



# October 2019 Newsletter

## Worship Schedule

September- December  
8:30 Garfield Worship  
9:00 LqP Sunday School  
10:15 LqP Worship

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## FROM THE PASTOR

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*One of the constant worries of so many people is how others perceive them. In fact, such a worry can become an obsession that shapes one's personality, character, and outlook on life. Of course, it ought to be. But, in another sense, we ought to be concerned about how others perceive us. Or, maybe a better way to say it is that we ought to be concerned about what others see in us.*

*What do others see in us, others such as our family, our neighbors, our business associates, even strangers? Do others see someone who is obsessed with perfection or totally oblivious to perfection in even the slightest form? Do others see someone who is self-absorbed or who is totally self-less? Do others see someone whose first priority is acquisition of material goods or who is concerned only with people? (You can add to the list of questions and qualifications). Or, do others see someone through whom God is at work? Someone who is far from perfect, someone who is well acquainted with sin, but even better acquainted with the one who forgives sin?*

*Do others see someone who may have little time, but who always has time for prayer and praise? Do others see someone who is day by day struggling with life and with remaining faithful in an antagonistic culture? Do others see someone who is day by day being shaped and molded by God? If so, then one is seeing a witness to Christ and to the Holy Gospel. What do others see in us? Hopefully Christ.*

*Pastor Bruce*



# News for Both Churches

## ~ ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER ~

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>
October 6	LaRay Polzine	Broady Nelson
October 13	Cole Bjornson	-----
October 20	Jayden Jimoh	-----
October 27	Kaidyn Stender	-----

## Church Attendance

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
September 1	32	21
September 8	35	37
September 15	42	85
September 22	52	41
September 29		

**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!

### LqP

October	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
6	Tracy Dove	Allen & Kathy Simonson	Chas Dale & Kevin Bergeson	N.A.	Broady Nelson
13	Broady Nelson	Dennis & Wanda Sommerfeld	Rachael Lund	N.A.	N.A.
20	Lynn Marotzke	Tim & Julie Stensrud	Chas Dale & Kevin Bergeson	N.A.	N.A.
27	John Dove	Gary & Julie Turnberg	Chas Dale & Kevin Bergeson	N.A.	N.A.

### Garfield

October	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
6	Jeri Popma	Robert Lideen*	LaRay Polzine	Jeanette Lideen	Andy Gritmacker
13	Carol Hanson		Cole Bjornson		Dale Hatfield
20	Lyle Hanson	Kipp Stender	Jayden Jimoh	Lorraine Connor	Dale Hatfield
27	Rosemary Weber	Harvey Weber	Kaidyn Stender	Janelle Stender	Dean Stoks

# Garfield News

## **GARFIELD WELCA– Minutes for Garfield WELCA Meeting– 9-11-19**

The Garfield WELCA met on Wednesday, September 11th at 2:00p.m. at the church with Norma Armstrong and Carla Gritmacker at hostesses. Members present were Ramona Thompson, Lois Bjornson, Pat Haugen, Carla Gritmacker, Lorraine Connor, Lorna Johnson, and Norma Armstrong. The meeting was called to order by President, Lorraine Connor, followed by the opening prayer. The secretary was absent, so no secretary report was given. There was no correspondence. The Treasurer's report was read and put on file. Mission Action reported that at the August DoDay, we had 5 ladies attend, and made 23 quilts and packed several boxes for the Marie Sandvik Center.

For old business, thanks were given for bringing salads and working at our Salad supper. The treasurer's report indicated that no donations have been given to defray the cost of cleaning the church, so contributions were encouraged. The trip to the Eagles' Nest didn't happen, but maybe next year. Permission was given to bring our unused paint to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Dawson.

For new business, we were encouraged to attend the Fall Gathering at Granite Falls Lutheran Church on October 15, 2019. We'll get details later. We were told that the Fall Retreat will be held at Green Lake Bible Camp in December as a Christmas program. More details later. Our Thank-offering service is planned for Sunday, November 10th, and a discussion was held about plans for it. Barb Ludvigson is listed as the service planner. We will ask Lois Sather to print our WELCA books if she is available. We decided not to have a Cookie Sale again this December, as will ask for donations, as we did last year. We discussed lunches at WELCA and Circle meetings, and it was suggested that we only serve one item, such as dessert and coffee, or a sandwich and a beverage, with a side of candy or nuts allowed.

The nominating committee presented a nomination sheet with no nominations for president, vice president, secretary, or nominating committee. Rosemary has agreed to continue as treasurer, and the Mission Growth, Mission Action and Mission Community people agreed to continue. A vote was not taken, and nothing was decided. What solutions can we come up with? Our offering was taken, and a prayer given.

Our program was presented. Norma gave devotions, using Bible verses about immigration. We then had a presentation about immigration presented by Lorraine. It included an article about how our ELCA is trying to help people deported back to their home country, working with Lutheran World Federation and CASM, a Mennonite organization. We also heard the paper written by Pastor Don McKee of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Montevideo, as written in Pastor Bringle's Newsletter article about immigration and "Sanctuary Churches". We then made familiar with the "School Kit to Honduras" program by which children are helped with school supplies so they can attend school in Honduras, which may encourage their families to stay in their home country, rather than immigrating to another country. We then listened to "You'll Never Walk Alone" by Danny O'Donnell, with thoughts of immigrants "walking" to find a better life.

The meeting was adjourned, and we closed with The Lord's Prayer. A delicious lunch was served by Norma and Carla.

# Garfield News

The WELCA Lac qui Parle Conference Fall Gathering will be held at Granite Falls Lutheran Church on October 15.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$10.00, with the noon lunch included. The speaker will be Travis Aufderheide from Green Lake Lutheran Ministries.

Our Fall retreat will be held at Green Lake Bible Camp, probably the 1<sup>st</sup> week in December, and it will feature a Christmas pageant. More details later.

## **Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting- September 4, 2019**

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on September 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Members present Gene Winkels, Mona Buer, Ron Enger, Missy Schmidt, Aaron Olson, Terry Berndt, and Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order. Pastor Bringle led devotions and prayer.

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

**Secretary's** minutes for August 6, 2019 were read. Motioned to accept by Gene, seconded by Aaron, Motions approved.

**Treasurer's** report was read. Motioned to accept by Ron and seconded by Aaron. Motion approved.

**Financial Secretary's Reports:** No report

**Pastor's Report:** A) There are 8 families involved in confirmation this year between Garfield and LQP. Pastor Bringle starting classes September 18.

**WELCA Report:** No report.

**Trustee Report:** There are a few minor projects to finish before winter.

**Deacon Report:** No report

**Unfinished Business:** Constitution and By-Laws Committee will meet sometime after harvest.

**New Business:** A) There will be a Cultivation Generous Congregations three-part seminar in Marshall beginning September 29 through January 11, 2020 along with monthly contacts for 12 months. Because of the timing of this and the commitment Missy motions to not do this at this time, but keep our options open for other leadership seminars. Gene 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motioned carried. B) The annual review committee will meet with Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church to discuss agreement and contracts on Wednesday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Lac qui Parle Lutheran. Members of the committee are Missy Schmidt, Todd Patzer, Jeri Popma and Mona Buer. C) Discussion of pastoral visitation, weekly at Madison Lutheran Home for Friday morning bible study and Johnson Memorial. Working towards individual visits as needed.

The next council meeting is set for **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

# LQP News

## LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

~Martha Circle will meet Wednesday, October 2nd at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Colleen Falness

~Lydia Circle will meet on Wednesday, October 9th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Gen Bothun.

~LQP Conference Fall Gathering will be held on Tuesday, October 15 in Granite Falls at Granite Falls Lutheran Church- 350 9th Ave. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with program and lunch to follow. Registration fee is \$10:00, due by October 9th.

Please send to: Bernice Oellien- 2570 280th St. Madison, MN 56256

~WELCA will meet to work on Mission Projects and have pot-luck on Wednesday, October 16 at 1 p.m.

## CHURCH RECORDS

**BAPTISM:** The baptism of Braxton Jeffrey Bothun, son of Joe and Tristin Bothun, was held at Lac qui Parle on Sunday, September 15. May God bless Braxton and his family as he begins his journey of faith!

**Ella Falness helped Grandma & Grandpa deliver Meals on Wheels to Doryce Farmen & drew her pictures.**



**~MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN DAWSON**

We are currently looking for volunteers to deliver Meals on Wheels in Dawson. Your smile and "Hello" would be very meaningful to those receiving meals. **Experience Volunteering!** If interested, contact Gail Schlimme @ 320-312-2115 or [gschlimme@jmhsmn.org](mailto:gschlimme@jmhsmn.org)

# LqP Lutheran Council Minutes

The Lac Qui Parle Church council met on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Members present include: Pastor Bruce, John Dove, Sue Lund, Mark Roisen, Jeff Marotzke, Dallas Kelly, Gary Sigdahl, Lindee Olson, Tracy Dove, Jeff Kleven, and Rhoda Kleven. The meeting was called to order by President, John Dove. Pastor Bruce read devotions from Exodus 32:7-14 and Christ in Our Home. The agenda was review and approved with one addition: The 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

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

**Financial Report:** May – July Financial reports were available for review. These were approved pending contingent audit review. Lindee Olson resigned as Church Treasurer. She will continue with these duties until the position can be filled.

**Pastor's Report:** Confirmation will be starting on 9/18/19. There is one student from LqP attending. Installation of the Sunday school teachers will be on Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bibles will also be given out that Sunday.

**Deacon's Report:** All Saints' Sunday will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Trustee's Report:** The trim and door on the south side of the church need to be painted. Rhoda volunteered to work on this. The bushes still need to be planted on the south side of the church. Jeff Marotzke will continue to work on this.

**WELCA Report:** There will not be a Fall Festival this year. Plans are in the works for what will happen next year (Fall Festival or bake sale during the Men's Supper). School Bags for Lutheran World Relief will be packed on Sunday. The Sunday school students will help with this.

**Youth/Parish Ed.:** Sunday School will start September 15<sup>th</sup>. The kids will sing in church for Rally Sunday as well as help pack school bags. Bibles will be presented to Preslee Bothun (3-year-old) and Myiah Bothun (3<sup>rd</sup> grader).

**Unfinished Business:** The large map/poster of the congregations in our SW MN Synod still needs to be framed. Tracy Dove will continue to work on this. Outside worship is set for September 15<sup>th</sup>. We will need to set up speakers, chairs, baptismal font. Bryan Bush will be leading the music. Gust Halvorson's family will be in attendance. There will be a catered meal following the service. John from Rural Solutions came out to work on the projector. It is still not up and running, but Rhoda is working on getting it fixed. Rhoda will be ordering a new paper towel dispenser for the men's bathroom. Plans are in the works for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. This will be held June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**New Business:** Cultivating Generous Congregations-We will not be participating this year. Pastoral Salary Review Committee and Agreement Review with Garfield on Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at LqP Lutheran. Sue Lund, Janelle Boulton, Dave and Colleen Falness, Jeff Kleven, Tim Stensrud, and Lindee Olson will need to attend. Stewardship committee needs to meet soon. There will be a memorial service for Harriet Dunn here on Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. and a memorial service for Mahlon Femrite here on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Doris Graven is look for 4 volunteers to help for Harriet Dunn's service.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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

Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary