



# September 2017 Newsletter

## Worship Schedule

September- December  
9:00 Garfield Worship  
9:30 LqP Sunday School  
10:45 LqP Worship  
Wed. Church School

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Garfield Lutheran Church  
2018 180th Street  
Madison, MN 56256

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## FROM THE PASTOR

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One day St. Francis (of Assisi, Italy 1182-1226) Said to a few of his disciples "Lads, let's go into town today and preach. It's market day, and we will see a good many people." So off they went, along the hot dusty road, with light hearts and bright spirits. Here and there they chatted with children, encouraged an elderly couple who were downcast, petted a few dogs, and lifted baskets of fruit and vegetables that were too heavy for farmers' wives to carry.

The day was quickly passing, noon-time came, and in the late afternoon as the brothers prepared to return to the monastery one of them asked :Father, you told us we were coming here to preach. When are we going to start?" "Son," answered Francis with a kind smile, "We've been preaching all day. Every step of the way, as we talked with people, encouraged them, spoke a kind word to children, cheered the disheartened, helped carry a few loads, brightened faces by our smiles--all this time we were preaching!" And so it was, and the younger brothers never forgot the lesson of practical kindness, encouragement and helpfulness.

"Peripatetic" is formidable word that comes to us from the Greek language. It means "walking about." There is such a thing as "peripatetic preaching", not so much by what we are saying, but by what we are doing.

Every hour of every day as you walk about you are preaching, reflecting your depth of faith (or lack thereof). To illustrate, let me share this story. There was a young farmer who was president of a local church. He and his family were nearly always at worship on Sundays. Everyone, including the pastor thought highly of him. But one day the pastor stopped by at his farm. He approached the farmer out by the barns, so he hadn't had the chance to see him yet. Something went wrong with what the farmer was working on. He let out a terrible burst of profanity, including God's name. What really bothered the pastor, though, was that a boy from a neighboring farm was working beside the farmer and witnessed it all. The message was- act and look religious on Sunday morning, but forget it and just be yourself the rest of the week. That's a very mixed message.

As a Christian, you are preaching every day! In your conversation at the coffee shop, your reaction to your family at home, reaction to the downcast, the weak, and wounded of the world, the stranded motorist, the people at work who get on your nerves, the pokey person ahead of you in the check-out line. May all of your "walking about" glorify God, exalt Jesus Christ as Savior, and be a tone reflection of who we claim to be.

*Pastor Bruce*



# News for Both Churches

## Church Attendance

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
July 2	59	23
July 9	46	32
July 16	42	27
July 23	43	25
July 30	52	30
August 6	33	23
August 13	41	24
August 20	39	26
August 27	55	31

**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!

### **\*\*\*WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE\*\*\***

Just a reminder that worship service times change on September 3! Garfield will have worship at **9:00 a.m. from September through December**, and Lac qui Parle will have worship at **10:45 a.m.**, with Sunday School from **9:30-10:30 a.m.**

### **SW MN SYNOD JR. HIGH YOUTH GATHERING**

All youth in grades 6-9 are invited to attend the Synod Jr. High Youth Gathering in Willmar on either Friday, November 17 and Saturday, November 18 or Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19. Pastor is pretty confident that there will be some financial help available from both of the churches' Youth Fund accounts. Parents will receive a letter describing this in detail sometime soon.

### **ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER**

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>
September 3	Jaylynn Popma	N.A
September 10	Pastor/Usher	N.A
September 17	Pastor/Usher	N.A
September 24	Rachel Bringle	Cadence Dove

# News for Both Churches

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## JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES

The Garfield and LqP Lutheran Church Councils met for a joint meeting on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 pm at LQP Lutheran Church.

The Meeting was called to order. Pastor Bruce gave opening devotions.

The Agenda was read and approved. The previous meeting minutes were read. No corrections or additions.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

--The Pastor's vacation requests were reviewed and approved through the end of the year.

--The Pastor's next Pastor 2 Pastor retreat will be Thursday, October 12 and Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in St. Peter.

--There was discussion on the holiday services for this year. Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at Garfield Lutheran at 5:30 pm. Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year. There was discussion on whether or not to have morning services at each church. Christmas Eve services for this year will be at LqP at 5:00 pm and at Garfield at 7:00 pm. There was some discussion on changing these services to 3pm and 5pm or 4pm and 6pm.

--Each church will meet separately to discuss the contract between the churches. The LqP Lutheran Personnel Committee and the Garfield Council Officers will then meet jointly to discuss the contract on September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at LqP Lutheran Church. The Pastor's salary will be reviewed at that time also.

--At this time Garfield does not have a church website. Darin Lund will talk to Lisa Lund about setting up a website for them. Rhoda would keep the website updated.

--Garfield Luther League and LqP Lutheran High League: The next ELCA Youth Gathering will be held in Houston, TX next June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an informational meeting about this in the near future and we will start fundraising soon for this. All youth in grades 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are able to attend. The ELCA junior high youth gathering will be either November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> or November 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> in Willmar. Pastor Bruce will talk to the youth boards about these events.

**-The next joint council meeting will be held December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Garfield Lutheran at 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was adjourned and benediction recited together.

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary

# Garfield News

## CHURCH RECORDS

Transfers out: Kallie (Olson) Bunes to Resurrection Lutheran Church in Woodbury, MN.

### New Church Directory and Cookbook Available

Copies of the 2017 Garfield Lutheran Church Directory are available! Donations will be appreciated to defray the printing cost. Thanks to all who contributed in any way to this project! Also, the new Garfield cookbooks are here. The cost is \$15. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Rose Weber at 320-598-3228, 320-212-9949, or by email at [rose221@farmerstel.net](mailto:rose221@farmerstel.net).

## GARFIELD WELCA

"Collections" will be the theme of our September WELCA meeting. Everyone and anyone is urged to bring their "collection" of whatever is your treasure! If the items are small, bring them all. If they are larger, choose a few of the most interesting items to share. Our meeting will be on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. at the church. Servers are Ramona Thompson and Mary Jo Patzer.

Our September Do-Day will be held on Thursday, Sept. 7 (the first Thursday of the month, per usual), and we may leave early after lunch if anyone would like to attend Senior Citizens' Day at the Lac qui Parle County Fair.

### Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 2, 2017

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on August 2, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. Members present were Pastor Bruce Bringle, Becky Bjornson, Jim Connor, Jordan Connor, Ron Enger, Cynthia Huse, Barb Ludvigson Kevin Olson, and Mary Jo Patzer, and Gene Winkles.

The meeting was called to order by council president Cynthia Huse. Pastor Bringle led us with opening Devotions and a Prayer.

The secretary, financial secretary, and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** In August we will have Communion on the August 6<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>. After much discussion the council recommended that with so few Sunday School students and with the delays in the Cooperative Christian Education Program, Garfield students should attend Sunday School at Lac qui Parle Lutheran. A reminder was given by Pastor Bringle that in September through December church times change to 9:00 am at Garfield. The Council approved the transfer of Kallie Bunes to Resurrection Lutheran Church of Woodbury Mn.

**Garfield Church Women:** Welca will be having a Salad Supper this Thursday August 3 at Garfield.

**Trustee Report:** A front screen door has been purchased and installed. The Gutter Guards on the Parsonage are about done and we are just waiting on some supplies to finish the project. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to put on a 14 x 18 foot concrete patio on the north side of the parsonage. This will cost between 1500 and 1800 dollars for just concrete or approximately \$3000 for stamped concrete depending how much work we do ourselves. The patio will help alleviate some of the water that is finding its way into the basement.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** The Council will be having a Breakfast Fund Raiser on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> for the Parsonage repairs. We have raise a little over \$7000 of the \$40,000 that we need.

**Next Meeting:** September 6, 2017 @ 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourn.

The Benediction was said "May the Lord bless us and keep us..,

Kevin Olson, Council Secretary

September	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
3	Maizie/Mariah Schacherer	Doug Haas* Mike Croatt David Scmidt	Jalynn Popma	Rachel Croatt Missy Schmidt Sharron Haas	Nick Thompson
10	Madeline Patzer		Pastor/Usher		Harrison Patzer
17	Jim Connor		Pastor/Usher		Dean Stoks
24	Lyle Hanson		Rachel Bringle		Andy Gritmacker

# LqP News

## LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Robin Kleven.

Lydia Circle will meet Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at the home of JoAnn Roisen.

LqP Conference WELCA Fall Retreat will be September 19<sup>th</sup>.

Scandinavian Fall Festival and Bazaar will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mission projects will be September 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

**\*\*Does anyone know the location of the stem for one of large coffee pots?**

### WELCA REPORT

--Lac qui Parle Conference Fall Retreat will be at a veteran's healing place called Eagles Healing Nest in Sauk Center. It will be held on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>. **Registration needs to be received by Friday, September 1st.** See the bulletin board in the narthex for further information. We have a list of things that are needed there. We tied a quilt to bring along.

**Here are a few items that are needed:** Stainless steel bowls, baking sheets, serving utensils, steamer, pots & pans with lids, commercial grade kitchen knives, rolling food prep table, commercial grade NSF storage racks, commercial grade dishwasher, silverware, oven mitts, dish towels, probe thermometer, green scratch pads, dish soap, large garbage bags, spices, bleach, mixers, blender, plastic cups, food storage containers, non-perishable food items, bath towels, wash cloths, toilet paper, Kleenex, art & crafting supplies, clock radio/alarm clocks, laundry baskets, stapler, laminator & laminator sheets, brooms/dust pans, postage stamps, bathroom cleaner, Lysol, toilet bowl cleaner, flash lights, scotch tape, manila file folders-all sizes, HP ink #60, Kodak printer ink #30, batteries-all sizes, irons, vacuum cleaners, flash drives for computers.

**\*\*\*You can also mail donations to:** Eagle's Healing Nest  
310 Hwy 71 N. Unit 881  
Sauk Centre, MN 56378

\*\*\*Please check your mailboxes for the raffle tickets to sell. This year we have a vintage quilt that was given by Doryce Farnen.

\*\*\*Our bazaar will be on September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00-1:00, and we will be needing everyone's help. Our bakery table is a favorite, so dig out your favorite recipes and bring to the bazaar. We will be setting up on Friday at 1 pm and we need anyone who is available to help us.

~Doris Graven~

**\*\*\*\*Thrivent Action Teams at Work!\*\*\*\***

Anyone who works with Thrivent can do a Thrivent Action Team Project. If they like your idea, they will give you a pre-paid credit card of \$250.00 to make a positive change. Our team has replaced floral decorations and added some wall improvements in the kitchen. There is a lot of things that could be done and help make a positive change. I enjoyed it, and found it very rewarding. ~Julie Turnberg

September	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
3	Julie Stensrud	Labor Day Weekend- No Coffee	Rod Gresseth & Dave Falness	N.A	N.A
10	Lindee Olson	Brent & Heather Dahl	Rod Gresseth & Dave Falness	Scott Ireland	N.A
17	Tracy Dove	No Coffee- Rally Sunday Potluck following Service	Rod Gresseth & Dave Falness	Josh Falness	N.A
24	Sue/Bob Lund	Joe & Tristin Bothun	Rod Gresseth & Dave Falness	Mark Roisen	Cadence Dove

# LqP Lutheran Council Minutes

The LqP Lutheran Council met August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 at 8:00 pm. Members present were Pastor Bruce, Jay Kleven, Darin Lund, Tracy Dove, Logan Dove, Jeff Marotzke, Al Simonson, Jeff Kleven, Colleen Falness, and John Dove.

The meeting was called to order by President Darin Lund.

The agenda was read and approved.

The minutes from the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved.

**President's Report:** None

**Financial Report:** Read and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** None

**Deacon's Report:** None

**Trustee's Report:** The AED machine is beeping; Will contact Lynn Marotzke to look at it. There is a cupboard door in the kitchen that has fallen off. Will contact Matt Gruwell about trimming the tree that is close to the church.

**WELCA Report:** There is a box set up to collect school supply donations for School Kits. These will be assembled on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Youth/Parish Ed. Report:** Sunday school will start on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30. We will help put together the School Kits that morning. There will be a pot luck after church for Rally Sunday. Garfield Students will be joining LqP for Sunday School this year.

**Unfinished Business:** The back entry door and loose carpet tiles still need to be taken care of.

**New Business:** The Men's Harvest Supper is August 16<sup>th</sup>. Jay Kleven is the chairman and was thanked for all his work. In September, the church services change. Church will be at 10:45 and Sunday school will start at 9:30 from September through December.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.

Tracy Dove, Council Secretary