



March 2019 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

Jan. - April

8:15 Garfield Worship

9:00 LqP Sunday School

10:15 LqP Worship

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FROM THE PASTOR

Our Wednesday night Lenten services this year will again be a round-robin with two other area parishes. The theme this year is "Hymns- Where is God in My Suffering?"

The stories of hymns are stories of every person who has ever tried to make sense of undeserved suffering and the seeming absence of God. They are powerful stories of deep faith in tragic times. These powerful hymn stories will challenge our ideas about how life should be lived and who God is. They will seize us by demanding our imagination, refusing to let go until we have wrestled with the same life-shaping questions that haunted the person who wrote them.

As we begin our Lenten season of worship for 2019, we will be struck by the questions that are raised by these hymns and the meaning they have for our lives: questions about God, questions about our purpose and meaning for living; as we too struggle with the difficult moments in our lives.

There are times we think these hymns may be about the answer to the problem of evil and suffering in the world. But perhaps it is less about the answer and more about the questions. As we listen to the hymn writers' stories, we are joined with their search for restoration and healing as we encounter, with each of them, the grace of God and the promise of God's presence throughout our journeys of faith.

Making space in our worship time to hear and explore these questions and to ask our own questions and voice our own laments is important. You are invited during the weeks of Lent to come together as the family of God to raise specific questions and to share their stories of how some of those questions had been answered. Please join us each week!

Services will be at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Suppers are served from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. by the youth of the church.

The following is a schedule of the themes, who is preaching, and the location of the service that night:

Ash Wednesday, March 6- Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

6:00 Service at Garfield (No Supper)

6:30 Supper at Lac qui Parle

7:30 Service at Lac qui Parle

Preacher: Pastor Bruce

Wednesday, March 13- Supper and Service at Garfield

Sermon: Stories behind these hymns: "Abide with Me"; "Amazing Grace"; and "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Preacher: Pastor Bruce

Wednesday, March 20- Supper and Service at Lac qui Parle

Sermon: Stories behind these hymns: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"; "When Peace, like a River"; and "What Wondrous Love is This"

Preacher: Kathleen Soldwisch of MN Valley and Borgund

Pastor Bruce will be at Borgund



News for Both Churches

From the Pastor, continued.....

Wednesday, March 27– Supper and Service at Garfield

Sermon: Stories behind these hymns: "Ah, Holy Jesus"; "Were You There?"; and "Nearer, My God, to Thee"

Preacher: Pastor Bruce

Wednesday, April 3– Supper and Service at Lac qui Parle

Sermon: Stories behind these hymns: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"; "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"; and "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Preacher: Pastor Kristine Isder of Kviteseid Lutheran of Milan
Pastor Bruce will be at Kviteseid

Wednesday, April 10– Supper and Service at Garfield

Sermon: Stories behind these hymns: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"; "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"; and "The Old Rugged Cross"

Preacher: Pastor Bruce

See you in church!
Pastor Bruce

ACOLYTES FOR MARCH

Church Attendance

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>		<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
March 3	Rachel Bringle		January 6	50	26
March 6	Katelyn Wiese		January 13	51	26
(Ash Wed)			January 20	27	39
March 10	LaRay Polzine	Aric Gruwell	January 27	47	29
March 13	LaRay Polzine	---	February 3	55	34
(Wed)			February 10	48	27
March 17	Cole Bjornson	Nate Gruwell	February 17	45	22
March 20		Ushers	February 24	No Services-	Blizzard
(Wed)					
March 24	Jayden Jimoh				
March 27	Kaidyn Stender	---			
(Wed)					
March 31	Pastor/ Usher				

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!



Daylight Saving Time

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10th!
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!

LqP Lutheran Council Minutes

LqP Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 13, 2019

The LqP Lutheran Church council met on Wednesday, February 13th at 7:00pm. Members present were Lindee Olson, John Dove, Pastor Bruce, Mark Roisen, Jeff Kleven, Jeff Marotzke, Sue Lund, and Tracy Dove. The meeting was called to order by President, John Dove. Pastor Bruce lead devotions from Christ in Our Home and 1 Timothy 3:1-9. The agenda was reviewed with no corrections or additions. The December 2018 and January 2019 council meeting minutes were read and approved.

President's Report: John thanked Dallas and Jason Kelly for the wonderful job they have done clearing snow.

Financial Report: Not available. Lindee will be getting everything she needs from Kerry soon.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation will go one week later due to various cancellations of class. Pastor Bruce will be participating in the Lenten Round Robin again this year. Ash Wednesday is 3/6 we will have supper at 6:30 and the service at 7:30. Lenten services will be at LqP Lutheran on 3/20 and 4/3. Maundy Thursday service will also be at LqP Lutheran.

Deacon's Report: Sue made up the 2019 schedule

Trustee's Report: The south door of the church could use some improvements (scrapping/painting). We will look into this more in the spring.

WELCA Report: Working on 20 quilts, 6 lap robes, and 6 wheel chair robes for the Johnson Memorial Health Services Hospital and Care center.

Youth/Parish Ed.: Numbers have been down in Sunday school.

Unfinished Business: The sexual misconduct/harassment protocol for LqP-Garfield's policy is ready to look at. A few members of the council have volunteered to review it. We will discuss it more at the next meeting. Food for Kidz opportunity through Dawson-Boyd Ministerial Association is coming up next Wednesday, February 20th from 1-8 at Dawson Covenant Church.

New Business: We still need someone for Synod Assembly delegates. This will be June 7th and 8th in Redwood Falls. The projector hasn't worked for about 2 months. Pastor Bruce cannot print anything from his laptop or access Rhoda's files from her laptop like he could before. We will contact TAC computers to help trouble shoot the laptops and also take a look at the projector. The LqP Conference Assembly will be February 24th from 2-4 pm at Watson Lutheran Church. We can send 6 people. Lindee has purchased a home computer for personal use, but will also use it for church business. She will submit a bill and we will reimburse her a percentage of the cost.

The next meeting will be March 13th at 8:00pm. This will be at Garfield Lutheran after the Lenten service.

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

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary

Garfield News

Thank You, Garfield Church Council!

Thank you to the Garfield Church Council members who have served this past year, especially to Cynthia Huse. Jordan Connor, Barb Ludvigson, Becky Bjornson, and Kevin Olson whose terms are now up.

The 2019 Church Council officers for Garfield are:

- Jeri Popma—President
- Todd Patzer—Vice President
- Bruce Schmidt—Treasurer
- Todd Patzer—Financial Secretary
- Mona Buer—Secretary
- Deacons—Ron Enger, Jeri Popma, and Sarah Bjornson
- Trustees—Gene Winkels, Chuck Thompson, Aaron Olson, and Terry Berndt

CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERALS: The funeral for Jeane Buer was held at Garfield on Wednesday, January 23. May God continue to strengthen and comfort her family.

Garfield WELCA- February 2019

Garfield WELCA- February 2019 Garfield WELCA met at 2:00 P.M. February 13, 2019 in the church dining room. Lorraine called the meeting to order with prayer. We read the theme verse and sang the theme song. The Secretary's minutes were read. The Treasurer's report was read. Correspondence was read.

Old Business:

- Carpeting for the narthex and the stairways was discussed. Samples and estimates were provided and a choice was made. This project will be a coordinated effort between WELCA and Council.
- Details were discussed for Soup Day. The date was set for March 13 at the VFW. The meat will be prepared on March 11, the vegetables prepared on March 12. Watch the church bulletin and the newsletter for details. Donations will be needed for soup ingredients, pies and workers for all 3 days

New Business: The Lac qui Parle Conference Spring Gathering will be April 16, 2019 at First English Lutheran, Ortonville MN.

Lunch was served by Rachel Croatt and Mary Jo Patzer. Submitted by Mary Jo Patzer, secretary

March	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
3	Jim Connor	Jim Connor* Kevin Olson Derek Bjornson	Rachel Bringle	Denise Connor Rosemary Weber, Judy Larson, Colleen Olson	Dean Stoks
6 Ash Wed.	-----		Katelyn Wiese		Harrison Patzer
10	Dale Hatfield		Jacob Bringle		Andy Gritmacker
13 (Wed.)			LaRay Polzine		
17	Colleen Olson		Cole Bjornson		Dale Hatfield
24	Maizie Schacherer		Jayden Jimoh		Dean Stoks
27 (Wed.)			Kaidyn Stender		
31	Lorraine Connor		Pastor/ Usher		Harrison Patzer

LqP News

Thank You!

We wish to thank everyone of LqP Lutheran Church who in any way helped comfort Colette and us before, during, and after her illness and funeral. It was a long, tough struggle but she was strengthened by all of you with your prayers and well-wishes. She never gave up, she fought till the end, she was very strong spiritually even when her body gave out.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Family of Colette Berglund

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA REPORT for MARCH

The LqP Women of the ELCA will hold it's spring gathering at the First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville on April 16th with registration and coffee at 8:30. The \$10 registration should be in by April 10th.

Thank you to the working groups for serving the annual meeting potluck and Colette Berglund's funeral. The booklets for 2019 are in your mailbox, please pick them up.

~Doris Graven~

Lydia Circle will meet at the home of Doris Graven on Wednesday, March 13 at 1:30 p.m. Martha Circle will not meet in March.

CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERALS: The funeral for Colette Berglund was held at Lac qui Parle on Monday, January 28, and the committal service for Richard Golden was held at the LqP Cemetery on Saturday, February 16. May God continue to strengthen and comfort their families.

March	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
3	Tracy Dove	Jeff & Lynn Marotzke	Jon Kleven & Jeff Kleven Usher- March 10th, Jessica Sigdahl	N.A	N.A
10	Jessica Sigdahl	Logan & Tracy Dove		N.A	Aric Gruwell
17	Emily Busch	Dave & Colleen Falness		N.A	Nate Gruwell
24	Lynn Marotzke	Josh & Karin Falness		N.A	N.A.
31	Bob Lund	Tom & Janelle Boulton		N.A	N.A.

Garfield Lutheran Council Minutes

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 6, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on February 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Bruce Schmidt, Sarah Bjornson, Gene Winkels, Mona Buer, Terry Berndt, Todd Patzer, Ron Enger. Also present was Pastor Bringle.

Nomination for Jeri Popma for President and Vice-President Todd Patzer made by Ron Enger. Terry Berndt seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Todd Patzer. Pastor Bringle led us with devotions and a prayer.

The agenda for the meeting was motioned to approve by Terry Berndt and 2nd by Ron Enger.

The minutes for January 2, 2019 were read. Motion to accept Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Gene Winkels. Motion passed. Treasurer's report and Financial Secretary's report were discussed. Motion to accept Gene Winkels and seconded by Terry Berndt. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: A) Confirmation will go a week later due to various cancellations of class. B) Pastor explanation of Lenten Round robin for this year.

WELCA Report: Presented a quote from Tom and Delite Ludvigson to replace carpet by back door steps and carpeting the Narthex and steps for \$5545.22. WELCA will contribute \$1,750.00. The balance of \$3795.22 will come from church. If members help remove the carpet there is a savings of approximately \$700.00. Council discussed laminate flooring in Narthex. This project would like to be completed before April. This being a time sensitive issue Ron Enger made a motion to authorize \$4,000.00 towards the purchase of the carpet with an addition for the council President to have leeway to deviate from the \$4,000.00. Gene Winkels seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Trustee Report: No report.

Deacon Report: No report.

Unfinished Business: A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee-Cynthia Huse will chair the committee. Todd Patzer volunteered to be on committee. Need one more volunteer. B) Discussed paying Ron Enger \$50.00 an hour to blow snow around church. Motion by Todd Patzer, seconded by Terry Berndt. Motion carried.

New Business: A) Cynthia Huse and Bruce Schmidt delegates to the Madison Care Center for 2020. B) Need one male and one female delegate for the Synod Assembly. C) Installation of church council Sunday, Feb 10th.

The next council meeting is set for Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned. The Benediction was said "May the Lord Bless us and keep us..."

Respectfully submitted by: Mona Buer, Council Secretary.

Garfield News

GARFIELD WELCA

GARFIELD WELCA SOUP DAY!

Our Soup Day is coming up on Wednesday, March 13 at the VFW in Madison. With the wintry weather we've been having, it's been harder to make plans for it, so we're using the newsletter and the church bulletin to get the word out. In past years, people have volunteered to bring meats and vegetables for the soup. Here is a list of what we need:

Soup meat – We need 20-25 pounds. We have been given 20 pounds of soup meat. If you have a package of soup meat, 5 pounds or less, we can use it.

Meaty beef roasts – We need 15 pounds and have been given 5-6 pounds.

Hamburger – We need 45 pounds and have been given 10 pounds.

Fresh carrots – We need 18 pounds and have been given 9 pounds.

Potatoes – We need 20-24 pounds and have been offered 10 pounds.

Celery – We need 8 bunches of celery.

Onions – We need 10 pounds.

We have been given 5-6 heads of cabbage, 8 cans of rutabagas, 16 cans of peas, 8 46 oz cans of tomato juice, and 8 jars of beef bouillon.

We will be needing about 20 pies and will be calling the members of the serving groups to ask if they'd be willing to supply a pie. The pies can be purchased from Jubilee or the Pantry for about \$13 or \$14 each. When you are called, arrangements can be made as to where the pie will be purchased and what kind of pie will be ordered. That way we can know that we have a good variety of pies to serve.

We can also use cash donations to purchase coffee, milk, paper products, etc.

We need to have all the soup items at the church by Sunday morning, March 10, so we can begin preparations on Monday morning.

We need men volunteers to transport the 8 canners of soup from the church to the VFW, then help to pour the hot soup from the canners into the roasters, so we can keep the soup hot.

We plan to prepare the meat for the soup on Monday, March 11, and have workers lined up for Monday. They are to come at 8:30 a.m.

We will prepare the vegetables on Tuesday, March 12, and ask for workers to peel, cut and cook the vegetables. Anyone willing to volunteer should come to church at 9 a.m.

The soup will be 'cooked' and the barbecue meat heated at the church on Wednesday morning. I think we have workers for Wednesday morning at the church but we need volunteers at the VFW on Wednesday morning, both men and women, to help arrange the tables, set up the work stations, set the tables, serve the food, prepare the take outs, and do the clean-up. Anyone willing to help can come at 9 a.m.

If you are willing to help supply the food items that we need, or you are willing to work on Tuesday or Wednesday, please contact Rose Weber at 1-320-212-9949 or Lorraine Connor at 1-320-598-3313.

