



August 2020 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

May - August

8:30 Garfield Worship

10:15 LqP Worship

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FROM THE PASTOR

My friends, here we are in August. I'm afraid things are not back to "normal" yet... whatever that might be. I have sort of lost track of what normal was anymore! We knew, though, that the COVID-19 pandemic wasn't going to go away any time soon.

Hopefully, you know that both Garfield and Lac qui Parle started having services again. Lac qui Parle started having outdoor services on July 12 (10:15 a.m.- they plan to hold outdoor services at least through the end of August, weather permitting), and Garfield started having "in-sanctuary" services on July 19 (8:30 a.m.). Please come only if you are healthy and do not display any of the symptoms related to COVID-19.

If you are not able to come to church or have health-related issues that prevent doing so or are just not comfortable doing so, remember that we will continue to livestream the Garfield service on my Facebook page, which will post to the Garfield and Lac qui Parle FB pages, the LqP Sunday School FB page, and also to YouTube. Of course, we will have the video services available to view in Madison at 1 p.m. on Channel 8. For those of you coming to the services in person, thank you for wearing your mask and maintaining at least 6 feet distance from the next individual or family group.

I would like to tell you what the plan is for Sunday school at Lac qui Parle and also confirmation classes, but I need to wait until July 27 to find out about how public school classes will be conducted (it is July 22 today as I am writing this article). Once that announcement is made, then we can try to figure out how we will have those education classes in our churches.

From the Pastor

As I have mentioned for the past few months, thank you for sending your offerings in to your church, and please continue to do so! Your continued generosity and care for our mission and ministry is very much needed and appreciated. For those of you who are not able to come to in-person church or even going to be gone from town for the weekend, as always you are encouraged to send in your offering. For Garfield members, please send offerings to our financial secretary, Jane Stoks, at P.O. Box 94; Porter, MN 56280. If you are an LqP member, please send them to either the church at 2339 236th St.; Dawson, Minnesota 56232 or put it in an envelope, marked Josh Falness, and drop it off at the Dawson Co-op Credit Union or the outside drop box.

Like the last few months, I am not going to be putting out a calendar page, but simply listing important dates in this column. Here are the important dates for July:

Wednesday, August 5— Joint Council meeting at Garfield at 6:30 p.m. The individual councils will meet separately following the joint council meeting.

Sundays of August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Garfield will have their “in-sanctuary” worship service at 8:30 a.m.

This worship service video will be livestreamed and available to view on my personal Facebook page, the Garfield Facebook page, LqP Facebook page, LqP Sunday School Facebook page, and YouTube. The video will also be played on Channel 8 in Madison at 1 p.m.

Lac qui Parle church will continue their outdoor services at 10:15 a.m.

I will also be on vacation from August 10 through August 28, but in the event of an emergency, I can be reached at the parsonage (598-3857) or my cell phone (507-381-7301).

As we continue to wrestle with the effects of this pandemic, I would like to close with a prayer from our ELW:

Lord Jesus Christ, you came into the world as one of us, and suffered as we do. As we go through the trials of life, help us to realize that you are with us at all time and in all things; that we have no secrets from you, and that your loving grace enfolds us for eternity. In the security of your embrace we pray. Amen.

Pastor Bruce

News for Both churches

NEWS FOR BOTH CHURCHES

For the time being and into the near future, we will not be making use of lectors or acolytes for our worship services, and Garfield also will not be putting out flowers.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Garfield	LqP
July 12	NO SERVICE	40
July 19	23	17
July 26	10	10

THIS JUST IN—The ELCA Youth Gathering, scheduled for next June, has been postponed until July 24-28, 2022. It will still be held in Minneapolis.

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE

Just a reminder that worship service times will change on September 6th!

Lac qui Parle will have worship at 8:30 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. (assuming we can have Sunday School indoors- we will let you know)

Garfield will have worship at 10:15 a.m.

This will be the schedule for September through December.

*"Let us
not love
with words
or speech
but with
actions and
in truth."*

1 John 3:18
in due time

Garfield News

Garfield WELCA

For the month of August, the following events are cancelled: WELCA Do-Day, Mary Circle, and the WELCA Salad Supper.

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting-- July 1, 2020

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on July 1 at 8:00 p.m. Members present Missy Schmidt, Jeri Popma, Pat Wiese, Mona Buer, Terry Berndt, Jane Stoks, Mike Croatt, Rachel Croatt, Aaron Olson, and Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order by Mike. Pastor Bringle led in prayer.

Agenda additions: None. Motion to approve by Missy and seconded by Jane, Motion carried.

Secretaries: minutes from June 3 were read. There is a correction in the minutes. Deacons' report is none and Trustees' report is trustees work/repair was completed on the cemetery and grave stones. Motion was made by Rachel and seconded by Aaron. Motion carried.

Treasurers: report was read. Missy explained Protection Program Loan.

Financial Secretary's Reports: Report from Jane. Motion to approve both Treasurer's and Financial Secretary's reports was made by Pat and seconded by Rachel. Motion carried

Pastor's Report: A). A discussion on how to move on with reopening. Garfield Church will reopen with service on July 19 at 8:30. B) Council discussed the results of the survey. 43 surveys were returned. C) Lisa DuFrane from Dawson is the new church secretary.

WELCA Report: None

Trustee Report: The threshold on door to the garage is broken. Trustees will take care of this. There are a few badger holes in the cemetery. The Trustees are working on controlling the badgers.

Deacon Report: None.

Unfinished Business: A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been tabled for the time being. B) Safe Deposit box at United Prairie Bank is updated with council members Aaron Olson and Mona Buer on the signature card.

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New Business: A) Approval of Pastor's vacation time-Thursday, July 23 through Sunday, July 26; Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 28; and Saturday, December 26 through Thursday, December 31. Motion was made by Jane and seconded by Missy. Motion passed. B) Faith Chest-Barb Ludvigson has contacted someone in Dawson to make these and has paid for them. Barb will be reimbursed. Motion made by Terry and seconded by Aaron. Motion passed. C) Discussion concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and sanitizing the church. After discussing, Garfield council made a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. This will be sent out to the members. Motion was made Missy and seconded by Jane. Motion passed. The next council meeting will be a joint council meeting at Garfield on August 5 at 6:30 and individual councils meeting following joint meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Mona Buer, Council Secretary.

August		Ushers			Videographers
2		Rod Weber* Paul Buer Pat Enger			Dean Stoks
9					Dale Hatfield
16					Dale Hatfield
23					Dale Hatfield
30					Dean Stoks

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CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERAL: The graveside service for Roy Vaala, former member of Lac qui Parle, was held on Saturday, July 18. My God continue to strengthen and comfort his family.

USHERS FOR AUGUST

GARY SIGDAHL AND ALLEN SIMONSON

**THERE WILL BE NO MEN'S HARVEST MISSION SUPPER
THIS YEAR!**

Lac qui Parle WELCA

Lydia Circle meet at the home of Doris Graven on August 14 at 1:30 p.m.

LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church council met for the regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Member present included: Pastor Bruce, Josh Falness, Sue Lund, Gary Sigdahl, Scott Ireland, Tracy Dove, and Mark Roisen. The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Gary Sigdahl. Pastor Bruce lead devotions from Psalm 131 and *Christ In Our Home*. Due to not having a quorum at tonight's meeting agenda items were only discussed. The agenda was reviewed with no additions. The June minutes were reviewed. We will approve them at the August meeting.

President's Report: Not available

Financial Report: Reviewed for June 2020. Discussion on donation to Green Lake Bible Camp. Discussion on paying Rachel and Jacob Bringle for playing the organ and videography for the online services during the shutdown.

Pastor's Report: We need to go over who is doing what in preparation for our outdoor worship service on Sunday. *Council members and ushers will assist with this. Funeral services coming up at LqP- Saturday, July 18th for Roy Vaala. This will be a graveside service lead by a family member. No funeral home involved.

Lac qui Parle News

Discussion was had regarding who from church would be around during the service. Bathrooms should be cleaned following the funeral in preparation for our church service the next day.

Deacon's Report: Nothing to report

Trustee's Report: Nothing to report

WELCA Report: Nothing to report

Youth/Parish Ed Report: Nothing to report

Unfinished Business: Nothing to discuss

New Business: Approval of Pastor's vacation time: Thursday, July 23rd -Sunday, July 26th; Monday, August 10th-Friday, August 28th; and Saturday, Dec. 26th- Thursday, Dec. 31st. If approved, John Dessonville is prepared to lead the services on July 26th, August 16th, and August 23rd. We will continue with outdoor services through August.

The next meeting will be held on August 5th, 2020 at Garfield. Joint Council meets at 6:30 with individual councils meeting following.

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

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary

