



# September 2018 Newsletter

## Worship Schedule

Sept-December

9:00 LqP Worship

10:45 Garfield Worship



## FROM THE PASTOR

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There are a lot of people who feel they should pray but really don't feel God is listening. They have been told that God come to His people in the familiar things in life—but they have never really felt His presence. They know the promises of peace and joy and love—but they feel only bleakness. They are urged to pray—but Aunt Minnie died in spite of their prayers; the hoped for job does not materialize; the marriage relationship continues to unravel; financial problems continue. All of us have had the experience of some prayers that seem to go nowhere. But many feel that none of their prayers go anywhere. So why pray at all? Is God listening?

Jesus once told the story of a poor widow who goes to judge for justice. But he is a worldly judge and knows that this woman has no political clout. So he ignores her request. He doesn't want to be bothered. He stalls her off and tries to discourage her. But she persists and again and again keeps coming to him for vindication of her cause. Finally he says, "Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out with her continual coming" (Luke 18:1-5).

Jesus did not mean that God, like the judge, needs to be pestered in order to get action. He does mean that persistence in prayer is important. But God's ways are not always clear to us. We must wait on His purpose. "Wait for the Lord," says the Psalmist, "be strong and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the Lord" (Psalm 27:14). But we are not good at waiting. We want instant success, instant wealth, instant prayer. However, God does listen. We cannot command. We cannot demand. We cannot control. We cannot force His hand. We can merely and humbly ask and thank and praise and wait and trust. And, perhaps when it seems most unlikely, He comes, He acts, He heals, He forgives, He breaks through. Like the first ray of dawn that suddenly leaps through the eastern darkness, so He comes in His own unique way. He comes with incredible gentleness and forgiving grace and love and healing power and exceeding great joy.

*See you in church!*

*Pastor Bruce*

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# News for Both Churches

## ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>
September 2	Pastor/ Usher	Aric Gruwell
September 9	Katelyn Wiese	Nate Gruwell
September 16	Jacob Bringle	----
September 23	LaRay Polzine	-----
September 30	Cole Bjornson	----



### *Church Attendance*

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
July 1	35	20
July 8	35	26
July 15	Houston Gathering service at LqP 67	
July 22	38	34
July 29	41	28
August 5	38	25
August 12	31	28
August 19	85 Service at Garfield for Pastor's 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination	

**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 will change on September 2! Lac qui Parle will have worship at 9:00 a.m., with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., and Garfield will have worship at 10:45 a.m. from September through December.

### **ATTENTION PARENTS OF COLLEGE STUDENTS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL**

Please call or send either physical addresses or e-mail addresses for your student or service person to the church office so we can get them on our mailing list! Also if you move or have a change of address, please let us know.



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## 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 16 and Saturday, November 17 or Saturday, November 17 and Sunday, November 18. 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.

## Garfield Lutheran Church and Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church Joint Council Meeting August 1, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Pastor Bringle. Devotions were given by Pastor Bringle. The agenda was approved.

Old Business: Nothing

New Business:

A) The Pastor will be on vacation from August 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. John Dessonville will preach and lead service on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The Council approved Pastor Bringle's remaining vacation time- Monday Oct 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday December 27<sup>th</sup> through Monday December 31<sup>st</sup>.

B) The Pastor 2 Pastor Retreat is Thursday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday October 12<sup>th</sup> in St Peter.

C) Thanksgiving Service for Garfield is on Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm and LqP will have an ecumenical service that same night at 7:00pm. This year Garfield will have the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve service on December 24<sup>th</sup> and LqP will have the 7:00 pm service or a time of their choosing. Christmas Day service will be at LqP Lutheran this year, time to be determined.

D) The members of the executive committee from both Garfield and LqP will meet on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm to do the annual review of the contract agreement between the churches. At this meeting they will also include the pastoral salary review.

E) Anniversary plans- August 19<sup>th</sup>, a joint 10:00 service with a potluck to follow

Next Joint Council meeting will be December 12<sup>th</sup> at LqP church at 7:00pm

Adjourn- Benediction said together

Kevin Olson



# Garfield News

## Garfield WELCA July 2018 Minutes

The Garfield WELCA met Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at Lac qui Parle History Center in Madison MN. Twelve members were present. We toured the section where the Photos of the Churches of Lac qui Parle Country were exhibited. The photographer was Kelly Lund. Memorabilia from the churches were also displayed with the photograph. Lorraine had written a list of all the churches in Lac qui Parle County and where they were located. She also made a page of numerous questions about these churches.

President Lorraine called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer. The Secretary's minutes were read and other correspondence. The Treasurer's report was given. Mission Action report was given: on the June 11<sup>th</sup> DoDay 8 ladies were present and 22 quilts were made. On July 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 ladies were present and 27 quilts were made. Lorraine thanked people for helping serve the pies at the Madison Lutheran Home in June. Also, thanks to those who helped with residents playing Bingo. A discussion was held concerning "labeling" the black wrought iron cross that is now hanging in the church. Lorraine reminded us that there are still open spots for delivering Meals on Wheels schedule in July. Schacherers are cleaning the church in July, we are reminded that donations are needed. Our Annual Salad Supper will be held Thursday, August 2, 2018. Supper begins at 6 PM and the program at 7 PM. Please have your salads at the church by 5 PM. We have several boxes of Scalloped Potatoes in the freezer: Do we sell them? Is someone interested in purchasing some? There will be more discussion on this topic at the September meeting.

**New Business:** Garfield Lutheran is to assist Faith Lutheran serving at the Lac qui Parle Fall Conference.

-August 19, 2018 at 10 AM worship with Lac qui Parle Lutheran at Garfield will celebrate Pastor Bringle's 30<sup>th</sup> Ordination Anniversary followed by a potluck meal.

-A donation of \$75 is to be given to Bible Campers.

Lunch was served by Jennifer Bringle and Lois Bjornson. The next meeting will be September 12, 2018 with election of officers. Servers will be Carol Hanson and Fran Peterson.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Garfield Welca

will meet on Wednesday, September 12 at 2 p.m. at the church. Includes a business meeting with election of officers, program and lunch.

## Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 1, 2018

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on August 1, 2018 following the joint Council meeting. Members present were Becky Bjornson, Ron Enger, Cynthia Huse Kevin Olson, Jeri Popham, Chuck Thompson and Gene Winkels. Also present was Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Huse.

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# Garfield News

The Secretary read the minutes from the June meeting. A motion was made, seconded, to approve it as read. The Treasurer's report were given and approved. As the Parsonage Repairs are done now and bills are all paid, the Council approved that the monies left in that fund were transfer to the Kitchen Repair Fund.

**Pastor's Report:** In August we will have Communion on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. Just a reminder that Church service time at Garfield will change in September to 10:45 and this runs through December.

**Trustee Report:** Just the normal up keep like changing light bulbs and some minor repairs.

**Deacon Report:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** A) Work is still on going with the Sexual misconduct policy but hopefully this can be wrapped up at the September meeting.

B) Rachel Croatt, Jennifer Bringle, and Sarah Bjornson are interested in being on the Board of Education.

C) The Council spent some time talking about what repairs are needed in the basement Kitchen. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to form a committee to investigate what repairs would be needed and how in-depth they would be and an estimate of the cost for these repairs to the Church Kitchen and basement bathrooms.

**New Business:** A) It was brought up if Garfield would want an outdoor Service in Sept. with the Blessing of the Tractors similar to what LqP does. This was tabled for this year due to timing but would be consider for next year.

B) We need to find someone to organize Meal on Wheels for Garfield next year as Olson's have resigned. Garfield's has the month of July for Meals on Wheels. If interested contact Pastor Bringle.

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

Respectfully submitted by

Kevin Olson, Council Secretary

**CHURCH RECORDS-** The funeral for Roger Hanson was held at Garfield on Monday, July 23. May God continue to strengthen and comfort his family.

Sept	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
2	Elois Kveene	*Doug Haas Mike Croatt Derek Bjornson	Pastor/Usher	Rachel Croatt Sharron Haas Marlyce Ludvigson	Harrison Patzer
9	Carol Hanson		Katelyn Wiese		Andy Gritmacker
16	Jim Connor		Jacob Bringle		Dale Hatfield
23	Rachel Bringle		LaRay Polzine		Dean Stoks
30	Cole Bjornson		Colleen Olson		Harrison Patzer

# LqP News

## WELCA REPORT SEPTEMBER

September is typically the time for church cleaning, but we have a problem because the one that do the cleaning are between the ages of 65 – 80. To hire it done at \$15 an hour would mean we need some hefty donations. Think about what can be done about this.

Our Bazaar is Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup>. It is very important that everyone do their part, as this is our only fund raiser. The lunch and baked goods are our biggest attractions, so get out your cook-books. The tickets for the quilt (made by Kathy) are in your mailboxes.

## LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

The Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Julie Turnberg.

Lydia Circle will meet on September 12 at 1:30 p.m. at the home of JoAnn Roisen.

The Scandinavian Fall Festival and Bazaar will be September 29, starting at 11 a.m.

Please check your mailboxes for the raffle tickets to sell.

## **SCHOOL SUPPLIES MISSION PROJECT**

One of the mission projects that LqP church women's group is working on again are the school bags. Now is a good time of the year to purchase school supplies. These are the supplies needed: 70 sheet wide or college ruled notebooks, blunt scissors, rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, pencil sharpeners, packs of unsharpened #2 pencils and ballpoint pens (no gel ink), 2 1/2 inch erasers, and 16 or 24 crayons. We appreciate any donations. There is a box to collect these items on the card table in the narthex.

Thank you.

Kathy Simonson, Sue Lund (Mission Action)

Sept	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
2	Ruth Myhres	No Coffee	Brent Dahl Dave Falness	N.A	Aric Gruwell
9	Don Sigdahl	Greg and Tami Bothun		N.A	N.A
16	Nicole Blasing	Jason & Stephanie Kelly	Brent Dahl Dave Falness	N.A	Nate Gruwell
23	Beth Torstenson	Jeff & Lynn Marotzke	Brent Dahl Dave Falness	Josh Falness	N.A
30	Mark Roisen	Josh & Karin Falness	Brent Dahl Dave Falness	Scott Ireland	N.A

# LQP News

## **OUTDOOR SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 16!**

Yes, you read that right! At Lac qui Parle we will worship outdoors on Sunday, September 16 (weather permitting)!

We will have Blessing of the Backpacks, so please have your children bring their school backpacks so Pastor Bruce can bless them during the church service. We will also bless the backpacks that will be filled during Sunday School time that will be sent to Lutheran World Relief. Also, drive your tractor to church, because we are going to have Blessing of the Tractors as well! We are even going to be having a Baptism outside! Plan on coming—it should be fun!



### **Lac qui Parle Council Minutes**

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

The LQP Lutheran Church council met on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 following the joint council meeting at Garfield Lutheran Church. Members present included Pastor Bruce, Darin Lund, Mark Roisen, Jeff Kleven, John Dove, Tracy Dove, and Al Simonson.

The meeting was called to order by President, Darin Lund. The agenda was reviewed and approved with no additions or corrections. The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

President's Report: Nothing to report

Financial Report: Not available

Pastor's Report: Confirmation camp went well.

Deacon's Report: Nothing to report.

Trustee's Report: Thank you to Allen Simonson and Dallas Kelly for fixing the water problem in the basement. New bushes will be planted at a later time.

WELCA Report: Packing school kits on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Youth/Parish Ed.: First day of Sunday school will be September 16<sup>th</sup>.

Unfinished Business: Sexual misconduct/harassment protocol for LqP Lutheran is still in the process of being completed. Everything is set for the Men's Supper on August 15<sup>th</sup>. September 16<sup>th</sup> is Rally Sunday. We will plan on having worship outside that morning (weather permitting). We will also have a 'Blessing of the Tractors', so remember to bring your tractor. We will also be blessing school bags for the Sunday school students. We will check with Bryan to see if he would want to provide the music for the outside worship service. Congregation members will need to bring a lawn chair.

New Business: Remember worship services change in September. Worship will be at 9:00 am and Sunday School will be at 10:00 from September through December.

The next meeting will be September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

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

## September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:00 (LqP) Worship with Holy Communion 10:00(LqP) Sunday School 10:45 (Gar) Worship with Holy Communion		<b>4</b> 8:45 Pastor Text Study 1:30 Madison Ministerial Assoc.	<b>5</b> 7:00pm (Gar) Church council	<b>6</b> 9:00 (Gar) Do-Day at Church	<b>7</b> 10:00 MLH Bible Study	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:00 (LqP) Worship 10:00(LqP) Sunday School 10:45 (Gar) Worship with Holy Communion	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 8:45 Pastor Text Study	<b>12</b> 9:30(LqP) Martha Circle @ Julie Turnberg's 1:30 (LqP) Lydia Circle @JoAnn Roisen's 2:00 (Gar) Welca at church 3-5:20 Confirmation @ LqP 6:00 Pastor Salary Review 7:00 (LqP) Church council	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00 MLH Bible Study	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:00 (LqP) Worship Outdoor Tractor & Backpack blessing Rally Sunday! 10:00 (LqP) Sunday School 10:45 (Gar) Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8:45 Pastor Text Study	<b>19</b> 3-5:20 Confirmation	<b>20</b> LqP Conference Pastor	<b>21</b> 10:00 MLH Bible Study	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:00 (LqP) Worship 10:00(LqP) Sunday School 10:45 (Gar) Worship	<b>24</b> 2:00(Gar)Mary Circle Mary Jo Patzer Home	<b>25</b> 8:45 Pastor Text Study	<b>26</b> 3-5:20 Confirmation	<b>27</b> 11:30 D-B Ministerial Association	<b>28</b> 10:00 MLH Bible Study	<b>29</b> LqP Fall Bazaar 11am
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