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Pastor: Teleen Saunders
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Pianist: Cindy Blesener
Custodians: Robin Graham & Tom Anderson

Church Council Members

Election Results were not available at the printing of this edition.



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Worship Service each Sunday 10:00 am

- 2nd Teleen Saunders first Worship at FLL followed by The Spring Fling!
- 4th Social Ministry Meeting 6:00 pm
- 5th WELCA Meeting 9:00 am
- 6th Lunch with the Pastor 12 noon, Fellowship hall
- 6th Fish Lake Council Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9th Mother's Day
- 15th Block of the month 8:30 am



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A Monthly Newsletter of Fish Lake Lutheran Church

May 2021

Faith and Hope

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Hebrews 11:1

There is great change coming to Fish Lake. And it's said that the only one who likes change is a baby. Change is hard and stressful because there is a factor of the unknown. As humans, we like to control our circumstances as we strive for certainty in life. But as humans, we also know that life is rarely certain. And so, change must be accompanied by something more. It requires faith and hope.

The above bible verse from the book of Hebrews reminds us that we are not alone in our journey through life. Through all the change and uncertainty that each day brings, God is with us to lead and guide us as followers of Christ. For many months the congregation at Fish Lake has been praying for the call of a new pastor. I have been blessed to answer that call and am presently in the middle of a move to be closer to the community in which I will serve. Your call and my answer are true actions of faith and hope. It is what the people of Fish Lake Lutheran have been living out for 154 years. It is what has sustained this congregation through drought, fire, depression, and war. It is what keeps the doors open for our mission in the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Over the next few months I am going to be getting to know you. This will take some patience as I learn new names, new stories, and new routines. I will be getting to know the workings of the building, the personalities of the staff, and the best place for pizza. Most of all, I am coming with an open heart overflowing

with love for those who will be calling me "pastor". I am so excited!

So, as we move forward in our ministry together, I have some questions. If faith is confidence in what is hoped for, then what *are* you hoping for? Are you hoping to grow the church? Are you hoping for more learning and service opportunities? Are you hoping to be more involved with worship? Let's think about these questions together as we grow in our faith.

I will be scheduling some events in the next few months where we can get to know each other better. Starting on May 6, I invite anyone who is available to have "lunch with the pastor" on Thursdays at noon. Bring your own lunch and meet me in the fellowship hall. This will be an ongoing event.

Next, I am looking for some people to volunteer their homes to host a "Faith and Hope Gathering" for a small group of people. These gatherings will be a time to get to know each other better and talk about our faith and hopes for Fish Lake Lutheran Church. Please call Denise in the office if you are willing to host. We will get back to you with more details.

Peace be with you, my friends. I am looking forward to great things!

Your sister in Christ,

Pastor Teleen Saunders

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Romans 15:13

Our monthly WELCA meeting was held on Wednesday, April 7, 2021. We met inside and all wore masks and made certain to social distance.

1. The Secretary's minutes were approved and accepted, as written. Thank you notes were received from Family Pathways for our donations, from Walker Methodist Lavande for the lap quilts that were delivered to them, as well as a letter of appreciation from Bundles of Love for all our donations of hats and afghans. Due to the impact that COVID has had on our local small businesses and food shelves, we received a few requests for donations to help in their efforts. We will discuss these requests at next month's meeting. We also received a letter from Brask Haven announcing that Rob and Jodi have sold their business. They included a letter of introduction to the new owners who have a rich background in health care.
2. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The opening balance was \$958.86; income was \$45.00; expenses were \$324.73, leaving a balance of \$679.13. Our savings account totals \$2,804.87. Note: A reminder to our WELCA members that due to the absence of the money we usually have received from our WELCA coffee hour that went to the local food shelves, a donation is requested.
3. Social Secretary: St. Patrick's Day cards were sent out to our shut ins. Also, Easter Baskets that were put together with the help of some of our youth were delivered to some of our Fish Lake members.
4. Old Business:
 - a. WELCA Sunday: Coffee time has been cancelled until further notice. While we are not having in person worship, Denise and Tom/Robin will check if any food shelf donations need to be delivered. Denise will call us if they need delivery help.
 - b. Quilt Needs: Sharon passed out a current roster of all of our quilts with the status of completion. Work on these projects was delayed until next month.

- c. Service and Mission Update: Kitchen Updates: Tabled. What with BOM resuming in the church this month, possibly some supplies will be needed if breakfast will be served.
 - d. Block of the Month: This event will reconvene on April 17 in the church after a long wait. Masks and social distancing will be required.
 - e. Bundles of Love: Two receiving blankets, 30 hats, and one baby blanket will be delivered this week.
 - f. Candy McColley delivered 8 lap quilts and Candy Twingstrom delivered 3 to Walker Methodist Lavande Assisted Living. They were very appreciative.
 - g. We were notified that the local American Legion is planning to go ahead with the Memorial Day ceremonies. We briefly discussed what type of meal we could serve. This decision will be made at our May meeting.
 - h. Continue receiving donations for our Quilt Bingo in September.
 - i. The date for Graduation Recognition Sunday is June 6th. All the quilts have been completed and are ready to be given to our graduates. We talked about how well last's year's event went with the graduates riding around on the truck. Will discuss this at next month's meeting. The cards will be ready to pin on the quilts next month.
5. Our next meeting will be held on May 5th, 2021. Until further notice, we will begin our day with the meeting at 9:00 am followed by any work on quilts that need to be done, closing with the Lord's Prayer at 12:00 pm. We will continue to be diligent in social distancing and wearing masks. Any woman, friend, or member of Fish Lake Lutheran is welcome to all or any part of our day.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay Linder

Looking Backward and Looking Forward Interim Pastor John Keller

For over twenty years, running was one of my cherished joys. Whether I was with a group of fellow striders or running by myself, I cherished the times I had on the trails and byways of my community. I preferred being outside, even in winter. Running had health benefits, like weight management, lower blood pressure and stronger heart. Not every run was filled with joy; but overall I looked forward to lacing up my shoes.

That is until I started having pain in my right knee. After seeing orthopedic doctor I learned that I had arthritis in my knee; she recommended that I stop running to keep it from getting worse. As I drove away from her office, I remember the deep disappointment and sorrow I felt towards giving up something that I had enjoyed for so many years. I realized that I was feeling grief.

Grief can be a tricky emotion. Like many of us, I simply wanted to ignore the sorrow I felt in losing something I loved. And when I did look back on my running days, I felt twinges of self-pity and anger that I did not like. I would see other people running and feel this stab of pain and nostalgia. "Why can't I keep doing what I enjoy?"

But a counselor once told me that burying grief and sorrow is not wise. It tends to pop up in unhealthy ways, blocking one's ability to move forward in life. So I took some time to feel the grief, to acknowledge the loss of running as a significant turning point in my life. I recognized that I need some other form of outdoor exercise and embraced cycling as a way to get outdoors and raise my heart-rate. I remember the joys of past runs, but I do not dwell on such memories. I have found it healthier and wiser to look forward to what my next ride will be.

The psalmist states, "*O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name. . . . Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.*" Psalm 30:2-5.

As I prepare to leave Fish Lake Lutheran Church, I confess that I am feeling some grief. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your pastor, if only for sixteen months. The Covid-19 pandemic and its necessary restriction twisted the interim and added new challenges (like on-line worship). The church council, Ministry Site Profile team and call committee were able to move Fish Lake through the call process and together you have called a new pastor, Teleen Saunders. I am thankful for your patient work. The calling of your new pastor is why I offered to serve as your interim and to accomplish this goal gave me joy and a sense of accomplishment. Still having made new, caring connections with members of Fish Lake, I am sad to say good-bye. Perhaps a few of you are as well.

Yet my leaving is part of the interim process and is a teachable moment. Like all emotions, grief is transitory. There are moments when we need to take time to look back and grieve: the death of a loved one, moving away from family and friends, the retirement of a beloved co-worker. We may weep for a time, yet God offers us new life and hope as we look to the future. Each of us grieves in our own way, but the healthiest way to grieve is to both acknowledge the pain of sorrow and then to let the pain and sorrow pass through us. Like waves on a beach during a storm, the waves of pain at first can be quite intense. But as the storm recedes, the waves of grief dissipate. They may never fully disappear but they no longer hold us hostage. We are able to move forward.

As Fish Lake prepares to welcome with joy your new pastor, some may need to look back and grieve the past. That is okay for a time. But as we learn to trust the Holy Spirit in the ebb and flow of life, we turn towards the future, looking for the new life, the resurrected life, towards a new dawn of hope. Remember the promise: God brings joy in the morning.

*Burial of Lillis Gjertson
Saturday, May 22nd at 11:00 am*





Hope for Hannah Jo Quilt Drawing

Drawing will be held May 23, 2021. The Winner will be notified by phone/email. Sharon or Noel Petit or their representative will be selling tickets April 11 through May 23.

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

Make checks out to JDRF. Write Team Hannah on the memo line.

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 14 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 knew 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 plays basketball and enjoys swimming on a swim team. 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

Care of Creation Work Group The Saint Paul Area Synod has an active Care of Creation work group. The Care of Creation work group believes that we are called to care for God's creation as a central part of our Christian faith and identity. The group was established in 2018 to:

- explore life-giving ideas
- share best practices within our synod, the larger church and the community
- become part of the public and teaching voice of the church



Topic: Learning About Our Environment

When earth was created, God entrusted us as its stewards and calls us to care for it and each other in all of our actions. When we make environmentally-wise choices we are celebrating and respecting creation, giving thanks for Earth's abundant resources, and being good stewards with what we're given. Understanding why a clean, sustained environment is important for all of God's creatures to flourish (including us!) is an important first step to accepting our responsibility to protect creation.

When we learn more of the scientific facts about our changing environment and how the changes impact some people more than others, it can equip us with the information and skills we need to help address those forces that cause harm. Learning more about the environment also empowers us each to take actions that are proven to be effective and that restore balance in creation and bring justice to all people.

Today, I can:

- Learn more about the environmental crisis and ecological justice. A good place to start is the "Sources of Information" pages in the InterFaith Creation Care website at <http://iccsmtc.blogspot.com/>.
- Research my church's position on environmental stewardship (each church could link to a statement, if they have it, like the ELCA)
- Read local and national news stories about the environment and our changing climate. If something sparks my interest, I will read other sources on the same story.

In the future, I plan to:

- Join (or start) a study group that is talking feely about the changing climate.
- Discuss openly with my friends and family what I have learned.
- Encourage the schools in my community to include climate change and ecological justice in science and social studies classes.
- Read books about environmental crises from perceptive that are different than mine and/or are typically underrepresented (consider the perspectives of women, people of color, indigenous communities, people who work in agriculture, or immigrant communities).
- Use what I have learned to inform actions I can take to be a part of the solution.

Verse: (Proverbs 18:15) The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.



Meet and Greet Pastor Teleen Saunders



Social Ministry

Compassion International Fish Lake Lutheran sponsored Student Samweli, Mwitula, who is 17 years old.

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A MESSAGE TO MY SPONSOR

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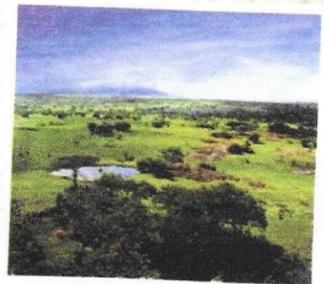


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Amen!



Tafsiri / Translation

Praise the Lord Jesus, I greet you in the name of the Lord, my family and I are fine and healthy, how are you? I am thankful to God for the life that he has given to us. Also, thank you for sponsoring me, and for the gift, with it, I buy fertilizer, a school sweater, a church sweater, socks, school shoes, church shoes, slippers, and a radio for the communication, thank you for the gift you sent me, may God bless you for your kindness, and bless your hand's works, may he blesses you and protects you, amen.



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**THANK YOU
WELCA**

Dear WELCA,

For Donating! Thank you so much for the gift of weighted blankets. Some of our families do not have financial resources to purchase items like this and yet they can be **SO** helpful in calming folks who are anxious and restless, especially near end of life. Thank you for your thoughtful generosity,

Warmest Regards,
Nicole Linder, LICSW
Social Worker with Accent Care
Fairview Hospice

Dear Ladies of WELCA,

Thank you for the cards. It means a lot to be remembered. I've come to stay with my son Greg and his wife Julie for a couple of months here in Sioux Falls, SD. Catching up on a year without hugs!

Always,
Ann Melham



Fish Lake Lutheran,
Thank you all so very much for the "Beautiful" quilts you donated to our residents!!

We appreciate it so much!
The staff and residents at
Walker Methodist Levande

**Brask Haven Inc,
Assisted Living Home Care Provider**

Dear Partner in Caring,

It is with mixed emotions that Rob and I share we have sold Brask Haven. It is hard to believe it has been 18 years. We appreciate all we have accomplished together. The elderly in "our" home have been well cared for. We could not have done it without you.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Ettafa and Dee. They have a background in health care and their values are very similar to our own. Rob and I will be working for them part-time and supporting them in Brask Haven's passion for caring well.

We look forward to a continued partnership meeting the care needs in our community.

Sincerely,
Rob and Jodi Brask

Hi Barb,
Thank you again for the Hats and afghans made by your ladies, we enjoyed oohing and ahing over them.

Sue Barfknecht
Bundles of Love

We sometimes underestimate the influence of little things.

Charles W. Chestnutt

Fish Lake Lutheran Women of ELCA,
Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 to Family Pathways in support of the March FoodShare Campaign.

For all the lives you touch, Thank You!
Sonia Palmer, Director of advancement



30 hats donated by Vicki Johnson and two receiving blankets donated by Cindy Blesener.

2021 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT FISH LAKE LUTHERAN				
Date	Actual Offering	Budgeted Offering	Percent	Above/Below Budget
March 28th	3,865.00	3,317.31	117%	547.69
April 4th/Easter	4,809.00	3,317.31	159%	1,791.68
April 11th	6,645.00	3,317.31	220%	3,627.69
April 18th	2,553.80	3,317.31	85%	(463.51)
2021 YEAR TO DATE	49,707.80	53,076.96	94%	(3,369.16)

ALL who contributed to these funds in 2021:

- **Cemetery Fund**—\$605.00 was given in support of maintaining our Cemetery grounds so far this year.
- **Building Fund**—\$1, 365.00 was given in support of maintaining our building and grounds so far

Due to the limited capacity to raise funds for the American Cancer Society related to the pandemic, we would appreciate your help in making this announcement.

Am. Cancer Relay for Life Paper Shred Drive will occur on Saturday, May 8th from 9-11am at the County Market parking lot, N. Branch, MN. Cost \$20.00 for two grocery bags with any old or unneeded documents containing personal information. This is a secure way to destroy all your documents, especially as you prepare your annual tax forms and want to get rid of old files.

Email Jill at jillmbehnke@gmail.com to purchased tickets or purchase tickets at the event on 5/8.

Family Pathways is in need of someone to help pick up donations from local grocery store in the Cambridge and Forest Lake area. Weather your looking to volunteer a few hours 1-2 days a week or looking to work full time. You might be the 1 were looking for. For more information please visit our website at familypathways.org to Volunteer or for Employment opportunities. We look forward to hearing from you.

Wendy Thomas | Float Coordinator
FamilyPathways.org

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Office: 763-552-3663
wendyt@familypathways.org



Fish Lake Lutheran,
 We greatly appreciate everything you do to support our efforts. It makes our work possible! Thank you for supporting our community!

Sincerely, Family Pathways + Staff

Spring Reminder From the Cemetery Board

The Fish Lake Lutheran Cemetery is a special place for many people. As your board members, we strive to preserve the natural beauty of the cemetery while providing safe and orderly maintenance of the grounds. With this in mind, we ask everyone to review the rules governing the decoration of gravesites:

Flowers are allowed as follows: 1) **Fresh cut Flowers** placed in containers; 2) **Annual Flowers** planted in in-ground planting areas, or on single-leg stands; 3) **Artificial Flowers** from May 15th to September 15th in containers on single leg stands. In all cases, flowers must be located next to the monument or marker. Glass containers are not allowed. Trees, shrubs or other plants are not allowed.

All Other Adornments: Including wreaths, crosses and statues are only allowed as follows: 1) During the **Memorial Day period** of May 15th through June 15th, and following interments; 2) **Wreaths** placed during the Christmas season of November 15th through January 15th; and 3) **Government issued veterans markers (Bronze Star)**. In accordance with state and national veterans cemeteries requirements, we request that flags on bronze stars and gravesites be displayed only during the Memorial Day period.

Toys, balloons, stuffed animals, pinwheels, vigil lights, solar powered lights, breakable objects, and similar items are not permitted. Beginning June 15th, any items not in conformance will be removed and placed on the north side of the cemetery storage building for 30 days for pick-up by the owners.

We ask for your understanding and cooperation with these items. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the cemetery board members.

A message from Sr. LaDonna...

This month's gratefulness topic is friendship. Friendship can take many forms. There can be compartments of friends...church friends, neighbor friends, work friends. Some of us may have many people who would be considered close friends. Then there are those of us who perhaps only have one of two very close friends.

The gospel of John records Jesus' words to his disciples: *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. John 15:12-15*

One of the most common verbs for "love" in Greek is phileō; the Greek word for friend, philos, comes from this verb. In the New Testament a "friend" is immediately understood as "one who loves." There is a fundamental connection between love and friendship.

This month I invite you to think about your friends. Perhaps there are friends you have lost touch with. Perhaps there are friends that are most important in your life. Give thanks to God for the gift of friendship. How might you be a better friend to others? *Is there a long delayed greeting card that needs to be sent? Or is there a phone call to be made?*

May you be blessed with good friends. May you learn to be a good friend to yourself. Amen.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Council Members: Steve, Mettling, Kathy Lodin, Galen Yates, Justin Ricke, Kelli Klein, Candy McColley, Barb Sauer, Clay Wilking.

April 5, 2021

Meeting held in the Church basement: Masks and distances followed

Present: Steve Mettling, Galen Yates, Justin Ricke, Kelli Klein, Candy McColley, Barb Sauer, Pastor John LaDonna Olson

Open with Prayer—Pastor John

Devotions—Steve

Devotions next month: Barb

FINANCIAL REPORTS: LADONNA

Nothing out of the ordinary to report
Nice offering in 2020 from our congregation
Currently about \$7000 below last year's budget.
Motion to approve: Steve
2nd Motion to approve: Kelli
Approved

Agenda Items:

Ladonna indicated it is working well for Denise to count offering
Denise enters it into the system. Only issue is cash. Ladonna has offered to be the 2nd person if cash is provided.
Otherwise, everything is in envelopes.
Discuss and approve Teleen Compensation & approve Teleen compensation details and finalize
More discussion is needed.
Teleen has not discussed this yet with us.
Barb will call Teleen tomorrow regarding salary and insurance needs (benefits is huge).
Upon receipt, Ladonna will provide a new budget

PASTOR REPORT: APRIL 25TH FAREWELL FOR PASTOR JOHN

Synod Assembly: 5/14 & 5/15 (Bring it up to members at next service).
ADD TO AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING.
It will be added to the email.
Maundy Thursday: Only 12 in person
Good Friday has 77 views
Easter in person and online went well.
Lent worship not many attended.
Communion Completed
Burial for David Nygaard

AUDIT : KATHY (Not Present)

CHILDREN-YOUTH /FAMILY -JUSTIN (Not Present)

EVANGELICAL /STEWARDSHIP- KELLI (No updated; no meetings)

PROPERTY / SAFETY / STEVE METTLING GALEN YATES & JUSTIN RICKE:

Installed 2x4 led light in pastors office - recommend council members to inspect - I believe that we only need one light of this type for each
double fluorescent light (black power wire?)
Steve suggested we replace several lights with the same LED. You potentially get a reduction if you do this. Barb suggested we place this on the agenda.
BEING WE USED PPP MONEY FOR SALARIES AND PROPANE, CAN WE USE THIS MONEY SAVED FOR CHURCH UPDATES OF LIGHTS ETC.
Siding last payment to be issued; Steve said they did a great job. Encouraged members to check it out.

SOCIAL MINISTRY : PASTOR JOHN

Meeting tomorrow night. Trying to get the spring fling set up.
Barb suggested asking mothers of children's services to assist in the spring fling.

WELCA / BARB SAUER

Memorial Dinner: More discussions at next WELCA committee
Steve updated us that the color guard will be here from Legion.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

OLD BUSINESS :

DISCUSS GRADUATION SUNDAY

NB CHANGED THEIRS TO SUNDAY JUNE 13.
JUNE 6 IS THE PROPOSED DATE FOR OUR RECOGNITION DAY AT CHURCH

DISCUSS CONFIRMATION (SPRING OR FALL)

TWO CONFIRMANDS. PARENTS HAVE DISCUSSED HAVING IT THE FALL.
FALL WILL PROVIDE NEW PASTOR TIME TO GET TO KNOW THE KIDS.

NEW BUSINESS :

MEET AND GREET AND AFTER CONGREGATION VOTE APRIL 11TH FOR TELEEN'S CALL, I WILL GIVE ALICIA RODRIGUEZ (ELCA) THE INFORMATION AND AN OFFICIAL CALL LETTER WILL BE SENT TO FISH LAKE TO BE SIGNED BY THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY.
DISCUSS (FCTE) MINISTRY. SEND TO ELCA DEFINITION OF COMPENSATION SHEETS FOR TELEEN TO ELCA. START DATE FOR TELEEN SUNDAY MAY 2ND /APPROVE 2021 ANNUAL BUDGET ALONG WITH PROPOSED BUDGET/ REQUEST PICTURES FROM MEMBERS TO ADD TO OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY FOR TELEEN (DENISE ADVISED THAT SHEPARD STAFF ALLOWS HER TO ADD PICTURES NEXT TO EACH MEMBERS CONTACT INFORMATION (WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR TELEEN TO GET T KNOW OUR MEMBERS)
Council discussed encouraging members to submit their own up to date photo via email to the church office.
A request will be made to include this in the next few upcoming updates from Fish Lake Church emailed to members.
COUNCIL MEMBERS ASSESSMENT OF PASTOR JOHN'S INTERIM JOURNEY AT FISH LAKE
New Ballot for Meeting:
Need two more Nominating Committee
1 for Youth- Council
Head Usher

AFFIRMATIONS :

JEROME HUSLID AND LADONNA FOR MUSIC SUNDAY MARCH 28TH
DENISE FOR OUTSTANDING WORK AS CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Denise for helping with offering counting
Elizabeth Huslid, Lisa Nephew and Jenny Skiba, for planning the Easter baskets and all others who assisted, including 10 children.
Pastor John for his interim service to our church. He was innovative, engaging, wise, experienced an amazing support to council since his arrival. His outreach to our members, and support to all of our programs. Bless you!
Council for their extended service and working through all the needs of COVID, pastoral changes, and church needs.
The past year has been long yet successful.

CLOSE WITH THE LORDS PRAYER

NEXT MEETING DATE: 5/6/21

NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS / PRESIDENT- BARB SAUER

* Yellow highlighted should be placed in weekly email to members.

* Priority

Respectfully submitted by: Kelli Klein