

VINE & BRANCHES

A Monthly Newsletter of Fish Lake Lutheran Church

November 2019

Pastor's Note

If you could do one thing that would improve your physical and mental health, improve your self-esteem, help you sleep better, and make you more friends, would you do it? My guess is that many of us are doing several different things to achieve these ends, but there is one thing that can offer help on all these fronts (and more). That one thing is being grateful – practicing gratitude.

My phrasing here, “practicing gratitude” is intentional. Being grateful is a practice, it’s a skill that is honed by searching time and again for things we can be grateful for, even in the worst of circumstances. It’s a manner of being in the world that helps us to see the light, even when there is darkness all around. The more you practice this sort of thing, the better able you are to do it. There’s a quote I’ve had on my bulletin board for a couple years now that says, “What you feed grows, and what you starve dies.” Over that time I have found that this is true – when I feed negativity and gloominess that’s what I tend to see in my life. But when I focus on the good in each situation, when I try to give my time and attention to what is life-giving and true, I find more and more of this sort of thing in my life.

So this November I want to encourage you to focus on your blessings. To truly make this month a month of gratefulness – of giving thanks to the One who gives us everything we have in this life, the one who gives us everything we need for this life. To get you started, I’ll include some blessings I have seen around Fish Lake this year.

This year at Fish Lake I have been thankful to see the growth of relationships between members. I have seen new relationships form, especially in the conversations had by the Year of Renewal interview crew. I have seen established relationships give support to those facing surgery, new and difficult diagnoses, and financial and family struggles. I have seen new relationships blossom, and older relationships take on new depth and growth. I am thankful to have borne witness to this faithful community building.

This year at Fish Lake many people have given of their Mondays (and the first Saturday of each month) to the Shalom Thrift Shop. Those who work there have built relationships and cared for one another. More than this, the money that has been shared with us has gone out to

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many in need in our community. Because of this work people have had food to eat, heat in their homes, a roof over their head, and medicines to keep them healthy. I am thankful to have a front-row seat to seeing this work of caring for our neighbors come to be.

This is just the start of the things I am thankful for here at Fish Lake. Some I could tell you about, some are confidential, but the more I look around this congregation the more stories of thankfulness I can share with you. Join me this month in sharing what you are thankful for! You can even post your thankfulness on Facebook, and tag the church!

Pastor Amanda

Those fighting cancer – Mary, Nancy, Michael, Connie, Carol, Beth, Barb, Jim, Rebecca, Julie, Andrew and Corey.

For those in need of healing - Carol Nieman, Ronnie Hunt, Lois Colliander, Renee, Al Blesener, Jerry, Dick, and Stephanie

Our service men and women including Sami and Tim

Partner congregation – Wasa congregation in Tanzania

All those who are grieving the loss of loved ones

All who battle depression and anxiety or any form of mental illness



Voices of Fish Lake:

Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge & strength, an ever-present help.

When I was a child my family did what most families did in the 50's and 60's. We had picnics, went visiting and rode our bikes. We went to Sunday School and church every Sunday. My dad didn't attend church except for us girls Easter and Christmas programs. When I was 9 years old my brother died, and that afternoon changed our family dynamics forever. I began to wonder if God cared about us. Our day to day life changed from being fairly carefree to one of stress and chaos. My mom was under a lot stress and us girls felt that stress and we acted out sometimes. I developed depression and anxiety and I lost faith in God. I eventually walked away from God and the church. I didn't feel I belonged there anymore. During that time I didn't have too many life affirming experiences. Some of those experiences were awful. Maybe if I had remembered God is an ever present help, some of them wouldn't have ended so badly. I had a real unkind attitude about church and God. They were to blame for everything that went wrong in my life. After Dennis and I were married, we tried a few churches but I still didn't feel I belonged at church.

One day I was on my way home from Pine Tech and decided to take the back roads home. My anxiety was terrible that day. I drove by Fish Lake Lutheran Church, backed up, pulled into the parking lot and turned the car off. I sat there and looked at the beautiful trees in their fall colors and was awe struck by the incredible peace that came over me-like nothing I had ever experienced before or since.

I had taken the long road back to God and Church. Steve and Bonnie kept asking us to come to church with them, so we finally did. One Sunday Pastor Dale said in his sermon that God doesn't expect us to sin, he knows we will. Those words changed how I felt about God. I didn't feel unworthy any longer. In a Lutheran prayer book I found the Serenity Prayer. I thought to myself Lutheranism will be a good fit for me. God grant me serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. Trying to distinguish between the two, I ask for God's help daily. When I surrender my will to God, I trust that God will make things right. Fish Lake Lutheran Church is my church and I belong here.

Written by: Kathy Lodin

Thank You for your Generosity!

Dear Fish Lake Lutheran Congregation,

Thank you so much for your constant support of donating food! We really appreciate your support in the community!

Your Generosity is Appreciated!

Thank you Patty and Justin Ricke for your donation of corn for the corn feed!

Fish Lake WELCA,

The Harris American Legion thanks you for your monetary donation.

We have forwarded this to the Healing Nest in Sauk Centre, The Healing Nest is a place for Homeless Veterans, and is strictly operated by donations!

Signed, Del Johnson, adj

To Our Fish Lake Family,

Thanks to all of you who have given and offered support to our family this fall. Your prayers and acts of love are appreciated during this season of change within our family,

Diehl Family,

A WOW donation from our neighbor!

Thank you Matthew Krousey for the donation of two beautifully hand crafted ceramic baptismal pitchers!

Fish Lake Lutheran Congregation



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION TO THE NORTH BRANCH AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The North Branch School Board recognizes all donations received during the month at its's school board meeting. The School board and Administration appreciates the donations received as each donation gives us a greater opportunity to provide educational benefits to our students. During this past year, the School Board recognized you for your generous donation to the district.

Recognized: Sept. 2019

Program: Donated School Supplies and Backpacks to Sunrise River Elementary School.

On behalf of the School Board, students, staff and administration thank you.

Deb Hentron, Ed.D.

"Give
thanks to
the Lord
for he is
good."



Psalm
136:1 KJV

Youth and Family Announcements

TIM Team— Feed My Starving Children 1-2:30 Nov. 9
Meet at the Church at 11:30
Sky Zone - Blaine 3-5

Confirmation— Family Night

No Class on Nov. 27th

Faith Weavers— Faith Weavers I (5:00) Weds, Nov. 6, 13, 20
Faith Weavers II (6:15) Weds. Nov. 6, 13, 20
Dinner is served on Wednesdays from 5:45-6:15

No Class on Nov. 27th

4th Grade 10 Commandments Retreat

On November 9th from 2:00-4:00pm all 4th graders in the Fish Lake community are invited to come to our 10 Commandments retreat. We will gather for games, snacks, and fun while learning about the 10 Commandments. Students are encouraged to bring a faith mentor to the retreat as well – a parent, grandparent, baptismal sponsor, or any other caring adult will work! During worship on November 10 we will do a presentation from our learning and celebrate our 4th graders as they achieve this milestone. If you have a child who is not quite a 4th grader but would like to come, they are welcome as well! Call or email the office if you are planning to attend.

Youth Mission Trip!

Savannah, GA is the destination of our mission trip summer 2020! Kathy Nelson won the table raffle!

Stay tuned for more information in the coming months!

Last month our parish in Wasa was visited by Bo and Juli Skillman who work with Bega Kwa Bega in Iringa. I'm sharing the letter and pictures they sent from their visit.

Wasa Construction Update for Fish Lake

Pastor Msigwa, District Pastor Eila Kongya, the Ihemi Treasurer, Bo & Juli Skillman (filling in the Bega Kwa Bega Office in Iringa) visited Wasa on October 1, 2019. Wasa has 6 preaching points including the main station. We were greeted by Pastor Amidu Msungu, his wife Rachel, 3 of their 4 children, and Evangelist Agnes. Per Pastor Msigwa, Pastor Msungu does a wonderful job and works hard in this area which is dominated by the Roman Catholic church. Pastor Msungu and his family are renting a home in Wasa in which the owner has requested the lease to end soon. Their parish and partners of Fish Lake are building a home for the pastor and his family near the church. We visited his new homesite and saw a very well-designed and well-constructed home. The comment was made that even the government officials in Wasa are very proud of them and the home under construction. It has a living and dining room, office, kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 2 indoor bathrooms. It needs plaster, doors and windows to make it livable. They are also constructing an outdoor bathroom which will have 2 stalls for the church and one for the home and guests of the home. The church members have contributed bricks and hired fundi's for the walls and roofing. Fish Lake has contributed to their trusses and roofing. Doors, windows, flooring and plastering need to be completed to finish the home.

We also visited Ulata Preaching Point which is 20 km beyond Wasa. This preaching point has 15 members. The church construction is nearly completed with needing 3 more iron sheets to complete the roof. Water is the biggest challenge in this area as they get their water from the river and shallow wells but they are only seasonal and dry up in the dry season.

Thank you for the opportunity to visit Wasa and Ulata on behalf of the Bega Kwa Bega and Fish Lake from Minnesota!



Fish Lake Lutheran Annual

*Pork Dinner, Craft and Bake Sale,
and Silent Auction*

Let us prepare your
dinner so you have time to
go do your civic duty and
vote!

The proceeds of this dinner
go toward a variety of
mission projects.

Tuesday, November 5th, 2019
Serving from 4:00-6:30pm

Roast Pork
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Corn, Coleslaw, Pickled Beets,
Roll & Butter and Dessert
Milk, Apple Cider, and Coffee

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Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5
Children 5 and under eat free

Food Shelf Garden News:

The harvest from the food shelf garden is winding down. We will continue harvesting for the next few weeks—call Steve Mettling if you're interested in helping. Or, give the church office a call if you want to be involved with next year's garden.

God's Work, our hands!

**To Date around 1500 pounds of
produce for 2019!**

Quilt Raffle

Last chance to buy your Quilt Drawing tickets at The Pork Dinner, November 5th. The drawing will take place at 6:30pm. The winner will be notified if they are not present at that time. The proceeds from this WELCA fundraiser will benefit The Amborella House, which is a non profit organization that is providing a safe home for victims of Sex Trafficking. An update on their progress in their October newsletter is as follows: *After all this preparation, and bumps in the road, we have a purchase agreement in on a house! Our first hurdle with this will be to get approval from the township where the home is located. We will need to apply for a zoning change so we would welcome your prayers for favor with all involved in that process. When we sign on the dotted line, we will share more information about the house. Let's just say this much for now...it's a beautiful home and a peaceful setting!*

Dine & Discover FREE FOOD, EDUCATION AND CONVERSATION

Hosted by the Chisago Age Well Coalition

Presenter Selena Stevens of Therapeutic Services Agency, Pine City, will offer helpful approaches for recognizing and dealing with the increased stress, anxiety and isolation that can lead to the holiday blues.

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019

'Beating the Holiday Blues: Overcoming Depression and Loneliness'

—Registration by Nov. 6—

Choose one of the three locations (check in begins 30 minutes before each session)

9 - 10:30 a.m. Chisago County Community Center, 38790 6th Ave., North Branch - Brunch served.

12 - 1:30 p.m. Chisago Lakes Area Library, 11754 302nd St., Chisago City - Lunch served.

3:30 - 5 p.m.. Giese Memorial Library, 26855 Forest Blvd. Wyoming - Box lunch served.

Register at www.nbaceonline.org, and scroll to Senior Offerings or by calling (651) 674-1025. Questions: natalie.matthewson@cmcoa.org

GROUNDS CREW

The FLL Council is working on getting a group together to work on some of the property issues with our building, and maybe share a pot of coffee as well. We are looking for interested hands so we can find a time that might work. Contact Steve Mettling at 763-444-5170 for information.

Offering Counters Needed

Are you good with numbers? Or maybe you just have some time to kill while someone you love socializes in the basement? The council is looking for volunteers to count the offering after worship. The commitment is one Sunday per month for 30-45 minutes after worship. You will train with our dedicated counters who have done this task for years, so you will know exactly what you need to do. If you have any interest in serving Fish Lake in this capacity, please contact the office. Thanks!

A Message From The Cemetery Board

The Fall clean-up for the cemetery will take place on November 7th, and we are asking anyone who has artificial flowers or other decorations placed at gravesites to remove them by that date.

As a reminder, toys, balloons, stuffed animals, pinwheels, vigil lights, solar powered lights, breakable objects, and similar items are not permitted. 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.

Year of Renewal Team Update

This year Fish Lake is partnering with the St. Paul Area Synod in their Year of Renewal program. This program helps congregations to renew their ministry by focusing on three "Great Listenings"- Listening to God, Listening to One Another, and Listening to Our Community. At Fish Lake we are hoping to use what we learn in this process to inform us as we write a new mission statement and vision for ministry for our congregation.

One Great Listening we are working on right now is Listening to God. We have vines installed in our worship space, running down the wall on either side of the space. Each week we are asking those who attend worship to write on a leaf a way they have seen God during the past week, and to add that leaf to the vine. The goal of the project is to see God through one another's eyes, and to become more comfortable looking for God in our own daily lives.

The Year of Renewal Team thought it might be fun to publish a few of the ways that people have seen God active in our world. As you read these, allow them to enter your heart and help to open your eyes to how God might be working in your life!

“I saw God in the early snow”

“In the faces of our grandchildren”

Mornings on the porch watching the birds, trees, sky, etc.”

Prayers and support given for dad while healing”

“Glorious Weather!”

“A new baby that’s coming”

“My stress was relieved through prayer”

“Recovery from an injury sustained a year ago”

How is God active in your life? Grab a leaf from a pew whenever you’re in the building and add it to our vine!

The Year of Renewal Team

Kelli Klein, Jami Wilking, Rick Cedergren, Mike Linder, Clarke Street, Barb Sauer
and Pastor Amanda

November 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
3 Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am	4	5 Pork Dinner	6 Faithweavers 5:00 to 6:00 pm Dinner 5:45 to 6:15 pm Faithweavers 2 6:15 to 7:15 pm Confirmation 6:00to 7:30 pm Family Night	7 C B 8: F 6:
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24 Service of Thanksgiving and Worship	25	26	27 No Youth Programming	28 T

Sunday Morning Schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship
Refreshments and Fellowship

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Cemetery Board 10:00 AM Fish Lake Council 3:30 PM	8	9 10 Commandments Retreat 2-4 pm TIM TEAM: Feed My Starving Children 11:30-2:30 Sky Zone 3--5:00
4	15 *Vines and Branches Deadline	16 Block of the Month 8:30-10:30 am
11	22	23
18 Thanksgiving Day	29	30

Offering Counters

- 3 Rick & Deb Lofboom, Cindy Blesener
- 10 Joel & Katie Santjer, Nancy Hoffman
- 17 Julie Osborne, Laurie Knutson
- 24 Mary Street & Arnie Ricke

Coffee Hosts

- 3 Cookie Jar
- 10 Youth: Maggie and Elizabeth
- 17
- 24 WELCA Ladies: Mary Kay Linder

Ushers

- 3 Kelli Klein and Amy Johnson
- 10 Skiba Family
- 17 Arnold and Justin Ricks
- 24 Noel and Sharon Petit

Fish Lake Lutheran Church Announcements

Did You Know???

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.

Nomination Committee

As we approach the end of the year Fish Lake Lutheran Church Nomination Committee will be seeking volunteers to commit to leadership roles within our community.

We currently have openings on the Church Council and one opening on the Nomination Committee.

If you are interested please contact:

Kelli Klein - 651-235-9238

Shelly Lustig - 763-333-5921

Connie Smegal - 763-689-9396

Deadline for 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.

The Communications Team Where are YOU? The weekly emails are a great avenue to know what is happening at Fish Lake in the coming week! If you or someone you know would like to be included on this weekly email then -- please call the office 651-674-4252 and leave your email address, and we will add you to our list of contacts. ***Pass this information along to anyone else you know who maybe interested!***

Winter is Coming...

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.

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 Pastor Amanda Applehans or the church office if you, or someone you know, could benefit this service. So far this year we have received \$12,000. We have filled 17 requests totaling \$10,214.69. Thank you to all who work at Shalom and who have made this giving possible!*

Social Ministry Committee Minutes

Warmometer - Spread the Warmth

The first Sunday in November we began collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, warm socks and slippers (new or gently used) for those in need. Let's help raise the Warmometer so everyone can keep warm this winter. 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



Council Agenda October 3, 2019

Members Present: Steve Mettling, Galen Yates, Justin Ricke, (Present via Skype), Bev Zachrison, Barb Sauer, Kelli Klein, Candy McColley

Devotions: Kelli led us this month. Nov. Devotions, Barb Sauer

I Standing Reports:

Financial Report: LaDonna was present to review the Sept. Financial Report. Accepted the Financial Report as written. Discussed our deficit and how we may make some adjustments in the next three months to meet our obligations.

Pastor's Report: Sept. full of new beginnings with a Kickoff Party at Sue Kanes for our Youth Programs. Working in keeping the Church Office open as we interview and hire for this position. We thank the volunteers for fulfilling this need on behalf of the church. We tried something new with Coffee Worship on Sept. 29th. We are hearing positive remarks about this experience and encourage more feedback on this type of worship.

Audit Report: Bev reported that the next Audit will be Monday Oct. 7. We will receive a report at Nov. Mtg.

Cemetery Board: Tree removal near cemetery has been planned. Costs are covered within board budget

Youth & Family: Deb gave us a written report which was reviewed and accepted. The report included the Sept. activities and participation numbers: Fall Kickoff Party, 6 kids, 4 adults at Sue Kanes home. Rally Day, 12 kids participated with 6 adult Volunteers. Tim Team scheduled a Caribou and Movie on Sept. 8th, but no participation in part to the incorrect date in the bulletin and email. Upcoming planned activities will appear in our Bulletin and newsletter

Evangelical/Stewardship: Not met. We need to encourage congregation members to participate in these committees. We have a few activity ideas/needs; just need to have help implementing and new ideas from participants. Please let Pastor Amanda know if interested in volunteering in this area.

Property: 1) Alarm system installed 2) Plumbing: Drain fixed in Kitchen sink/dishwasher. 3.) Basketball installation of post cemented. Will had backboard/hoop when cement sets up. 4) Retaining Wall: Eric Gustafson will give an estimate and complete the work in Oct. 5) AED: Greg Smegal updating, report next month. Lights will be finished and donated paper to church will be picked up and taken to church for storage for our use.

Social Ministry: Food Shelf Garden: Potatoes, Carrots, and Squash left to harvest. To date have given the Food Shelves 1500 pounds. Mittens, scarves, warm items for the winter will be collected and given to the food shelves. Two quilt raffle requests were received and approved: From Cindy Blesener to coincide with the East African Dinner planned for May 16, 2020. From Sharon Petit for the JDRF Quilt starting in January.

WELCA: Reviewed Quilt Bingo. Making Mission Quilts. A Schedule of servers will be completed for the 2020 year for 4th Sundays starting in Feb.

Worship and Music: Review the Coffee Worship last Sunday. Suggested we do this 2-3 times a year. Would need to improve the audio system for these services. Working on Advent Services and Volunteers for Readings

II. Special Reports:

Communication: Annual Report Layout ideas are being pursued. Michelle Young is developing a Self-Guided Tour of our Sanctuary. A Draft was reviewed at our last meeting.

Nominating Committee: No updated provided

Year of Renewal team: Oct. 12 at St. Michael's Church in Roseville. We will be learning about the next phase of our work for Fall/Winter months.

Old Business: Pastor Amanda evaluation will be completed in Oct. Men's Group/ Mens Group, Steve Mettling coordinating. Oct. 26 is scheduled to replace lights in the sanctuary and downstairs. Ads in Paper: Bev Zachrison will follow-up.

New Business: Timelines established for Annual Meeting: Annual Meeting will be on Jan 26, 4th Sunday of month. Information Meeting on the Budget will be held January 12th following Worship. Annual Report will be available on that day. Budget Meeting for Council will be Nov. 10, following Worship.

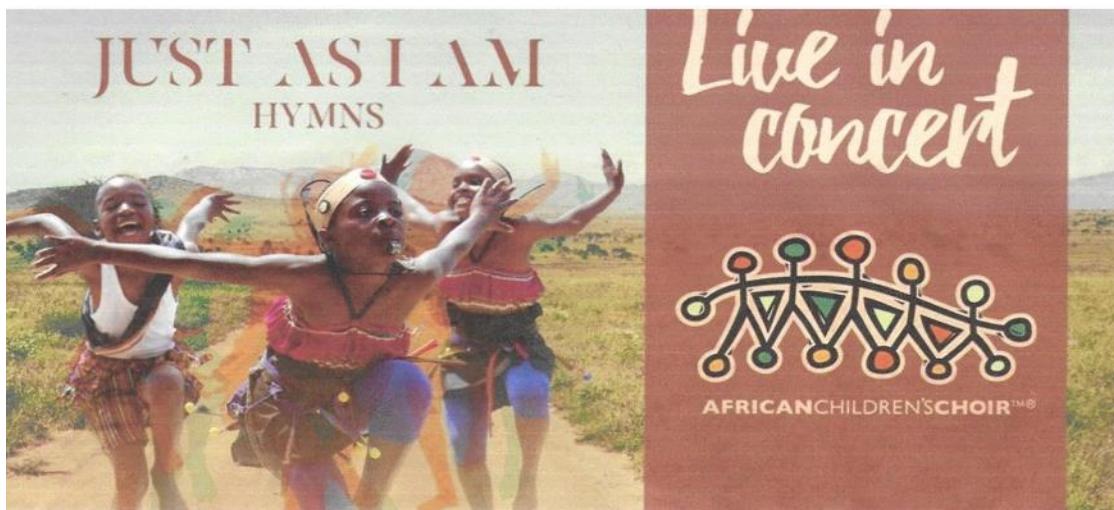
Denise Steinberg accepted our Admin position. Starting date will be Oct. 16, 2019.

Affirmations: All the Volunteers for Quilt Bingo. Mary Kay and Judy prepared the lunch. Barb Sauer for Coordinating the Bingo and Rick Lofboom, Bingo Caller. The following volunteers helped install the Basketball Hoop: Rick Lofboom, Marty Zachrison, Terry Olson, Dennis Lodin, Mike Linder, Darrel Mattson Tony Wicklund. Sue Kane for hosting the Fall Kickoff Party in her home. For the following Volunteers covering our Church Office the past 7 weeks: Michelle Young, Bev Zachrison, Grant Applehans, Noel and Sharon Petit, and Bonnie Mettling

Next Meeting: Nov. 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Close w/ Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted: Barb Sauer



Tues., November 19, 2019

6:30 pm

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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

On the first Sunday in November the Advent/ Christmas Table Toppers will be displayed in Fellowship Hall. We will open up the “ADOPT A TABLE” to the congregation (individuals or families) to create a centerpiece to go on a specific Table Topper. Use the provided supplies to write your name and pin it to the Table Topper you want to adopt. The centerpieces will be placed on the tables the first Sunday in Advent (December 1). In January 2020 your centerpieces will be returned to you. If you decide to use perishables in your centerpiece they might need to be refreshed in a month+ time to keep them looking fresh. The Table Toppers are saved for future years use.

Categories for the Centerpiece Contest:

1. Best use of color
2. Best coordination of theme with Table Topper

Questions? Contact Sharon Petit 612-968-1319
Happy Creating

2019 FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP AT FISH LAKE LUTHERAN				
Date	Actual Offering	Budgeted Offering	Percent	Above/ Below Budget
September 22nd	2,272.05	3,395.00	67%	(1,123.62)
September 29th	1,771.50	3,395.00	53%	(1,623.5)
October 7th	4,006.20	3,395.00	118%	611.20
October 13th	1,570.00	3,395.00	16%	(1,825.00)
October 20th	4797.00	3,395.00	141%	1402.00
2019 YEAR TO DATE	123,347.47	142,590.00	87%	(19,242.53)

MEMORIALS

Fish Lake Lutheran gives many thanks for the gift received in memory of:

Bob Morgan (Brenda O'Donnell's dad) by Rick and Deb Lofboom

All who contributed to these funds:

- **Cemetery Fund—\$3,938.00** was given so far this year in support of maintaining our Cemetery.
- **Building Fund—\$8,207.32** was given so far this year in support of maintaining our building and grounds.
- **General Fund through Simply Giving—\$12,880.00** was given so far this year through electronic giving.



Our monthly WELCA meeting was held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019.

1. The Secretary's minutes were approved and accepted, as written. A thank you note was received and read from Annalise for her graduation quilt as well as a letter from the Pinky Swear organization for our donation of \$600 to them.

2. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. The opening balance was \$4,845.73; income was \$5,336.11, expenses were \$3,994.71, leaving a balance of \$6,187.13. The income from our Quilt Bingo totaled \$3,210.00; expenses totaled \$941.43; checks will be sent as follows: \$265 to Family Pathways Food Shelf (from the lunch receipts); the Li'l Farm will receive \$600 as well as \$600 to the Refuge.

3. Social Secretary: Kathy continues to send out cards to our shut ins.

4. Old Business

a. WELCA Sunday is October 27th. Servers for that day will be Cindy Blesener and friends; November servers will be Amy Johnson and Mary Kay Linder. The 2020 volunteer list will be discussed at our November meeting.

b. Quilt Needs:

(1) Baptism Quilts: We have six on hand; 3 boys and 3 girls.

(2) Wedding Quilts: There is now one quilt available. Another quilt was delivered to the wedding.

(3) Graduation Quilts: We are working on quilts for our 2020 grads.

(4) Habitat for Humanity: There is one fleece quilt on hand. We will call in January to find out any needs.

(5) Veteran Quilts: We continue to work on quilts for the veterans. All in all there are 4 quilts completed.

(6) Quilt Bingo: We had a discussion of this year's event. Everyone agreed that we had a good turnout, it went very well and was enjoyed by all. A few thoughts for next year; we will work on getting the advertisement of our event out to those on our distribution list; more volunteers to work would help, including maybe more youth; having the ticket table in the back works very well; Rick Lofboom did a great job of bingo calling - thanks to him; the new bingo cards are great and quite a savings. All in all, it was a fun and successful event.

(7) Mission Quilts: We continue making these quilts. We have completed two; 6 in various stages of completion. A call will be made to Connie Warner to see where some of these mission quilts could go.

(8) American Heart Association quilt donation: The quilt that is being donated was appraised. We are waiting for word from the AHA for pickup. If we don't hear from them by next week, we will donate this quilt to Bethany Lutheran High School for their Outreach Program providing monetary support to Foster Care Families.

(9) Quilt Raffle: A quilt was chosen for this raffle. Receipts from this raffle will be donated to Amborella House which is a home for survivors of sexual assault and exploitation. For more information about this project, see their website www.amborellahouse.org. The drawing for this quilt will be held during our pork dinner in November. Receipts so far: \$295.

(10) Baptismal Napkins: Shelly has completed nine napkins.

c. Service and Mission Update:

- Kitchen updates: Julie Osborne goes to CostCo once a month and will make a list of church kitchen needs each WELCA workday. We can all help by adding to the list on the bulletin board when we see something is running low. When working in the church kitchen and serving food hats, bandanas, or hairnets must be worn. Hairnets were purchased and are available in the kitchen. There is a sign posted on the kitchen door indicating this requirement. One of the coffee pots was not working. We will not replace it at this time.

- Bundles of Love: There are 11 baby hats that were donated and will be delivered.

- Wedding Quilt Policy - Tabled until December.

- Volunteers to maintain: Sewing Cart - Judy Nelson
Donation Bin - Nancy and Mary Kay
Quilt Bingo Door Prizes: Marcie and Jane
Stash Sale Items: Kathy and Shelly
Pet Beds: Sharon and Judy

5. Updates from previous agenda:

a. We briefly discussed where the income from Quilt Bingo will go. Tabled until December.

b. Christmas Centerpiece/Adopt a Table: Continuing with making and receiving these table toppers. Five have been completed; several more in process. Members of the congregation are being asked to participate in making these toppers as well as making centerpieces to compliment the table toppers.

c. BOM: Approximately 70 people are registered again this year. We had fifty participants visit 5 shops along the Mississippi River on a Shop Hop in September. A Retreat at Cedar Creek will be held on Oct 11-13. Fifty people will be participating for the weekend. This was sold out.

6. New Business:

a. A request from Fairview Hospice was made asking if we could make weighted blankets that would help their patients. Instead of trying to make these quilts, a motion was made and approved to purchase 3 quilts. We will work with the hospice nurse to order the proper weights.

b. Bake and Craft Sale at the Pork Dinner: We will be looking for donations of handmade items as well as baked goods.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Please note the change. 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 pot luck lunch.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kay Linder



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10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Tuesday by Appointment.

Denise Steinberg, new office administrative assistant

Thank you for the warm welcome I've received!

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