



HILSEN

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Pastor's Page

WHAT IS LENT?

On Wednesday, February 26 we enter the Season of Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday. The Season of Lent comes from the ancient Church's period of preparation for those who were to be baptized at the Easter Vigil (Saturday night before Easter morning or a Sunrise service). This preparation included instruction, fasting, repentance, prayers, and special acts of devotion.

Today we continue this practice in Lent, which comes from the old English word "lencten" meaning lengthen. It refers to the lengthening of days that occurs this time of year. Something we're all happy to see coming. Lent is a time for preparation, for rebirth, baptism, and spiritual renewal. Assisting in that spiritual renewal, the Church makes noticeable changes in worship.

The "Alleluia" (Hebrew for "Praise the Lord") is removed from the liturgy.

All hymns and songs become more reflective in nature.

Paraments and banners are darker in color.

Crosses and crucifixes may be covered with veils to emphasize how sin separates us from God.

Finally, the absolution/forgiveness may be removed from confession from Ash Wednesday until Holy Thursday (or "Maundy" which means mandate).

Lent is 40 days long, counting from Ash Wednesday, minus the six Sundays. These 40 days identify with Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness as he prepared for his ministry; Moses' 40 days of fasting and prayer on Mt. Sinai as he waited to receive the Law from God (10 commandments).

This Lenten Season, we will celebrate mid-week worship at 7:00 p.m.

Palm/Passion Sunday is April 5.

Holy Thursday is April 9 at 7:00 p.m. During this worship we receive the pronouncement of the forgiveness of our sins, FINALLY. We will combine the theme of Holy Thursday and Good Friday that evening as we will not have a Good Friday worship on Friday evening. Easter morning worship will conclude the three day "triduum" journey through Jesus' death and resurrection on April 12 at 9:30 a.m. worship.



Rev. Gena Maria Koerberl

Repentance means turning 180 degrees away from sin to walk toward God. Repentance includes an examination of our lives and our actions in light of God's grace and love.

Prayer is that activity in which we are drawn closer to God in contemplation and communication. Prayer is our half of a conversation with God. That means that prayer is not only speaking, but listening as well.

Fasting is a practice designed to strengthen the spiritual life by weakening one's attractions to pleasures of the senses. Thus fasting is always coupled with prayer and spiritual preparation.

Works of Love discipline is to connect our faith in God's love for us with actions that are loving of others in the world.

The Discipline of Lent

On Ash Wednesday Lent begins with a major act of confession and ashes, but without absolution. The last corporate confession of Lent is made on Holy (Maundy) Thursday with the long awaited absolution. Throughout Lent, we are invited "to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor" by exercising the Discipline of Lent: repentance, fasting, prayer and works of love.



Pastor's Page (Continued)

Rev. Gena Maria Koerberl

What is Taizé?

I've heard the requests for a change from Holden Evening Prayer so I am introducing the practice of Taizé worship during Lent. This is a special type of prayer service. It is named after a small village in France where the Taizé community is located. During World War II, a holy man by the name of Brother Roger witnessed all the destruction and death the war caused. His community sheltered refugees in Taizé during the war, including many Jews fleeing the Nazis. After the war, Brother Roger's community dedicated itself to communal living and to praying that another war like WWII would never happen.

Taizé prayer is simple, peaceful and very powerful. It includes a lot of repetitive singing of simple changes and times of silence, as well as reading from Scripture and prayers of petition. As you experience a change, you may think, "How many times are we going to sing this line?" and that's OK—but try to let the words and their meaning sink into your hearts, into your minds, into your souls. Let the message in each change touch you. Let the rhythm and melody match your breathing and your heartbeat. You may not be familiar with many of the chants. But since they are repeated and very simple, you will catch the words and melodies very quickly.

The other thing to note about Taizé is the importance of silence and reflective prayer. There will be several times in which we sit in silence before the Lord during our prayer time. Challenge yourselves to keep the silence, and to focus your attention on God during these times. Instead of prayer to God for what you need, try listening to what God wants to say to you in the silence.

Yes, this will be different. You may be surprised how thirsty you were for the gift of slowing down and consciously being quiet. Yes, even extroverts have found benefit in the experience of reflective worship. I challenge you to give this a try multiple times before you judge it. I have used this as a noon-time worship service, people rushing in on lunch break, caught up and distracted by the demands of the day. They thought this was a horrible idea. After 5 weeks, many adopted the practices into their daily lives. They returned to work refreshed and renewed. They had no idea how powerful the practice of being still, listening, and getting grounded could change a day from hectic and crises driven to paced and thoughtful. So, I hope to see you during our mid-week Lenten worship services and am excited to introduce this new practice into your lives.

Grace and Peace be with you,
The Reverend Gena Maria Koerberl

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

January 14, 2020

PRESENT: Joy Schak, Lena Burckhardt, Natalie Jerzak, Harlan Petersen (VP), Jim Johansen (President), Tanner Thomsen, Pastor Gena Maria Koeberl, Tami Nelson (Treasurer), and Julie Kent (Secretary)

NOT PRESENT: Jarod Hansen & Carol Ekberg

At 7:03pm the meeting was called to order by Jim Johansen and a quorum was established.

REPORTS:

Secretary's report for December was presented . MSC to approve December minutes by Harlan and Pastor Gena.

Treasurer's report for December was read. MSC to approve by Harlan and Natalie.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church speaker/hearing system. Still cutting out at times so need to have it looked at. The microphone gets stuck on and will not mute so we need to have that looked at. Microphones have been ordered and other jacks are being installed so we take care of the sound system quality.

Synod Payment. \$4,800 stipend from the budget and \$300 for 3 months of missionary support. We have budgeted \$4,800 in our 2019 Budget. Discussion was held. A motion to sign the \$5,100 check for Synod and missionary support was made by Harland and seconded by Lena.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor's Report. 2 funerals this month. 3 services on Christmas Eve at nursing home, First English, and Danebod. Still filling in for First English at nursing home. Vacation. Confirmation. May 3 First Communion (3rd and 4th grade). April 26 Confirmation Sunday. May 20 Rural Life Worship with tractors and such. No church on Memorial Sunday so will be the Wednesday before. Continuing Education money – Gustavus offers "Continuous Growth Pathway", \$500 for entire year, discussion held, agreed.

Approve Church Budget. MSC to approve the 2020 Budget by Natalie and Lena.

Approve Folk School Budget. (The Church Council did not have a budget to review at this time)

Conference Room painting. Discussion was held. The Church Council feels that the Folk School needs to make this decision.

Coffee fellowship location. Discussion was held. There are cons to having the coffee at the Stone Hall and complaints have come in to our committee. We will continue doing coffee at the Stone Hall until the Annual Meeting, then we will go back to the Folk School.

Prairie Conference dues. Bill from Prairie Conference for \$.25 per baptized member and \$1 per baptized member for SMSU Campus Ministry. A total is \$518.75. Tabled to the next meeting.

Soup suppers. Marilyn will prepare the soups but needs groups to assist with bars and serving. 4 people is a good amount for assistance. Ash Wednesday is taken care of with the quilters. Church Council will assist for March 4th. Have other members sign up for other dates.

Minutes and Church Office Procedures. Discussion was held. Trying to get records in the church office, minutes, procedures so committees are defined and such.

Minutes for Danebod Church Council
continued

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Julie Kent and Harlan Petersen) – We will do an evaluation for the church secretary this month. And also for Pastor as well.

Property (Jarod Hansen) – no report

Stone Hall (Tanner Thomsen) – no report

Cemetery (Jim Johansen) – no report. Will do advertisements for mowing later.

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – Planned for Spring and are planning community events. Food, Fun, and Fellowship will be done on February 21st and it will be a potluck. Kids will be upstairs with older students watching them while trivia will be done in the basement of the Folk School for adults. This is paired with the Outreach & Stewardship Committee.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Madsen) – (See Parish Education report) The Christmas gifts have been delivered.

Worship & Music (Carol Ekberg) – no report

Folk School (Joy Schak) – no report

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – no report. Treasurer rate \$550. Copy of Foundation Write Ups. Funds had a good year. Proposed distributions from the Ecklund Fund were discussed. MSC on the proposed distribution of the Ecklund Fund by Natalie and Lena.

Joan Jagt and Karen Koster are working on the audit.

Equipping Congregations – Pastor has us signed up and it sounds very interesting.

Communion Assistant and Lunch for February – Jim Johansen

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00pm.

MSC for adjournment at 10:23pm by Tanner and Natalie.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kent

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Danebod Lutheran Church

As of December 31, 2019

Budget Year to Date 164,934.00
General Fund Revenue to date 143,013.48 Includes Loose, parish ed. & donations
Amount Under Budget to date **(21,920.52)**

Envelopes by month-To meet budget collections should be 13,820 per month

January 7,246.79
February 4,819.19
March 10,071.19
April 13,265.19
May 9,528.19
June 11,039.52
July 13,242.19
August 11,205.19
September 11,175.19
October 15,290.09
November 13,272.19
December 13,903.19
Total **134,058.11**

Envelopes for past 4 years as of October 31

2018	2017	2016	2015
113,174.00	126,034.00	131,724.00	133,671.00

Folk School Meeting Minutes-01.06.2020

Present: Karlee W., Paul T., Rick D., Mark S., Pastor Gena Maria, Jan T., Joy S., Deb B., Sharon J., Karen T., - Caretaker, Tami N. - Treasurer
Absent: Cade D., Gary N.,

Meeting was called to order with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.

Motion was made by Mark, seconded by Rick to approve the Secretary's report. Motion carried.

Caretaker reported as follows: Lodge will be running the furnace instead of wall heaters with the doors left open since there are a limited number of vents. This is a trial basis as a test of heating efficiency. The following were also listed as concerns: 1. Tuck pointing on FS south and east sides. 2. Flooring in the dining hall 3. Pantry ceiling and walls need repair. 4. Heat in dining hall bathrooms not big enough for the area. 5. Supply fan in exhaust hood in kitchen needs replacing. Wally is currently working on this. Seven wall units may need to be replaced in the future at a cost of \$2500-\$3000 per unit. 6. Cooling unit outside of dining room. 7. West door of FS entrance doesn't always latch. Everyone needs to double check when using. 8. Sound system in lecture hall/dining hall. 9. West ramp upgrade. 10 caulking the dining hall windows from the outside.

Karen will continue to work on stats. Number of people to be added and included in report.

Tami reported that she is not currently registered at the bank to sign checks on the State Farm money market account but Katy Vos still is. Motion by Karlee seconded by Deb to remove Katy Vos name from account and add Tami Nelson. Motion carried.

When asked where the FICA from the camps was found, Tami explained it was included in the wage amount. Tami was asked to move it out and list it together with the other FICA amounts.

After Tami addressed other questions, motion was made by Deb, seconded by Jan to accept treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Deb reported that after checking with our insurance agent, there is nothing in our policy requiring room capacity signs to be posted.

Discussion and agreement not to purchase new freezer at this time.

Ramp upgrade was discussed. Karlee to contact Don Buhl regarding this.

On behalf of the Fall Folk Meeting, Jan asked for the FS committee's "blessing" for putting in a request for monies from the Special Fund to help replace the sound system. So given.

Budget line items discussed. "Supplies" as a line item to be added to budget in order for budget and financials to have the same line items for comparison purposes.

On behalf of the Cemetery Committee, Sharon mentioned that no insurance monies from the 2011 tornado claim had been received. She reported part of the insurance money was supposed to go to replanting trees. Discussion as to who might have any information relative to this. No action to be taken at this time.

Motion made by Mark, seconded by Paul to approve budget. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Burckhardt, Secretary

Special Message

From the WELCA

Ash Wednesday is Feb 26th. Marilyn P. will make soup and sandwiches. Other women will serve it. There will be a free will offering and proceeds will go to WELCA.

If you would **like to help** serve or make a pan of bars, contact Marilyn @247-5608

World Day of Prayer will be held at Danebod on March 6th. We will also serve coffee at this service.

Our first meeting for 2020 is set for Saturday, **March 21st at 9:00 am**. This is the time when we make decisions about where to donate funds. If you know of something that needs our attention, bring it to the meeting.

Spring gathering is April 18th at Christ Lutheran Church in Cottonwood. **Prairie Conference** is May 2nd at Gloria Dei in Redwood Falls.

Registration is requested, cost is \$50. **We will take personal care kits at this time.**

Personal Care Kits are a great way to show Christ's Love to those in need. If you have any of the following items, please consider donating them to this cause:

Towels, Bars of Soap, Toothbrush, Comb, Nail Clippers

WELCA

Personal Care Kit Instructions



PERSONAL CARE KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
- ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

* Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap

HOW TO PACK YOUR KITS OF CARE

- Fold the towel in half width-wise. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

Ministry Team for February 2020

USHERS:

2nd: Head usher: Ryck Jorgensen, Ivan Petersen, Paul Ekema, Carol Ekberg

9th: Head usher: Ryck Jorgensen, Ivan Petersen, Paul Ekema, Troy Tommeraasen

16th: Head usher: Ryck Jorgensen, Cari Baune, Paul Ekema

23rd: Head usher: Ryck Jorgensen, Randy Nielsen, Paul Borresen, Payton Johansen

ASH WEDNESDAY Ushers: 26th: Jolean Faaborg, Paul & Jill Borresen

GREETERS: 2nd: Laura Jensen; **9th:** Gretchen, Levi & Morgan Tommeraasen ; **16th:** Kelly Jorgensen, Tracy Baune; **23rd:** Jan Thomsen

ALTAR GUILD 2nd: Jolean Faaborg **9th:** Jolean Faaborg; **16th:** Jenna Johansen; **23rd:** Jenna Johansen

COMMUNION HELPERS: 2nd:(Trays): Laura Jensen, Jolean Faaborg; **16th**(Trays): Jolean Faaborg

FLOWERS: 2nd: Steph Ekema; **9th:** Jill Borresen; **16th:** Jolean Faaborg; **23rd:** Diane Nielsen

LECTOR: 2nd: Kristi Petersen; **9th:** Kristi Petersen; **16th:** Paul Ekema; **23rd:** Jenna Johansen

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: 2nd: Jolean Faaborg, Laura Jensen; **9th:** Jolean Faaborg, Gretchen Tommeraasen;

16th: Tracy Baune, Kelly Jorgensen; **23rd:** Diana Nielsen, Barb Johnson

Upcoming Events

Equipping Congregations Day

What: Various workshops to equip the congregation

When: Saturday, Feb 29 th from 8:30-3:30 pm

Where: Bethel Lutheran in Willmar, MN

Who: All Danebod Members are welcome to attend at no cost

There will be a craft day to work on projects for the Christmas bazaar every third Sunday after church starting February 16, 2020. Bring any project you want to work on to the Lodge and enjoy! On the 16th there will be a light lunch provided.

Notices

The Church is in need of groups (3 or more) to help with 3 Lent Suppers. Please contact the Pastor if you are able to help serve, the dates are 3/18, 3/25 and 4/1. The Church council will be serving on March 4 and confirmation class on March 11th.

Annual Reports & Giving Statements may be picked up at church office from Feb 3rd-Feb 29th.

Any items not picked up will be mailed out.

The **Missionary Support** Calendar for 2020 is now ready to be filled in and is hanging in the narthex.

Joyce Jensen would like to sincerely thank everyone for all of the prayers, encouragement, gifts and support she received during Jim's passing.



Danebod Youth



FOOD • FUN Fellowship

Everyone is welcome! Socializing and team trivia for adults. Bring your kids – there will be supervised games & movies for all age groups.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21
6:00 PM AT THE FOLK SCHOOL**

Potluck – Bring your favorite dish to share.
BYOB (alcoholic beverages are welcome)

Brought to you by the Stewardship
& Parish Ed Committees



February

2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ FS Annual Meeting	3 Folk School Meeting @7pm	4	5 Confirmation @6:30 Bells @ 6pm Choir @ 7pm	6	7	8
9 9:30 am Worship/ 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ FS	10	11 Church Council Meeting @7pm	12 Confirmation @6:30 Bells @ 6pm Choir @ 7pm	13 Quilting 9-2pm	14	15
16 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ FS	17	18	19 Confirmation @6:30 Bells @ 6pm Choir @ 7pm	20	21 Sunday School Potluck @6pm In FS	22
23 9:30 am Worship/ 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ FS	24	25	26 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm	27	28	29 Equipping Congregation Day 8:30-3:30pm in Willmar

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