



May 2019 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

May - Aug.

8:30 LqP Worship

9:30 LqP Sunday School

10:15 Garfield Worship



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FROM THE PASTOR

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow putting in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she, out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on." (Luke 21:1-4)

How often by our own giving do we restrict God's giving? Because we give little, we don't receive the full measure of God's giving to us. And we have no one to blame but ourselves. The rich people in the story from Luke gave from their abundance. No doubt each gave much more, many times more, than the poor widow. The poor widow, on the other hand, gave very little, yet in comparison to what she had, it was much.

Now which do you think received the greater blessing from their giving, the rich or the poor widow? Which do you think gave out of obligation and which out of thankfulness? Which do you think knew the joy of giving? Which had to struggle with the amount to give and because of that had one's faith depended? Which had to sacrifice and thus grew in knowledge and trust that God does provide for one's needs? The answers, of course, are obvious— the widow.

How many of us so carefully calculate what we can afford to give that we never discover what God can afford to give us? How many of us see only how little we have and never how much God has given to us? How many of us have never sacrificed, really sacrificed, to the point of being changed and having to change our lifestyle, and thus never discovered the inexpressible joy of trusting fully in God?

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained" is an old, but true saying. It is especially true in our giving. Giving is a venture in faith, and leads to a deeper, richer, fuller, more trusting faith. Consider joining the poor widow on the journey and discover God's abundance.

Pastor Bruce



News for Both Churches

ACOLYTES FOR MAY

| | <u>For Garfield</u> | <u>For LqP</u> |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|
| May 5 | Jayden Jimoh | ----- |
| May 12 | Kaidyn Stender | ----- |
| May 19 | Pastor/ Usher | ----- |
| May 26 | Rachel Bringle | ----- |

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!

Church Attendance

| | <u>Garfield</u> | <u>LqP</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| March 3 | 33 | NO SERVICE |
| March 6 (Ash Wed) | 33 | 25 |
| March 10 | | NO SERVICES |
| March 13 (Wed) | 27 | --- |
| March 17 | 49 | 27 (estimate) |
| March 20 (Wed) | --- | 26 |
| March 24 | 48 | 30 |
| March 27 (Wed) | 29 | --- |
| March 31 | 47 | 26 |
| April 3 (Wed) | --- | 32 |
| April 7 | 45 | 24 |
| April 10 (Wed) | NO SERVICE | |
| April 14 | 45 | 53 |
| April 18 (Maundy Thur) | --- | 35 |
| April 19 (Good Fri) | 38 | --- |
| April 21 (Easter) | 68 | 74 |
| April 28 | 45 | 30 |

WORSHIP TIMES CHANGE!

***Worship service times change in May!

May to August, church will be at 8:30 a.m. at

Lac qui Parle, with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., and Garfield will have church at 10:15.

FAVORITE HYMNS

Do you ever come to church and wish that we could sing a certain hymn or song that is your favorite? Well, here's your chance! For the months of June, July, and August, the congregation will sing each Sunday some hymns or songs that have been submitted by congregation members. Your hymns can be in our old Lutheran Book of Worship, our Evangelical Lutheran Worship, With One Voice, or another Christian song found elsewhere. If it is not in our hymnals, we'll find it and print it (provided we have copyright privileges!). To submit your favorite hymns/songs, just drop a note in the offering plate, put it in Rhoda's office, give it to Pastor Bruce, or mail it. We would like these hymns turned in by May 26.

News for Both Churches

Joint Council Meeting-- April 3, 2019

The Lac qui Parle Lutheran and Garfield Lutheran churches met for a joint council meeting following the Lenten service on April 3rd, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. at LqP Lutheran Church. The meeting was called to order. The agenda was approved with no corrections or additions.

New Business: Riverfest Sunday is June 30th, 2019. Garfield will have service that day. There will be no service at LqP. Pastor plans on vacation some time this summer and will need pulpit supply. He has nothing to present as far as dates at this time. He would like to have May 3rd-5th off to attend a relative's wedding in the cities. This is approved by the council. Pastor will be gone to the Pastor 2 Pastor retreat April 11th and 12th. The LqP Conference Assembly is now Sunday, April 7th from 2-4 p.m. at Watson Lutheran Church. We can send six delegates from each church.

The next joint council meeting will be on August 7th, 2019 at 7pm. This will be at Garfield Lutheran.

The meeting was adjourned and the Benediction was said together.

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary

LqP

| May | Lectors | Ushers | Coffee | Prjector | Acolytes |
|-----|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 5 | Julie Turnberg | Jon Roisen & John Dove (May 12) Youth-- Aric Gruwell & Nathan Gruwell | Kevin & Therese Fernholz Bergeson | N.A. | N.A. |
| 12 | Aric Gruwell | | Bob & Sue Lund | N.A. | N.A. |
| 19 | Julie Stensrud | | Greg & Tami Bothun | N.A. | N.A. |
| 26 | Dennis Sommerfeld | | Memorial weekend-- no coffee | N.A. | N.A. |

Garfield

| May | Lectors | Ushers | Acolytes | Altar & Flower Committees | Videographers |
|-----|---------------|--|----------------|---|-----------------|
| 5 | Todd Patzer | Chuck Storlein* Lynn Hanson, Paul Buer | Jayden Jimoh | Carol Hanson Phyllis Storlien Mona Buer | Dale Hatfield |
| 12 | Carol Hanson | | Kaidyn Stender | | Dean Stoks |
| 19 | Kipp Stender | | Pastor/Usher | | Harrison Patzer |
| 26 | Jordan Connor | | Rachel Bringle | | Andy Gritmacker |

Garfield News

Garfield WELCA- Garfield WELCA minutes April 2019

Garfield WELCA met at 9:00 A.M. for a breakfast meeting at the church. Servers were Ramona Thompson and Mary Enger.

Lorraine called the meeting to order with a prayer, we said the theme verse and sang the theme hymn "For God So Loved the World". The Secretary's minutes from the last regular meeting in February 2019 were read. Correspondence was read. The Treasurer's report was read. Soup Day brought in \$1,797 before expenses. Mission Action reported that for the March Do-Day, 5 people were present, 2 boxes packed for Marie Sandvik, and 15 quilts completed. The April Do-Day had 7 people present, 3 boxes packed and 30 quilts completed.

Old Business: Thank you to all Soup Day workers. The bathroom renovations are completed and new carpet has been installed. The Spring Gathering will be at 8:30 A.M. at First English Lutheran in Ortonville. Cost is \$10, this includes the noon meal.

New Business: -A motion was made to send \$30 to the Madison VFW for use of their dining room for Soup Day.

-The third annual Ecumenical Spring Splash will be held May 1, 2019. Tickets are available for \$12 at KLQP radio station. The Brunch session will be at Minnesota Valley Lutheran from 9:30-11:30 A.M. The Dinner session will be at Calvary Baptist from 5:30-7:30 P.M. Larry Olson will provide the messages and the music. A motion was made that we would send a \$50 donation to help support this community event.

Program: Norma gave an inspirational reading, we listened to a recording of "Sweet Hour of Prayer", followed by playing a few sets of a Bible Trivia game.

Next meeting will be May 8, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. servers will be Elois Kveene and Lorna Johnson.

Meeting adjourned. Mary Jo Patzer, secretary

Congratulations, Graduate!

We congratulate and send our best wishes to those who will be graduating from high school!

Our Garfield graduate this year is Harrison Patzer from Lac qui Parle Valley High School.

Congratulations, Harrison!

This is our prayer for you:

"As you go on your way, may God go with you.

May He go before you to show you the way.

May He go behind you to encourage you,

beside you to befriend you, above you to watch

**over, and within you to give you peace. In the
name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen."**

—John Ylvisakker, Lutheran Vespers

~Garfield will be honoring Harrison during the worship service on Sunday, May 19, and also at a reception in his honor after the service~

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House Graduation Celebration for Harrison Patzer on Friday, May 24 from 5-9 p.m. at the Madison Country Club. All are welcome! If you can't make that, celebrate with him on Sunday, May 19 at the Garfield church service honoring him.

Garfield Lutheran Council Minutes

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting-- April 3, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on April 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Jeri Popma, Gene Winkels, Mona Buer, Terry Berndt, Aaron Olson, Ron Enger. Also present was Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeri Popma.

Agenda additions: Ron Enger presented a bill for snow removal. There is a problem with emailing the newsletters. If your email address is farmerstel.net the monthly newsletters have not been going through to everyone. This is being worked on.

The minutes for February 6, 2019 were read. Motion to accept Gene Winkels and seconded by Terry Berndt. Motion passed. Missy Schmidt has volunteered to be the new Treasurer. Jeri Popma motioned to accept and seconded by Gene Winkels. No Treasurer's report. There was discussion about Missy Schmidt getting together with Becky Bjornson to be trained in. No Financial Secretary's report.

Pastor's Report: A) Help needed with moving someone from Madison to Florida April 13. B) Average church attendance is down. Not sure if this is due to the time change.

WELCA Report: No report.

Trustee Report: Gene Winkels will call Roger Sis to fix the back steps. Gene will work with Roger on this project.

Deacon Report: No report.

Unfinished Business: A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee will meet next Wednesday after the Lenten service at Garfield-Cynthia Huse will chair the committee. B) Voting members for the Synod Assembly were not elected at the annual meeting as well. We need to find one male and one female delegate. It is June 7 and 8 in Redwood Falls. C) Lenten offering and Easter offering will go to God's Global Barnyard. Motion by Jeri Popma and seconded by Ron Enger.

New Business: A) Request from Madison Ministerial Association for a yearly donation to the Ministerial checking account. Suggested amount is \$35.00 for church under 200 membership and \$75.00 for churches over 200 members. Garfield will give \$75.00. B) Discussion on the earlier times for church. With attendance down, will see if changes when Garfield changes. C) Reminder-Garfield changes to the 10:15 service starting in May. D) With only one Senior graduating, recognition Sunday will be to the families discretion.

The next council meeting is set for Wednesday, May 1 at 8:00 p.m..

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

Respectfully submitted by: Mona Buer, Council Secretary.

CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERAL: The memorial service for Russell Haugen was held at Garfield on Saturday, April 27. May God continue to strengthen and comfort his family.

LqP Lutheran Council Minutes

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

WELCA REPORT – APRIL

The LqP Conference Women of the ELCA will hold its Spring Gathering at the First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville on April 16th. Registration and coffee begin at 8:30. The speaker will be sharing information on Habitat for Humanity. Registration by April 10th with the \$10 fee. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.

Doris Graven

*Lydia Circle will meet at 1:30 on May 8th

*Martha Circle will be held at the home of Kathy Simonson on Wednesday, May 8th at 9:30

LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The LqP Lutheran Church Council met on Wednesday, April 3rd following the Joint Council meeting at LqP Lutheran Church. Members present include: John Dove, Gary Sigdahl, Sue Lund, Dallas Kelly, Mark Roisen, Jeff Marotzke, Tracy Dove, Lindee Olson, Julie Stensrud, and Pastor Bruce.

The meeting was called to order by President John Dove. The agenda was read and approved with no additions or corrections. The meeting minutes from March 2019 were read and approved.

President's Report:

Financial Report: Lindee now has all the things she needs. Will postpone the report until next month.

Pastor's Report: Church attendance and Sunday School attendance has been down. There will be no confirmation this spring.

Deacon's Report: Nothing

Trustee's Report: The paper towel dispenser in the men's bathroom is still not working properly. Will talk to Rhoda and have her order a new one.

WELCA Report: Still working on quilts. The Spring Gathering is set for April 16th in Ortonville.

Youth/Parish Ed: The Sunday school kids will be singing in church on Palm Sunday. The Hi-League will also be serving Palm Sunday breakfast that morning. The last day of Sunday school is May 12th. Plans are being made for VBS this summer.

Unfinished Business: We will discuss and decide on the Sexual misconduct/harassment protocol for LqP Lutheran at the next meeting. We need some Synod Assembly delegates. It is June 7th and 8th in Redwood Falls. Pastor Bruce will call and set up a time to have someone come out to the church and look at the projector and help him set up his computer so he is able to print from his computer and access Rhoda's files. Lindee will bring the receipt for her computer to the next meeting and a decision will be made for an amount for reimbursement.

New Business: Earlier church times-Have been working well. Next month LqP will start having services at 8:30am with Sunday school at 9:30. A big "THANK YOU" for all the help with the recent funerals. We will not be serving coffee during the months of July and August.

The next meeting will be May 8th, 2019 at 7:30pm

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

Tracy Dove, Church Council Secretary