



September 2019 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

Sept-December

8:30 Garfield Worship

9:00 LqP Sunday School

10:15 LqP Worship



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What does Sanctuary Church mean?

A few weeks back, the ELCA as a Church Body at its Churchwide Assembly voted to become America's first 'Sanctuary Church Body.' What does this mean, you might ask? Pastor Don McKee from Our Saviour's Lutheran in Montevideo has put together some talking points concerning this vote. He has graciously allowed us fellow conference pastors the opportunity to use what he has written for our churches.

Pastor Don writes "While the Church used a politically explosive term which will probably upset many people, there is a history to this and who we are. I have also watched the Fox News reporting on the ELCA several times and find it did not report the facts.

So, let's take a deeper look at who we are now....

1) We have always been a Church Body with deep roots to immigration. Our whole history is a history of Northern Europeans migrating to America. We have merged together Norwegians and Swedes and Germans and Danes to make this a Church Body with over 3 million members.

2) Lutherans have always been eager to help and address the worldwide refugee crisis, which shows that 1 in every 122 people is a refugee, internally displaced or seeking asylum according to the United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees.

3) We have taken in refugees before. When I was young our congregation took in a Vietnamese family and provided them a home and food and education and most of all friendship. This congregation (Our Saviour's) did the same.

4) The ELCA is defining 'sanctuary' as a strategy to develop a response to the raids, detentions and the criminalization of immigrants and refugees. In other words, we are urging our country to develop an immigration policy that treats all people with dignity and respect. We want to protect all who enter and allow them a fair and just process as they seek to come to America.

5) The ELCA is also defining sanctuary as a place that persons who need help may come and that we might help them find a lawyer or others who can help them through the process and paperwork.

6) Finally, the ELCA is passing this statement of who we are and who we have always been; people first and foremost concerned and acting with 'radical hospitality.'

My understanding is that we are not being forced to do anything. This decision provides direction for the churchwide offices. What we do with all of this is up to us.

Peace and hospitality,

Pastor Bruce



News for Both Churches

ACOLYTES FOR SEPTEMBER

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>
September 1	Kaidyn Stender	-----
September 8	Pastor/ Usher	-----
September 15	Rachel Bringle	-----
September 22	Katelyn Wiese	-----
September 29	Jacob Bringle	Nate Gruwell

	<i>Church Attendance</i>	
	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
July 7	40	25
July 14	46	19
July 21	40	23
July 28	39	17
August 4	45	18
August 11	51	26
August 18	39	51
August 25	46	27



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 1! Garfield will have worship at 8:30 a.m., and Lac qui Parle will have worship at 10:15 a.m., with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. from September through December. It was also decided at the last Joint Council meeting to continue with these "new" times for worship through April of 2020, then the Joint Council will re-evaluate at their meeting in April.

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.

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 22 and Saturday, November 23 or Saturday, November 23 and Sunday, November 24. 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.



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WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?

--Lac qui Parle County Historical Society presents "Who Do You Think You Are?" Start or continue your family history story at the LqP County History Center. Members may access Ancestry.com on-site at no charge and receive a discount on printouts. For non-members, staff will search the site for a nominal hourly fee.

There will also be a LqP COUNTY FAIR SPECIAL on September 5-8. Sign up for 15 minutes of free online research and/or help with signing up and getting started using Ancestry.com, an online genealogy research website. Register at the museum office in advance, (320-598-7678) or on the days of the fair as available.

CHORD-AYRES TO PERFORM

Come celebrate with the Chord-Ayres 50 years of making music as they perform in concert on Saturday, September 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Milan Greater Initiative Gym (the former high school gym). A wide variety of selections will be performed including religious, patriotic, and a few show tunes. These songs have been performed in places near and far from Cerro Gordo to Pearl Harbor to Washington, D.C. and points in between!

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

A Lac qui Parle County Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Wednesday, September 11 from 3-6 pm at the LqP County Highway Garage in Dawson. Household Hazardous Waste includes paint, thinners, solvents, acids and bases, cleaning agents, pool chemicals, wood preservatives, and home and garden pesticides. This collection is free to all households in Lac qui Parle County.

Garfield Lutheran Church and Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church Joint Council Meeting August 6, 2019

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

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- Discussion on the 8:30 and 10:15 worship time. We will go through 2 more cycles which will take us through April 2020.
- Discussion about Thanksgiving Eve service (Garfield Lutheran Church at 5:30) and Christmas service. Christmas Day service will be at Garfield Church this year. This year, Lac qui Parle Church will have Christmas Eve service at 4:30 pm and Garfield Church at 6:30 pm.
- Discussion about contract between the two churches, annual review, and Pastor's salary will be assessed by representatives from both church councils on September 18 at 7:00 pm at Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church.

Next Joint Council meeting will be December 11th at

Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church at 7:00 pm.

Adjourn-Benediction said together



Garfield News

Garfield WELCA- July 2019

The Garfield WELCA met at 7 pm in the church on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. This meeting included a special program and guests so the business meeting was shortened. The Secretary's minutes were read and correspondence was shared. The Treasurer's report was given. Mission Action reported 18 quilts completed in June. Lorna gave a short report on the Convention in Marshall.

New Business: -The Annual Salad Supper will be Thursday, August 8, 2019. The meal will start serving at 6 p.m., the program at 7:00 p.m. Group A will be working. Jeri Popma will be speaking on the topic "Walking with Jesus".

-The Nest Fest will be held in August at the Healing Eagle's Nest in Sauk Centre, MN. Rosemary would like to attend and invites WELCA members to join her.

Program: -Norma Armstrong read a short story about Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery to freedom.

-Throughout the program the group sang spirituals and Americana folk songs from the slavery era.

-Diane Enger Madsen presented a program about the Underground Railroad quilts that she has made. The patterns, colors, stitching and construction in the quilt squares communicated detailed messages to other slaves about a freedom plan without using the written word, since they were not allowed to read or write.

-Offering, prayer and table grace

-Lunch was served by Elois Kveene and Jeri Popma

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting August 6, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on August 6, 2019 following the joint council meeting between Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church and Garfield Lutheran Church. Members present Jeri Popma, Gene Winkels, Mona Buer, Ron Enger, Missy Schmidt, Todd Patzer, Terry Berndt, and Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order by President Jeri. Pastor Bringle led devotions and prayer before the joint council meeting.

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

Secretary's minutes for June 26th, 2019 were read. Motioned to accept by Ron, seconded by Gene, Motions approved.

Treasurer's report was read. Motioned to accept by Todd and seconded by Terry. Motion approved.

Financial Secretary's Reports: was read. Motioned to accept by Missy and seconded by Gene. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report: A) Remember church is as 8:30 September through December. B) With Pastors in the area retiring or moving on to new locations, Pastor Bringle may need to fill in if needed.

WELCA Report: Salad supper is set for August 8.

Trustee Report: There will be no work day. Gary Boraas was hired to trim all bushes. Light on flag stand was replaced. Few things left in shed to clean out.

Garfield News

Garfield News continued....

Deacon Report: No report

Unfinished Business: No report.

New Business: A) Chuck Thompson has moved to Worthington so we will need to find a replacement for his trustee position. The council has decided to wait until January to fill position. B) The annual review committee will meet with Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church to discuss agreement and contracts on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. at Lac qui Parle Lutheran. Members of the committee are Missy Schmidt, Todd Patzer, Jeri Popma and Mona Buer. The next council meeting is set for Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 pm at Garfield Church.

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

Respectfully submitted by: Mona Buer, Council Secretary.

Sept.	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
1	Jim Connor	*Doug Haas Lyle Hanson Tony Polzine	Kaidyn Stender	Sharon Haas	Dean Stoks
8	Todd Patzer		Pastor/ Usher	Mary Hanson	Andy Gritmacker
15	Lorraine Connor		Rachel Bringle		Dale Hatfield
22	Dale Hatfield		Katelyn Wiese	Emily Polzine	Dale Hatfield
29	Maizie Schacherer		Jacob Bringle		Dean Stoks

LQP News

CHURCH RECORDS

BAPTISM: The baptism of Asher Alden Bothun, son of Brian and Kayla Bothun, was held at Lac qui Parle on Sunday, August 18. Asher's sponsors were Derek Verhelst & Kristin Daline. May God bless Asher and his family as he begins his journey of faith!

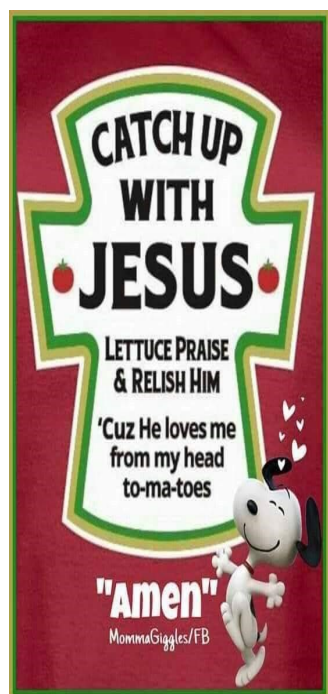


OUTDOOR SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 15!

Yes, you read that right! At Lac qui Parle we will again have an outdoor worship service like last year on Sunday, September 15 (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! Following the service, there will be a catered meal made possible by a Thrivent grant. We are asking for donations for school kit shipping funds in place of bringing a dish to pass. Each school kit costs \$1.40 to ship. Plan on coming—it should be fun!

September 15 Rally Sunday has also been designated as "Catch-Up" Sunday! Like many congregations we are still feeling the loss of offerings from a difficult winter. You can help! You are asked to pray about your offering for this "Catch-Up" Sunday. Then act! We invite you to help us receive or exceed an average Sunday offering in this special appeal. Your offerings make ministry happen In Jesus' name! Thanks for giving generously!



Sept.	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
1	Scott Ireland	Labor Day weekend- no coffee	John Dessonsville & Dave Falness	N.A.	N.A.
8	Sigdahl Family	Jon & Robin Kleven	John Dessonsville & Dave Falness	N.A.	N.A.
15	Youth- Rally Sunday	Rally Sunday- catered meal	John Dessonsville & Dave Falness	N.A.	N.A.
22	Lindee Olson	Jeff & Dawn Peterson	John Dessonsville & Dave Falness	N.A.	N.A.
29	Karin Falness	Gary & Jackie Sigdahl	John Dessonsville & Dave Falness	N.A.	Nate Gruwell

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

The Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at 9:30 a.m. at Sue Lund's home.

Lydia Circle will meet at the home of Doris Graven on Wednesday, September 11 at 1:30 p.m.

LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Lac qui Parle Church council met on Tuesday, August 6th following the joint council meeting at Garfield Lutheran Church. Members present include: Jeff Marotzke, Gary Sigdahl, Mark Roisen, Dallas Kelly, Julie Stensrud, Tim Stensrud, Sue Lund, John Dove, Pastor Bruce, and Tracy Dove. The meeting was called to order by President, John Dove.

The agenda was reviewed and approved with no corrections or additions. The June 12th meeting minutes were read and approved.

President's Report: Nothing to report

Financial Report: Not available, Lindee will get reports into mailboxes at the church before Sunday in case there are any questions.

Pastor's Report: An update was given on the area pastors.

Deacon's Report: Nothing to report

Trustee's Report: Bushes still need to get planted on the south side of the church

WELCA Report: There will be no bake sale at the Men's Supper

Youth/Parish Ed.: Sunday School will start September 15th.

Unfinished Business: The large map/poster of the congregations in our SW MN Synod still needs to get framed. Tracy will work on getting the frame for this. Rural Solutions is coming tomorrow at 1 p.m. to look at the projector issues and help access Rhoda's files from her laptop.

New Business: Outside worship is still planned for September 15th. We will also do blessing of the tractors/harvest and blessing of the backpacks. We will have a catered meal after the service. An invite will be extended to the Gust Halvorson Family to thank them for the donation that was used to purchase the pictures of the church. Everything is all set for the Men's Mission/Harvest Supper. This will be on August 14th. Remember church is at 10:15 and Sunday School at 9:00 from September through December. LqP Lutheran will host the Agape Singers next year. This will be sometime in March 2020. Next year is the 150th Anniversary of LqP Lutheran Church. We will talk more at the next meeting about setting a date to celebrate. Will have a sign-up sheet for people interested in being on the planning committee.

*******The next meeting is set for September 11th at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Tracy Dove, Council Secretary