arrived on scene **AFTER** the event had occurred. Both drivers - the car *and* the train - were clearly shaken, and it was an absolute miracle they could both walk away, with only an elevated blood pressure and some next-day soreness. **YOUR** response during worship helped minimize the panic during the second incident, as you all quietly and quickly exited the Sanctuary. Those who were of nursing background stayed behind to help, those who could open doors guided the Rescue Squad into place, and those of you who could pray...PRAYED! Yet **ANOTHER** instance where, after some time under medical care, life returned to (somewhat) normal.

It was this **final** event that really had my head shaking, and why I even pen this article in the first place: the collision occurred on what was supposed to be a restful, Beach Day with my nephew and godson, **Colton**. Watching a 7 year old splash in the waters of Lake Michigan was relaxing....right up until we heard THE loudest **SCREECHING** and **SCRAPING**, followed by **QUITE** the **BOOM**. Oh boy...this was going to be bad. I had my friend watch Colton, and I quickly grabbed my keys to drive to the road (M-35).

*(Now, what I **SHOULD** have grabbed were my **CLOTHES**,
as I was only wearing my swimsuit and flip-flops at this point....
but we'll get back to that...!)*

I reached the highway and came eye-to-eye with **TWO**, demolished vehicles: the box truck that tried to avoid a passing car, and the car that got squished in the process. *(The passing car was never seen again...)* With airbags blown out on the car and the truck on its side, everyone who had stopped to help quickly **shouted** out their roles: "I'm a nurse!" "I was a cop!" "Rescue Squad!" I told the retired Police Officer to put me where I could do the most good, and he assigned me the job of **stopping** southbound **traffic**.



*(Might be a good time to remind you...I'm **STILL** only wearing my swimsuit at this point.
I **DID** put on my neon, yellow **hoodie** - complete with reflective sleeves - so vehicles wouldn't run me over,
but that only covered my **top** half. Good grief. **STOP TRAFFIC?** Yeah....not a problem!)*

Long story short? Eventually, the Sheriff and Police Departments arrived on scene, the drivers of both vehicles were checked out by the EMTs, traffic was re-routed, and I returned to the beach. **Why have I told you all of this?** Well, for one to paint the picture of what just **ONE**, particular week of ministry looks like, but ultimately, to share my nephew's honest reaction to it all. While he **DIDN'T** witness the Train incident, he **WAS** in worship during the collapse, and **WAS** on the beach during those horrific noises and the sirens that followed. When **debriefing** all of this with Colton, he earnestly looked at me and said:

"Aunt B, you have the REALEST job on the PLANET!"

Yes, little one, I would have to agree: **SO real**, it brings me face to face with miracles. **SO real**, it has me watching Church in action. **SO real**, it stops ME in my tracks *(and not just traffic!)* We talked together about how God had been **with** the upset Train conductor, and with the neighbor who helped. We reflected on how nice it was to be together as the **Body** of Christ during the medical emergency, and how everyone leaned into one another. And we certainly thought it was pretty amazing of God to **bring** all sorts of people to the beach area when such a scary accident occurred. To Colton, these weren't just **STORIES** - he was watching **faith in ACTION**. Faith in miracles, faith in people, faith in God.

SO, yes, little one, I **DO** have the **REALEST** job on the planet, and the **REALEST** God to walk alongside!

*PS: ALWAYS grab your clothes **FIRST** in an emergency. Just trust me on this one!*

Brenda

Northern Great Lakes Synod: Lifelong Faith Formation Fall Classes

Visit bit.ly/Fall25Classes to register and receive further information about these amazing classes being taught right here in the Northern Great Lakes Synod!



Caring for Creation

Instructor: Chuck Thomas, NGL Synod Vice President

This class will use an ELCA provided study guide and other materials introduced by the class facilitator as we explore the ELCA teaching, *Caring for Creation*; what it says and why. The class will dive into the scriptural texts that form the social teaching's foundation, discuss why we should care for God's creation, and how we can individually and collectively do so. **Wednesday Evenings , 6-7p CST, for 6 weeks: Sept 24-Oct 29**



Feeding your Soul - Practicing Spiritual Practices

Instructors: Pastors Terry Cathcart,

Terry Frankenstein, Lee Goodwin, Grant Van Lishout, Deacons D'Etta Broam, Noreen Stevens

In the busy of our days, this class will provide space to engage in practices that call you to take an intentional pause – breathing in God's presence and listening to the movement of the Spirit. Each week the class will be led by a different Spiritual Director who will invite us to learn and practice one of many spiritual practices. Practices will include Qigong (body prayer,) centering prayer, mindfulness, journaling, Ignatian Spirituality, Breathing with Yoga, and Using our Heart Lens. **Monday Evenings, 6-7p CST, for 7 weeks: Sept 15-Oct 6, Nov 3-17**



In the Beginning: The first 11 Chapters of Genesis

Instructor: Pastor Tommy Wimsae

Where should we begin? The first 11 chapters of Genesis are full of beginnings and beginnings again. There are two different creation stories, the flood narrative which resets everything a third time, and finally the tower of Babel which begins some more troubles. Join Pastor Tommy as the class looks at these well-travelled stories and we begin to separate the waters above from the waters below. The class will help participants see the stories with fresh eyes, as if from the beginning. **Thursday Evenings, 6-7p CST for 10 weeks: Sept 18-Nov 20**



Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Instructor: Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn

Have you ever heard your pastor say, "In Hebrew, this word means..."? This class will be an experimental way of learning to engage with the Hebrew, even if learning a whole new language seems intimidating. **Sunday Evenings, 6-7p CST beginning Sept 21 with end date TBD**



Recognizing, Responding, and Re-Visioning Discipleship in an age of Christian Nationalism

Instructor: Pr David Van Kley

During the course of four weeks, the class will explore the history of Christian Nationalism in the United States, with particular focus on its re-emergence from the 70's to the present, discuss ways to respond as Lutheran Christians to the threat it represents to the integrity of the gospel witness and to a democratic form of government, and identify specific goals/strategies to do so, as individuals within our congregations and communities. **Tuesdays , 6-7p CST, for 4 weeks, October 7-29**

Daily Bible Readings: July 2025

Tue – Jul 1	Jeremiah 3:15-18	Ephesians 5:6-20	Ps 140
Wed – Jul 2	Jeremiah 23:16-22	Matthew 10:16-25	Ps 140
Thu – Jul 3	2 Kings 21:1-15	Romans 7:14-25	Ps 66:1-9
Fri – Jul 4	Jeremiah 51:47-58	2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Ps 66:1-9
Sat – Jul 5	Zechariah 14:10-21	Luke 9:1-6	Ps 66:1-9



Sun. July 6 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 66:10-14 | Ps 66:1-9 | Gal 6:7-16 | Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

Prayer of the Day: *O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Jul 7	Jeremiah 6:10-19	Acts 19:21-27	Psalms 119:73-80
Tue – Jul 8	Jeremiah 8:4-13	Acts 19:28-41	Psalms 119:73-80
Wed – Jul 9	Joshua 23:1-16	Luke 10:13-16	Psalms 119:73-80
Thu – Jul 10	Genesis 41:14-36	James 2:14-26	Psalms 25:1-10
Fri – Jul 11	Genesis 41:37-49	Acts 7:9-16	Psalms 25:1-10
Sat – Jul 12	Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37	John 3:16-21	Psalms 25:1-10

Sun. July 13 5th Sunday after Pentecost Deut 30:9-14 | Ps 25:1-10 | Col 1:1-14 | Lk 10:25-37

Prayer of the Day: *O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Jul 14	Job 24:1-8	James 2:1-7	Psalms 25:11-20
Tue – Jul 15	Proverbs 19:1-17	1 John 3:11-17	Psalms 25:11-20
Wed – Jul 16	Ecclesiastes 9:13-18	Matthew 25:31-46	Psalms 25:11-20
Thu – Jul 17	Genesis 12:10-20	Hebrews 5:1-6	Psalms 15
Fri – Jul 18	Genesis 13:1-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalms 15
Sat – Jul 19	Genesis 14:1-16	Luke 8:4-10	Psalms 15



Sun. July 20 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 18:1-10a | Ps 15 | Col 1:15-28 | Lk 10:38-42

Prayer of the Day: *Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Jul 21	Exodus 18:1-12	Col 1:27–2:7	Ps 119:97-104
Tue – Jul 22	Proverbs 9:1-18	1 John 2:1-6	Ps 119:97-104
Wed – Jul 23	Deut. 12:1-12	John 6:41-51	Ps 119:97-10
Thu – Jul 24	Esther 2:19–3:6	Acts 1:15-20	Ps 138
Fri – Jul 25	Esther 3:7-15	Acts 2:22-36	Ps 138
Sat – Jul 26	Esther 4:1-17	Luke 8:22-25	Ps 138

Sun. July 27 7th Sunday after Pentecost Gen 18:20-32 | Ps 138 | Col 2:6-15 | Lk 11:1-13

Prayer of the Day: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

Mon – Jul 28	Esther 5:1-14	Colossians 2:16—3:1	Psalms 55:16-23
Tue – Jul 29	Esther 6:1—7:6	Romans 9:30 —10:4	Psalms 55:16-23
Wed – Jul 30	Esther 7:7—8:17	Matthew 5:43-48	Psalms 55:16-23
Thu – Jul 31	Proverbs 23:1-11	Romans 11:33-36	Psalms 49:1-12



**NEW doors
at the
parsonage!**

Daily Bible Readings: August 2025

Fri – Aug 1	Proverbs 24:1-12	Ephesians 4:17-24	Psalms 49:1-12
Sat – Aug 2	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	Mark 10:17-22	Psalms 49:1-12

Sun. Aug. 3 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Eccl 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 | Ps 49:1-12 | Col 3:1-11 | Lk 12:13-21

Prayer of the Day: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

Mon – Aug. 4	Ecclesiastes 2:1-17	Colossians 3:18— 4:1	Psalms 127
Tue – Aug. 5	Ecclesiastes 3:16— 4:8	Colossians 4:2-6	Psalms 127
Wed – Aug. 6	Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14	Luke 12:22-31	Psalms 127
Thu – Aug. 7	Job 21:1-16	Romans 9:1-9	Psalms 33:12-22
Fri – Aug. 8	Ecclesiastes 6:1-6	Acts 7:1-8	Psalms 33:12-22
Sat – Aug. 9	Genesis 11:27-32	Matthew 6:19-24	Psalms 33:12-22

Sun. Aug. 10 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 15:1-6 | Ps 33:12-22 | Heb 11:1-3, 8-16 | Lk 12:32-40

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen

Mon – Aug. 11	2 Ch 33:1-17	Heb 11:1-7	Ps 89:1-18
Tue – Aug. 12	2 Ch 34:22-33	Heb 11:17-28	Ps 89:1-18
Wed – Aug. 13	Jer 33:14-26	Lk 12:41-48	Ps 89:1-18
Thu – Aug. 14	Josh 7:1, 10-26	Heb 10:26-31	Ps 82
Fri – Aug. 15	1 Sa 5:1-12	Heb 10:32-39	Ps 82
Sat – Aug. 16	1 Sa 6:1-16	Mat 24:15-27	Ps 82



Doug and Carol joined Pr B and the rest of Conference 5 to "Light the Fire" for Fortune Lake!

Sun. Aug. 17 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 23:23-29 | Ps 82 | Heb 11:29-12:2 | Lk 12:49-56

Prayer of the Day: *O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Aug. 18	Jer 23:30-40	1 John 4:1-6	Ps 32
Tue – Aug. 19	Jer 25:15-29	Acts 7:44-53	Ps 32
Wed – Aug. 20	Jer 25:30-38	Luke 19:45-48	Ps 32
Thu – Aug. 21	Nun 15:32-41	Hebrews 12:3-17	Ps 103:1-8
Fri – Aug. 22	2 Ch 8:12-15	Acts 17:1-9	Ps 103:1-8
Sat – Aug. 23	Neh 13:15-22	Luke 6:1-5	Ps 103:1-8



Sun. Aug. 24 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 58:9b-14 | Ps 103:1-8 | Heb 12:18-29 | Lk 13:10-17

Prayer of the Day: *O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*

Mon – Aug. 25	Ezekiel 20:1-17	Hebrews 3:7– 4:11	Psalms 109:21-31
Tue – Aug. 26	Ezekiel 20:18-32	Revelation 3:7-13	Psalms 109:21-31
Wed – Aug. 27	Ezekiel 20:33-44	Luke 6:6-11	Psalms 109:21-31
Thu – Aug. 28	Proverbs 15:13-17	1 Peter 3:8-12	Psalms 112
Fri – Aug. 29	Proverbs 18:6-12	1 Peter 4:7-11	Psalms 112
Sat – Aug. 30	Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26	Matthew 20:20-28	Psalms 112

Remember: **CAMP** is for ALL ages, even **THESE** youngsters! (**Nick + Harry**)

Sun. Aug. 31 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Prov 25:6-7 | Ps 112 | Heb 13:1-8, 15-16 | Lk 14:1, 7-14

Prayer of the Day: *O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen*



Such sweet faces at our Sneak Peek: **Everitt**, **Lily**, and **Brian**.



Ann's Grandson **Reuben** is old enough to work at Camp!



Where better to practice for your driving test... passed!



Church Council Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2025



Members present: Wendy Hanson, Gail Schmidt, Cindy Moore, Rose Klatt, Carol Klein
Pastor Brenda (called away)

Opening **Devotions** read by Carol

Meeting Called to **Order** at 5:53p

AGENDA **Motion** to approve Agenda: Cindy **Second:** Rose **Carried**

SECRETARY'S REPORT: **Motion** to accept April Minutes: Rose **Second:** Gail **Carried**

PASTOR'S REPORT: May 1 - 20, 2025

☐ Baptisms	6/16/25	Eli Beardsley	Gethsemane
☐ Funerals/Deaths	(5/5/25)	+Al Roberts+	Burial - Mellen
	6/5/25	+Jan Djupstrom+	(Pr Tim Gunderson)
☐ Weddings	7/26/25	Lexy Hornick + Austin Berger	Gethsemane
☐ Worship	6/1/25	Special Joint Worship	AT St - 9:00a
		(Parking lot - G)	
☐ Community	Paisley Benefit (5/10/25), Blood Drive (5/6/25), Homemakers at St.		
☐ Concerns	(to be shared verbally at meeting)		
☐ Digital Ministry	Installation continues - Official quote to come this week.		
☐ Faith Formation	Confirmation: Serious questions about continuing		
☐ Fortune Lake	Congregational Day Visit: JUNE 18		
☐ Ministerium	Departure of Father Ben. Methodist Closure?		
☐ NGL Synod	Assembly - Concluded Council. Assist. in Worship (Water, Music)		
	Conference Meeting: Good Shep + Our Savior's Plan		
☐ Nursing Homes	Harbors: Jack Wittgren - 4 th Tuesday of each month		
	Menominee Health: Worship - 4 th Tuesday of each month		
	Roubal's: Worship in May		
☐ Safety	Team preparing a Class at G, then St.		
☐ Visits	Homes: 1	Hospital: 4	Retire. Home: 2 Office: 9
	Phone: DAILY	Text: CONSTANT	Squad Calls: 1

TREASURER'S/FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion to approve April Financials Reports: Carol **Second:** Rose **Carried**

MINISTRY TEAM UPDATES

- **Faith Formation:** Confirmation classes and Sunday morning lessons continue through the month of May.
- **Fellowship:** Treats were served during the recent Blood Drive, and Sunday Coffee Hours continue to be enjoyed by many!
- **Living Trust:** It was noted that a donation was received from an individual who had learned of our fund through watching Pastor B's devotions!
- **Property:** Doug is securing quotes for blacktopping the parsonage driveway; he also had the parsonage roof checked out - and it was recommended that both layers be removed before new roofing is put in place.
- **Social Ministry:** We had another successful Blood Drive meeting our goal of 25 units!
- **WELCA:** The Piecemakers completed 10 quilts!
- **Worship/Music:** Our Digital Ministry Live-Streaming has been launched and the kinks are being smoothed out! We have had several new faces in the pews - please take time to greet visitors!

Motion to accept ALL Ministry Team Reports: Rose **Second:** Gail **Carried.**

ONGOING BUSINESS

1. **Important Dates:**
Brat Fry - June 26
God's Work. Our Hands Sunday - September 7
Top the Tater - September 11
Sauerkraut Supper - October 23

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Update: Dale Burie Concert:** Pastor Brenda and Wendy agreed that our financial support needed to be withdrawn, as the organizers demonstrated an uncomfortable, conflict of interest with private funding (*Coalition to Save the Menominee River*). Concert will still be promoted, just not financially supported.
2. **Cedar Tree Planting Schedule/Coordination:** It was decided to have Pastor B coordinate with Dennis Davis (St) as to a day and time.
3. **Office Doors at the Parsonage:** Cindy will ask Harvey to check it out and determine what needs to be done.
4. **Pest Control - Flies at the Parsonage -** Rose will get the number for the exterminator that her daughter uses. Will also inquire what should be done at the church - inside or outside spraying or both.

Motion was made by Cindy that we proceed with finding an **exterminator** to spray at the parsonage with payment to come from Parsonage Maintenance and from Church Maintenance for work done at the church. **Second:** Carol **Carried**

5. **Parsonage Blacktop:** One quote has been received and waiting for a second. A special Council Meeting will need to be called to act on the two quotes. If Council decides to move forward, a Congregational Meeting will need to be called to approve that payment, which would be from the Parsonage Maintenance Fund.
6. **Planter Replacement:** Because one of our planters out front has been damaged, it was decided to replace both as a duplicate cannot be found.
Motion was made by Rose to purchase two planters from Wayfair at a cost of \$288.30 with payment to come from the Landscaping Fund; **Second:** Cindy **Carried**
7. **FLLC Congregational Day Visit June 18:** **Motion** was made by Gail that the registration fee for all those attending be covered by monies from the FLLC Scholarship Fund. **Second:** Rose **Carried**
8. **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** It was noted that we have \$507.77 Thrivent Choice Dollars that need to be designated for use. After some discussion, a **motion** was made by Cindy that the monies be donated to WELCA to be used for the purchase of quilt batting. **Second:** Gail. **Carried.**
9. **Computer:** Wendy informed the Council that we are in need of an additional computer for use by the Treasurers as sometimes ,their time in the Office overlaps with that of the Office Manager. Pastor B. has suggested that a new computer be purchased for use with the sound/streaming system and the old computer that is now being used there, be used by the Treasurers.
Motion was made by Rose to authorize the purchase of a computer for digital use not to exceed \$3,000, as well as a Bluetooth Monitor (for the Treasurers). Purchase of computer to be paid for from Digital Ministry \$'s and the monitor to be purchased using monies from the Memorial Fund. **Second:** Carol **Carried**
10. **Parsonage Roof:** It was decided that Doug should go ahead and seek quotes for having the parsonage roof replaced.
11. **Suspend** Monthly Council Meetings until September: **Motion** was made by Carol to suspend regular meetings until September. A special meeting can be called if necessary. **Second:** Cindy **Carried.**

NEXT STEPS

- a. **Next** Gethsemane Council Meeting: September (date to be determined)
- b. Devotions for **September:** Gail

Motion to adjourn was made by Cindy

Meeting closed at **6:53p**

Respectfully submitted, Carol Klein, Council Secretary



Before...with lots and lots of cones
During....with loads of machinery



The final week of **May 2025** brought about a BIG change for Gethsemane: **OUT** with the old, faded parking lot, and **IN** with the slick and new black parking lot! Lines and Handi-capable stalls were repainted, and **there was great rejoicing!**



The Piecemakers meet on the **FIRST** Wednesday + Thursday of each month, from 9a - 12p, and are **ALWAYS** looking for new faces to join in the **fun!** Sue, Janet, Vicky, Cindy, Ann, Kelly, Carol K, Carol L.



The theme of this year's **Synod Assembly** was based on the second section of 1 Corinthians 3:6: **I planted the seed. Apollos watered, but God has been making it grow.** **Alvin + Sharon** Etelamaki and **Sue** Skowronski joined **Pr Brenda** in Marquette.



Drop off your donations on Saturdays, between 9am and Noon, or Call Pr. John at (906) 374-0753 to arrange a time.



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***Our Shared Mission:** We are saved by grace through faith to share the good news
of the Gospel with all people and live God's love by our words and actions.*

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