



VINE & BRANCHES

A Monthly Newsletter of Fish Lake Lutheran Church

February 2020

Introduction of Interim Pastor Rev. Dr. John V. Keller

I am pleased to announce on behalf of the Fish Lake Lutheran Church council that Pastor John Keller has agreed to help us during our time of transition. The St. Paul Synod has recommended Pastor John for this position based on his experience both as a lead Pastor and multiple Interim Pastor positions. He was a Pastor at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, MN for 29 years and the Lead Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Woodbury, MN for 5 years. After these long tenure positions, Pastor John has been the Interim Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lindstrom, MN, and at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chisago City, MN. Most recently he was the Interim Pastor for 2 congregations that were exploring the possibility of calling a shared Pastor at St. Mark and St. Luke Lutheran Churches.

Here is Pastor John's personal Ministry Statement:

"Pastoral transitions unlock the emotional and spiritual systems of a congregation, allowing the Holy Spirit to work in fresh ways. To be an interim pastor during such time is both challenging and richly rewarding. I believe my leadership experience and patient wisdom can serve well in such situations."

The church council believes that Pastor John's experience with interim ministry will serve our members well. We expect not to lose momentum in Year of Renewal efforts that are under way, but to rally together and push onward. We will also be challenged with the formation of a call committee and the calling of a new Pastor.

In closing I would like to share some things from the Ministry Profile provided by Pastor John. In a response to a question regarding the three most prominent themes that others would say are strongly evident in your speaking, teaching, leading, and living:

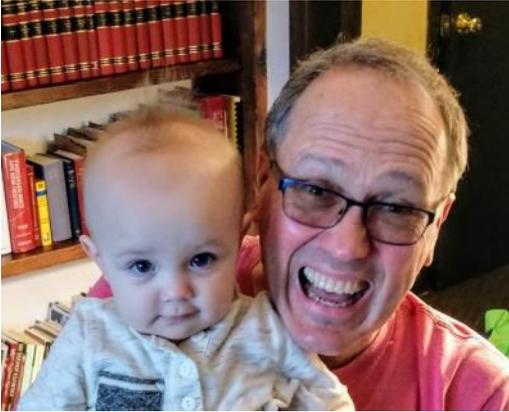
The Lord is a God who is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving the iniquity and transgression of sin. (Exodus 34:6-7). In a word: Grace. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 14:11). In a word: Love.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him. (Psalm 37:7). In a word: Prayer.

Though we will miss Pastor Amanda and all her ministry, the Lord has provided our church with a new blessing in Pastor John. He will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Please welcome Pastor John and introduce yourselves when you get the opportunity.

Blessings to all.

Justin Ricke



Interim Pastor John Keller's Biographical Sketch

I am a Minnesotan by birth and was baptized at First Lutheran in Little Falls, Minnesota in May, 1954. When I was a year old my family moved to Washington State. I was confirmed at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Bremerton Washington. While in Washington State I discovered the joy of backpacking in the mountains. The call to explore God's creation has often been a strong part of my call to ministry.

Though I was always active in my Lutheran congregation, I also was moved by the charismatic renewal of the 1970's. While attending a Quaker college I participated in a variety of non-Lutheran local congregations and youth summer Bible camps. Yet when I finished college, I knew that I was still a Lutheran at heart and so decided to attend Luther Theological Seminary in St. Paul.

I graduated from Luther Seminary in 1984 and then served St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. As a parish pastor, I worked in a variety of capacities: evangelism and church growth, congregational care and senior ministry, adult education and spiritual development. I was a key leader in the congregation's development of senior housing, St. Andrew's Village, and in the transition of senior leadership in 2005 to 2007.

In 2010 I was called to be lead pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Woodbury. I helped the congregation grow in mission outreach and in stewardship. In 2015 the Holy Spirit led me to consider Intentional Interim ministry and I completed the ELCA training in spring of 2016. I recently served a thirteen month interim at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lindstrom, MN, a four month interim at Christ the Servant in Vadnais Heights, a ten month interim at Zion Lutheran Church in Chisago City, and a fourteen month interim at St. Luke and St. Mark Lutheran Churches in St. Paul. At St. Luke and St. Mark, I demonstrated to the two neighboring congregations that they could share a pastor and also share ministry.

My wife, Carolyn, served four years as a Lutheran pastor at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church in NE Minneapolis, but chose to be home as our children grew up. In more recent years, she wrote a Bible study for the Women of the ELCA and love gardening at home. We live in Shoreview, just north of St. Paul.

Our three children are now young adults. Jonathan is married, has four children and is the CEO of a small company called Life Floor. Suzanne graduated from college in 2010 and works with her brother at Life Floor. Both live in Twin Cities. Christina is a Montessori Grade 1-3 teacher in Austin, Texas and is getting married in Austin this coming March.

Since 1999, I have participated in a weekly running group at St. Andrew's, but the group has shifted to bicycling in recent years. I continue to enjoy backpacking in the mountains and exploring new trails of adventure. You can read more about my adventures on my blog: pastorjohnkeller.org.

I look forward to helping Fish Lake Lutheran GROW in mission and spirit as together we prepare for your next settled pastor. May God strengthen and guide us during the interim process.

Fish Lake Lutheran Church Women,

Thank you for your generosity

With your support, you've allowed us to create home and care for more than 15,000 people. Our vision to make critical connections that lead to opportunity, choice, growth, and success for those we serve wouldn't be possible without you.

All of us Ecumen Philanthropy wish you health, happiness, and joy in the new year!

Tasha, Heidi, Tami, Helen

Thank You WELCA Ladies!

I understand Claire was not baptized at Fish Lake Lutheran Church, but I want to thank Sharon Petit and the WELCA ladies for making such a beautiful quilt for my daughter. They always do such an outstanding job!

Tina Nelson



WELCA Thank You for your recent donation towards the North Branch and Cambridge Food Shelves. Your gift is a true vote of confidence in Family Pathways and will go a long way towards furthering the work of person-centered support network that provides thousands of men, women, children and families with access to healthy food all year long.

In the case of bad weather where weather advisories recommend no travel, Please call the church office, the recorded message will inform you if the church will be closed for that day. 651-674-4252





**January 12th - Coral Cadence Walz,
Daughter of Heather Brutsman
Sponsors: Nathan and Michelle Brutsman**

**January 19 - Alana Marie Lemmerman
Daughter of Morgan O'Donnell & Daniel Lemmerman
Sponsors: Brianna & Brandon O'Donnell,
Jessica Lemmerman**

A message from Sr. LaDonna...

Many of you are aware that in the past month I have moved to a new house. I've sold the farmhouse to my daughter and son-in-law and I have built a smaller home next door. This way I will be near my granddaughter as she grows up, and I'll still be able to view the farmyard and land that I love so much.

Moving has been a drawnout process as I retrieve boxes from storage a few at a time, and decide which furniture items will fit the new floorplan. While packing, I made many trips to the thrift store with items that I had stored for years but never used. There was also a lot to haul to recycling or go into the garbage. Even so, there were still an awful lot of boxes of things to keep. I had to weed thru a lot of junk before I could decide what was really important. This time of year seems to fit well into cleaning and sorting and uncovering the important things. Our liturgical year is leading us into the time of Lent – a time of simple living, prayer and reflection. It can be a time when we sort through our lives and determine what is important to keep and what should be shed...a time to recommit ourselves.

As Ash Wednesday approaches (Feb 26th) I would encourage you to think about how you want to keep Lent. The Lenten season is a time when many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial and/or spiritual discipline. The purpose is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

What would be a meaningful practice for you this Lent? Many people give up something important (fasting) to continually remind themselves of Christ's sacrifice. Some people take on a practice – journaling, devotional reading, serving the poor in some way. Prayerfully consider how you might keep Lent. Share your intentions with me or another person so that you can be held in prayer. Blessings to you as you determine what to keep and what to shed.



We are so excited to share the news with you!
We own a home and what a blessing 2020 will be
as we begin to serve trafficked women.
We could not have done this without you!

More updates and next steps to come...for today, we celebrate with you!

Happy New Year!

P.S. Mark your calendars for the spring celebration banquet at Vadnais Heights Commons on April 28, 2020.

Go to our Facebook page to like and share!

Visit our website
renewhopemn.org

FEBRUARY AND BRR IS STILL HERE!

Warmometer - Spread the Warmth

We've been collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, warm socks and slippers (new or gently used) for those in need. January donations estimated 10 pounds to North Branch Family Pathways. **Keep bringing in Donations!** Especially school age hats and mittens. There are clearance sales going on now for really good deals in many stores.

The collection box in Fellowship Hall will be available through March. Donations will be distributed through Family Pathways Food Shelves, Cambridge and North Branch.

Thank you in advance,
The Social Ministry Committee

Thank you for the generous monetary gift that you sent us. The timing was great! Our CD player just broke in our memory care unit and needed to be replaced. Music is very important to our residents and we were happy to put the money to good use!



God Bless You! Michelle Van Gorkom, Activity Director, Encore of North Branch (formerly Bickford Assisted Living)

Year of Renewal - The Next Step

As most of you know or have heard, our church along with three others from the St. Paul Synod have been involved in the Year of Renewal project. For our church in this first phase, a small committee of five of us along with Pastor Amanda have been involved with contacting randomly selected congregation members. The goal has been to strengthen our already strong relationships within our close spiritual community. For those of us on the committee, it has been wonderful to get to know people even better!

We now are ready to begin Phase 2 of the project. This phase involves reaching out beyond our own congregation to our larger community that we all live in. We are proposing that we create opportunities for our congregation members to listen and interact with representatives of various professional groups who serve our congregation in various ways - such as: school professionals from our districts, hospice workers, law enforcement, etc. The goal here is to better understand how we can utilize these services and for them to better understand our needs.

After much discussion, we are proposing that this opportunity happen on Wednesday nights during Lent. Many people will be at church for worship and mentoring so here is how that might look:

5:30 - 6:30 - Soup Supper with Confirmation Lenten Mentorship

6:30 - 6:50 - Holden Prayer Service

7:00 - 7:45 - Sermon Notes for Confirmation Students based on Community member presentation and discussion

Anyway, we are excited about this opportunity for people to learn more about how our community works together and how we are apart of it.



Choir Rehearsal each Sunday 9:00 am
Worship Service each Sunday 10:00 am

- 5th WELCA 10:00 am
Staff meeting 11:00 am
- 6th Fish Lake Council Meeting
- 11th Social Ministry Potluck 6:00 pm
- 15th *Vine & Branches Deadline*
Feed the Starving Children 7:45 am
Block of the Month 8:30 am
- 18th New Member Class 7-8 pm
- 19th Staff Meeting 11:00 am
- 20th WELCA extra sewing day 12– 3 pm
- 26th Ash Wednesday Soup Supper 6:00 pm & Worship at 7:00 pm
- 27th Communication Team Meeting 11:00

*Youth programming each Wednesday evening

Volunteers needed to prepare/serve/clean-up soup suppers during lent (Mar. 4, 11,18,25, Apr.1st) There will be a sign up sheet circulated during worship or call or text Barb Sauer at 651-366-7073 if you can help.



Minutes - January 8, 2020

1. The Secretary's minutes were approved and accepted, as written. Thank you notes were received and read from Connie and Sue Warner for the quilts we donated to St. Paul Lutheran church for their mission, from Tina Nelson for the baptism quilt she received, and family pathways for our monthly donation to the food shelf, as well as a thank you note from Beth Jones for our monetary donation to her.
2. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The opening balance was \$5,004.64; income was \$438.15, expenses were \$1,910.64 leaving a balance of \$3,532.15. Our savings account totals \$2,802.28. We discussed the Pitney Bowes mailing account.
3. Social Secretary: Kathy continues to send out cards to our shut ins.
4. Old Business
 - a. WELCA Sunday is January 26th. That is the day of our annual meeting and potluck and so WELCA will not be responsible for serving that day (unless they want to volunteer). Servers for February are Carol Cimbura, Mary Bryson, Jan Pape, and Wanda Ahlman. Shelly will be responsible for March.
 - b. Quilt Needs: All quilts that will be needed for upcoming events were discussed.
 - c. Service and Mission Update:
 - Kitchen updates: Julie Osborne continues to monitor kitchen needs. Spoke briefly about purchasing a new microwave. Approval tabled until a later date.
 - Bundles of Love: No report.
 - Wedding Quilt Policy - Discussed our policy of making and giving out wedding quilts. After much discussion, it was decided to no longer make wedding quilts. We will continue making the baptism quilts as well as the graduation quilts.
5. Updates from previous agenda:
 - a. Quilt Bingo: The recipients of our Quilt Bingo will remain the same except the money that had previously gone to Lil' Farm will now go to the Amborella House.
 - b. Christmas Centerpiece/Adopt a Table: Due to a lack of storage availability at church, those that brought in Christmas centerpieces are asked to pick them up and bring them home, maybe returning them for next year.
 - c. BOM: Next meeting is January 18th. A workshop is planned following the January meeting where instructions will be held to learn to make Dancing with the Dragonfly pattern.

6. New Business:

- a. Donation in Support of our church: We approved donating \$1,000 to designated giving for propane.
- b. We will pay for a cake for Pastor Amanda's farewell coffee party on January 12th.
- c. Extra sewing days are January 22nd and February 20th, noon - 3:00 pm.
- d. Our WELCA Service units listing needs to be updated. Tabled until February.
- e. A motion was made and approved to change our WELCA schedule so that now we will meet beginning at 10:00am with our meeting starting at 12:00, and ending at 1:00 pm, with no potluck lunches, only snacks. This change will be further discussed at the February meeting.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020. Any woman, friend, or member of Fish Lake Lutheran is welcome to all or any part of our day.

Our meeting was concluded with the Lord's Prayer followed by a potluck lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay Linder

MISSION TRIP: At this time we are looking to renew interest in the youth mission trip to the Youthworks site in Savannah, GA.

July 10-18, 2020. In order to continue the trip and not lose our deposit, we need a commitment from 1 or 2 more adults as well as 12 youth (6th grade and up) no later than February 10, 2020.

There will be an informational/organizational meeting on Wednesday, Feb 5th, 2019 at 5:45 pm.

Please contact Jami directly with questions or concerns.

952-994-1046 or jdwilking@yahoo.com.

2020 Youth Mission Trip Next Summer the youth of Fish Lake will be headed to Savannah, GA to serve alongside residents there and learn more about this historic town! We will leave on Saturday, July 10 and return on Saturday, July 18. We will serve Monday-Thursday during the day, then staff will have informative and fun activities planned for us in the evenings. The cost for the week will be \$550, but if money is an issue talk with Interim Pastor John and we'll figure things out. To register please bring a deposit of \$100.00 and a completed registration form to the church office. This is going to be a great trip!

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>2</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>WELCA - 10:00 am Staff Meeting - 11:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation - 6:00 pm Faith Weavers - 6:15 pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Celebration 10:00 am</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Social Ministry Meeting 6:00 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Family Night/Confirmation - 6:00 pm Faith Weavers - 6:15 pm</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Staff Meeting 11:00 am</p> <p>Confirmation - 6:00 pm Faith Weavers - 6:15 pm</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Supper 6:00 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Fish Lake Council Meeting 6:30	7	8
13	14	15 Feed the Starving Children 7:45 am Block of the Month 8:30 am .
20 WELCA/Extra Sewing day 12:00 –3:00	21	22
27	28	29

Sunday Morning Schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship
Refreshments and Fellowship



Offering Counters

- 2 Amy Johnson
Cindy Blesener
- 9 Joel & Katie Santjer
Nancy Hoffman
- 16 Laurie Knutson
Shelly Lustig
- 23 Mary Street
Arnie Ricke

Coffee Hosts

- 2 Cookie Jar
- 9 Youth Group (Wilkins/Thompson)
- 16
- 23 WELCA Ladies: (Carol Cimbura,
Mary Bryson, Jan Pape, Wanda Ahlman)

Ushers

- 2 Kelli Klein & Amy Johnson
- 9 Meagher Family
- 16 Shelly Lustig & Candy McColley
- 23 Greg & Connie Smegal

Soup Suppers During Lent

- 26 Ash Wednesday: Elizabeth Huselid



January 2, 2020

Members: Steve Mettling, Gaylen Yates, Justin Ricke, Barb Sauer, Kelli Klein, Candy McColley

Devotions: Candy lead our devotions this evening. Next Month Justin will lead our devotions.

I Standing Reports

Financial Report: LaDonna was present at our meeting. Reviewed our current Financial Report for this past month. Report was accepted. LaDonna lead us in the review of our 2020 proposed budget. This will be finalized when all the 2019 bills are paid and Income has been counted. The Final copy will be e-mailed to the Council Members and prepared for distribution on Jan. 12, for our Budget Information Meeting.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reviewed the Month of December Worship Services. First the Hanging of the Greens as we decorated the space for Christmas. The month included many practices for the Children's Christmas Program, and then we had the Adult Choir Cantata, both services we enjoyed and appreciated.

On Wednesdays through Advent we had our annual soup dinners and Holden Evening Prayer Services. This year's theme was "Chase away the Chill" and we focused on the pre-birth narratives of John and Jesus as told by Luke – each in connection with a particular warm beverage that people were given to take home and enjoy through the week. Many thanks to the Worship and Music Committee for putting that together.

Audit Report: 4th qtr audit will be done on Jan 6th.

Youth & Family: Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Jan.7. Leadership Roles are being determined for our upcoming Mission Trip, Faithweavers, Sundays School and Tim Team. Confirmation Retreat will be Jan. 4-5. Most of the planning has been completed.

Evangelical/Stewardship: Kelli will join this committee as the Council Liaison. A New Member Dinner is being planned for Feb. 4th. This was a very successful event last year.

Property: Gustafson has contracted to do our snow plowing for this year. The contract has been reviewed with this Company to assure we are working together with the same understanding of our needs.

A Plumber has worked with Steve to Clean the Pilot Light to give us Hot Water. He will return to do further cleaning this coming week.

A leak in the Youth Room was noted and cleaned up. Gaylen made sure the water from the roof was running away from the Church.

Social Ministry: Meets on Tuesday, Jan. 7th at Petit's. The Collection of Warm Outerwear continues. As noted this has been very successful Mission for our local community needs.

WELCA: Will meet on Wed. Jan. 8th. No further update.

II. Special Reports:

Communication: Annual Report has been our primary work project. Pastor Amanda has been doing most of the details with great deal of assistance from Denise, our Admin. Asst. Looking at our ongoing role on behalf of our congregation. We will meet again at the end of January.

Year of Renewal team: Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 6th. We are now working on our next phase to meet our Community and discover needs that we may be able to support in a variety of Ministries.

Nominating Committee: Work continues inviting and encouraging congregation members to step into leadership roles.

Old Business: Scholarship Applications received will be approved when applicants submit first semester grades. Coverage for 3rd Sundays will be scheduled with a variety of Committees/Work Groups in our Church. Barb will put this schedule together.

New Business: Prep for Information meeting and Annual Meeting.

Jan 3rd meeting with Krista Lind. Krista Lind is our Liaison from the Synod. She will guide us as we prepare to invite and interim Pastor and form a Call Committee. We have one candidate to review for the Interim Pastor position. Justin will set up a date and time to interview.

Affirmations: Evangelism/Stewardship Committee members for helping with organizing and labeling our Offering Envelopes. **Julie Yates** for helping out in the kitchen each Wednesday Evening. **Steve Mettling** for working with Gustafson's defining our Snow Plowing needs. And for working with a Plumber to repair our Hot Water Heater. **LaDonna Olson** for her leadership of the Cantata and for the **entire Choir** for their many practices and performance telling us the story of the Birth of Jesus in song. To **the Congregation** for their offerings this past year.

A Thank you to **all the Council Members** for their work this past year, especially our President, **Justin Ricke**. For **the Volunteers who lead the Children's Program** through practices and performance. For **Judy Nelson and Alden Nelson** for preparing decorations for Christmas. To **the Nominating Committee** for their hard work filling leadership roles for next year.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted: Barb Sauer, Council Secretary

Hope for Hannah Jo Quilt Drawing

Drawing will be held after the JDRF Walk, February 23, 2019.

The Winner will be notified by phone/email.

Sharon or Noel Petit or their representative will be selling tickets in January until February 23 after the walk.

1 Ticket \$5, 3 Tickets \$10.

Proceeds from this Quilt Drawing will go to JDRF an organization dedicated to improving the lives of people with Type 1 Diabetes and ultimately curing the disease.

Let me tell you about my 13 year old granddaughter. After 5 weeks of in hospital bed rest Hannah's mother gave birth to twin girls. Hannah weighed 4# 1 oz. and her sister Brooke weighed 3# 15 oz. After a couple of weeks in the special care nursery they went home, Hannah with a monitor which would alarm if she stopped breathing during the night. This passed and the girls grew into healthy, happy toddlers. Then their mother noticed Hannah was soaking her diaper often and asking for water all the time. And she was losing weight. A friend of hers told her to take her to the doctor right away because those symptoms were the same as a little girl she new that had diabetes. At twenty two months, Hannah was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes. We were lucky, they caught it in time. She did not have to be hospitalized but she started immediately getting insulin injections. She called T1D, "Deebees". Unless there is a cure Hannah will always have diabetes. This disease is one that no one in the family ever takes a vacation from . People with diabetes do not live "normal" lives as hard as they try. Hannah has had an insulin pump since she was three. She takes more and more responsibility for her own care but Type 1 Diabetes is very complicated and so many factors are involved with keeping blood sugar in a normal range. Hannah is doing very well on a swim team, enjoys basketball and softball. She is very social, a good student and is kind and caring of little children. Help us turn Type One into Type None in Hannah's lifetime.

I made this quilt to raise money for research into a cure for T1D. Please give generously and I hope you win!

Sharon Petit

Let us Pray for...

Those in our midst fighting cancer: Mary, Nancy, Connie, Carol, Beth, Barb, Jim, Rebecca, Julie and Jordan.

Our service men and women including: Sami and Tim

Injured and ill: Ronnie, Lois, Carol, Jean, Ruby and Dan

Partner congregation – Wasa Congregation in Tanzania

Those preparing for or recovering from surgery: Bev, Catherine, George, Tom and Tom Anderson's brother.

Those who are grieving



FINDING GOD IN YOUR STORY

Spirituality Meets Real Life

Within each of us dwells the desire to find meaning beyond the moment...to discover our true selves... to grow closer to God and to one another.

Join Sr. LaDonna as we share in a small group experience exploring connection with God, others and ourselves.

Meet 1st and 3rd Sundays 7-8:30pm
Come as often as you are able.
36467 Forest Blvd. NBranch

Feb. 16-May 3, 2020
Rsvp requested but not required.
651-238-6778 or srladonna@gmail.com

Dear Women of Fish Lake Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the gift of quilts to our church, First Lutheran of St. Paul. It was so kind and generous of you! We have given the quilts to our Pastor, Chris Olson Binger, to give to those who have the greatest need. There are many who come to 1st Lutheran for food, shelter, clothing and items such as your quilts. They will be greatly appreciated by those who receive them. May God bless your hearts and hands as you continue to serve!

Blessings from Connie, Sue & First Lutheran of St. Paul

Fish Lake Google Calendar!!

Fish Lake now has a Google calendar! You can subscribe to it on your Google account, or you can find it on fishlakelutheran.org on the “calendar” tab.

The Google calendar is the “official” church calendar—if there is a discrepancy, assume the Google calendar is correct.



Vine and Branches Articles are due by the 15th of every month

Please submit by or before the 15th of each to ensure a highlighted spot in the Newsletter. You can email your messages (articles preferably in **Word doc**) to: office@fishlakelutheran.org or by calling the church office at 651-674-4252.

Shalom Thrift Shop

Are you or a family in need of some financial assistance, or do know of a family that is? Members of Fish Lake Lutheran volunteer their time at the *Shalom Thrift Store* in Cambridge. Because of the generosity of their time, Fish Lake Lutheran receives funds each month to help families with financial struggles.

Contact Interim Pastor John or the church office if you, or someone you know, could benefit this service.

Winter is Here!!...

Some of our older members have trouble shoveling out after the large snow storms we get here through the winter. If you would be willing to help shoveling for some of our members through the winter months, please call the office and we will share your name with those who might be in need of help. Or, if you would like help with snow removal this season, you can call the office as well.



2020 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT FISH LAKE LUTHERAN				
Date	Actual Offering	Budgeted Offering	Percent	Above/ Below Budget
January 5	3,599.10	3,317.31	108%	281.79
January 12	2,600.00	3,317.31	78%	(717.31)
January 19	1,781.00	3,317.31	54%	(1,536.31)
January 26	2,851.03	3,317.31	86%	(466.28)
2020 YEAR TO DATE	10,830.78	13,269.24	82%	(2,438.46)

IN HONOR OF

Fish Lake Lutheran gives many thanks for the gift received in honor of:
Alaina Lemmerman's Holy Baptism given by Brian and Brenda O'Donnell

MEMORIALS

Fish Lake Lutheran gives many thanks for the gift received in memory of:
Al Blesener by Connie and Greg Smegal

All who contributed to these funds:

- **Cemetery Fund—\$6,643.00** was given in 2019 in support of maintaining our Cemetery.
- **Building Fund—\$12,298.91** was given in 2019 in support of maintaining our building and grounds.

*In
Loving
Memory*



Amanda, Grant and Sam Applehans
7513 385th St.
North Branch, MN 55056

Pastor Amanda's mother,
Stephanie Stamp passed away
Jan. 29th.

Arrangements are pending as this
publication is going to print.

Pastor John has spoken to
Pastor Amanda and she
indicated that any cards of con-
dolence can be sent to their ad-
dress in North Branch.

GROW

At Fish Lake Lutheran Church

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Harris, MN 55032
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Online: www.fishlakelutheran.org
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
and Friday 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Tuesday By Appointment

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Fish Lake Lutheran Leadership & Staff

Interim Pastor John Keller
Office Administrator Denise Steinberg
Parish Deaconess Sister LaDonna Olson
Pianist Cindy Blesener
Custodians Robin Graham & Tom Anderson

Church Council Members

Kelli Klein
Candy McColley
Clay Wilking
Bev Zachrisson
Barb Sauer
Steve Mettling
Justin Ricke
Gaylen Yates