



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



ANNUAL REPORT

2019





A message from ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton

Dear friends in Christ,

Stepping out in faith can be difficult. Martin Luther did it in 1517. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America did it at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. This church can be bold and daring because of our scriptural and Lutheran confessional understandings. Is it easy?

No. Do we always get it right? Probably not. Where we are in error, may God correct us.

The cross is our center. Faith, grace and Scripture alone are our guides. We are church. We are compelled by the gospel and our understanding that in Christ we have been set free to love and serve the neighbor. This loving and serving of our neighbor alongside courageous and faithful leaders is what offers hope to congregations.

Over the past 18 months we have made significant strides in our work on congregational vitality. This church has multiplied its efforts and leveraged its resources to enhance vitality in congregations. Our vision continues to evolve around strengthening our relationships with God, each other and the neighbors we serve. In this way we are addressing both local and global issues by being present in our own community and proactive with issues in the broader church.

This presence is made possible in significant ways through your giving of time, talents and financial resources to our work together. The success of our recent campaign, *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, reflects the increasing

support for existing and new ministries that serve our communities here at home and others around the globe. Through regular, special and legacy gifts, \$250 million was given to support God's work. Through the spiritual practice of giving, we both acknowledge receiving God's gifts and share in God's generosity by passing on a portion to others. Together we are doing God's work in ways that we could not do otherwise.

As your congregation plans work for the coming year, I hope you will be both bold and daring, remembering God provides and desires abundant life for all. May you continue supporting God's work together with a spirit of solidarity, collaboration and generosity. We are all partners in the gospel, believing in Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world.

Stepping out in faith together,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" —2 Corinthians 5:17

Clementson Lutheran Church

Annual meeting

January 19, 2020

- I. Call to order
- II. Devotions
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Minutes - January 20, 2019
- V. Reports
 - A. Pastor's Report
 - B. Statistical
 - C. Financial
 - D. Church Women
 - E. Sunday School
 - F. Other
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - A. Building improvement
 - 1. Fellowship hall and kitchen lighting
 - 2. Foundation windows
 - 3. Bathroom vanity
 - 4. Cabinet by kitchen door
 - B. Grounds
 - 1. Tree cleanup
 - 2. Playground equipment
 - C. Constitution - ratification
 - D. Other
- VII. New Business
 - A. Approval of Mission Plan
 - B. Church Women - refrigerator
 - C. Election of officers
 - President - Garv Swenson 2017
 - Secretary - Stacy Spina 2019
 - Treasurer - Sue Hasbargen 2019
 - Financial Secretary - Jill Hasbargen 2012
 - Property -
 - D. Election of voting members and alternates
 - 1. Northwestern MN Synod Assembly June 12-13
 - 2. Conference gathering
 - E. Other
- VIII. Adjournment and Lord's Prayer

Clementson Annual Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Gary Swenson at 12:30 pm.

Devotions: Led by Pr. Paul Olsen.

Minutes of January 21, 2018: A motion to approve the minutes by Kit Hasbargen and seconded by Maureen Hasbargen. Motion carried.

Reports:

Pastors Report: Report was given by Pr. Paul. No additions to the report printed in the Annual Report.

Statistical Report: report reviewed

Financial Secretary's Report: report reviewed

Treasurer's Report: report reviewed

Church Women Report: report reviewed

Sunday School Report: report reviewed

A motion was made to accept all reports as printed in the Annual Report by Sharon Spina seconded by Jill Hasbargen. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Building Improvement:

1. Talk to Lee Paradise about painting the church.
2. Talk to Larry Larson and Chuck Tischart about replacing kitchen windows.
3. PirkI's Lumber and Carpet are looking for basement windows.
4. It will cost between \$700 and \$800 to redo the fluorescent lights. Current bulbs are hard to get any more.

Grounds Improvement:

1. We need to take care of widow makers in the oak trees. For safety sake we might want to remove existing big oaks.
2. New playground equipment should be looked into.
3. Property purchase of 75' x 100' is still pending.

Constitution:

Pastor Paul mentioned that Clementson's constitution was in good order, it just needed wording updates. Pastor Paul suggested we need an amendment to the constitution where a person can serve up to five terms (10 years) in a position. A motion was made to accept the amendment by Kit Hasbargen seconded by Denton Hasbargen. Motion carried.

New Business:

Approval of Mission Plan (budget):

There was a lot of discussion about the building supplies section of the budget. A motion was made to accept the budget for 2019 by Kit Hasbargen seconded by Jake Hasbargen.

Call Committee:

The current call committee will stay on to help the new pastor get established.

Election of officers:

Becky Buegler mentioned that she has been on the council for 10 years and would like to step down as treasurer. A motion was made to nominate Sue Hasbargen as treasurer by Peggy Hasbargen seconded by Sharon Spina. Motion carried.

Voting members for Synod Assembly June 7-9, 2019. No action taken. Assembly people should go to the LaRoKi Conference gathering March 17, 2019.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Kit Hasbargen seconded by Denton Hasbargen. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Spina

2019 Annual Report of Pastor Birgitte Catlin

Beloved in Christ,

The beginning of February will mark the one year anniversary of our time together. In this year, as my first and foremost goal, I sought to get to know you. With a group of congregations with as much history as the three of you, it is no small task. So far I have learned that you are **committed to working together**. This has not always been the case and there are still some remaining wounds left among you from times of strife between you. But like adult siblings in a complicated family, you can look back at those previous struggles and see them for what they are: in the past. In working together as a Parish, you see a future; whereas without the Parish there is no future.

I have learned that you are **curious about your faith**. Through bible studies and Sunday school, Soul Food classes and confirmation, lenten and advent devotions, I have seen that you are seeking. As good disciples, you seek a closer relationship with God. Many of you know what that closer relationship could look like but many of you are still unsure. Those of you who are not certain of the church's role in your life encourage the rest of us to ask some really important questions like, "why is church important to me?"; "why does faith matter?"; "who is the church serving?"; and many others. These questions help to guide the mission of the church and it's purpose here in Lake of the Woods.

And I have learned that you love God's people and God's creation. This love is an obvious outpouring and byproduct of being committed to working together and having curiosity about your faith. As Martin Luther pointed out many times, faith in action is the only response to the gift of free love and grace that we receive from God. You are itching with this question: **how/who can we serve?** All that we have and all that we are come from the generosity of God and it is because of this that we then respond with our own generosity.

This year has flown quickly by as we have worked hard together through:

- Joint Worship Services
- Soul Food
- World Ploughing Competition
- Baptisms and Confirmations and Weddings and Funerals
- Care Center and Homebound Ministries
- Lenten and Holy Week Worship
- Quilting Ministries
- Pizza Nights

We have sought to serve God and God's people together.

As the new year unfolds, I look forward to more opportunities to explore the relationship of the Parish, your questions about faith, and how we can serve our community and the broader world. I plan to spend more time with you in small groups asking these questions and hearing your responses. We have a challenging task in front of us; as the statistics tell us that the church is dying, that numbers are down and the future is uncertain, we are simultaneously being called to listen to the breath of new life blowing around us. Where is the Spirit of God breathing new life into the world and how are we a part of that new life? As Romans 12:2 says, **"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect."** Be transformed by the new life God is breathing into the world. This is a call to listen, imagine, and witness to God's work in the world, to discern where God is calling us.

Members of Clementson Lutheran Church,

As we gather together to reflect on this past year and plan for the future, I would like to take a minute to say a few thank yous. First - thank you Pastor Birgitte for accepting our call - you are a blessing! Thank you to the call committee for their hours and commitment in completing the call process. To those who have taken a leadership role in our congregation, a big thank you for being willing to serve and for the excellent work. Thank you to our Parish office staff - Jeannie and Alyse.

To the congregation, I ask that each of you continue to give your time, talents and financial support. Ask God to use you, each of us have gifts that we can share to accomplish our mission. **Thanks be to God!**

In Christ,
Gary Swenson

Statistical Report for 2019

Baptisms

Hank Deitrich Hasbargen
Knox Gary Johnson

+2 baptized

Confirmations

Marriages

Funerals/Memorial Services/Deaths

Lloyd Ray Dawley

0 baptized

0 confirmed

Membership

Transferred Out/ Removed:

0 baptized

0 confirmed

Received/Transferred In/Reinstated:

Sue Hasbargen

+1 baptized

+1 confirmed

Membership Statistics

December 31, 2018

Baptized

129

Confirmed

95

December 31, 2019

132

96

Net Change

+3 baptized

1 confirmed



Northwestern Minnesota Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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*"Mary was thoroughly shaken, wondering what was behind a greeting like that."
"I'm bursting with God-news; I'm dancing the song of my Savior God."
Luke 1:29 and 46 (The Message)*

Synod Staff



Bishop Bill Tesch



Pr. Karla Mickelson
Associate to the Bishop for
Synodical Administration



Pr. Keith Zeh
Director for
Evangelical Mission



Pr. Jon Olson
Synod Minister for
Vocations

Dear Siblings in Christ of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod,

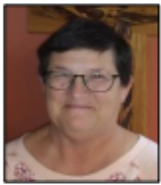
Greetings in the name of the One who both shakes us to the core and fills us with joy!

I write now in the fourth week of Advent, 2019. The gently falling snow outside my window belies the turmoil now swirling in our world and in our hearts. Deepening political divides both here and abroad, dire reports of a changing climate, mass shootings, the crisis facing our farmers all conspire to convince us that we are headed toward catastrophe. I submit that the world of Mary the mother of Jesus was no less disconcerting. Into such a world God spoke a new word, showed up in a new way and by so doing transformed Mary, then us, then one day: all of creation. I wonder if we could seek the heart of Mary, if we could boldly interrogate God like Mary interrogated the messenger of God, if we could embrace the promised future even if it seems (for now) as fragile as a suckling child. For this I pray, and I invite you to join me. I firmly believe it is a prayer that God and God's angels rush to answer!

As you gather in your annual meeting I invite you to think of the other 222 congregations and 90,000 siblings in Christ across our synod who are also gathering. Many of the decisions you make today will be an expression of your partnership in the Gospel with them, with us. The Gospel is the treasure we cherish and to which we bear witness, a treasure that we guard only by giving it away.

In the first 90 days of my time serving as your Bishop, I am pleased to report on the outstanding accomplishments of your amazing synod staff with whom I am privileged to work.

- We have established a vision: "Communities so emboldened by the grace of God through Jesus Christ that we are freed to be wholly devoted to loving Jesus and loving our neighbor."
- We have articulated three core values: "Faithfulness, Authenticity and Love."
- We have put in place three operating principles: "Making a safe space for the ministry of the Gospel to unfold; Making a way into the future; Making places at the table for diverse or unheard voices."
- We have introduced an innovative new synod staffing model that is producing over 200 hours each month of face-to-face engagement with communities and leaders across our synod.
- We have responded to the emerging crisis in our farming communities and have developed plans for further response early this year.
- We have assisted 11 communities in conflict with professional guidance and support.
- We are accompanying 36 congregations and parishes in call processes, and have developed new tools to make our work more efficient and responsive.
- We have invited our eight Conference Deans to play a larger role in the process when congregations have a change of pastors, and they have graciously and professionally stepped up to the challenge!



Kathy Levenhagen, SAM
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement
(Conferences 1 & 2)



Pr. Karen Young Trenne
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement
(Conferences 3 & 5)



Pr. Genelle Netland
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement
(Conferences 4 & 6)

- We have reorganized our Candidacy Committee and clarified the candidacy process, thus clearing the way for what we believe will be many new candidates for ordained ministry.
- We have met with our Synodically Authorized Ministers (SAMs) and are developing a system to equip and support them in their work while also holding them and the congregations they serve accountable to our church's unique witness to the Gospel.
- We have identified and begun work with five clusters of congregations where God may be calling them to move into the future in a new way: reaching out together to their increasingly diverse communities, and/or restructuring for long-term sustainability.
- We have designed a process and pulled together a team for developing a strategic plan - a draft of which will be presented at this year's synod assembly.
- We have 12 congregations engaged in "Cultivating Generous Congregations," a collaborative effort with several other synods to train leaders of small membership congregations to build a culture of generosity in their church and community.

I want you to know how immensely grateful I am for your trust in extending this call to serve with you in this way. I'm a newcomer here, and you have shown me nothing but grace and patience while I have learned the names of people and places, ways of doing things, directions to here and there, etc. I must beg your continued patience, as I continue to learn and to grow to know you, the wonderful people of God of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod!

In Christ our Brother,

Pastor Bill Tesch
Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA



Pr. Brad Skogen
Synod Minister for
Community & Leader
Engagement



Cheryl Zeh
Office Manager
Financial Coordinator



Kristina Dernier
LYO Advisor
Gathering Coordinator



John Bell
Interim Webmaster
Newsletter Coordinator

Clementson Lutheran
2019 Financial Secretary's Report

Month-end offering totals

January	3,374.00
February	3,264.00
March	3,183.00
April	4,455.25
May	3,731.50
June	3,113.00
July	2,692.00
August	2,813.00
September	4,023.00
October	3,578.00
November	2,556.00
December	4,477.00

2019 Total \$41,259.75

2018 Total \$41,900.00

Miscellaneous Income

Lent	342.00
Co-op Service Patronage Dividend	11.15
Thrivent Financial's Thrivent Choice	692.00
Morrison Family - use of chairs	50.00
Tree gift donation	100.00

Total \$1,195.15

Jill Hasbargen

Financial Secretary

Treasurer's Report ~ January—December 2019

	Actual 2018 Fuel Usage	\$2,313.61		
	(remaining balance of \$155.78 credited toward 2018 prebuy 1550 gallon @\$1.39 bought for 2018-19)			
Date	Snow Plowing	Amount		Check #
1/18	Duane Lafky	140.00		3617
3/15	Duane Lafky	140.00		3623
	Total	\$280.00		
Date	Lawn Mowing	Amount		Check #
8/9	Larry Bilyeu	250.00		3585
	Total	\$250.00		
Date	Safe Deposit Box	Amount		Check #
1/3	Wells Fargo	30.00		EFT
	Total	\$30.00		
Date	Music	Amount		Check #
3/12	Heidi Olson	35.00		3621
3/12	Joyce Washburn	35.00		3622
5/9	Jody Horntvedt	70.00		3578
	Total	\$140.00		
	Mission Plan Support			
Date	Baudette Lutheran Parish	Amount		Check #
1/22		1,339.00		EFT
2/20		1,339.00		EFT
3/20		1,339.00		EFT
4/20		1,339.00		EFT
5/21		1,339.00		EFT
6/20		1,339.00		EFT
7/20		1,339.00		EFT
8/20		1,339.00		EFT
9/20		1,339.00		EFT
10/22		1,339.00		EFT
11/20		1,339.00		EFT
12/20		1,339.00		EFT
	Total	\$16,068.00		

Total 2018 Disbursements	\$25,990.92								
Ck Account funds 1-1-18	\$33,001.22								
Ck Account funds 12-31-18	\$52,568.30								
Memorial Fund 1-1-18	\$5,809.62								
Memorial Fund 12-31-18	\$5,911.38								
					Expenses 2018 and Budget 2019				
					Church Outreach	Actual 2017	Proposed 2018	Actual 2018	Proposed 2019
					Synod Benevolence	2,142.00	2,142.00	2,142.00	3,000.00
					Synod Assembly	269.89	550.00	65.00	550.00
					World Hunger	154.00	150.00	114.00	150.00
					LOW Food Shelf	154.00	150.00	114.00	150.00
					Clem. Benevolence	0.00	1,000.00	300.00	1,000.00
						\$2,719.89	\$3,992.00	\$2,735.00	\$4,850.00
					Church Home				
					1517 Media	439.72	550.00	351.00	550.00
					Stamps	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
					Flowers	90.00	200.00	141.94	200.00
					Wine	41.54	75.00	16.40	75.00
					Piano Tuning	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
					Misc Expenses	280.41	750.00	1,021.91	1,000.00
					Electricity	1,102.00	1,150.00	1,123.00	1,200.00
					Insurance	1,150.95	1,200.00	1,127.56	1,200.00
					Telephone	702.65	725.00	707.39	720.00
					Fuel	645.00	2,500.00	1,998.72	2,300.00
					Building Supplies	686.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
					Snow Plowing	175.00	250.00	280.00	300.00
					Lawn Mowing	180.00	250.00	250.00	300.00
					Safe Deposit Box	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
					Musicians	190.00	200.00	140.00	200.00
						\$5,713.27	\$8,980.00	\$7,187.92	\$9,175.00
					Baudette Lutheran Parish				
					Mission Plan Support	\$21,600.00	\$16,076.00	\$16,068.00	\$20,000.00
					Totals	\$30,033.16	\$29,048.00	\$25,990.92	\$34,025.00

CHURCH OUTREACH

3600	3/5	Northwestern MN Synod	\$3,000.00
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Clementson Benevolence

3634	6/23	Stacy Spina	\$ 500.00
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3655	10/20	Pastor Birgette-pastor appreciation	\$ 500.00
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3661	12/15	Pastor Birgette-Christmas gift	\$ 250.00
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3662	12/15	Holiday Gas- gas card for Pastor Birgette	\$ 50.00
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Total	\$ 1,300.00
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CHURCH HOME 1517 Media

3598	2/10	Media 1517	\$ 63.40
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3625	3/7		17.40
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3636	6/24	First Lutheran Church for Media 1517	148.89
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3643	7/22		81.90
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3649	8/19		63.04
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3656	10/21		17.40
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3658	11/25		17.40
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3660	12/11		57.53
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Total	\$466.96
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WINE

3597	1/8	Westside Wine	16.40
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3645	7/25	Westside Wine	15.74
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Total	32.14
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SNOW PLOWING

3639	7/22	Greg Johnson	\$210.00
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FLOWERS

3626	4/19	Baudette Floral	\$160.00
3630	5/13	Baudette Floral	45.00
Total			\$205.00

MISC EXPENSE

3646	7/29	True Value	\$28.49
3647	8/13	First Lutheran Church-plowing contest dinner	100.00
3650	9/3	Joe's Northwest Pest Control	140.00
3654	10/16	Hometown Hardware-quilting supplies	53.96
3657	11/17	Hometown Hardware-quilting supplies	56.51
Total			\$378.96

ELECTRICITY

EFT	1/22	North Star Electric	\$124.00
EFT	2/21		146.00
EFT	3/21		123.00
EFT	4/23		112.00
EFT	5/21		96.00
EFT	6/21		85.00
EFT	7/23		73.00
EFT	8/21		67.00
EFT	9/23		21.00
EFT	10/22		93.00
EFT	11/21		129.00
EFT	12/20		146.00
Total			\$1,215.00

CHURCH INSURANCE

EFT	1/10	North Star Insurance	\$94.33
EFT	2/11		94.33
EFT	3/11		94.33
EFT	4/10		94.33
EFT	5/10		94.33
EFT	6/10		94.33
EFT	7/10		94.33
EFT	8/12		94.33
EFT	9/10		94.33
EFT	10/10		94.33
EFT	11/12		94.33
EFT	12/10		94.33
			\$1,132.00

TELEPHONE

EFT	1/23	CenturyLink	\$59.32
EFT	2/25		59.30
EFT	3/26		59.30
EFT	4/24		59.35
EFT	5/28		59.11
EFT	6/25		59.11
EFT	7/24		59.11
EFT	8/26		60.01
EFT	9/24		60.01
EFT	10/23		60.03

EFT	11/26	CenturyLink continued	\$60.11
EFT	12/23		60.11
		Total	\$714.87
MISSION SUPPORT			
EFT	1/22	Baudette Lutheran Parish	\$1,339.00
EFT	2/20		1,339.00
3632	6/12	March, April, May	4,017.00
3633	6/18	June	1,339.00
	7/16	July, August-transfer made at bank	2,678.00
3652	10/9	September, October, November	4,017.00
3665		December	1,339.00
		Total	\$16,068.00
LAWN MOWING			
3641	7/22	Cole Cook	\$250.00
3653	10/9	Cole Cook	100.00
MUSIC			
3638	7/16	Jody Horntvedt	\$120.00
3664	12/31	Jody Horntvedt	70.00
3651	9/8	Slough Grass	125.00
		Total	\$315.00
SAFE DEPOSIT BOX			
EFT	1/3	Wells Fargo	30.00
FUEL			
3631	5/3	Cenex-balance of propane used	\$9.78

3644	7/24	Cenex-propane prebuy 1500 gallons @\$1.34 per gallon	\$2,010.00 prepay left
		912 gallons equaling \$1,222.08	
		Total	\$2,019.78

BUILDING & BUILDING SUPPLIES

3599	2/19	Rainy River Electric-light repairs	\$240.90
3628	4/30	Larry Larson-labor to replace kitchen windows	664.50
3629	5/6	Pirkl Lumber- windows and supplies	815.89
3635	7/14	Lee Paradise-wash and paint church	970.00
3637	7/14	Duane Lafky-wash and paint church	1,020.00
3640	7/22	Dodds Lumber-paint and supplies	451.82
3648	8/19	Dodds Lumber-supplies	66.19
		Total	\$4,229.30

SYNOD ASSEMBLY

3642	7/22	Jake Hasbargen-reimburse for hotel & registration fee	\$475.01
		Total 2019 disbursements	\$32,142.02
		Checking Account funds 1-1-19	\$52,893.60
		Checking Account funds 12-31-19	\$64,233.99
		Memorial Fund 1-1-19	\$5,911.53
		Memorial Fund 12-31-19	\$6,013.18

CLEMENTSON LUTHERAN CHURCH EXPENSES 2019 and MISSION PLAN for 2020

CHURCH OUTREACH	Actual 1018	Proposed 2019	Actual 2019	Proposed 2020
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Synod Benevolence	\$2,142.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Synod Assembly	65.00	550.00	475.01	550.00
World Hunger	114.00	150.00	171.00	150.00
LOW Food Shelf	114.000	150.00	171.00	150.00
Clem. Benevolence	300.00	1,000.00	1,300.00	1,000.00
TOTALS	\$2,735.00	4,850.00	5,117.01	4,850.00

CHURCH HOME

1517 Media	351.00	550.00	466.96	550.00
Stamps	0	0	0	0
Flowers	141.94	200.00	205.00	200.00
Wine	16.40	75.00	32.14	75.00
Piano Tuning	0	100.00	0	125.00
Misc Expenses	1,021.91	1,000.00	378.96	1,000.00
Electricity	1,123.00	1,200.00	1,215.00	1,300.00
Insurance	1,127.56	1,200.00	1,132.00	1,200.00
Telephone	707.39	720.00	714.87	750.00
Fuel	1,998.72	2,300.00	2,019.78	2,300.00
Building Supplies	0	1,000.00	4,229.30	1,000.00
Snow Plowing	280.00	300.00	210.00	300.00
Lawn Mowing	250.00	300.00	350.00	350.00
Safe Deposit Box	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Musicians	140.00	200.00	315.00	250.00
Totals	\$7,187.92	\$9,175.00	\$11,299.01	\$9,430.00

BAUDETTE LUTHERAN PARISH	Actual 2018	Proposed 2019	Actual 2019	Proposed 2020
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Mission Plan Support	\$16,068.00	\$20,000.00	\$16,068.00	\$20,640.57
Totals	\$25,990.92	\$34,025.00	\$32,484.02	\$34,920.57

**Clementson Lutheran Church Women's Accounts
2019**

Clementson Lutheran Sunday School

Balance 1/1/19 -----	\$636.82
5/15/19 Cokebury	\$96.16
12/23/19 Gearharts Floral	140.24
6/1/19 deposit	72.00
11/1/19 deposit	122.00
12/31/18 Ending Balance -----	\$594.42

World Ploughing wrap-up

The Lake of the Woods Faith Community came together on Tuesday, August 27th to create a delicious "Minnesota Hotdish" Supper and the beautiful ecumenical Blessing of the Ploughs Worship Service for the World Ploughing Organization Competitors, Judges, Coaches, staff and visitors from around the world. The visitors and teams experienced true "Minnesota Nice." Unfortunately, due to safety / space limitations, we had to restrict the number of attendees to under 400.

We were asked almost two years ago to host the worship service and include our ecumenical brothers and sisters in the worship. The Lake of the Woods Community Choir (about 30) under the direction of Joyce Washburn with Kathy Nordine and Harvey Lein as Pianist and Organist, respectively, led the congregation with the singing. Thank you to the ushers and greeters for making people feel welcome.



Pastor Birgitte created an ecumenical evening worship. The Rev. Lawrence Wohlrabe, Bishop of the Northwestern Minnesota Synod, ELCA, gave the message at the service. We were blessed that he chose to spend part of his last week as Bishop with us before he retired. We heard how he knew farming from growing up on a farm to participating as a high school FFA member during the World Ploughing Competition in 1972 near Vernon Center, MN. Many participants commented on how moving and beautiful the worship was for them.

Many, many volunteers came together to prepare and serve the meal, all under the direction of Eileen & Roger Cordray and Linda & Jeff Bauers. Along with donations from many area churches and a few businesses, people from our community were very generous with resources, including: ANI for the use of their event tents, and to the Wabanica guys for moving the picnic tables.

The church was decorated with flowers and farming mem-



orabilia, thanks to Joyce Washburn, Joyce Palm, Ruth Lee and others. The front door mural of a farming scene with corn and sunflowers, including a tractor plowing, was created by our local artist and teacher, Deb Carlson. Our visitors loved all the decorations.



The First Lutheran Women put on the Lefse and Quilt demonstrations on Thursday, and to Wabanica was ready if extra visitors came to their Wood-fired Pizza Night on Wednesday evening. *Jeannie Haukaas*



Parish Pathways Elementary Day Camp *Growing Together*

Pathway Day Camp was July 22-25 for elementary ages 1st–5th grades. The kids met at First Lutheran Monday-Thursday, "Growing Together".

They went to the nursing home, worshipped and sang, played games and made crafts, and had a water party on the last afternoon!



Thanks once again to Colleen Stanton and her group of volunteers and parents who made the VBS with Camp Counselors a big success.



Jesus saves the World! Preschool Vacation Bible School

Preschool Vacation Bible School was a fun week, August 5-8th, here in the parish thanks to Sarah Pierson and her group of volunteers, including grandparents and parents. The volunteers were kept very busy with the little ones!



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1.	Anderson, Avery (Dustin & Nicole)	810 Tricking Springs CT	Spring TX 77373	218-395-0638	beckeln8@hotmail.com
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3.	Buegler, Rebecca, David; Jessica	4483 8th St NW	Williams	395-0600	dbuegler@wiktel.com
4.	Buegler, Jennifer; Aydah	2534 Ridgeway Ave NW	Bemidji MN 56601-2149	434-0335	
5.	Christianson, Janet	17978 Zen Tree LN	Pinewood MN 56676	281-368-0390	
6.	Clementson, Jim; Sara	3554 State HWY 11 SE		-1792	
7.	Cook, Tracy; Cole, Jack, Timothy	12145 Hwy 11	Birchdale MN 56623	-1265	Derektracycook @hotmail.com
8.	Dierkhising, Lydia, Myles (Maria & Ryan)	14980 Crane St NW	Andover MN 55304		maria@mariadagency.com
9.	Fischer, Bill, Cathy	2199 13 th Ave SW		218-230-3323 218-434-0990	
10.	Fischer, Peter				
11.	Hasbargen, Albert III, Rita	11799 Hwy 11	Birchdale	218-242 -3427	
12.	Hasbargen, Alvin; Greyson	3197 Twn Rd. 207	Int'l Falls MN 56649	218-556 -6610 218-556-4855	
13.	Hasbargen-Hanson, Amy; Elliot	10040 J St. NW	Coon Rapids MN 55433	218-341-9570	ahasbar1@gmail.com
14.	Hasbargen, Barry	1471 33 rd Ave. SE		-1470	
15.	Hasbargen, Brent; Hank	11640 Hwy 11	Birchdale MN 56623	218-634-2806	
16.	Hasbargen, Bryan				
17.	Hasbargen, Brady	11620 St. Hwy 11	Loman MN		
18.	Hasbargen, Charles Jr., Jill; Ali	1348 CO RD 4	Baudette MN	-1398	Jillhasbargen @catholichealth.net
19.	Hasbargen, Clinton	1563 Town Road 174		-9452	
20.	Hasbargen, Cody		Baudette		
21.	Hasbargen, Dan; Emma, Ellie	11537 St. Hwy 11	Birchdale		
22.	Hasbargen, Darron				
23.	Hasbargen, Denton, Maureen	15341 HWY 11	Baudette MN 56623	-1912	
24.	Hasbargen, Dorothy	600 Main Ave S The ARC		-2174	
25.	Hasbargen, Douglas	9044 HWY 11	Birchdale	-2097	

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26.	Hasbargen, Gary, Janet	11727 HW 11	Birchdale	-1466	jghasbargen@centurytel.net
27.	Hasbargen, Jake, Jill; Jacob, Abrianna, Shaye, Tylene	1576 Town Rd. 124	Birchdale	-1976	jakejillhasbar@gmail.com
28.	Hasbargen, Jennifer				
29.	Hasbargen, Keith, Carrie	11640 HWY 11	Birchdale	-2806	
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32.	Hasbargen, Mark	10267 HWY 11	Birchdale	-2512	
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34.	Hasbargen, Nora (Andrew & Mallory)	55220 St HWY 11	Warroad MN 56763		
35.	Hasbargen, Peggy	1393 CO RD 4	Birchdale	-2486	
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37.	Hasbargen, Robyn, Vickie; Tyler, Tatiana	11705 HWY 11	Birchdale	-2820	
38.	Hasbargen, Scott, Laurie	1301 CO RD 4		-1695	
39.	Hasbargen, Shawn		Jamestown ND		
40.	Hasbargen, Zachary	11450 HWY 11	Birchdale	-2487	
41.	Hodgson, Jeremiah				
42.	Howdahl, Eileen	1241 County Road 18	Baudette	-2604	
43.	Howe, Walter, Sharlene	5799 HWY 11	Int'l Falls MN 56649	283-8101	walterhowe@frontier.com
44.	Isaacs, Heather; Brita, Kellan	38313 St. Hwy 6	Deer River MN 56636	218-246-8783	
45.	Johnson, Elizabeth; Finley. Knox	28497 Nancy Dr.	Grand Rapids MN 55744	218-340-5897	
46.	Kozak, Katrina; Cade	2 300 th Trail NE	Isanti MN 55040	612-226-6626	
47.	Lafky, Linda	1240 TWN RD 348		-1286	
48.	Lucek, Ethel	205 5 th St SW Apt 101		434-0105	
49.	Lucek, Makaylah; Greyson	2725 49 th St S Apt 105	Moorhead MN 56560	218-395-0247	
50.	Lucek, Sara; Angela, Michael	1116 County Road 4		218-556 -4526	

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53.	Lund, Jared	37113 Loon Dr	Cohasset MN55721	218-340-4717	
54.	McLaurin, Nancy	818 17th Ave. SE	EGF, MN 56721		nwend98@yahoo.com
55.	Morisch, Sannie	1055 58th Ave NW	Williams MN 56686		
56.	Nordlof, Mable	216 3 rd Ave NW Apt 202 Summerfield		-1020	
57.	Olson, Jill, Eric; Gabriel, Gauge	516 1 st Ave SE		-9985	
58.	Payne, Ashley				
59.	Payne, Anson				
60.	Payne, Lindsay; Miley	214 7 th Ave SE		218-395-0192	
61.	Pelland, Jeff, Kelli, Mattison, Magen	Box 323 1287 County Rd 18		-2353	kellip@ci.baudette.mn.us
62.	Pollard, Patricia	11705 Hwy 11		310-249-8691	
63.	Reinwald, Trisha	5139 37 th Ave S	Minneapolis 55417		
64.	Spina, Stacy, Sharon; Joshua, Katelyn	Box 503 2455 State Hwy 11 SE		-9494	agingmoose63@gmail.com sh beardropper@gmail.com st
65.	Stahl, Charles	770 CO RD 89		-2718	
66.	Swenson, Gary, Roseann	11555 HWY 11		-1396	gswenson@centurytel.net
67.	Thompson, Hayley	223 Belmont Ave Apt #7	Long Beach CA 90803	612-280-3640	
68.	Voytilla, Christy; Taylor				
69.	Walz, Jerry				
70.	Wilson, Eleanor	675 TWN RD 138		-2851	
71.	Williams, Jessica; Britnay, Dylan McCoy, Shelby		Middle River MN	218-242 -0250	
72.					

Please take time notify the church office of changes to this list.

Litany

- L. Gathering together as God's people in this place, may we always be aware of your presence in our midst.
- C. Lord, may we always be aware of your presence.
- L. Knowing that the Word is our light, may we continue to grow in our scriptural and confessional understandings.
- C. Lord, may our minds continue to grow in your word.
- L. Recognizing that stepping out in faith is not easy, we ask that you give us strength, O Lord, to listen and be bold and daring.
- C. Lord, give us the patience to listen and the strength to be bold and daring.
- L. While we strive to know ourselves and your will for us, may we build our relationships with our brothers and sisters in Christ.
- C. Lord, help us to build faith-filled and healthy relationships with others.
- L. Recognizing that we are often the ones asking, "And who is my neighbor?" may we open our eyes, ears and hearts to all those in the community in which we live.
- C. Lord, may we always be open to those in the community in which we live.
- L. Recognizing the importance of Moses, the prophets and disciples, may we work together to accompany and raise up leaders for your church.
- C. Lord, may we have the insight, encouragement and skills to raise up courageous leaders.
- L. Recognizing the many gifts you have entrusted to us, may we use these gifts to do your work in the world today.
- C. Lord, may we use the gifts entrusted to us to do your work.

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's

cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,

past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;

there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

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- L. Let us pray. As we strive to be your church of the present and the future, may we nurture a spirit of collaboration and solidarity. May we all be partners in sharing the gospel and believing in Jesus Christ crucified and risen for the life of the world.
- C. Amen.

Beyond the Wall: Making All Things New



When have you discovered newness in life through Christ? Did you have to step out in faith to do so? Perhaps you had to let go of your will and accept God's will. This

is a major turning point in the faith journey of many people. There are examples in Scripture about Job (Job 29-30), Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-14), Mary Magdalene (Luke 8:1-2) and the women at the tomb (Luke 23:55 – 24:5). Consider the story of the rich young man (Matthew 19:16-26, Mark 10:17-31, Luke 18:18-30). He approached Jesus with a simple question: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven." When the young man heard this, he was very sad and walked away, because he was very rich. Given the choice, he found it difficult to forsake wealth in this world for the promise of God and eternal life.

Sometimes there are barriers or walls that complicate trying something new or stepping out in faith. What walls or barriers have you encountered? Consider the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10), who wanted to witness Jesus preaching but was too short to see past the crowd. After Zacchaeus climbed a tree, Jesus called out to him and invited himself to lunch in Zacchaeus' home. We know what Jesus said to Zacchaeus,

and he was a different person afterward. He had changed from wanting wealth and success in this world to desiring significance through a life of faith. When have you, or your congregation, chosen success over significance? Perhaps when using numbers or the size of your facilities as a measure. Moving toward significance usually means sacrificing success. In what areas of ministry is your congregation seeking significance today?

Stepping out in faith may be a personal choice for a short time but usually involves accompanying others. As members in the body of Christ, we are not called to meet our own needs alone. The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20) calls us to go beyond our barriers and bring the message of Jesus Christ to others. This helps us grow beyond a Christian enclave to become servants of Christ and a serving community. In what ways has your congregation moved from an enclave to a servant community?

Overcoming barriers and walls to make things new involves stepping out in faith. It means shaking loose from lethargy and moving out from sheltered comfort. In the process we break the chains of sin that hold us back and divide us from making us one in Christ. When we share in the distress of God's heart to do the kingdom's work, we are in tune with God's will, choosing significance over success and becoming a servant community. This is when we feel the vitality of our faith and the power of the Holy Spirit. May you experience this newness in Christ in and through your ministry.