



February 2019 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

Jan – April

8:30 Garfield Worship

9:00 LqP Sunday School

10:15 LqP Worship



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From the Pastor

Is Church Attendance Necessary?

Try to picture this: A child is born into a family, at about the age of six the child decides he doesn't need that family anymore. He moves out and tries to live on his own. He sleeps in cars, eats scraps from garbage cans, never bathes. Ridiculous, you say. Of course it is. Yet it is exactly what many people in the church have done. They were baptized into God's family, confirmed later on, etc. Yet we seldom or never see them with that family anymore. They've cut themselves off from it.

In Hebrews 10:23-25, Paul writes "let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembly together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

These words were written to people who were close to losing their faith in Christ. Some of them were traditionally forsaking the meetings of the church. The Hebrew writer came right to the point. He told them not to forsake the assembly. Notice that church attendance has to do with holding fast without waverings, stimulating ourselves and others to love and good deeds, and encourage one another. Those who forsake the assembly exhibit the very opposite tendencies. They waver in their faith and some fall away from it completely. One cannot say he or she lives by the teachings of the Bible and willingly forsakes the assembly of Christians.

"And when he (Christ) had taken some bread and given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke 22:19). The early church met often and every time they did, they shared the holy supper Jesus gave them the night before his death on the cross. "Truly I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in yourselves." (John 6:53). Whoever forsakes the assembly of the church, forsakes the remembrance of the Lord's Supper. It isn't long before the outcome of "no life" becomes a reality.

A couple of easy questions, 1. Is Jesus Christ truly your Savior? 2. Is Jesus a part of your life? If you answer yes, then every Christian is now your brother and sister, your family, and you need each other. You cannot fully become the Christian that God wants you to be if you remain separated from other believers. Worship attendance doesn't earn us a place in heaven, it just reveals what's really in our heart: Jesus or self. Saving faith, or sin and death.

Still not convinced? Picture a six year old child living alone on the streets of a city. That's the inactive Church member in God's eyes. On March 6th, we will be the season of Lent. Lent provides us more opportunities to worship God and bask in His Word. Adjust your schedule so regular Church attendance is part of your life. If you have been away from the assembly, come back! Church attendance is not an optional thing for a Christian. Come and worship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. See you in Church!

Pastor Bruce~

Both Churches

~ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY~

	<u>For Garfield</u>
February 3	Cole Bjornson
February 10	Jayden Jimoh
February 17	Kaidyn Stender
February 24	Pastor/ Usher

For LqP

USHERS- Please remember to get a count of the people at the 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. Thanks!

World War I Exhibit

The Lac qui Parle County Historical Society will be hosting a World War I Traveling Exhibit January 28 through March 8. The special World War 1 exhibit was done by the West Central Minnesota Historical Association (WCMHA). The WCMHA is a partnership of 10 counties in west central Minnesota to promote and share the history of west central Minnesota. The 10 counties included are Big Stone, Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Redwood, Renville, Swift and Yellow Medicine. The exhibit is made possible by a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage grant from the Minnesota Historical Society. This exhibit will focus solely on west Central Minnesota and includes stories of those who served from Lac qui Parle County. We will add additional stories and artifacts that we have collected over the years to tell the story of Lac qui Parle County's involvement in the war.

The exhibit will be open to the public January 28-March 8. We will open Monday through Friday from 10:00am –4:00pm. If you would like to schedule an evening or weekend visit to see the exhibit, please let us know. We not only encourage all veterans and families of veterans to visit the museum to experience the exhibit, but everyone.

ECUMENICAL SKI TRIP

Many area churches will be coming together for an ecumenical ski and tubing outing on Sunday, February 17 at Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN. Plans are to meet at Faith Lutheran in Madison at 10:45a.m. The bus will leave at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$44.00 to tube, \$60.00 to ski, and \$70.00 to snowboard, which includes the bus transportation and Pizza Ranch buffet afterward. Bring some money for snacks as well. This is for all 3rd to 12th graders; 3rd and 4th graders will need to bring one adult chaperone for every five kids. Plans are to return home at 9:30 p.m. (there is no school the next day). You need to let Pastor Bruce know by SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3 if you plan on going. Lac qui Parle youth: Sunday worship service is at 10:15 a.m. Please do not skip worshipping God to go skiing! Garfield has their service at 8:30 a.m., so please go there instead of not going to church. Thank you!

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 2, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Becky Bjornson, Ron Enger, Cynthia Huse, Barb Ludvigson, Kevin Olson, Todd Patzer, Chuck Thompson, Gene Winkels and Pastor Bringle

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Huse. Pastor Bringle led us with devotions and a prayer. The Budget for 2019 was presented and gone over by the Council. A motion made by Ron Enger to accept the budget as presented and seconded by Todd Patzer. Motion was then passed. This budget will be presented at the Annual Meeting for Congregational approval.

The Agenda for the meeting was approved with one addition.

The minutes for October 3, November 7, and December 12 along with the financial secretary and Treasurer's Report given and discussed. Barb Ludvigson made a motion to accept the reports as given, seconded by Gene Winkels. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: A) Pastor Bringle reported there was a mistake in the bulletin on Lectors, this will be corrected in the next bulletin. B) Confirmation Classes were discussed with the Pastor wanting to have a parent at each class. The Council felt this would be good idea and gave their backing to it.

WELCA Report: The bathrooms are all done now and look great. A Big Thank You to WELCA for this project

Trustee Report: The parsonage snow blower needs a little work, Pastor was given ok to get the repairs done. The Trustees plan on painting the waterlines in the kitchen to have them blend in better now.

Deacon Report: The alter candles are now being filled by the deacons- this seems to be working out.

Unfinished Business: A) The Sexual misconduct policy is still waiting on a few revisions to get printed.

B) We are in need of a Trustee, Deacon, and Secretary for Council. Bruce Schmidt has offered to be the Treasurer. C) Equipping Congregations Day is Saturday, February 23 in Willmar- anyone interested contract Pastor Bringle. D) The Christmas Offering will go to Reach Out for Warmth and The Local Food Shelves with half to each. This was on a Motion from Todd Patzer and Seconded by Becky Bjornson. Motion Passed

New Business: A) The Annual meeting is set for January 27 following Church with Coffee and rolls being served. B) Bruce Schmidt was approved as a member at Garfield on Motion by Ron Enger and Seconded by Gene Winkels. Motion passed unanimous C) Some people on Farmers Tel are not receiving their Newsletter- this is being looked in to. D) A motion was made by Todd Patzer to pay our 2019 LqP Conference contribution- this received a second from Chuck Thompson. Motion Passed. E) Garfield Lutheran Church Wedding Guidelines were discussed at some length with different opinions stated.

*****The next Council meeting is set for February 6 at 7:00 pm*****

The meeting was adjourned- The Benediction was said "May the Lord bless us and keep us.., Respectfully submitted by: Kevin Olson, Council Secretary

Garfield WELCA-

no report

Feb.	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
3	Cynthia Huse	Todd Patzer* Bob Bjornson, Dan Armstrong	Cole Bjornson	Sarah Patzer, Becky Bjornson, Heidi Armstrong	Dean Stoks
10	Kevin Olson		Jayden Jimoh		Harrison Patzer
17	Michael Croatt		Kaidyn Stender		Andy Gritmacker
24	Janelle Patzer		Pastor/Usher		Dale Hatfield



Lac qui Parle News

Thank You, Lac qui Parle Church Council!

Thank you to the Lac qui Parle Church Council members who have served this past year, especially to Darin Lund, Kerry Kelly, Allen Simonson, Jay Kleven, and Gary Sigdahl whose terms are now up.

The 2019 Church Council officers for Lac qui Parle are:

John Dove—President

Gary Sigdahl—Vice President

Lindee Olson—Treasurer

Tracy Dove—Secretary

Deacons—Jeff Kleven, Sue Lund, Mark Roisen, and Julie Stensrud

Trustees—Tim Stensrud, Jeff Marotzke, Jeff Peterson, and Dallas Kelly

THANK YOU!!

I would like to thank the Lac qui Parle Sunday School youth for choosing me to be this year's recipient of your Christmas program offering. I feel very blessed and grateful. Thank you, everyone, who made this gift possible with your donations. I am so very blessed to be a member of this congregation, as well as the entire community.

Thank you all for the prayers, love, and support you have always, and continue to give me.

With Much Love, Rhoda Kleven~

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

Martha Circle will not meet in February.

FOOD FOR KIDZ

To the Body of Christ in the Dawson-Boyd Community--

*3.1 million children under 5 die each year due to poor nutrition. You are invited to make a difference in the life of a starving child by partnering with local congregations and community members in a Food for Kids packing event. Food for Kidz is a non-profit organization committed to feeding starving children around the world by providing specially formulated, hand-packed, easy to prepare meals. Last year this was a wonderful way to unite and the Body of Christ and work together towards a great cause! This year our goal is: Raise \$11,000 to pack 50,000 meals. The truck broke down in Redwood Falls on the date set for us to pack meals in January, but the new date is now **Wednesday, February 20th, 2019 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Dawson Covenant Church.***

To support this ministry financially, give your donation to a local congregation labeled: Food for Kidz.

Peace of Christ,

The Dawson-Boyd Ministerial Association

P.S. There is a sign-up sheet out on the coffee serving table at church. Anyone can help fill meals! There are sign-up times from 2 to 4 p.m., 4 to 6 p.m., and 6 to 8 p.m. The Confirmation students will be working the 4 to 6 p.m. shift. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Bruce.

Lac qui Parle Lutheran Council Minutes

January 9, 2019

Members Present: Pastor Bruce, Allen Simonson, Jeff Kleven, Darin Lund, Mark Roisen
The meeting was called to order. It was noted there was not a quorum. Pastor gave devotions. There were no additions to the agenda. Minutes from the December council meeting were reviewed but there was no motion.

The President, Darin Lund reported on behalf of the Treasurer that the financial books had been audited and found to be in order. Kerry had noted that there should be a new computer purchased for the treasurer because the old computer was no longer capable of supporting upgrades. Because there was no quorum to act on this request, the item will be included as new business for the next meeting. Darin also thanked Kerry for the 10 years of her service as church treasurer.

Kerry indicated that she has been working with Lindee, and she will be a good church treasurer. Darin also noted that all the reports had been submitted for the annual meeting.

Pastor Bruce reported it had been a pretty quiet month and that everything was in place for the annual meeting.

The head Deacon, Allen Simonson reported that the wine and wafer supplies were up to date.

Old Business:

- The LqP/Garfield sexual misconduct/harassment protocol is undergoing final revisions.
- LqP church has donated \$500.00 to the Food for Kidz program operated by the Dawson Boyd - Ministerial Association
- “Equipping Congregations Day” is in Willmar Saturday, February 23 from 8:30am – 3:30pm. LqP church will pay the registration fee. Anyone interested in attending should contact Pastor Bruce.
- Allen Simonson brought examples of recent photos taken professionally of the church. These were the photos that were taken as part of the county wide church calendar. He will bring the examples to the Annual Meeting. He will also bring the order forms for anyone interested in purchasing from a variety of options.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with the Lord’s Prayer

*****Next Meeting: February 13th, 7:00 PM*****

<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Projector</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
3	Lindee Olson	Gary & Julie Turnberg	Doug & Cody Bothun	N.A.	N.A.
10	Rachael Lund	Joe & Tristin Bothun	Rachael Lund	N.A.	N.A.
17	John Dove	Tim & Julie Stensrud	Doug & Cody Bothun	N.A.	N.A.
24	Karin Falness	Brent & Heather Dahl	Doug & Cody Bothun	N.A.	N.A.

And now these three remain:

FAITH, HOPE, LOVE

But the greatest of these is Love

-1 Corinthians 13:13