

July 2021

Garfield Lutheran Church & Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church Newsletter



Worship Service Schedule

May - August
8:30 Lac qui Parle Worship
9:10 LqP Sunday School
10:15 Garfield Worship

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Message from the Pastor

Typically, the summer months of June, July, and August are the months when many people celebrate their wedding anniversaries. In July, my wife and I will celebrate 23 years of July 11th! But aside from that fact – In a world marred by divorce and division we could affirm that God meant us for each other. As Genesis says, “It is not good for man (or woman) to be alone.”

It is my prayer that your marriage and/or family might be celebrated as such a gift. A friend of mine wrote the following litany on the occasion of his parents wedding anniversary celebration. Perhaps it can help you celebrate in your own heart, or maybe you can share it as a family.

Litany for the Gift of Marriage and Family

Leader: Through the gift of marriage your tapestry of life has been revealed;

Congregation: TODAY WE CELEBRATE THAT GIFT, GOD OF LOVE

L: Through Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel, Zechariah and Elizabeth, Joseph and Mary;

C: YOU HAVE WOVEN YOUR WILL, OH GOD

L: For an ear to complain to, for a shoulder to weep on, and for an embrace when our heart bleeds:

C: THANK YOU FOR OUR SPOUSE, DEAR LORD

L: For the joy of intimacy, for someone to share the miracle of birth and the joys and frustrations of parenting, for someone to celebrate our victories, and for someone who remembers when the rest of the world is numb to our existence;

C: THANK YOU FOR OUR SPOUSE, DEAR LORD

L; God of life, you have intricately knit each one of us together from our mothers womb. We have been brought into this world through labor and pain. We have suckled at the breast. We have been cradled in the deepest dark of night. We have been wept over through failures and celebrated in moments of triumph;

C: FOR THIS WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR MOTHERS

L: Gracious Heavenly Father; for the pride that wells up in a father's eyes at the first sight of his newborn, for celebrating the first steps of uncertain feet, for gathering us up when we crumble; and as love dictates, for standing on the sidelines and allowing us to fall, for being protected from dangers that lurk while we have unwittingly and ungratefully satisfied ourselves in immediate pleasures, for wisdom that increases in value as we too mature in years;

C: WE GIVE YOU THANKS FOR FATHERS

L: Teach us in our relationships, Dear Lord, the love of your son, Jesus, to look into the eyes of our spouse, our children, our grandchildren, and to see someone for whom Jesus died.

C: AMEN

Pastor Bruce

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Garfield	LqP
May 30	44	12
June 6	18	16
June 13	26	20
June 20	21	14

June 27 NO SERVICES, due to Riverfest

*He has made everything beautiful in His time.
(Ecclesiastes 3: 11)*

JUST Thinking...

I imagine this wouldn't have to be pointed out, but I thought maybe it wouldn't hurt! In your planning this summer, remember that you do have TWO choices of worship times to choose from. Garfield members-- if you have to be some place later in the morning and feel 10:15 is too late, you could always come out to Lac qui Parle's church service at 8:30 a.m.! Or Lac qui Parle members--- if 8:30 a.m. church seems too early for you at times, you could always come to Garfield's church service at 10:15 a.m.! The worship services between the two churches are pretty much the same. Something to think about!

July Ushers - Garfield

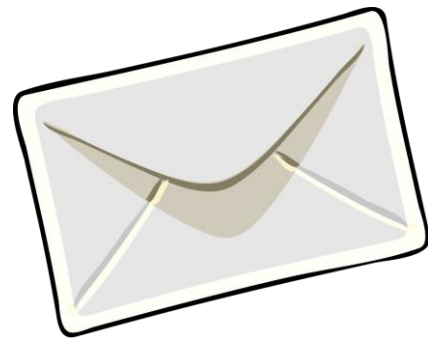
Dave and Missy Schmidt

Altar Committee – Garfield

Mona Buer

Videographers for July - Garfield

July 4 – No Service
July 11 – Mike Croatt
July 18 – Dean Stoks
July 25 – Dale Hatfield

**OFFERING ENVELOPES*****Garfield Members***

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2021 offering envelopes, located in the narthex.

Garfield Lutheran Church Council meeting June 3, 2021

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on June 3 at 7:00 pm. Members present Missy Schmidt, Barb Ludvigson, Mona Buer, Jane Stoks, Aaron Olson, Rachel Croatt, Sarah Bjornson, Pat Wiese, Terry Berndt, Mike Croatt, and Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order by President Mike. Pastor Bringle led with devotions and a prayer.

Secretary's: Motion to approve April 7th minutes made by Barb and seconded by Missy. Motion carried.

Treasurer's: Missy reviewed.

Financial Secretary's Reports: Jane reviewed Motion to approve both Treasurers and Financial Secretary's reports was made by Rachel and seconded by Aaron. Motion carried

Pastor's Report: A) Pastor Bringle reported visitation of Garfield members- 9 by phone, 8 by text, 12 Nursing Home, and 6 home visits. B) Pre-baptismal meeting with the Connors. C) **No church service June 27th or July 4th.** There will be a joint worship service at Lac qui Parle Lutheran Wednesday, June 30 at 7 pm. D) Trustees will put up quilt block and wooden flag on the outside of the parsonage. E) Central air not working at the parsonage. Trustee will contact Eric Asfeld of Western MN Heating.

WELCA Report: None-They will start meeting in June.

Deacon Report: None

Trustee Report: A) Snow blower is fixed. B) Damaged ceiling tiles will be replaced in the Narthex.

Unfinished Business: A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee are on hold. B) Mike is checking with Maynard Meyer to see if he has a speaker that will help with the online services.

New Business: A) The reopening of church for service has gone well. B) Approval of Pastor's vacation time for Wednesday June 23 through Monday June 28. Also vacation for Monday June 12 through Sunday July 25 C) Missy was contacted about a grave that has settled. Aaron has filled in the grave and other graves. The trustees will check on graves and fill in if needed. D) Terry Popma has volunteered to paint the arch way and cement that holds the arch way to the cemetery. E) Jane will look into getting the pianos tuned.

Pastor Bringle and council members discuss the wellbeing of the members of Garfield Church. We are here for anyone that needs help or would like to visit. Contact Pastor Bringle or a council member-Missy Schmidt, Barb Ludvigson, Sarah Bjornson, Pat Wiese, Terry Berndt, Mike Croatt, Rachel Croatt, Jane Stoks, Aaron Olson, or Mona Buer.

The next council meeting is July 7, at 7 p.m. at Garfield Lutheran Church. The meeting was adjourned, The Benediction was said "May the Lord Bless us and keep us..."

Respectfully submitted by: Mona Buer, Council Secretary.

GARFIELD WELCA NEWS

We're going to have our annual Welca evening meeting on July 14 at 7 p.m. at the church. Our special speaker for the evening will be Betty Halvorson. Betty was formerly a member of our congregation, and grew up at Edgewood Station. When she and Charlie were married, they moved up north to the Plummer area. Betty worked as Director of Employment Training for the 7 northwest counties of Minnesota. She will tell about her experiences trying to find employment for her clients. As part of her work, she was invited to the White House in Washington D.C. and met Michelle Obama. Please join us for this special program!

2021 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly

The 2021 Southwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly was held virtually via Zoom. There were five sessions: two of which were held on Sunday June 6th, two on Friday June 11th and the final session on Saturday June 12th. Wayne Enger served as the male voting delegate and Cynthia Huse served as the female voting delegate. Some practice registration and familiarity sessions were held before the actual convention in order to get used to the new virtual format.

The most important business was the election of a new synod Bishop. Bishop Jon Anderson is retiring after serving as our Bishop for 18 years. Five different ballots were cast, one per session. The first ballot was a nomination ballot. The second ballot narrowed the field of candidates down to seven. The third ballot narrowed the field down to three. The fourth ballot narrowed it down to two and the final ballot elected the new Bishop from the final two candidates. Candidate interviews were held throughout the week and between the ballot sessions, so that we had a chance to become acquainted with the candidates. The new Bishop-elect is Rev. Dee H. Pederson. She is currently the Director for Evangelical Mission for the Southwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA.

Other items voted upon were:

- 1) An amendment to the constitution to allow a Virtual Convention. Passed
- 2) Approval of the 2022 Compensation Guidelines. Passed
- 3) Approval of the 2022 Synod Budget. Passed
- 4) Vote for Synod Representatives to the Church-wide Convention.

Various services were held with a lot of beautiful music. Reports on mission work throughout the Synod were given as well as reports from our sister church synod in South Africa and our Green Lake ministries.

The final session concluded with a farewell to Bishop Anderson by his staff with some amusing stories. The convention was attended by approximately 400 voting members. There were a few technological glitches, but it was an informative and interesting convention.

Wayne Enger and Cynthia Huse

Lac qui Parle Church Council Meeting June 17, 2021

1. Gary called the meeting to order
2. Pastor Bruce led with devotions
3. Al S. and Mark R. approved the agenda
4. No minutes present, we will review and approve at our next meeting

5. **President's report** – None

6. **Treasurer's report** – nothing major

7. **Pastor's report** –

- a) no church service on June 27 or July 4.
- b) Ecumenical church service on June 27 in Dawson at Veterans Park at 11:00
- c) Joint church service with Garfield on Wednesday, June 30th at LQP at 7:00
- d) Graveside funeral service for Frances and Joel Torstenson on Saturday, July 10th at 1:00

8. **Deacon's report** –

- a) Up front communion went well in June
- b) Coffee and donuts events went well for new members and graduates.

9. **Trustee's report** -

- a) Al and Dallas painted the down spouts
- b) Al and Gary put in the AC units in the offices
- c) They are planning on putting tin the south side of the church roof this summer.

10. **WELCA report** – NONE

11. **Youth/Parish Ed report** – NONE

12. **Unfinished business**

- a) 150th – invitation were sent out last week. Planning a sandwich and salads after church.
- b) Men's Harvest Supper – Canceled for 2021 because it is 3 days after the 150th anniversary. Motion by Josh and 2nd by Scott.

13. **New business**

- a) Happy with the process of getting back to normal
- b) July communion will be on July 11th since we do not have church on July 4th.
- c) Pastor Bruce vacation will be Tuesday, July 12 through Sunday, July 25. Approved by Al and Dallas
- d) We will have blessing of harvest and tractors in September. Hopefully the same day as rally Sunday.
- e) Dallas brought up having church services on Wednesday during the summer months. We liked the idea but will stick to Sunday for this summer. We will discuss it next summer again.

No church council in July. Next meeting will be Joint at Garfield on August 4th.

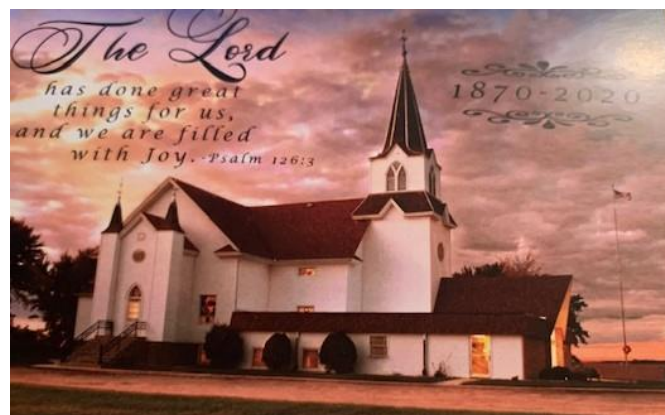
Acting Secretary
Josh Falness.

**Lydia Circle
will be meeting at LqP Church
July 14th at 1:30pm
in the Library for Bible Study**

The Men's Harvest Supper will not be held this year.

July Ushers – Lac qui Parle

Jay Kleven and Jeff Peterson



**LqP Lutheran Church's 151st anniversary
will be held on**

Sunday , August 15, 2021 .

There will be a 10:30 am worship service followed by a catered meal with a free-will offering . Following the meal will be an afternoon program.

Please send your RSVP including the number of guests for the meal to jmroisen@farmerstel.net **as soon as possible .**

