



# October 2020 Newsletter

## Worship Schedule

Sept-December

8:30 LqP Worship

9:00 LqP Sunday School

10:15 Garfield Worship

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## FROM THE PASTOR

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Fall is my favorite time of year. Cool nights, not as warm days, the leaves changing colors, “pumpkin spice” stuff everywhere and out here in farm country, the harvest.

There is a poem entitled “When We see the Harvest” that beautifully captures this time of year and how this harvest time can cause us to think of our faith.

When We See The Harvest

By: Susan Nikitenko

April 25th, 2011

A harvest of apples, a harvest of corn:  
A harvest of plenty, an autumn adorned.  
With bright colored leaves, a fall festive blend:  
A wonderful time for families and friends.  
A harvest of pumpkins, a harvest of grain:  
A harvest of bounty, and cool autumn rains.  
A big harvest moon way up in the sky:  
A harvest of blessing that God has supplied.  
Be grateful, be humble, give thanks to the Lord:  
He has showered His blessing here in our world.  
But have we been faithful, and have we been true?  
Have we put God first in all that we do?  
A harvest that God sees is not food or crop:  
Not pumpkins, or grain not apples that drop.  
But God sees the harvest of souls needing Him:  
A harvest of people who need saved from their sins.  
A harvest of souls and a harvest of love:  
A harvest of mercy from our Gather above.  
When we see the harvest, lets see through God's eyes:  
And share with the nations the life He supplies.

So when you see our busy farmers harvesting, think about how you can “share with the nations” the life God supplies.

Harvest Blessings  
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
September 6th	19	9
September 13th	16	20
September 20th	13	22
September 27th	13	28

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The *Christ in Our Home* devotional booklets for October – December and the new *Living Lutheran* magazine are available. If you would like either one, please let us know.

Pastor Bruce will be on vacation October 14th—16th.



# Garfield News

## CONFIRMATION

### *Affirmation of Baptism*

Confirmation, which has also come to be known as “The Affirmation of the Baptismal Covenant” marks the completion of the congregation’s program of confirmation ministry. This is a period of instruction in the Christian faith as taught by the Lutheran Church. Participation in this “Rite of the Church” includes a public profession of the faith into which the candidates were baptized, and a pledge on their part to remain faithful to that covenant.

This year at Garfield we have two young people who are preparing to participate in this special milestone in their young lives. This was to have taken place in April, but due to COVID19, it was postponed. The service will now be on October 25. The young people ready to affirm their faith are: Jacob Bringle, son of Pastor Bruce and Jennifer Bringle; and LaRay Polzine, daughter of Tony and Emily Polzine.

Please remember these young people in your prayers as they look forward to this important day!

## CHURCH RECORDS

**BAPTISM:** The baptism of Jack Otto Bjornson, son of Derek and Sarah Bjornson, was held at the Bjornson farm on Sunday, September 13. His sponsors were Lucas Bjornson, Jenna Christianson, and James Rusthoven. May God bless Jack and his family as he begins his journey of faith!

October		Ushers for the Month	Altar Committee for the Month		Videographers
4		Robert Lideen*  Kipp Stender  Paul Palmgren	Jeanette Lideen  Marilyn Matthes  Janelle Stender		
11					Dean Stoks
18					Dale Hatfield
25					Dale Hatfield

# Garfield News

## Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 2, 2020

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on September 2 at 7:00. Members present Missy Schmidt, Mona Buer, Jane Stoks, Aaron Olson, Rachel Croatt, Sarah Bjornson, Mike Croatt and Pastor Bringle.

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

**Agenda additions:** Added- Lutheran Home visitation.

**Secretaries:** Motion to approve minutes was made by Missy and seconded by Rachel. Motion carried.

**Treasurers:** report by Missy.

**Financial Secretary's Reports:** Report by Jane. Motion to approve both Treasurers and Financial Secretary's reports was made by Mona and seconded by Aaron. Motion carried

**Pastor's Report:** A) Discussion about worship. Having hard time hearing and understanding Pastor. Pastor Bringle will look into using a shield to see if this will help. B) We will begin serving Communion September 6 and September 12. Congregation will receive communion in the Narthex at the bottom of the steps and continue to exit the church.

**WELCA Report:** None

**Deacon Report:** None

**Trustee Report:** The threshold on door to the garage is broken. Trustees will take care of this. Trustees looking animals digging in the cemetery.

**Unfinished Business:** A) Constitution and By-Laws Committee has been table for the time being. B) Pastoral Salary Review Committee and Agreement Review with Lac qui Parle is on September 16, at 7:00 pm at Garfield Church.

**New Business:** A) Pastor Bringle working on visitation-contacting Madison Healthcare Services to see when and how this can be done. Pastor Bringle has Zoomed with members at Dawson Care Center.

**Pastor Bringle and council members discuss the wellbeing of the members of Garfield Church. We are here for anyone that needs help or would like to visit. You may contact Pastor Bringle or a council member-Missy Schmidt, Jeri Popma, Sarah Bjornson, Pat Wiese, Terry Berndt, Mike Croatt, Rachel Croatt, Jane Stoks, Aaron Olson, or Mona Buer.**

The next council meeting will be October 7 at 7:30 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.

# Lac qui Parle News

## CHURCH RECORDS

**Funeral:** The graveside service for Conrad Hofseth was held in the Lac qui Parle Cemetery on Saturday, September 26. May God continue to strengthen and comfort his family.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning September 27, it was decided that Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m., since, due to COVID19 concerns, we are trying to keep our church service to a half hour.

**October Ushers**—Kevin Bergeson & Dick Berglund

**October Organist/Musicians** - Bryan Busch (4th & 11th) & Barry Lund(18th & 25th)

## LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Lac qui Parle church council met for the regular monthly council meeting on Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the church. Members present included: John Dove, Scott Ireland, Tracy Dove, Dallas Kelly, Pastor Bruce, Josh Falness, Sue Lund, Kevin Bergeson, Gary Sigdahl, and Jeff Marotzke. The meeting was called to order by President, John Dove. Pastor Bruce read devotions from Matt 21: 18-22 and Christ In Our Home. The agenda was reviewed with no corrections or additions. The August meeting minutes were read and approved with no correction and additions.

**Pastor's Report:** The sheet on things to remember when we go to in person worship on September 27<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. The procedure for starting communion was also reviewed. Communion will start again on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**President's Report:** The worship services continue to go well.

**Financial Report:** Reviewed and approved.

**Deacon's Report:** Nothing to report.

**Trustee's Report:** John will get some towels for the Men's bathroom. There was a recall on the defibrillator; Jeff Marotzke will bring this to Lynn Marotzke to look into. Al Simonson trimmed the bushes. Dallas Kelly took care of the tree outside of Pastor Bruce's office. We still have a bat problem-discussion was had on what we can do about this.

**WELCA Report:** School bags have been filled and are ready to send.

**Youth/Parish Ed. Report:** Rally Sunday is set for September 20<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school will start that day also. Due to guidelines regarding COVID-19, we will not be assigning any youth as ushers/lectors for Youth Sunday at this time. Confirmation will be on Wednesday's at LqP Lutheran.

**Unfinished Business:** There has been some changes to the Janitor work schedule: Oct-May will be light upkeep only with full cleaning starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Pay will be adjusted accordingly. A motion was made and approved to accept changes. The Pastoral Salary Review Committee and Agreement Review will be on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Garfield Lutheran. This will include members from both churches.

**New Business:** There are some fees that come with using the material from Augsburg Fortress for worship purposes. Since the start of the pandemic in March, these fees were waived. This will end on August 31<sup>st</sup>. After some discussion, a motion was made and approved to pay the fee to use the material. The copier is not working right; we will need to have someone come out and look at it. Pastor Bruce or Lisa will get ahold of TAC Computers to see if someone can come out. There is a guy who will come out to the church cemetery and straighten/improve all the headstones that need it. He charges \$3500.00 with 10% being donated back to the church. There are about 100 stones that need this done. This will be brought to the Cemetery Committee to see if this is something they want to consider having done.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at LqP Lutheran Church (Pastor Bruce will be on vacation 10/14/20).

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

Tracy Dove, Council Secretary