



# February 2018 Newsletter

## Worship Schedule

### Jan – April

9:00 LqP Worship

10:00 LqP Sunday School

10:45 Garfield Worship



Garfield Lutheran Church



Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church

### Garfield Lutheran Church

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## From the Pastor

Our Wednesday night Lenten services this year will again be a round-robin with area pastors. The theme this year is "Thy Will Be Done". "Not as I will, but as you will," Jesus prayed to his Father the night before he went to the cross for our salvation. And that is our prayer as well this Lent as we seek to do God's will in our lives, as we draw near to the observance of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection during Holy Week. Each service in the series focuses on a different aspect of God's will at work among us. Biblical characters are used as insightful reference points each week to guide us in following our Lord more nearly day by day.

During our 2018 Lenten Season, let us be in prayer as together we participate in worship and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ by attending and asking a neighbor or a friend to join you. Services will be at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Suppers are served from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. by the youth of the church.

The following is a schedule of the themes, who is preaching, and the location of the service that night:

### **Ash Wednesday, February 14- Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes**

Biblical Characters: Abraham and Isaac

Theme: God's Will and God's Promise

Theme Verse: Hebrews 11:17

6:00 Service at Garfield (No Supper)

6:30 Supper at Lac qui Parle

7:30 Service at Lac qui Parle

Preacher: Pastor Bruce

### **Wednesday, February 21- Supper and Service at Garfield**

Biblical Character: Mary

Theme: God's Will and My Identity

Theme Verse: Luke 1:38

Preacher - Pastor Kathleen Soldwisch of MN Valley and Borgund  
Pastor Bruce will be at Kviteseid Lutheran

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## *Both Churches*

*From the Pastor Continued....*

### **Wednesday, February 28- Supper and Service at Lac qui Parle**

Biblical Character: Paul

Theme: God's Will and My Worldview

Theme Verse: Acts 9:9

Preacher - Pastor Kristine Isder of Kviteseid Lutheran of Milan

Pastor Bruce will be at Louisburg

### **Wednesday, March 7- Supper and Service at Garfield**

Biblical Character: Moses

Theme: God's Will and My Inadequacy

Theme Verse: Exodus 4:13

Preacher: Pastor Bruce

### **Wednesday, March 14- Supper and Service at Lac qui Parle**

Biblical Character: Lydia

Theme: God's Will and My Response

Theme Verse: Acts 16:14

Preacher: Sister Kay Fernholz

Pastor Bruce will be at Minnesota Valley Lutheran

### **Wednesday, March 21- Supper and Service at Garfield**

Biblical Character: David

Theme: God's Will and My Dreams

Theme Verse: 2 Samuel 7:21

Preacher: Pastor Elan Hacker of Louisburg Lutheran, St. John's of Marietta, and St. Paul's of Nassau

Pastor Bruce will be at St. John's Lutheran of Marietta

See you in church!

Pastor Bruce

### **ECUMENICAL SKI TRIP**

Many area churches will be coming together for an ecumenical ski and tubing outing on Sunday, February 18 at Andes Tower Hills near Alexandria, MN. Plans are to meet at Faith Lutheran in Madison at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$44.00 to tube, \$60.00 to ski, and \$70.00 to snowboard, which includes the bus transportation and Pizza Ranch buffet afterward. Bring some money for snacks as well. This is for all 3rd to 12th graders; 3rd and 4th graders will need to bring one adult chaperone for every five kids. Plans are to return home at 9:30 p.m. (there is no school the next day). You need to let Pastor Bruce know by February 4th if you plan on going. Garfield youth: Sunday worship service is at 10:45 a.m. Please do not skip worshipping God to go skiing! Lac qui Parle has their service at 9 a.m., so please go there instead of not going to church. Thank you!

*Both Churches*

**ACOLYTES FOR FEBRUARY**

	<u>For Garfield</u>	<u>For LqP</u>
February 4	Bella Stender	Cadence Dove
February 11	Jalynn Popma	Aric Gruwell
February 14 (Ash Wed)	Pastor/ Usher	Nate Gruwell
February 18	Pastor/ Usher	
February 21 (Wed)	Katelyn Wiese	----
February 25	Jacob Bringle	Rachael Lund
February 28 (Wed)	----	Aric Gruwell

*Church Attendance*

	<u>Garfield</u>	<u>LqP</u>
January 7	45	33
January 14	54	39
January 21	57	36
January 28	42	22

**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!





# Garfield News

## Love Your Neighbor Shower

On the Sundays of February 4, 11, and 18, Garfield Lutheran will be collecting items for the Lac qui Parle Food Shelf for a "Love Your Neighbor" shower. Some suggested items are diapers, onesies, toilet paper, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and laundry detergent. You may put the items in the box at the back of the church. This is sponsored by the Madison Ministerial Association.

## **GARFIELD WELCA**

### January 2018 Garfield WELCA minutes

The Garfield WELCA met Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 2 pm in the church dining room. Fifteen members were in attendance. The meeting opened with the 2018 theme verse Psalm 145: 8,9 and the Theme Hymn "I Love To Tell The Story". The Secretary's notes were read and accepted. Thank you notes were read from: Rice Hospice in Dawson, Woodland Centers in Willmar, Eagle's Healing Nest in Sauk Centre and Mary and Wayne Hanson. There was a greeting card, thank you note and photo from Mavis Bjornson. She included a donation in honor of Rosie Weber due to her love of and work for the church women. Mission Action reported 23 quilts completed at the January Do Day.

### Old Business:

-Soup Day was discussed. A motion was made to have a written ballot to vote "yes" or "no" to have the annual Soup Day. Results were 7-yes and 6-no. The Soup Day will continue.

### New Business:

-The Agape Singers will have a performance in our church on Sunday afternoon, March 11, 2018. Church Council asked if the women would serve a BBQ Sandwich meal following. More information was needed to make this decision. This item will be tabled until the February meeting.

-The Synod convention will be held June 29-30 at Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Cloud. They are kicking off a new project collecting used shoes. They can make use of any shoes in any condition, even if there are holes or only one shoe.

### Program:

-Norma led the Installation of 2018 officers

-Reading "Someone Should Have Warned Me"

-We learned a little background about the song "Christmas 1915" when soldiers from both sides of the trenches in World War I put aside their guns for a few hours. We read the words and listened to Daniel O'Donnell sing the song.

-Offering and prayer

-Hymn "Blessed Assurance"

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 2 pm at church. Servers are Rachel Croatt and Mary Enger.

The meeting was adjourned and we enjoyed the lunch served by Denise Connor and Linda Beninga.

Mary Jo Patzer, Secretary

**Everyone is invited to a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for Eileen Sather on Saturday, February 3 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Hilltop in Madison.**

### CHURCH RECORDS

Releases out: Lindsay, Nolan, and Reece Weber to Dawson Covenant Church, Dawson, MN



# Lac qui Parle News

## Thank You, Lac qui Parle Church Council!

Thank you to the Lac qui Parle Church Council members who have served this past year, especially to Colleen Falness and Logan Dove whose terms are now up.

The 2018 Church Council officers for Lac qui Parle are:

Darin Lund—President

John Dove—Vice President

Kerry Kelly—Treasurer

Tracy Dove—Secretary

Deacons—Allen Simonson, Jeff Kleven, Jay Kleven, and Mark Roisen

Trustees—Gary Sigdahl, Tim Stensrud, Jeff Marotzke, and Jeff Peterson

### THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the Sunday School youth for choosing me to be this year's recipient of your Christmas program offering. I feel very honored and grateful. Thank you, everyone, who made this gift possible with your donations. I feel so blessed to be a member of this congregation, for the prayers, love, and support you have always given me.

Sincerely, Colette Berglund

## LAC QUI PARLE WELCA

There will be no Lydia Circle this month.

Mission projects February 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm

### WELCA REPORT – JANUARY

We met at JoAnn Roisen's for our annual Christmas Pot Luck. Lots of good food made it an enjoyable evening. Everyone brought Christmas goodies, so we packed some tins to give to others. We also took an offering to be given to the Ghosts of Christmas.

I am working on our 2018 booklet. Everything is pretty much the same as before, so if you have a job that you would like to get rid of, please let me know.

~Doris Graven

<i>Feb.</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Projector</i>	<i>Acolyte</i>
4	John Dessonville	Jeff & Dawn Peterson	Doug & Cody Bothun	Hank Ireland	Cadence Dove
11	Cadence Dove	Lindee Olson	Cadence & Jessica	Mark Roisen	N.A.
14 <i>Ash Wed.</i>			Doug & Cody Bothun		N.A.
18	Doris Graven	JoAnn Roisen	Doug & Cody Bothun	Rachael Lund	N.A.
25	Allen Simonson	Bob & Sue Lund	Doug & Cody Bothun	Jessica Sigdahl	Rachael Lund
28 <i>Wed.</i>			Doug & Cody Bothun		Aric Gruwell

# Garfield Lutheran Council Minutes

## Garfield Lutheran Church Council Meeting-- January 7, 2018

Garfield Lutheran Church Council met on January 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Pastor Bruce Bringle, Becky Bjornson, Jim Connor, Jordan Connor, Cynthia Huse, Kevin Olson, Mary Jo Patzer, Chuck Thompson, and Gene Winkels.

The meeting was called to order by council president Cynthia Huse. Pastor Bringle led us with opening Devotions and with a Prayer.

The Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer's reports were read and approved.

**Pastor's Report:** We are in need of 2-3 people to help organize Midweek Church School anyone interested contact Pastor Bringle. We now have 5 people for videotaping the church services but will be down to four after May. If interested in taping church services, we could still use more volunteers.

Garfield Church Women: WELCA has now paid back all the money borrowed from the church for the Cookbooks.

### Trustee Report:

- a) The Parsonage screen door can't be opened so is not available as an exit. The Trustees will remove this door till a new door is purchased.
- b) The Septic tank at church has been pumped this fall and new water filters have been installed for the drinking water.
- c) The light on the steeple is shorted out and will be fix when the weather warms.

### Unfinished Business:

- a) A motion was made, seconded and passed to increase our Sexual Misconduct Policy from 100,000 to 500,000 dollars. Pastor Bringle and Cynthnia Huse are working on a written policy for Garfield. Both these items are recommended by the Synod and our Insurance Company.
- b) Jordan Connor has gotten a Facebook account up and running for Garfield Lutheran Church.

### New Business:

- a) Equipping Congregation Day is Saturday, February 20, 2018 at Willmar maximum cost to Garfield is \$75 so anyone interested is welcome to attend but must be registrated by Feb. 1.
- b) Jeri Popma asked if Garfield would host the Agape Singers for a service on March 11 in the afternoon. The Council gave the go ahead for this and will serve a supper after the service. The supper will consist of BBQ, chips, and bars.
- c) The last time the youth attended the ELCA Youth Gathering the LQP & Garfield paid the Pastor's cost to attend. Garfield agreed to cover our share of the Pastor's and one female chaperone expense which would be equal to 4/7 of the cost for them to attend the gathering being we have 4 of the 7 youth attending. The council also agreed to make up the difference between what the Youth raise for the Gathering and what is actually needed for Garfield's 4 youth to attend.
- d) The Council approved the release of membership for Lindsay, Nolan, and Reece Weber to Dawson Covenant Church.
- e) The 2018 Church budget was done along with making sure replacements had been found for council members whose terms are up. Both items will be presented at the Annual meeting January 28.

### Next Meeting February 7, 2018 @7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.—The Benediction was said "May the Lord bless us and keep us.."  
Kevin Olson, Council Secretary

Feb.	Lectors	Ushers	Acolytes	Altar & Flower Committees	Videographers
4	Jim Connor	Dale Thompson*	Bella Stender	Carla Gritmacker, Ramona Thompson, Heidi Armstrong	Harrison Patzer
11	Michael Croatt		Jalynn Popma		Andy Gritmacker
14 Ash Wed.	-----	Gary Gritmacker	Pastor/ Usher		Dale Hatfield
18	Janelle Patzer	Dan Armstrong	Pastor/ Usher		Maddy Patzer
21 Wed.	-----		Katelyn Wiese		-----
25	Mary Jo Patzer		Jacob Bringle		Dean Stoks

# Lac qui Parle Lutheran Council Minutes

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The Lac qui Parle Lutheran Church Council met on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00pm. Members present were Jeff Marotzke, Pastor Bruce, Jay Kleven, Allen Simonson, Kerry Kelly, Tim Stensrud, Darin Lund, John Dove, Jeff Kleven, and Tracy Dove. The meeting was called to order by President Darin Lund. Pastor Bruce gave devotions from Christ in Our Home. The agenda was read and approved with no corrections or additions. The December council minutes were read and approved.

**Presidents Report:** Confirmation Sunday will be April 8<sup>th</sup> this year during the regular church service. Two youth from LqP will be confirmed this year.

**Financial Report:** Reviewed and approved. All the books balanced.

**Pastors Report:** Fundraising for the ELCA Youth Gathering to Houston, TX this summer has started. Sub sales going on now through January 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Deacon's Report:** Thank you to Pastor Bruce for changing the candle and taking down the wreath.

**Trustee's Report:** Nothing

**WELCA Report:** Will be meeting Tuesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**Youth/Parish Ed:** The Christmas Program went very well.

**Unfinished Business:** Food for Kidz opportunity through Dawson-Boyd Ministerial Association is Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at Covenant. There is a sheet to sign up to help. Please sign up by Sunday. LqP Lutheran will donate \$500 and there will also be a special donation during church for this.

## **New Business:**

"Equipping Congregations Day" is Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-3:30pm at Vinje Lutheran and Bethlehem Lutheran in Willmar. Registration fee includes all materials, refreshments, and lunch. Cost: Group rate (no limit) is \$75/congregations or parishes with total average worship attendance of 100 or less OR \$25/person. Complete the online registration and pay online or mail payment by Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration will close if we reach maximum capacity OR February 1 @ 5:00pm. Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Rev. Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Jon Anderson are the speakers. This will fill up quickly. This is for congregational members, council officers, Christian educators, worship and youth leaders, pastors, everyone! The last time Pastor went to the ELCA Youth Gathering, the two churches paid for the cost of his trip so the youth wouldn't have to do so out of their accounts. It was based on the number of youth that went from each church. The ratio this year would be 3/7 of the cost, and Garfield would pay 4/7, if approved. It was decided that LqP would pay for 3/7 of the cost for Pastor and also 3/7 of the cost for the other chaperone, Jeri Popma.

We need someone for the Music/Worship/Arts Committee and Synod Assembly delegates. The Nominations for this year were approved.

It was brought up by John Dove that we are short some cemetery wreaths for the Military Stars that are put out at Christmas time. There is a total of 44 Veterans. We will look into getting new ones.

**The next meeting will be held February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 after the Ash Wednesday Church Service. Starting time will be around 8:30.**

Meeting was adjourned and we closed with The Lord's Prayer  
Tracy Dove, LqP Lutheran Church Council Secretary

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*And now these three remain:*  
**FAITH, HOPE, LOVE**  
*But the greatest of these is Love*  
*-1 Corinthians 13:13*