



February 2020 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

Jan – April

8:30 LqP Worship

9:30 LqP Sunday School

10:15 Garfield Worship



Garfield Lutheran Church



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From the Pastor

A couple of years ago, I found the following story in a church newsletter:

“A little boy came home from Sunday school and was asked by his father what he had learned that day. The boy answered that he had learned about Lent. “What did you learn about Lent?” his father asked. “It’s a time during the church year when people prepare to celebrate Jesus’ death and resurrection,” the boy answered. The father asked, “How do they do that?” The boy replied, “Many times people give up things to remind themselves of the suffering of Jesus,” “That sounds like a good idea,” the father responded. “What do you think we could give up for Lent?” Without a moment’s hesitation the boy replied, “going to church!”

Church attendance is something with which we, as Christians, struggle. Some children consider worship to be “boring” while some adults go out of habit because “it just doesn’t seem like Sunday if I don’t go to church.” I like to consider worship to be a family gathering where we join with our sisters and brothers in Christ to pray together, sing together, eat together, and to support one another. It’s like a mini family reunion. If some members of a family are missing from a reunion, they are missed. So it is with worship. Either family members are not present they are missed and missing something important.

Worship plays an important part in our Christian life. We believe the Holy Spirit works through God’s Word and the Holy Sacraments to help enlighten and sanctify Christian people. It’s during worship that we not only sing God’s Word through the hymns and liturgy but we also hear the Word being read and hear the Word being interpreted through the sermon. It is also during worship that the Sacraments are administered. Worship helps us grow in our faith and our relationships with God.

We begin the season of Lent this year on Wednesday, February 26th, with Services at Garfield at 6:00 p.m. and Lac qui Parle at 7:30 p.m., both with Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes. Lac qui Parle will also have a Lenten Supper on that night at 6:30 p.m. The schedule and theme for the Wednesday night Services has yet to be decided.

This Lenten Season you might consider giving something up for Lent to remind yourself of Christ’s suffering. But please don’t give up worship attendance! Worship is central to our Christian faith and life.

See you in church!

Pastor Bruce

Both Churches

~ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY~

| | <u>For Garfield</u> | <u>For LqP</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| February 2 | Katelyn Wiese | ----- |
| February 9 | Pastor/ Usher | ----- |
| February 16 | Pastor/ Usher | ----- |
| February 23 | Jacob Bringle | ----- |
| February 26 (Ash Wednesday) | LaRay Polzine | Broady Nelson |

~Church Attendance~

| | Garfield | LqP |
|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| January 5 | 51 | 21 |
| January 12 | 69 | 20 |
| January 19 | NO SERVICES, due to snow/ blow | |
| January 26 | 59 | 27 |

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!

| Feb. | Lectors | Ushers | Acolytes | Altar & Flower Committees | Videographers |
|------------------------|----------------|--|---------------|---|-----------------|
| 2 | Colleen Olson | Ron Enger* Gary Gritmacker, Lucas Bjornson | Katelyn Wiese | Mary Enger, Carla Gritmacker Pam Schacherer | Dale Hatfield |
| 9 | Jim Connor | | Pastor/ Usher | | Jacob Bringle |
| 16 | Rachel Bringle | | Pastor/ Usher | | Dean Stoks |
| 23 | Patrick Wiese | | Jacob Bringle | | Andy Gritmacker |
| 26 (Ash Wed) | | | LaRay Polzine | | Dale Hatfield |

| Feb. | Lectors | Coffee | Ushers | Projector | Acolyte |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2 | Scott Ireland | Kevin & Therese Fernholz Bergeson | Doug & Cody Bothun | N.A. | N.A. |
| 9 | Cadence Dove | Jason & Stephanie Kelly | Doug & Cody Bothun | N.A. | N.A. |
| 16 | Lindee Olson | Lindee Olson | Doug & Cody Bothun | N.A. | N.A. |
| 23 | Dennis Sommerfeld | Tom & Janelle Boulton | Doug & Cody Bothun | N.A. | N.A. |
| 26 (Ash Wed.) | | N.A. | | N.A. | Broady Nelson |

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 home-bound. 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)

GARFIELD WELCA

Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 150th anniversary on June 7 with a service, catered dinner, and afternoon program. They have asked if we would be willing to wait tables for their dinner and do the clean-up, and we have agreed to do so. Volunteers will be needed. More information closer to June.

It was decided at our January WELCA meeting that we will have Soup Day this year. The date will be March 11 if the VFW is available.

Minutes for Garfield WELCA January 2020

The Garfield WELCA met at Church on Wednesday, January 8th, 2020. Lorraine Connor, our president, opened the meeting with a prayer. The theme verse was said, and we sang the theme song. There was no secretary's report. Lorraine read the treasurer's report. Mission Action reported there were 4 ladies at Do-Day, and they made 13 quilts. Eloise packed many boxes for the Marie Sandvig center.

Old Business: Christmas gifts were given to the to those who aren't able to attend Church or WELCA. They were very pleased to be remembered. Lorraine and Lorna attended the WELCA Fall Gathering; they enjoyed the speaker from Green Lake Bible Camp and the special music. Jill Christie was the speaker at our Fall Gathering. Was very interesting.

New Business: Lorraine thanked Lorna for helping her put the WELCA books together. A motion was made to give Lois Sather \$25 for making the master copy for our 2020 WELCA books. Our annual Church meeting will be January 26th with a potluck after. The food committee will serve the potluck. We were asked to help the LqP Church with serving their catered meal for their 150th Anniversary. We can discuss in more detail in upcoming meetings. We discussed soup day. A possible date set for March 11, hopefully at the VFW. Bibles were ordered for our 2 confirmation students, LaRay and Jacob. Program for today-- Lorraine gave an interesting devotion about the wisdom of Proverbs. Norma read us a story about when Jesus was a child. Listened to a song "Lord, Help Me Jesus." and Andy Gritmacker also let us listen to some of his gospel songs of his choosing. We all read about Mrs. Martin Luther, Katharine Von Bora. It was very informative. We prayed the Lord's Prayer and said the Table Prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Lorna. The next meeting will be on February 12th at the Church at 2pm.

Carla Gritmacker, WELCA Secretary.

And now these three remain:
FAITH, HOPE, LOVE
But the greatest of these is Love

-1 Corinthians 13:13

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting-- January 5, 2020

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on January 5 at 6:00 p.m. Members present Ron Enger, Mona Buer, Missy Schmidt, Todd Patzer, Aaron Olson, Terry Berndt, Sarah Bjornson, and Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order by Todd Patzer. Pastor Bringle led in devotions and prayer.

Agenda additions: Additions to agenda-Add distribution of special offerings.

Secretary's: report was read. Motion to approve by Missy, seconded by Aaron. Motion carried

Treasurer's: report was read

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

Pastor's Report: There will be Baptism Sunday, January 12.

WELCA Report: None.

Trustee Report: None

Deacon Report: None.

Unfinished Business: A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee will meet sometime next year. B) Pastoral Performance evaluation. Will contact Tammy at the Synod Office if need help or advice. C) Council members going off this year have found replacements. D) Snow removal-This is being done by a few members and lead by Aaron Olson. E) "Equipping Congregations Day" is Saturday, February 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Willmar. This is for congregational members, council officers, Christian educators, worship and youth leaders, pastors, everyone. There will be more information when date draws near. F) There are still offering envelopes on the table to be picked up.

New Business: A) Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 26 at 10:15, with potluck to follow. B) Council discussed the budget for 2020. C) Council voted an increase in salary for custodial and organist. Missy made motion, Aaron seconded. Motion passed. D) Special offerings, Christmas and Thanksgiving, will be sent to Lac qui Parle Walk of Hope. Motioned by Ron, seconded by Missy. Motion carried.

The next council meeting is Wednesday, February 5 at 7 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.



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 Tim Stensrud, Lindee Olson, and Jeff Kleven whose terms are now up.

The 2020 Church Council officers for Lac qui Parle are:

John Dove—President

Gary Sigdahl—Vice President

Josh Falness—Treasurer

Tracy Dove—Secretary

Deacons—Sue Lund, Mark Roisen, Julie Stensrud, and Kevin Bergeson

Trustees—Jeff Marotzke, Jeff Peterson, Dallas Kelly, and Scott Ireland

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

Lydia Circle will not meet in February & Martha Circle will not meet the months of February and March.

LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Lac qui Parle Church Council met on Wednesday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. Members present included: Mark Roisen, Josh Falness, John Dove, Tracy Dove, Julie Stensrud, Tim Stensrud, Jeff Kleven, Dallas Kelly, Sue Lund, and Pastor Bruce. The meeting was called to order by President John Dove. Pastor Bruce read devotions from Psalm 72 and Christ In Our Home. The agenda was reviewed and approved with one addition: Separate checking account for the Men's Supper. The December meeting minutes were read and approved with no corrections or additions.

President's Report: John Dove thanked the Sunday School for a wonderful job on the Christmas program.

Financial Report: November and December were reviewed and approved. Josh Falness will be taking over as treasurer.

Pastor's Report: There are two 5th graders ready for First Communion instruction, Bentleigh Bothun and Aedyn Dahl. Triton Dove (4th grade) can participate this year also if he wants.

Deacon's Report: Deacon's schedule for the year was handed out. Need to order new Advent candles for next year.

Trustee's Report: Pastor Bruce's chair in the Sanctuary needs to be fixed. The bench in the Narthex was glued, but broke again.

WELCA Report: Nothing to report

Youth/Parish Ed.: Christmas program went well.

Unfinished Business: Mark got a computer for the projector. Will talk to TAC computers about getting Windows 10 put on it. "Equipping Congregations Day" is Saturday, February 29th from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm in Willmar. Registration fee includes all materials, refreshments, and lunch. Congregations or Parishes with total average worship attendance of 100 or less, the cost is \$30 per person or a congregation/parish cap of \$90. When you pay the congregation/parish cap fee, you can bring as many people as you wish! This is for congregation members, council officers, Christian educators, worship and youth leaders, pastors, everyone! Church will pay the fee like in past years. Let Pastor Bruce know if you are interested in attending. Sue Lund gave an update on the plans for the 150th Anniversary.

New Business: The annual meeting will be January 19th after the church service. Everything will be ready to present. Thank you, Tim Stensrud, Lindee Olson, and Jeff Kleven who will go off council. The Men's supper would like to have a separate bank account. This was approved by the council.

The next meeting will be February 12th, 2020 at 7:00pm.

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

Tracy Dove, Council Secretary