



October 2018 Newsletter

Worship Schedule

September- December

9:00 LqP Worship

10:00 LqP Sunday School

10:45 Garfield Worship

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FROM THE PASTOR

The story is told of two men walking down a crowded, busy New York City street. It was the height of the noontime lunch hour. Amid the cacophony of taxis, blaring horns, shouting pedestrians, one could barely hear one's self think. Suddenly, the man stopped dead in his tracks and exclaimed, "Did you hear that?"

"Hear what?" said his friend.

"The cricket," responded the first man. "What a delightful sound; a cricket in the middle of New York City."

"You're crazy," said the second man. "How could you possibly hear a cricket in all this racket?"

Without saying a word, the first man reached into his pocket and extracted a fifty-cent piece. He then threw it up in the air and stood back. It bounced on the sidewalk a few times and came to rest. Immediately, 20 people were on their hands and knees, looking for the coin.

Smiling, the first man turned to his friend and said, "We hear what we want to hear."

What about you? Will you listen for Christ amidst the competing voices of the world? Will you respond to that voice by changing how you live? To live for selfish interests is to deny God's plan for you. Unselfish management of God's resources means using the gifts God has put in your hands wisely and generously.

Put God in your plans. Giving left-overs and a small percentage of your income to God is to shortchange God and yourself.

You must decide whether you will give a fair percentage of your income for the work of the Lord. Remember God doesn't want only your money—God wants you! He wants the expression of your love in the proper use of all the gifts He has given you.

Pastor Bruce



News for Both Churches

~ ACOLYTES FOR OCTOBER ~

Church Attendance

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>		<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
October 7	Jayden Jimoh	N.A.	September 2	43	26
October 14	Rachel Bringle	N.A.	September 9	69	39
October 21	Pastor/ Usher	N.A.	September 16	41	83
October 28	Kaidyn Stender	N.A.	September 23	41	46

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!

GMI FUNDRAISER

GMI, Greater Milan Initiative, is again serving a noon lunch during the Saturday and Sunday of Meander. We would like to invite everyone to join us Saturday, October 6, 10:00 to 2:00, and Sunday, October 7, 11:00 to 2:00 in the community room of the Old Milan School. Homemade soups, sandwiches, dessert and coffee will be available. Please join us for this important fundraiser.

LqP

October	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
7	Allen Simonson	Dave & Colleen Falness	Chas Dale & Kevin Bergeson	Rachael Lund	N.A.
14	Rachael Lund	Rod Greseth & Linda Roder	Rachael Lund	Hank Ireland	N.A.
21	Kathy Simonson	Jeff & Dawn Peterson	Chas Dale & Kevin Bergeson	Lindee Olson	N.A.
28	Lynn Marotzke	Bob & Sue Lund	Chas Dale & Kevin Bergeson	Jessica Sigdahl	N.A.

Garfield

Oct.	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
7	Jeri Popma	Jim Ernst*	Jayden Jimoh	Judy Larson Pam Schacherer Fran Peterson	Andy Gritmacker
14	Maizie Schacherer	Pat Enger	Rachel Bringle		Dale Hatfield
21	Lyle Hanson	Eldred Peterson	Pastor/ Usher		Dean Stoks
28	Becky Bjornson	Dale Hatfield	Kaidyn Stender		Harrison Patzer

Garfield News

GARFIELD WELCA

WELCA TO UPDATE BATHROOMS

The Garfield WELCA plans to update the ladies' and men's bathrooms in our basement this fall. The ceilings in both rooms need to be repainted, and it doesn't seem a wise plan to have the active members of the WELCA 'climb' the ladders, so they wondered if a more able-bodied member of the congregation would be willing to volunteer for the task? The WELCA would also ask if someone would 'close up' the opening on the bottom of the chimney in the ladies room? Any help will be appreciated! If interested and willing, please contact any WELCA officer. Thanks very much!

CHURCH RECORDS

BAPTISM: Averí Kay Olson, daughter of Aaron and Ashley Olson, was baptized at Garfield church on Sunday, August 26. Her sponsors were Josh and Karin Falness and Brandon and Jenna Peter.

Elyse Marie Connor, daughter of Jordan and Kali Connor, was baptized at Garfield church on Sunday, September 9. Her sponsors were Josh Connor, Nick Connor, and John and Kelly Maatz. May God bless Averí and Elyse and their families as they begin their journey of faith.

RELEASE FROM MEMBERSHIP: Wayne Lindquist to the Dawson Covenant Church.

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting September 5, 2018

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on September 5, 2018 following the joint Council meeting. Members present were Becky Bjornson, Jordan Connor, Ron Enger, Cynthia Huse, Barb Ludvigson, Kevin Olson, Jeri Popma. Also present was Pastor Bringle.

The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Huse.

The Secretary read the minutes from the August meeting. A motion was made, seconded, to approve it with following amendment—Trustees Report- Gene Winkels reported on the Fire extinguisher audit of the church by Willmar Fire Equipment Co. The Treasurer's report were given and approved. There was no Financial Secretary's report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Bringle reported that he would have 9 confirmation students this year, 6 from Garfield and 3 from LqP.

WELCA Report: WELCA is willing to put in new flooring, mirrors, painting and other updates to the basement bathrooms with Council approval. The Council graciously accepts WELCA's offer to do this.

Trustee Report: The Trustees are investigating and looking into what all needs to be done in the Church Kitchen with the flooring and what other needs are there.

Deacon Report: The Deacons will now take over the filling of the candles.

Unfinished Business: A) The Council is taking home a draft copy of the Policy for Youth Protection & Abuse Prevention to read over and come back with their thoughts on what can be deleted or needs to be added to the Policy. The Council will then go over it in more depth at the October meeting before approving it. This is needed for our insurance policy. B) After the audit by Willmar Fire Co. of the Church, we are not in compliance with our Insurance Policy and Fire codes. We are going to need to add more fire extinguishers with lettering and decals and have Yearly inspections of the extinguishers. As of right now we are still gathering more information on exactly what is needed and the cost.

New Business: A) Pastoral Salary Review Committee and Agreement Review with LqP Lutheran is on September 12th at LqP. Cynthia Huse, Todd Patzer, and Becky Bjornson will be Garfield's representatives. B) The Council approved Wayne Lindquist request for release of membership to Dawson Covenant Church. C) The Council discussed the need to upgrade our video system as it is very complicated to use. We are also in need of more video recorders for Sunday Services.

The next Council meeting is set for October 3 at 8:00 pm

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

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Olson, Council Secretary

LqP News

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

- ~The **Martha Circle** will meet Wednesday, October 10th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Robin Kleven.
- ~**Lydia Circle** will meet on Wednesday, October 10th at 1:30 p.m. at the home of Gen Bothun.
- ~**LqP Conference Fall Gathering** will be held on October 16 at Faith Lutheran in Madison. It begins at 5 pm. Registration is \$10.00. and needs to be in by October 10.
- ~**WELCA** will meet to work on Mission Projects and have pot-luck on Wednesday, October 17 at 1 p.m.

CHURCH RECORDS

BAPTISM: *Olivia Catherine Falness, daughter of Josh and Karin Falness, was baptized at Lac qui Parle church (actually, right outside of it!) on Sunday, September 16. Her sponsors were Ryan & Nicole Blasing and Darin & Leah Prestholdt. May God bless Olivia and her family as she begins her journey of faith.*



Looking forward into November.....Consecration Sunday will be November 11th. At the 9:00 a.m. worship service congregation members will be present their estimates of giving followed by a celebration brunch to thank members for giving of their time, talents, and treasures of the past year. We will also have a blessing of quilts and kits of care made this past year. Letters have been mailed to each giving member/ family along with an estimate of giving card to be filled and brought to November 11th worship service.

First Day of Sunday School



Outdoor Service



Men's Harvest Mission Supper



LqP Lutheran Council Minutes

Lac qui Parle Church Council met on September 12th, 2018 at 7:00pm at LqP Lutheran Church.

Members present included Darin Lund, Tim Stensrud, Mark Roisen, Jay Kleven, Jeff Marotzke, Tracy Dove, Al Simonson, Gary Sigdahl, and John Dove.

The meeting was called to order by President Darin Lund. Pastor Bruce lead devotions from Mark 21 and Christ in Our Home. The agenda was reviewed and approved with no corrections or additions. The August meeting minutes were read and approved.

Presidents Report: The Men's Supper went well. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Financial Report: Not Available

Pastor's Report: Confirmation has not started yet. Pastor and parents will be meeting on Sunday to discuss a meeting place. Due to bus routes changing it has been difficult to find a good time. There are 8 confirmation students this year. 3 from LqP and 5 from Garfield.

Deacon's Report: Discussed bringing communion to the shut-ins.

Trustee's Report: Will send \$50 to Pastor Kendall for preaching at Pastor Bruce's Celebration. Gary replaced the door in the basement. Gary Sigdahl will be repairing the north peak. An estimate was given and approved. 2 new cookers (for corn) were purchased for the Men's supper. We will wait until next year to plant shrubs on the south side of the church to make sure there is no more leaks in the basement. The eaves-trough on the south side of the church is plugged, this will be cleaned out.

WELCA: Will be packing Backpacks this Sunday, September 16th.

Youth/Parish Ed.: Sunday school starts on Sunday, September 16th. This year our theme is "The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss". Ella Falness and Triton Dove will be receiving Bibles this year.

Unfinished Business: The sexual misconduct/harassment protocol for LqP is still in the process of getting completed. Outside worship is planned for Sunday, September 16th. We will need help getting set up. During the service there will be a baptism, blessing of the backpacks, blessing of the tractors, and the kids will sing. Sue Lund is in the process of lining up an organist for December 23rd, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day services. Barry Lund said he could possibly play Christmas Eve, but not Christmas Day. Christmas Eve service will be 7:00pm and Christmas Day service will be at 9:00 at LqP Lutheran.

New Business: Stewardship Committee needs to meet soon. The member will set up a time to meet. Pastoral Salary Review Committee and Agreement Review met tonight. Gary Sigdahl presented the review and the council members discussed at the beginning of the meeting while Pastor Bruce was not present. They will be meeting again to discuss further. The computer in Rhoda's office needs to be replaced. Will look into getting a laptop. Installation of the Sunday school Teachers and presentation of the Bibles will be Sunday, September 23rd. Changing the worship times was brought up, will discuss this more at the joint council meeting in December.

The next meeting will be held October 10th at 7:00pm.

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

Tracy Dove, council secretary