From the Pastor's Desk

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"We are called by God to grow in faith together, sharing Christ's love with each other and our community"

Come and See……

I love it when I walk into the R&S Hardware store and they ask me "What are you looking for?" Many times, I have a list of things that I need for the house and I have not a clue where it is and what it even looks like. Sometimes we need to ask someone where something is and what isle because we need help. It is nice to have the question asked and answered for you.

Jesus Christ is beginning his ministry and John the Baptizer or the Witness is preparing the way of the Lord. One day he points to Jesus Christ and says, "Look, here is the Lamb of God." He points to the one that people should follow. He knows and reveals who Jesus Christ is, the Lamb of God. Indeed, two disciples start following Jesus. Jesus turned to them and said, "What are you looking for?" They answer him, "Where are you staying (abiding)" and Jesus answered, "Come and see."

They did. We live in a world where we look around, wonder, and have questions and we need someone to ask us what you are looking for. Moreover, we need to hear someone say, "Come and see, right this way, abide with me; I have the answers you are looking for. Just continue to follow me."
We would do right if we hear what John the Baptist shared about the Lamb of God, and learn and follow him. He is the light of the world and our great and wonderful teacher.

We celebrate the light of the world in the darkness of winter and long nights, in the wonderful celebrations and in the hard times of sickness, worry, or mourning. God our Creator sent his Son Jesus Christ to love, forgive, teach and walk with us in the times where it is difficult and we know not what to do. In the midst of all things, Jesus Christ tells us to come and see. He is the answer to the question; we are looking for him to give us hope for the future.

February 26th 2020 is the beginning of Lent as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. During the Wednesday's of Lent, we will have two opportunities to Worship. 11:30 Am with soup and bread with worship following. Our regular 7 PM service will be the Holden Evening Prayer Service. Our theme will be on earth keeping and the Bible. "Now the Green Blade Rises."

As we continue to follow Jesus, it is a good and right thing to hear him ask you what you are looking for and where are you are staying. Hear Jesus say, "Right this way, come and see."

In Christ,
Pastor Brenda Wicklund

37 The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38 When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.
John 1:37-39

New library books:

CHILDREN'S

The Complete Tales of Beatrix Potter
Sunday Morning
The Easter Story Something Wonderful
Walt Disney's Treasure of Children's Classics

Children's DVD's

Nicodemus (Superbook)
The Promise of a Child (Superbook)
Paul and Barnabas (Superbook)

Prayer Concerns ~ (Names will be on for one month unless requested longer.) Dorothy Svendsen, Debbie Bowman (daughter of Ron and Judy Smith), Karen Johnson, Carol Bostrom, Leigha Ness (Pastor Brenda's great-niece), Debbie Amerine (niece of Joyce Seegebarth) and Barbara Ekberg (sister of Loretta Sprado.)

For our members in care facilities ~ Ruta Kalnins, Nancy Nelson, Freida Pfahl, and Max Tatting.

For firefighters, EMT's, those who serve to protect Policemen and women and military. For world peace. For our companion synods.
For our missionaries Jacqueline and Patrick Bencke.

Please sign-up for snow shoveling. The chart is on the table in the Narthex.
Thank You!

I am so please to be a member of this wonderful church. I find it very difficult to ask for help. Betty R. you are a true blessing to all. Thanks to Betty, Kathryn and Gracie for caring boxes downstairs for about two hours. Betty thanks also, for calling church and requesting help with moving the furniture. Without Rick B. and Eddie, I would not be settled in my new apartment. Thanks to all of you I am sure, I am in the right spot in this time of my life. I am blessed beyond words. Same address but change to Apt. #4.

Carol Goddard

Just a note to let you know, that offering envelopes for giving are always out on the bulletin table. If you need a bigger amount, please contact me.

The 2019 Giving Statements will be out by the end of January for you to pick up, on the table in the Narthex!!

Kathy Thompson - *Financial Secretary*

Women of the ELCA

Women's Bible Study's ongoing mission project.

We ask members to join us and bring **shampoo** during the month of **February** for homeless packets. Please put them in the basket marked "Homeless Packets" in the cabinet in Narthex. Thank You.

FIRST LUTHERAN NOW SELLING EQUAL EXCHANGE COFFEE, TEA, HOT CHOCOLATE AND CHOCOLATES.

Fair Trade is a way of doing business that ultimately aims to keep small farmers an active part of the world marketplace, and aims to empower consumers to make purchases that support their values. Fair Trade is a set of business practices voluntarily adopted by the producers and buyers of agricultural commodities and hand-made crafts that are designed to advance many economic, social and environmental goals.

Underlying our work is the belief that only through organization, can small farmers survive and thrive. The cooperative model has been essential for building this model of change.

Please help support our effort to help others by buying some of the products on display in the Fellowship hall.

The Flower and Mission Sign-Up Charts are on the bulletin board in the hallway.
Please consider signing up for a Sunday.
Thank you!

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February

2/1 Diane Ausmus
Robert Kinblom
Gavin Hecht
2/3 Shawn Denton
Earl Koste
Linda Trott
2/4 Shalai Moffatt
Jennifer Rensvold
2/6 Elaine Jensen
2/8 Diane Erickson
Judy Peterson
2/10 Maci Roberts
2/11 Eleanor Nelson
2/14 Caitlin Jindra
2/15 Elsie Dieter
2/16 D.J. Grote
Brooklyn Storlie
2/17 Holly Lindner
Shana Stiel
Pastor Brenda Wicklund
2/18 Charles Mans
2/20 Richard Anderson
Candi Nelson
2/21 Rebecca Wiczek
2/22 Allyce Mulder
Madalynn Van Gorden
2/23 John Shober Jr.
Cade Thurner
2/24 Olivia Erickson
Easton Mettling
Wendy Reamer-Johnson
2/26 Katlyn Dunkley
Lori Klar
2/27 Paige Denton
2/28 Charles Sprado

†Octogenarians ***Please let us know if there are any corrections or additions. Thank You!**

Remember if you cannot serve, to please find your own substitute. Thank You!

February 2020	Lector	Assistant	Acolyte	Element Presenters	Coffee Servers
2 Sun. (white)	Elaine Garaghty	Elliott Golly	Josie Kordiak Kenna Johnson	Don and Judy Peterson	Rev. Jack and Christy Koch
5 Wed. (green)	Youth	Youth	Evelyn Klein		
9 Sun. (white)	Paul Olson	Deanna Gorsegner	Lauren Thom Griffin Stiel	Virgil and Joyce Seegebarth	**YOUTH**
12 Wed. (white)	Youth	Youth	Payton Linder		
16 Sun. (green)	Carol Lahti	Wendy Reamer-Johnson	Lainey Johnson Emalee Alexander	Dennis and Colleen Volden	Richard and Pat Anderson
19 Wed. (green)	Youth	Youth	Dana Marks		
23 Sun. (white)	Peter Thorvig	Christie Dunkley	Josie Kordiak Cody Klein	Kathryn Souer Sharol Huggett	Elaine Garaghty
26 Ash Wed. (purple)	Youth	Youth	Delaney Olson		

Greeters

Feb. 2-Cherly Malm

Feb. 9-Carol Goddard

Feb. 16-Elaine Garaghty

Feb. 23-OPEN

If you can help greeting, please contact Judy Smith
Thank you.

Altar Guild

Ellie Nelson
Linda Trott

All Board Meeting in February 24th Worship/Music Devotions

Out To Lunch Bunch
Feb. 16th

TBD

Dennis Volden
Jerry Trott

Community Meal
5-6 pm on Tuesday, February 11th

All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.
Isaiah 54:13

Faith in Action and Youth Group:

Reminder that Faith in Action will be every Wednesday night from 5:00-7:00 pm and youth group will be from 7:30–8:30 pm and will follow the same schedule as FiA.

"Souper Bowl of Caring": February 2nd

Youth service project for February will be to participate in the "Souper Bowl of Caring". We have done this project for 11 years. This year youth are asking for donations of non- perishable food to put in the blessing box and money will be collected in noisy offering during worship and will go towards purchasing food for blessing box. This will be a great way to lift up this ministry in our church. If you have questions about blessing box needs, please see Joyce Seegebarth.

Senior High Youth Gathering:

CARDIA DEO
Feb. 28-March 1, 2020
Big Sandy Camp, McGregor

"SENT"

Cost is $75 before January 29th - $95 after. Forms on Youth Bulletin Board.

Cardia Deo is a retreat for high school youth in grades 9-12 and their adult leaders. As Christians, we are ***Called, Gathered, Equipped and Sent*** to be the Heart of God ***(Cardia Deo)*** in the world. Bible studies led by the LYO Board, servant learning, worship, mystery event, camp life, and an adult track led by the retreat chaplain all make this event a deeply meaningful, fun and faith-nurturing event.

Wild Mountain Youth and Family Trip-Saturday, February 8th

Flyers and sign-up on youth bulletin board.

Youth Mission Trip
Valentines Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, February 9th
4:30-6 pm

Adults $10/person
Children 12 and under $5

Flowers and fudge will also be availableto purchase.

Menu:

Italian Spaghetti
Chicken Alfredo
Caesar Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

Ash Wednesday, February 26th (Fat Wed.)

5:45-6:45 pm Lent Supper (pancakes)
7 pm Worship with Holy Communion ONLY!

Free Will Donation for WELCA

Full Lent Schedule will be in March Newsletter.

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