



July/August 2019 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

May - Aug.

8:30 LqP Worship

10:15 Garfield Worship



FROM THE PASTOR

I was given this story a few years ago. It is worth sharing—

KEEP YOUR FORK

A woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness, given three months to live. As she began getting her things "in order" she called her pastor to come to the house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told of the songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she wanted read and what dress she wanted to be buried in. She also asked to be buried with her Bible in her left hand. Everything was in order; as the pastor was preparing to leave, she suddenly remembered one final request: "Please Pastor, "one more thing," she said excitedly.

"Sure, what is it?" was the pastor's quick reply. "This is very important to me," the woman continued. "I want to be buried holding a fork in my right hand." The pastor gazed at the woman, at a loss for words. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked. The pastor replied, "Well, to be quite honest, I'm puzzled." The woman explained, "You see, Pastor, in my years attending church socials and dinners, I remember, as dishes were being cleared after the main course, someone would lean over to me and say, "keep your fork!" It was my favorite phrase to hear, because I knew something better was coming, perhaps velvety chocolate cake or an apple pie. Something to end the great meal." The pastor listened intently and smiled. She continued, "so, I just want people to see me there in the casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder..... 'What's with the fork?'...then I want you to tell them: "Keep your fork...the best is yet to come."

The Pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy hugging her good-bye, knowing this would be one of the last times to see her before she died. The pastor marveled at her grasp of heaven. She KNEW and trusted that the best was yet to come. At the funeral, everyone that walked past the woman's casket saw her wearing a beautiful dress with her Bible in her left hand and a fork in her right hand. Over and over the pastor heard people asking the question, "Why the fork?" smiling brilliantly as each asked. During the funeral, the pastor told the people about the conversation with the woman shortly before she died. He explained the fork and what it meant to her. The pastor, unable to stop thinking of the fork, hoped that they would not be able to stop thinking about it either.

That fork and its meaning for the woman made quite an impact. It is still spoken of. Now it has been shared with you. So the next time you reach for a fork, let it remind you— the best is yet to come!

Pastor Bruce

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News for Both Churches

ACOLYTES FOR JULY AND AUGUST

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>	<u>Church Attendance</u>	
July 7	Kaidyn Stender	-----		
July 14	Cole Bjornson	-----		
July 21	Rachel Bringle	-----	June 2	<u>Garfield</u> 46
July 28	Katelyn Wiese	-----	June 9	52
August 4	Jacob Bringle	Nate Gruwell	June 16	45
August 11	LaRay Polzine	-----	June 23	41
August 18	Cole Bjornson	-----	June 30	No Service at LqP
August 25	Jayden Jimoh	-----		Dawson Riverfest Service

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!

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	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
7	Cynthia Huse	*Ron Armstrong Glenn Haugen Lester Haugen	Kaidyn Stender	Norma Armstrong	Dean Stoks
14	Kevin Olson		Pastor/ Usher	Maizie Schacherer	Andy Gritmacker
21	Izabella Stender		Rachel Bringle	Mariah Schacherer	Dale Hatfield
28	Elois Kveene		Katelyn Wiese		Dale Hatfield

July	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
7	Ruth Myhres	N.A.	Jay Kleven & Jeff Peterson	N.A.	N.A.
14	Emily Busch	N.A.	Jay Kleven & Jeff Peterson	N.A.	N.A.
21	Bill Graven	N.A.	Jay Kleven & Jeff Peterson	N.A.	N.A.
28	John Dove	N.A.	Jay Kleven & Jeff Peterson	N.A.	N.A.

Garfield News

Garfield WELCA

THANK-YOU!

Thank you to all the ladies who attended our Pie Day at the Madison Lutheran Home on June 12. The Food Committee served the pies and helped the residents play Bingo. A fine time was had by all!

JULY DO-DAY

Our Do-Day for July will be on Thursday, July 11 at 9 a.m. because our regular day is the 4th of July holiday.

JULY WELCA MEETING

Mark Wednesday, July 10 on your calendar For our July WELCA Meeting at 7 p.m. at the church!! Our program will be presented by Diane (Jerpseth) Madsen of Watertown, SD. She has made an "Underground Railway" quilt, and will tell the story of what the Underground Railway was, and how it was used. It was active in the mid 1850's and was a way that freed slaves from the South could escape to either a free northern state or to Canada. The journey was filled with great hardship, and it took great courage to attempt it! We will enjoy some Negro spirituals for our evening music. We would love to have everyone, even the men who not busy farming, to join us for the evening. Lunch will be served by Jeri Popma and Elois Kveene.

WELCA Salad Supper—AUGUST 8

Our Annual Summer Salad Supper will be held on Thursday, August 8 with serving to start at 6 p.m., and the program at 7 p.m. Our speaker for the evening will be Jeri Popma, with her presentation "A Walk with Jesus." We will be favored with special music by Jenna Wyum. The workers this year will be Group A – Rosemary and Lorraine's group. Everyone that is able is expected to bring a salad, and the salads are to be at the church by 5 p.m. Plan to attend this inspirational event, and be sure to tell your friends and neighbors!

GARFIELD IN CHARGE OF MEALS ON WHEELS FOR JULY

Garfield Lutheran Church is responsible for the Meals on Wheels delivery during the month of July. It takes less than an hour, from 11:10 to 11:45 a.m., to pick up the meals, deliver them, and return the coolers. Please consider joining us! There are just a few days open. The sign-up sheet is on a table in the narthex. Please give of your time to help those in need. If you have any questions, please call Cynthia Huse at 320-598-3158. Thank you!

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 5, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on June 5, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Members present were Gene Winkels, Mona Buer, Aaron Olson, Ron Enger, and Sarah Bjornson. Also present was Pastor Bringle.

Pastor Bringle led us with opening Devotions and Prayer.

Light discussion on topics with no decisions made due to no quorum for meeting.

The next council meeting is set for Wednesday, June 26 at 8:00 p.m.

August	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
4	Colleen Olson	Rodney Weber* Harlowe Olson Pat Enger	Jacob Bringle	Pam Weber	Dean Stoks
11	Rachel Bringle		LaRay Polzine	Marilyn Matthes	Andy Gritmacker
18	Becky Bjornson		Cole Bjornson	Marlys Ludvigson	Dale Hatfield
25	Michael Croatt		Jayden Jimoh		Dale Hatfield

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Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting June 26, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on June 26, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. Members present Jeri Popma, Gene Winkels, Mona Buer, Sarah Bjornson, Aaron Olson, Ron Enger, Missy Schmidt, and Pastor Bringle. The meeting was called to order by President Jeri. Pastor Bringle led us with opening Devotions and a Prayer.

Agenda additions: No additions or changes. Motion by Missy, seconded by Gene. Motion approved.

Secretary's minutes for May 1st, 2019 were read. Motioned to accept by Gene, seconded by Aaron, Motions approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motioned to accept by Aaron and seconded by Gene. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Reports: No report

Pastor's Report: No report.

WELCA Report: Salad supper is set for August 8 serving at 6 with program at 8. Jeri Popma will be

speaker. Jenna Wyum singing.

Trustee Report: Outside work day is set for August 12th & 13th at 8:00 am. **Many hands make light work.** There are items in the back shed that need to be cleaned out. If anyone is interested in the items, contact a Trustee.

Deacon Report: Deacons worked on communion schedule. Barb Ludvigson and Mary Jo Patzer have been filling the candles in the front of the church. Deacons will look into helping.

Unfinished Business: A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee are still working on when to meet. B) Synod Assembly offering of \$212.00 is due. Motion to pay by Aaron and seconded by Gene. Motion approved. C) The Smart thermostat for sanctuary is on order.

New Business: A) Vacation time for Pastor Bringle July 15th -30th; Oct 15th -18th and Dec 27th-Jan 1st. This will use up 2019 vacation days. Motion days off made by Gene and 2nd by Missy. Motion approved. B) There will be no council meeting in July. C) There will be a church service for Farmers Blessing and Harvest Blessing this fall. D) At the Joint Council meeting in August the council will discussion and finalizing the church time. E) Prairie Five Community Action Council, Inc. asked for financial support for the Nutrition Program. Motion by Ron to donate \$100.00 and seconded by Sarah. Motion approved. F) A phone will be installed in the wheelchair lift as per letter from MN Department of Labor and Industry. G) Ron Enger is retiring from snow blowing. Garfield is looking for a replacement. The next council meeting is set for Wednesday August 7 at Garfield Church with Joint Council at 7:00 p.m.; individual councils meet 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.

Lac qui Parle News

CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERAL: The memorial service for Jeannine Blanchard, former member of Lac qui Parle, was held on Saturday, June 22. My God continue to strengthen and comfort her family.

MEN'S HARVEST MISSION SUPPER

Wednesday, August 14, from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. All you can eat! Corn on the cob, pork sandwiches, coleslaw, beverage, ice cream and toppings, and root beer floats. Cost is Adults \$8; Ages 4-12 \$4; and 3 & Under FREE.

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

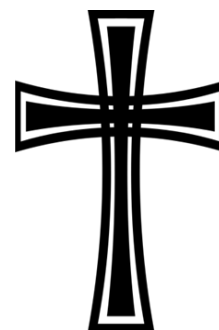
Lydia Circle will meet at the home of Wanda Sommerfeld on Wednesday, July 10 at 1:30 p.m., and in August, the Lydia Circle will meet at the home of Carolyn Grahn.

QUILTS TO EAGLES' HEALING NEST

We delivered quilts to Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Center and enjoyed a tour courtesy of Billy, our guide. Eagles is a place for homeless veterans to heal. Sue, Julie, Joann and Kathy



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4	Jon Roisen	N.A.	Gary Sigdahl & Allen Simonson	N.A.	Nate Gruwell
11	Emily Busch	N.A.	Gary Sigdahl & Allen Simonson	N.A.	N.A.
18	Jennifer Bringle	N.A.	Gary Sigdahl & Allen Simonson	N.A.	N.A.
25	Mark Roisen	N.A.	Gary Sigdahl & Allen Simonson	N.A.	N.A.



LQP Council Minutes

The Lac qui Parle church council met on Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 at 7:00pm. Members present included Jeff Marotzke, Jeff Kleven, Jeff Peterson, Dallas Kelly, Pastor Bruce, John Dove, Tracy Dove, Time Stensrud, and Julie Stensrud. The meeting was called to order by President, John Dove. Pastor Bruce read devotions from Ephesians 1:17-19 and Christ In Our Home. The agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions or changes. The May meeting minutes were read and approved.

President's Report: Nothing to report

Financial Report: Not available

Pastor's Report: First Communion will be at a later date.

Deacon's Report: Nothing to report

Trustee's Report: The air conditioners were put in Pastor Bruce and Rhoda's offices.

WELCA Report: The Fall Festival will now be a baked goods sale. It will be the same night as the Men's Supper.

Youth/Parish Ed.: VBS ended tonight with a program and pot luck. There were 14 kids who attended this year.

Unfinished Business: The large map/poster of the congregations in our SW MN Synod needs to be framed and hung in the basement. Tracy will order a frame for this. Pastor still needs to call Rural Solutions to come out to look at the projector issues and help access Rhoda's files from her laptop. The projector will need to be fixed by fall. The photos of the church from Lund Photography are now hanging in the narthex.

New Business: Sue will check with Stephanie Weber to see about having an Agape Singers service at our church next year. Preparation for the Men's supper will be starting soon. John will talk with Jay about this. We will plan on having an outdoor service on Rally Sunday again with Blessing of the Tractors/Harvest like last year. Rally Sunday will also be "Catch Up" Sunday. Need to approve Pastor's vacation time for July 15-30; Oct. 15-18; and Dec. 27-Jan. 1. Sundays will include July 21, July 28, and Dec. 29. This was approved by the council.

The church council will not meet in July. The next meeting will be held August 7th at Garfield Lutheran. Joint council meeting at 7pm and individual councils at 8pm.

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

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary