



January 2020 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

Jan. - April

8:30 LqP Worship

9:30 LqP Sunday School

10:15 Garfield Worship



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FROM THE PASTOR

"The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, 'look, here is the lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (Which translated Teacher), 'where are you staying?' *He said to them, 'Come and see' (John 1:35-39).*

"Come and see what?" one may ask. Come and see where Jesus is staying? How interesting! Or, come and see the Messiah, the one they called Rabbi? I do not think that the disciples of John the Baptist were too interested in seeing a room or a building or wherever it was that Jesus was staying. But they were interested in seeing the one whom John called "the Son of God". How difficult is it for us to say the words "come and see" to anyone. Invite someone to worship with us is something most of us avoid. But to what are we inviting people, if, and when we do invite them? "Come and see the Pastors," or "Come and see our building," or "Come and see all the programs that we have for certainly you will find one that fits you just perfectly." Or, is our invitation to come and see Christ, the one John called the "Son of God?"

It is so easy to enter the marketplace of religion and try to see the church. We see it all across the country. In the mail I often receive offers to sell our congregation to others through a advertising campaign. But we have nothing to sell; we only have something to give away, and that is the good news of Jesus Christ. Come and see. If anything is the advertising slogan of a congregation, it must be the invitation to come and see. Not to come and see our congregation, but to come and see our Lord. Come and see Jesus.

As we enter a new year and look back at the old, we naturally take a look at our lives and think about what is important and what isn't. It is so easy to become side-tracked in this world today about what is really important in life, which is to worship God and to follow Jesus Christ. It is so easy to become side-tracked about what is the task of the church, which is the task to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of all.

Pastor Bruce~



News for Both Churches

Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting for Lac qui Parle Lutheran is scheduled for January 19th, and the Annual Meeting for Garfield Lutheran is scheduled for January 26th. Lac qui Parle's will be following their 8:30 service, and Garfield's will be following their 10:15 service *with a pot-luck*. Just a reminder to start working on your reports, as Lac qui Parle's items need to be in the office by **Sunday, January 5**, and Garfield's need to be in the office by **Thursday, January 9**. Please label your reports clearly and email them to secretary@lqplutheran.org. If it is possible, please submit your reports in non-PDF format (or in Word or Excel in addition to PDF format) so Rhoda is able to copy and paste them all together easily.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for your Christmas cards and remembrances. We truly appreciate it!
Pastor Bruce, Jennifer, Rachel & Jacob Bringle

WORSHIP TIMES

Lac qui Parle will have the 8:30 a.m. service, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., from January through April, and Garfield will have the 10:15 a.m. service time.

USHERS- Please remember to get a count of the people at worship services and write it down. We do make use of the attendance- we have to report it in the parochial reports to the ELCA, and it helps in next year's preparation as to how many bulletins to prepare, Communion to get ready for, etc., especially on holidays in the church.
Thank you!

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>Lqp</u>
December 1	NO SERVICE	NO SERVICE
December 8	49	83
December 15	52	70
December 22	47	23
December 24	70	84
(Christmas Eve)		
December 25	22	—
(Christmas Day)		
December 29		



ACOLYTES FOR JANUARY

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
January 5	LaRay Polzine	N.A.
January 12	Cole Bjornson	N.A.
January 19	Jayden Jimoh	N.A.
January 26	Kaidyn Stender	N.A.

News for Both Churches

JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES- DECEMBER 11, 2019

The Garfield Lutheran Church and Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church met for a joint council meeting on Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:00 pm at Lac qui Parle Lutheran. The meeting was called to order and led by Jeri Popma. Jeri Popma gave devotions. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

New Business: Just a reminder that Christmas Eve services are 4:30 at LqP and 6:30 at Garfield. Joint Christmas Day service will be at Garfield at 9:00am. Reminder that "Equipping Congregations Day" is Saturday, Feb. 29th from 8:00am-5:00pm in Willmar. This is for congregational members, council officers, Christian educators, worship and youth leaders, pastors, and everyone! Assuming Pastor's salary increase from \$51,560 to \$52,849 passes at the annual meetings, Pastor would like to designate \$12,000 as Home Furnishings Allowance out of his base salary. This would then make his base salary \$40,849. This is not extra income; it is just a tax advantage that is available to pastors. Question-Will this affect his benefits or taxes? Affect the churches? No, it is a tax benefit for pastors and it doesn't affect the churches at all. This was approved by the council. Lenten Services – Like last year, Pastor imagines it will involve MN Valley, Borgund, Kviteseid, and our two churches. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on Feb. 26th, 2020. If we follow like the last 6 years, Garfield has 6:30pm Ash Wednesday service and LqP has supper at 6:30pm and service at 7:30pm. Then Garfield would have Wednesdays March 4th and 18th and April 1st. LqP has Wednesdays March 11th and 25th. April 9th is Maundy Thursday service at LqP since they have students ready for First Communion and Good Friday on April 10th at Garfield. Easter is April 12th. Reminder that Pastor Bruce is on vacation December 26th through January 1st. Pastor Rochelle Anderson from Morris will preach and lead the services at both churches on December 29th. The next joint council meeting will be April 8th at 7:00 at Garfield Lutheran Church. Individual councils will meet following the joint council meeting. The meeting was adjourned, and the Benediction was said together.

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Jan.	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
5	Dale Hatfield		LaRay Polzine		Jacob Bringle
12	Michael Croatt		Cole Bjornson		Dean Stoks
19	Carol Hanson		Jayden Jimoh		Andy Gritmacker
26	Elois Kveene		Kaidyn Stender		Dale Hatfield

Jan.	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
5	Bob Lund	Logan & Tracy Dove	Bill Graven & Gary Turnberg	N.A.	N.A.
12	Jessica Sigdahl	Josh & Karin Falness		N.A.	N.A.
19	Sue Lund	Bill & Doris Graven		N.A.	N.A.
26	Bill Graven	Jeff & Lynn Marotzke		N.A.	N.A.

Garfield News

GARFIELD NEWS

Garfield women of all ages are invited to attend a "Come as you are Cookie Time" on February 8, a Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m. Four women will be asked to bring ingredients and equipment for a favorite cookie recipe which will be mixed and baked that morning at Garfield. When cooled the cookies will be put on plates to be delivered to our elderly and homebound. Pizza and drinks will be provided for lunch. If you haven't been at our first two meetings but would like to come in February, please call Rachel (598-7697), Mary (598-7832) or Cynthia (598-3158). Note: no meeting in January!

GARFIELD WELCA-

WELCA Do-Day will be January 2, starting at 9 a.m.

Mary Circle will meet Monday, January 26 at 2 p.m. at the church. Bring a dessert.

Minutes for Garfield WELCA December 2019

The Garfield WELCA met at 12 noon on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 in the church dining room. A Christmas Potluck was served to Pastor Bringle and WELCA members present. Following the potluck meal, President Lorraine called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. Pastor Bringle installed the 2020 Officers:

President – Lorraine Connor
Vice President – Fran Peterson
Secretary – Carla Gritmacker
Treasurer – Rosemary Weber
Mission Action – Elois Kveene, Maralee Wiese, & Lorna Johnson
Mission Growth – Norma Armstrong & Lorraine Connor
Mission Community – Jeri Popma

A Christmas gift was presented to Pastor Bringle.

The theme verse was recited and we sang the theme hymn.

The Secretary's minutes from the last regular meeting held on September 11, 2019 were read and accepted. Correspondence was read. The Treasurer's report was given and accepted. The Mission Action reported the mission projects completed in 2019 as follows: 29 boxes filled for Marie Sandvik Center, 20 Baby Care Kits, 24 Personal Care Kits, and 193 quilts completed and distributed to LWR, our high school graduates, a local house fire victim and Kiwanis Christmas gifts.

*No Old Business

*New Business – Boxes of candy will be delivered to our shut-ins

-Neil Kveene \$50 for delivery of mission boxes

-The List of 2019 Mission donations was presented and accepted. The \$2,100 donations for 2019 were designated as follows:

-\$100 to Madison Care Center

-\$100 each to Madison, Dawson & Canby Hospice

-\$100 Woodland Center

-\$100 Kiwanis Christmas fund

-\$100 Lac qui Parle Hope Network

-\$100 REM CCL

-\$200 Eagles Healing Nest, a non-profit in Sauk Centre that is committed to meeting needs of out veteran service members and their families who suffer from the invisible wounds of war.

-\$100 St. Cloud VA

-\$500 Global Barnyard

-\$500 Helps International, Jill Christie spoke at our Thankoffering Service on her work with this non-profit organization, Helps International, that helps communities in Guatemala address the root causes of poverty in the areas of agriculture, community development, education and health care.

*Program:

The group shared memories of Christmas Past.

Prayer

Carols "O Come All Ye Faithful" & "Away in the Manger"

Reading about the Good Company of Strangers

Carol "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day"

The Story named "The Tale of Three Trees", a book from Rachel Croatt

Carol "Silent Night"

Offering taken, meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the church.

Secretary, Mary Jo Patzer

Garfield News

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 11, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on December 11, 2019 at 8:00 p.m., after the joint council meeting with LqP Council. Members present Ron Enger, Mona Buer, Missy Schmidt, Todd Patzer, Jeri Pompa, Aaron Olson, Terry Berndt, and Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order. Jeri Pompa led devotions.

Agenda additions: No additions or changes.

Secretary's Report: was read

Treasurer's Report: Report was read with discussion on upcoming expenses for year end.

Financial Secretary's Report: was read. Motion to approve Secretary, Treasurer and Financial reports made by Ron, seconded by Aaron. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: None.

WELCA Report: None.

Trustee Report: None

Deacon Report: None.

Unfinished Business: A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee will meet sometime next year. B) Pastor called the Synod concerning the Pastoral Performance evaluation. The guidelines were handed out to council members. C) Reminder that the Christmas program is Sunday, December 15 at 8:30 during the church service. D) Most Council members going off this year have found replacements. E) Still looking for a few more videographers for 2020. If interested, contact Pastor Bringle.

New Business: A) Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 at 10:15 (time change), with potluck. B) Garfield is in need of someone to blow snow for this winter. Contact a Trustee member, Terry Berndt or Aaron Olson if interested.

The next council meeting is Sunday January 5 at 6:00 p.m. at Garfield Church.

The meeting was adjourned, . The Benediction was said "May the Lord Bless us and keep us..."
Respectfully submitted by: Mona Buer, Council Secretary.

LqP News

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

WELCA REPORT JANUARY

Thank you to Sue Lund for hosting our annual Christmas party. There were 6 of us and we enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch. We did 11 tins of goodies to be given to members of our congregation. We also collected \$40 to be given to the Ghost of Christmas.

We received \$600 in donations as our money maker this year. We decided to keep it and use it for the expenses of our anniversary in June. Please share with us your feelings about having a bazaar in September.

LAC QUI PARLE LUTHERAN CHURCH MEMBERS' ESTIMATE OF GIVING FOR 2020

21 pledges filled out

\$36,030 total pledged & 1,000 bushels of corn

1 pledge increased from 2019

6 stayed the same as 2019

4 pledges decreased from 2019

10 new pledges

LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Lac qui Parle Church Council met on Wednesday, December 11th, following the joint council meeting. Members present included: Dallas Kelly, Lindee Olson, Sue Lund, Julie Stensrud, Tim Stensrud, Mark Roisen, John Dove, Tracy Dove, Jeff Marotzke, Gary Sigdahl, and Pastor Bruce. The meeting was called to order by President, John Dove. The agenda was reviewed and approved with no correction or additions. The October and November council minutes were read and approved with no corrections or additions.

President's Report: Nothing to report

Financial Report: Budget Committee met on 12/8/19. Reports from September and October were reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report: Nothing to report

Deacon's Report: Sue will have the schedule for next year at the January meeting. Communion will be intinction on Christmas Eve.

Trustee's Report: One of the benches in the Narthex needs to be glued. Tim will take care of this.

WELCA Report: The Christmas gathering was held at Sue Lund's today. Cookie boxes were packed for shut-ins.

Youth/Parish Ed.: Christmas program will be Sunday, December 15th during the church services. Cookies, coffee, and cider will be served after.

Unfinished Business: The computer for the projector needs to be replaced. Mark will continue to work on this.

New Business: Ballot and Budget for 2019 was reviewed. The annual meeting will be on January 19th, 2020 following the church service. Sue Lund gave an update on the 150th Anniversary celebration. A motion was made and approved to accept Bryan and Emily Busch as new members of LqP Lutheran Church from Cross-roads Lutheran.

The next meeting will be held on January 8th, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned and we closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Tracy Dove, Council Secretary