



November 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

I would like to begin my column this month with a poem by K. Stevenson Shaffer entitled "Thanksgiving".

Thanksgiving

I cannot see what life will bring today; How bountiful or barren it may be, Nor how the course of life in one swift stroke can redirect and change its plan for me; But this I know, in all my daily living I turn to Thee, O God, with my thanksgiving.

In years gone by, how surely thou hast led and given much where little was my due. Thou hast in all Thy goodness known and cared, replenished faith, my courage to renew. Today I look to Thee in prayer and praise, And voice thanksgiving for Thy gracious ways.

Without Thy care, our days would empty be ad fearful as the burning desert sands. Who else, but by Thy great and mighty hand? So frail and weak we are- O make us see that Thou art good, and raise our thanks to Thee.

-K.S.S

The poem expresses what we should desire to express as Christians, as people of God, made in God's image, that "in all my daily living I turn to Thee, O God, with my thanksgiving." Amidst all goodness and adversity in our lives, when we come up against everything life and the world dishes out to us, we are to realize that without God's care, we would be nothing. We are to look to God "in prayer and praise."

As we enter into November, which normally is a time that our thoughts turn to thankfulness, let us make a special effort to come and thank God for the many blessings that we have in our lives.

P.S. This year, you will again have two opportunities for Thanksgiving Eve worship. There will be a Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 27th at 5:30p.m at Garfield, and there will be an Ecumenical service, also on November 27th, at 7:00p.m at Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church, sponsored by the Dawson-Boyd Ministerial Association. If you would like to sing in an ecumenical choir, it will practice at 6:30p.m Come and thank God for all of His blessings!

Pastor Bruce~



News for Both Churches

Church Attendance

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
October 6	34	39
October 13	55	60
October 20	36	23
October 27	37	33

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!

~~~ACOLYTES FOR NOVEMBER~~~

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>
November 3	Pastor/ Usher	-----
November 10	Jacob Bringle	-----
November 17	Katelyn Wiese	-----
November 24	Rachel Bringle	-----
November 27 (Thanksgiving Eve)	LaRay Polzine	-----

LqP

Nov.	Lectors	Coffee	Ushers	Projector	Acolyte
3	Dick Berglund	Joe & Tristin Bothun	Josh Falness	N.A.	N.A.
10	Addyson Dahl	Brent & Heather Dahl	Josh Falness	N.A.	N.A.
17	Sue Lund	Consecration Sunday– Pot-luck	Josh Falness	N.A.	N.A.
24	Simonson’s	Bob & Sue Lund	Josh Falness	N.A.	N.A.

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Nov.	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
3	Tony Polzine	Jim Ernst* Chuck Thompson Tom Ludvigson	Pastor/Usher	Jeri Popma Missy Schmidt Lorna Johnson	Andy Gritmacker
10	Janelle Patzer		Jacob Bringle		Dale Hatfield
17	Jennifer Bringle		Katelyn Wiese		Dale Hatfield
24	Mariah Schacherer		Rachel Bringle		Dean Stoks
27 (Thanks-giving Eve)	Thanksgiving Eve		LaRay Polzine		

News for Both Churches

LqP Conference Fall WELCA Retreat

The LqP Conference Fall WELCA Retreat will be a WELCA sponsored bus trip to the Green Lake Lutheran Ministries Dinner Theater in Spicer on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 at 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a delicious four course meal and an afternoon of theater and music with your friends and loved ones. This year's show is Skol På Fischen - "Here's to Fishing" in Norwegian - by Dave Eliason and Brian and Sherry Pearson. Registration: \$40 (Includes ticket to the show with meal & bus ride). Men are welcome!

Mail Registration or Contact: Bernice Oellien; 2570 280th Street; Madison MN 56256. 320-752-4757

Bus pickups will be at the following places and times:

Appleton, VFW at 9:40 am

Madison, Historical Museum at 10:05 am

Dawson, Cenex East Side at 10:30 am

Montevideo, Our Savior's Lutheran Church at 11:00 am

HANGING OF THE GREENS/ ADVENT CELEBRATION - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

Come one, come all - a fun time at the church to usher in the Advent Season!

It will take place during our regular worship service!

Let us show our joy in the preparation for the season. Parents, bring your young ones and enjoy the fellowship of other parents, grandparents, and congregation members.

Luther League/ Hi League, come and help decorate the church, and /or help with the younger children.

- SCHEDULE FOR GARFIELD:

8:30 a.m. - Special Advent service in the sanctuary

9:30 a.m. - Cookies and Coffee and Hanging of the Greens (decorating the church) by young and old!

- SCHEDULE FOR LAC QUI PARLE:

NO Sunday School

10:15 a.m. - Special Advent service in the sanctuary

11:15 a.m.. - Pot-luck in basement

12:00 p.m. - Hanging of the Greens (decorating the church) by young and old!

Garfield News

Calling all Women of Faith:

You are encouraged to attend a brainstorming gathering Wednesday, November 6th, 7 pm at Garfield Church. A number of you have indicated an interest in gathering with other women to pray, relax, support, celebrate, laugh, learn and sing on a monthly basis. What we do at each informal evening gathering will be determined by those present. Write it on your calendar: Wednesday, November 6, 7pm, Garfield Church! Questions will be welcomed by Rachel, Mary or Cynthia.



WELCA THANKOFFERING MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 17 is WELCA Thankoffering Mission Sunday at Garfield Lutheran Church. A donation to Mission Sunday can be put in an old offering envelope marked as Mission donation or any envelope marked Mission offering.

This year our special speaker will be Jill Kristi from Dawson. She will be speaking about volunteering for 8 years with HELPS which is a medical mission team that delivers health care to Guatemalan Mayan Indians in the mountains.

They travel to Huehuetanango where they set up medical clinics, dental clinics, pharmacy, surgical suites and hospitals for recovery. Care is delivered for a week for patient care.

Another essential aspect of the mission is the stove team. Volunteers set up vented cooking stoves in homes throughout the region. She comments that this is the most rewarding and humbling experience in their life. Jill's presentation will include slides of her experiences in Guatemala. Coffee/sweets will be served following the service.

Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting- September 29, 2019

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on September 29, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Members present Gene Winkels, Mona Buer, Ron Enger, Missy Schmidt, Sarah Bjornson, Todd Patzer, Jeri Pompa, Terry Berndt, and Pastor Bringle. The meeting was called to order. Pastor Bringle led devotions and prayer.

Agenda additions: No additions or changes.

Secretary's minutes for September 4 were read.

Treasurer's report was read.

Financial Secretary's Reports: was read. Motion to approve Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary report made by Todd, seconded by Gene. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: A) Pastor's mic needs repairs. Pastor Bruce will contact New Life of Willmar. B) Worship service times-will leave schedule as is until April. If comments and concerns about the schedule bring to a council member.

WELCA Report: Cynthia is working on ideas for the continuation of WELCA.

Trustee Report: Trustees are finishing projects. Thermostat has been installed. The thermostat can be controlled by phone app. Pam and Rod Weber and Wayne Enger will learn the details of running this.

Deacon Report: Gene Winkels has volunteered to help the Deacons fill the candles.

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

New Business: A) The council discussed the Pastors salary and contract presented by the LqP and Garfield review committee. Todd motioned to adopt salary and contract proposal, 2nd by Gene. Motioned carried. B) The Garfield Council had discussion about a Pastor Performance evaluation. Council will get a generic form and will complete the performance evaluation at a later date.

The next council meeting is set for Sunday, November 3 at 8:00 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

CHURCH RECORDS

FUNERAL: The memorial service for Harriet Dunn, former member of LqP church, was held on Saturday, September 27. May God continue to strengthen and comfort her family.

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

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We will again be collecting items for shoebox gifts for Operation Christmas Child this year. Bring toys, school supplies, and personal hygiene items that will fit into the shoeboxes or take your shoebox home to be filled and returned by Sunday, November 24. Don't forget to pray for the child receiving the shoebox. Shipping costs have increased to \$9 a box so a Thrivent grant has been set up to track some boxes and pay the shipping costs. Please do not include candy, toothpaste, gum, war-related or breakable items.

Attention~ *We will be celebrating LqP Lutheran's 150th anniversary on June 7, 2020. Our prayer is that it will be a special day for our church family. With that in mind, I am asking families to put together the addresses of their family members who have moved away so we can mail invitations to them. Please put their addresses in my church mailbox or send them to me by December 1, 2019. In Christ, JoAnn Roisen 3438 240th St. Dawson, MN 56232*

LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

Three of our WELCA attended the Conference Fall Gathering in Granite Falls. They enjoyed the talk given by a man from Green Lake Ministries.

The Conference Fall Retreat will be a dinner theater at Green Lake. It is a bus trip on December 7th. The cost is \$40 & the reservations need to be in by November 1st. See the flyer in the narthex. **A reminder to get your donations to Julie Stensrud by December 1st. This would be appreciated so we can do to some of the mission work that we have done in the past.**

Give what you can. Thank you.

Doris~

*****The Martha Circle will meet on Wednesday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m. at Robin Kleven's home.**

*****Lydia Circle will meet at JMCC on Wednesday, November 13 at 1:30 p.m.**

*****WELCA Mission Projects will be Wednesday, November 20 at 1 p.m.**

LqP Lutheran Council Minutes

LqP Lutheran Church Council Minutes

The Lac qui Parle Church Council met on Wednesday, October 9th, 2019 at 7:00pm. Members present include: Dallas Kelly, Sue Lund, Julie Stensrud, Jeff Marotzke, Pastor Bruce, Tracy Dove, Lindee Olson, and John Dove. The meeting was called to order by President John Dove. Pastor Bruce read devotions from Luke 5:12-16 and Christ In Our Home. The agenda was reviewed and approved with one addition of the County Park Cemetery. The September meeting minutes were read and approved.

President's Report: Nothing to report

Financial Report: Reviewed and approved.

Pastor's Report: 150th Anniversary Celebration plans are underway. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those interested in being on the planning committee.

Personnel Committee report on Treasurer Search: Josh Falness has agreed to take over the Treasurer position in January 2020. Lindee will take his place on the budgeting/audit committee.

Deacon's Report: All Saints' Sunday will be November 3rd.

Trustee's Report: The bushes have been planted on the south side of the church. Rhoda painted the door on the south side, and Dallas fixed the window.

WELCA Report: 29 school kits were packed. There are 20 quilts made.

Youth/Parish Ed Report: November 10th will be the Veterans' Day program. Noisy coin offering will start again on youth Sunday (2nd Sunday of the month).

Unfinished Business: Pastoral Salary Review-Garfield council has decided to follow the Pastoral Salary and Review committee's recommendation of a 2.5% raise. LqP Lutheran will approve also.

New Business: The Consecration Sunday Committee needs to meet to set a November date and get something in the November newsletter (Jeff K., Jay K., and Sigdahls). Garfield/LqP pastoral contract reviewed. This was approved and signed by the council President, John Dove. Pastor would like to know when the LqP Budget meeting is going to take place so he can attend. As he can remember, there usually are some questions he can answer if he knows when the meeting is to take place. This will be sometime in November. The auditing committee needs to meet in December to go over the books (Tristin, Bob L., Lindee, and the trustees). The Nominating/Personnel Committee will meet in November to find new officers and committee members (Janelle B., Dave and Colleen Falness, Sue Lund, Head Trustee-Tim Stensrud, and Head Deacon-Jeff Kleven.) JoAnn Roisen feels the 3 pianos need to be tuned. She has talked to a piano tuner and the council to approve to go through with this. Council approved the piano tuning. Will use the music fund to pay for this. November 23rd and 24th is the Jr. Hi Youth Gathering in Willmar. Pastor Bruce is willing to go as the male counselor, but that means he will be gone on Sunday, November 24th. He is still waiting to hear back from people on whether they will attend. The Thanksgiving Eve Services will be at either Garfield on November 27th at 5:30 or LqP at 7pm. Bars and coffee will be served after the service at LqP Lutheran. Advent Service/Hanging of the Greens will be Sunday, December 1st. LqP will have a potluck meal following the service. The Regional Park Association has offered to "fix up" and maintain the Pioneer Cemetery located within LqP County Park. Our church owns the cemetery, including the 2.5 acres located within and around the cemetery. They will only do so if our church gives up ownership of the cemetery and acres around it. We will bring this up to the congregation and will take a vote at the annual meeting as to what we want to do.

The next meeting will be held on November 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm at LqP Lutheran Church.

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

Tracy Dove-Council Secretary

LqP News

Consecration Sunday 2019



"God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does." Martin Luther

THANK YOU for supporting Lac qui Parle Lutheran church this past year. November 17th will be our Consecration Sunday where we will join one another in presenting our estimates of giving in support of the ministry and mission to which we are called as a congregation.

The 10:15 a.m. worship service will be followed by a pot luck meal. We hope to see everyone at church!

Below, is an estimate of giving card 2019, please cut this portion off, and bring it with you to church on Sunday, November 17th.

Thank you,

The 2019 Stewardship Committee: Jay Kleven, Jeff Kleven, Gary & Jackie Sigdahl, Pastor Bruce Bringle

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

ESTIMATE OF GIVING CARDS 2019

Understanding that God has given us all that we own and with a grateful heart for this boundless generosity and as an expression of Christian stewardship, this commitment is made to LqP Lutheran Church and its missions:

\$ _____ per week, or

\$ _____ per month , or

\$ _____ per year

I understand that I may change any part of this estimate of giving at any time by contacting Lindee Olson.

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please fill out and bring to church on Sunday, November 17th.