



# March 2018 Newsletter

## Worship Schedule

Jan. - April

9:00 LqP Worship

10:00 LqP Sunday School

10:45 Garfield Worship

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## FROM THE PASTOR

In his book, *Whistling in the Dark*, Frederick Buechner asks some questions that are good questions for each of us as we continue our Lenten journey:

**“If you had to bet everything you have on whether there is a God or whether there isn’t, which side would get your money and why?”**

**“When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore?”**

**“If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in 25 words or less?”**

**“Of all the things you have done in your life, what is the one you would most like to undo? What is the one that makes you the happiest to remember?”**

**“Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?”**

**“If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?”**

We are now two weeks into Lent. Lent calls us to evaluate our relationship with God, to organize our priorities in our life. During this time in the church year, we need to ask ourselves questions such as Buechner proposes and reflect upon our lives. We are called to repent of our sins so that the old Adam in us, the part of us that wishes to remain ignorant of God’s grace, may be drowned (to borrow language from the Apostle Paul).

As we think about the events leading up to our Lord’s suffering, crucifixion, and death, we cannot help thinking about our own mortality. But even amidst this season of ashes and dust, we know what lies ahead. We know that as the old Adam is drowned, we have hope of resurrection through the new Adam, Jesus Christ.

So, as you continue to journey through Lent, think about your life and dwell on the cross of Christ, rejoicing in the hope and mercy that is ours because of what Christ did for us.

*Pastor Bruce~*

# News for Both Churches

## Remaining Lenten Schedule and Holy Week Schedule

Our Lenten series this year has been called "Thy Will Be Done." "Not as I will, but as you will," Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we continue to seek to do God's will in our lives, as we draw even nearer to the observance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week. Each service in the series has focused on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Biblical characters have been used as insightful reference points each week to guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day.

As we continue with our Wednesday night services, you are encouraged to share in this meditative and spiritual journey. Here is the remaining schedule, along with the services for Holy Week: Suppers are at 6 p.m. and services at 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 7- Supper and Service at Garfield

Biblical Character: Moses  
 Theme: God's Will and My Inadequacy  
 Theme Verse: Exodus 4:13  
 Preacher: Pastor Bruce

### Wednesday, March 14- Supper and Service at Lac qui Parle

Biblical Character: Lydia  
 Theme: God's Will and My Response  
 Theme Verse: Acts 16:14  
 Preacher: Sister Kay Fernholz  
 Pastor Bruce will be at Minnesota Valley Lutheran

### Wednesday, March 21- Supper and Service at Garfield

Biblical Character: David  
 Theme: God's Will and My Dreams  
 Theme Verse: 2 Samuel 7:21  
 Preacher: Pastor Elan Hacker of Louisburg Lutheran, St. John's of Marietta, and St. Paul's of Nassau  
 Pastor Bruce will be at St. John's Lutheran of Marietta

### Maundy Thursday, March 29

7:00 p.m. Service at Garfield with Holy Communion and First Communion

### Good Friday, March 30

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service at Lac qui Parle

### Easter Sunday, April 1

9:00 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion at Lac qui Parle  
 No Sunday School at Lac qui Parle  
 9:30 am to 10:30 am Easter Breakfast at Garfield served by the youth and parents  
 10:30 am Easter Treasure Hunt at Garfield  
 10:45 am Festival Worship with Holy Communion at Garfield

## ACOLYTES FOR MARCH

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>
March 4	LaRay Polzine	
March 7 (Wed)	Rachel Bringle	----
March 11	Bella Stender	
March 14 (Wed)	----	Nate Gruwell
March 18	Jalynn Popma	
March 21 (Wed)	Pastor/ Usher	----
March 25	Pastor/ Usher	Aric Gruwell
March 29 (Maundy Thursday)	Katelyn Wiese	----
March 30 (Good Friday)	----	Cadence Dove

# News for Both Churches

## **Church Attendance**

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
February 4	43	32
February 11	58	31
February 14	35	27
(Ash Wed)		
February 18	60	22
February 21	48	---
(Wed)		
February 25	28	No service, due to snow
February 28	---	

**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 11th!

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night!



### **AGAPE SINGERS COMING TO GARFIELD!**

Garfield will host an Agape Singers service on March 11 at 4:00 pm. A free-will offering will be received. A BBQ meal will be served following the service.

### **EASTER LILY SIGN-UP**

Would you like to share an Easter lily with your church to decorate the worship space for Easter? If so, there will be sheets in the next couple of weeks. Please sign the sheet on the ushers' desk in the narthex (Garfield) or on the coffee serving table (Lac qui Parle), and indicate if the plant is in honor or in memory of a loved one or an event. We will print who is sharing flowers with us in the Easter bulletin.

### **WHO ARE THE PRAYING PUMPERS?**

The Praying Pumpers meet in the basement of First Presbyterian Church of Dawson at 8 a.m. on Monday and Friday. A nice group of senior women are encouraging other women to come and try out our fun group. We exercise moderately, visit, pray, and if convenient, have coffee. (If swimming is your thing, we swim on Wednesdays). Any questions, please call Sharilyn at 752-4478 or Joyce at 769-2518.

# Garfield News

## Thank You, Garfield Church Council!

Thank you to the Garfield Church Council members who have served this past year, especially to Mary Jo Patzer, Carla Gritmacker, and Jim Connor whose terms are now up.

The 2018 Church Council officers for Garfield are:

Cynthia Huse—President

Jeri Popma—Vice President

Becky Bjornson—Treasurer

Todd Patzer—Financial Secretary

Kevin Olson—Secretary

Deacons—Barb Ludvigson, Ron Enger, and Jeri Popma

Trustees—Jordan Connor, Cynthia Huse, Chuck Thompson, and Gene Winkels

## GARFIELD WEDNESDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Yes, Church school is up and running again at Garfield! Class is on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m. at Garfield church. Kids will take the #24 LqPV school bus and get dropped off right at church.

March	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
4	Dale Hatfield	Jim Connor* Alwood Kveene Charlie Ludvigson Aaron Olson	LaRay Polzine	Denise Connor Elois Kveene Jeri Popma Barb Ludvigson,	Harrison Patzer
7	-----		Rachel Bringle		-----
11	Maizie Schacherer		Bella Stender		Andy Gritmacker
18	Colleen Olson		Jalynn Popma		Dale Hatfield
21	-----		Pastor/ Usher		-----
25 Palm Sunday	Kipp Stender		Pastor/ Usher		Maddy Patzer
29 Maundy Thursday	-----		Katelyn Wiese		Dean Stoks



# LqP News

## LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

The Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Sue Lund.

Lydia Circle will meet at Johnson Memorial Care Center on March 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Mission projects March 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm

### LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The LqP Lutheran Church Council met on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 following the Ash Wednesday service. Members present were Tracy Dove, Darin Lund, Jeff Kleven, Jay Kleven, John Dove, Pastor Bruce, Mark Roisen, and Gary Sigdahl. The meeting was called to order by President Darin Lund. The agenda was reviewed and approved with no corrections or additions. The January Council minutes were read and approved.

**President's report:** Darin welcomed the new council members.

**Financial report:** Reviewed and approved.

**Pastor's report:** None

**Deacon's Report:** None

**Trustee's Report:** The backdoor will be getting fixed this spring. We need to decide what to do about the peak. Gary will check on prices for fixing it.

**WELCA Report:** Continuing to work on Mission projects.

**Youth/Parish Ed.:** The youth sub fundraiser went well.

**Unfinished Business:** We need someone for the Synod Assembly delegates. It is June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> in Redwood Falls.

**New Business:** The new operating permit for the elevator has been put up in the basement by the elevator.

The next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 after the Lenten service at LqP Lutheran. Starting time will be around 8 p.m.

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

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council secretary

March	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
4	Josh/Karin Falness	Jon & Sue Roisen	Jay Kleven & Jeff Kleven	Scott Ireland	N.A
11	Aric Gruwell	Gary & Jackie Sigdahl		Austin Ireland	N.A.
14	-----	-----	Ushers-March 11th, Aric & Nate Gruwell	N.A	Nate Gruwell
18	Lynn Marotzke	Dennis & Wanda Sommerfelt		Lindee Olson	N.A.
25 Palm Sunday	Tracy Dove	Youth Breakfast		Wyatt Ireland	Aric Gruwell
30 Good Friday	-----	-----		-----	Cadence Dove

# Garfield Lutheran Council Minutes

## Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting February 7, 2018

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on February 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Pastor Bruce Bringle, Becky Bjornson, Jim Connor, Cynthia Huse, Kevin Olson, Todd Patzer, Jeri Popma, and Gene Winkels.

Cynthia Huse was elected president and Jeri Popma was elected Vice President. President Huse then called the meeting to order. Pastor Bringle then led us with devotion and a prayer.

The Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** Midweek Christian Ed/ Church School program is proceeding along with a plan to start Wednesday, Feb. 21 and run every week till schools out in June. First Communion is set for March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Maundy Thursday service.

**Garfield Church Women:** No Report

**Trustee Report:** A) Weber's Construction will be starting work on the new bathroom and other updates at the parsonage shortly. There is a desk that needs to be moved from the parsonage to the church before that work can begin. The Trustees will take care of this.

**Unfinished Business:** A) A sexual misconduct policy needs to be written and approved by the Council before the additional insurance coverage can go into effect. Pastor Bringle and Cynthia Huse are working on this policy. The Synod and Insurance Company both recommend this additional coverage.

B) Garfield is looking for 2-3 people for a committee to take a look at the Constitution and By-Laws for Garfield and recommend changes and updates that need to be done. If interested in this project contact Pastor Bringle or Cynthia Huse.

C) 2-3 people are needed to help organize a midweek church school program until we get a Board of Education. If interested contact Pastor Bringle. A Board of Education is a requirement of our Constitution with its duties being spelled out in the Constitution and the By-Laws.

D) The Agape Singers will be holding a service at Garfield on March 11 at 4:00 pm. WELCA will serve a supper after the service. A motion was made, seconded, and approved that the church would pay for the meal with WELCA doing the serving.

**New Business:** A) Some old church records need to be sorted and organized. If interested in helping please contact Cynthia Huse.  
B) The Church Council will be installed at the Sunday Feb. 11 service.

Next Meeting March 7, 2018 following Lenten Service

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

Respectfully submitted by  
Kevin Olson, Council Secretary

The LqP Historical Society is planning an exhibit in May and has requested stories of Garfield via pictures, artifacts, clothing, booklets and other items of interest. These items will be returned at the end of the exhibit summer 2018 or can be added to the permanent collection at the Museum. Please identify what the item is and include your name so we can keep track of items. Talk with Cynthia Huse about this project and/or place items in northeast corner of sacristy. Room will be made there.

Thanks for your contributions.

## GARFIELD WELCA

### Garfield WELCA Vegetable Beef Soup and Pie Day

All help is needed and appreciated for the Garfield WELCA Vegetable Beef Soup, Sandwich, and Pie Day on March 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Madison VFW. Many hands make the work load lighter and much more fun! Scheduled work days: -Monday, Mar. 12-- 8:30 a.m., cook meat, bones and broth; Tuesday, Mar. 13-- 9:00 a.m., prepare soup vegetables and BBQ sandwich meat; Wednesday, Mar. 14-- 7:00 a.m., assemble and heat soup and BBQ. Everything then needs transporting to the Madison VFW.

Donations of 10 pounds of beef roast and 40 pounds of ground beef are still needed. Fruit pies (10" yielding 8 pieces) can be ordered and purchased from Jubilee. They will deliver them to the VFW.

Each circle will be asked to donate 12 pies.



Garfield WELCA continued, next page.....

# Garfield News

## GARFIELD WELCA (continued)

### THANK YOU!!

Thank you to everyone who donated shoe boxes, items to fill them, and money to send them. Garfield Lutheran was able to send 27 boxes filled with a chance to share God's love and message with children and their families. Thank you for your generosity and love for children around the world!

### February Garfield WELCA Minutes

The Garfield WELCA met Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 2 p.m. in the church dining room. Eight members were present. President Lorraine called the meeting to order with a prayer. The theme verse was recited. We sang the theme hymn "I Love to Tell the Story". The Secretary and Treasurer's reports were read and approved. Mission Action reported that 8 ladies were present at the February Do-Day; they completed 26 quilts.

Old Business: -Soup and Pie Day plans were made. Our Annual Soup and Pie Day will be Wednesday, March 14 at the Madison VFW, serving from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For this project to proceed successfully, we need all the help we can get. The preparation will proceed differently than in past years. The beef, soup bones, and broth base will be cooked beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, March 12. The BBQ hamburger and soup vegetables will be prepared on Tuesday, March 13, beginning at 9 a.m. The soup will be assembled and cooked on Wednesday morning, beginning at 7:00 a.m. The buns will be ordered through Jubilee. We will order 25 dozen buns, sliced. We will need a total of 24 pies, 12 coming from each circle. Ten inch fruit pies can be ordered and purchased to be delivered to the VFW through Jubilee.

-The Agape singers will be performing at Garfield Lutheran Church on the afternoon of Sunday, March 11, 2018. We will prepare a BBQ sandwich meal with potato chips and bars for approximately 200 people. This meal will be served following the performance.

New Business: -The Spring Gathering will be the morning of April 17, 2018 at Grace Lutheran in Dawson. Registration is due April 12 and will include a noon meal. The speaker will be Jennifer Thul on Yoga Laughter. More information to come.

-The Synod Convention will be held June 29 & 30 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. They are kicking off a new project, Soles for Souls, collecting used shoes, even single shoes can be used. They also request donated items for the Veterans Home.

-One Bible is needed for a confirmation student.

Program: -Lois Bjornson read "Valentines Day". Ramona Thompson read "The Legend of St. Valentine". Offering and prayer. Played a game of making as many words as possible out of the words "ASH WEDNESDAY".

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

The next regular meeting will be April 11, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. at church. Servers are Becky Bjornson and Barb Ludvigson.

Secretary, Mary Jo Patzer

### CHURCH RECORDS

**BAPTISM:** Oaklyn Bea Johnson, daughter of Cortney Haugen and Nathan Johnson, was baptized at Garfield church on Sunday, February 18. Her sponsors were Mary Castella, Trinity Hagen, and Zachary Thooft. May God bless Oaklyn and her family as she begins her journey of faith.

**FUNERALS:** The committal service for Gerald Linde was held at Garfield Cemetery on Monday, February 5; the memorial service for Gail Chapman was held at Harvey Anderson Funeral Home in Willmar on Thursday, February 22; the funeral for Erma Knorr was held at Garfield on Wednesday, February 28; and the funeral for Anita Nelson was held at Garfield on Saturday, March 3. May God continue to strengthen and comfort their families.