



HILSEN

JANUARY 2020



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Thursday: 11-12/1-4 pm



Pastor's Page



Rev. Gena Maria Koerberl

Blessing for a Home at Epiphany

Epiphany means manifestation, striking appearance or vision of God. On December 25 we began the 12 days of Christmas ending on the Day of Epiphany, January 6. Matthew writes that when the magi saw the shining star stop overhead, they were filled with joy. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother" (Matthew 2:10-11). The tradition of blessing homes at Epiphany was inspired by this experience of visitors and strangers being welcomed in Christ's home. In the home, Christ is welcome. Twelfth Night (January 5) or another day during the season of Epiphany is an opportunity to gather with friends and family to bless the home using the following model:

Welcome each other and read John 1:1-4, 14, 16.

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

14 And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

16 From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Then, following the eastern European tradition, a visual blessing may be inscribed with white chalk above the main door:

20 + C M B + 20

The numbers change with each new year. The letters stand for either the ancient blessing *Christe mansionem benedicat*, which means "Christ, bless this house," or the legendary names of the magi, Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar.

Close with a prayer and then everyone may walk from room to room blessing the house with incense, sprinkling water (maybe with a Christmas tree branch) or just a simple word of blessing for the new year in your home.

This can be a great way of sharing your faith as a family and creating a new tradition for the new year. God's blessing. May peace be to your homes and to all who enter there.

By wisdom a house is built and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures. (Proverbs 24:3-4)

Epiphany 2020 – The Why Church Project

This Epiphany season (the time between Christmas and Lent), we will be exploring the question, “Why Church?” As you know, people come to church for a variety of reasons- community, obligation, or even for the coffee. But those are surface level reasons. When we really look deep into the “why” of church, it’s all about what God does in our hearts: transformation. And, that’s what people are seeking, to be transformed! So why church? Because church...

January 12 1st Sunday after Epiphany “Jesus Heals and Teaches” Mark 2:1-22 Jesus heals a paralytic and eats with tax collectors.

People often think of church as unchanging—“we’ve always done it that way.” That is not the tone set by Jesus! Why Church? Because church encourages reimagination!

January 19 2nd Sunday after Epiphany “Parables in Mark” Mark 4:1-34 Parables of sower and mustard seed.

Both the sower and the mustard seed begin small but with God, amazing things happen. Why Church? Because church is a re-creation of boundless opportunities.

January 26 3rd Sunday after Epiphany “Jesus and the Gerasene Demoniac” Mark 5:1-20 Jesus heals the Gerasene demoniac.

When Jesus shows up a man is renewed and reconnected with his community. Why Church? Because church is all about reconnection.

February 2 4th Sunday after Epiphany “Jairus’ Daughter Healed” Mark 5:21-43 Jesus heals Jairus’ daughter and the woman with the flow of blood.

Jesus continues his healing work but ups his game. Why church? Because the church tells and lives the resurrection story.

February 9 5th Sunday after Epiphany “Death of John the Baptist” Mark 6:1-29 Jesus rejected at Nazareth; sending of the Twelve; death of John the Baptist.

After the gruesome death of John the Baptist, Jesus empowers his disciples to continue his work. God’s kingdom is not coming to an end, but is just beginning. Why church? Because our calling receive reorientation.

February 16 6th Sunday after Epiphany “What defiles?” Mark 7:1-23 What defiles once comes from within.

Jesus points out that what really matters is what comes from the heart. Why Church? Because the work of the church is the redemption of our hearts.

February 23 Transfiguration Sunday Mark 8:27-9:8 Peter’s confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration.

The truth about this savior is revealed. The status quo dies and we find new life on the other side. Why Church? Because church proclaims Jesus’ revelation.

Danebod Lutheran Church

As of November 30, 2019

Budget Year to Date 152,020.00
General Fund Revenue to date 127,892.04 Includes Loose, parish ed. & donations
Amount Under Budget to date **(24,127.96)**

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
Total **120,154.92**

Envelopes for past 4 years as of October 31

2018	2017	2016	2015
100,826.00	115,592.00	115,407.00	117,556.00

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

December 10, 2019

PRESENT: Joy Schak, Lena Burckhardt, Natalie Jerzak, Harlan Petersen (VP), Jim Johansen (President), Jarod Hansen, Tanner Thomsen, Pastor Gena Maria Koeberl, Carol Ekberg, and Julie Kent (Secretary)

NOT PRESENT: Tami Nelson (Treasurer),

At 7:02pm the meeting was called to order by Jim Johansen and a quorum was established.

REPORTS:

Secretary's report for October and November were presented . MSC to approve October by Natalie and Harlan. MSC to approve November by Lena and Carol.

Treasurer's report for November was read. MSC to approve by Lena and Harlan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church speaker/hearing system. Have a new mic system and should be installed soon. About \$1,700 was the cost. Harlan will write up a request from the Foundation for the cost of 2 systems. Looking at more receivers so we have more mics that work at the same time. Will wait to see how this new system gets hooked up and see what we need.

Church cleaning. All seems to be going well.

Envelopes. All are in and they will be set out to be handed out for Christmas Program and Christmas Eve.

Synod Payment. Will wait until the end of the year to decide what we will give. Tabled to January meeting.

Communion. The small plastic cups seem to get stuck and hard to get out. Natalie will look at adding something under the cups to help them come out better.

Icon to Breeze. Icon is our current data entry system. Looking at moving to Breeze. Breeze has additional features like members log in and update along with giving themselves, church directory can be printed off Breeze, easily upload member information, ... Cost of Breeze is a flat \$50 per month. Icon costs \$68 and anything extra costs us more. MSC by Natalie and Lena to move from Icon to Breeze.

Printer bill. Had a bill that was more than usual. It was investigated and it was due to doing color copies.

Debit card. Can the secretarial use the card to buy office supplies. Discussion held and it was agreed that Pastor and /or Tami can approve.

Budget. Will discuss at the January meeting.

Snow Removal. City has agreed to plow our street in the middle and Tony Dybdahl will pick up the snow for us. The City will do it for free and we will be billed from Tony. We have a bill of \$850 for last years snow removal.

National Domain. Pastor will look into this bill.

Funeral protocol. We need to have a procedure to provide ushers, sidewalks cleaned off, sound system on, and doors are opened. We need to communicate through the Hilsen that we would like volunteers for members to help out for funerals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor's Report. Funeral, covering the nursing home for First English so each week now, doing Christmas Eve at Danebod and will cover First English as well, plan to attend training called Safetalk in Willmar, Pastor taking vacation from December 26-January 4, and the Ruthton Lutheran - Dale Schley will be covering for Pastor Gena Maria. Pastor needs 3-4 readers for the December 29th service. Jim, Harlan, and Julie will assist

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Julie Kent and Harlan Petersen) – Volunteer Thank You luncheon is on December 17 at Deja Brew

Property (Jarod Hansen) – no report

Stone Hall (Tanner Thomsen) – no report

Cemetery (Jim Johansen) – no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – Christmas Program on December 15 at 6:00pm.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Madsen) – Christmas is For Sharing sign up in church narthex. Natalie will write Thank You notes to the people that helped with the Christmas tree lights. New trees will be purchased for next year. Church Council would like WELCA to discuss and see what they would like to see in the church for trees. Once we know what we want then we will look at financing them as a church council.

Worship & Music (Carol Ekberg) – no report

Folk School (Joy Schak) – no report

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – no report. If have a request write it up and get to Greg Peter.

Communion Assistant and Lunch for January – Harlan Petersen

The next meeting is Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00pm.

MSC for adjournment at 9:26pm by Pastor and Joy.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kent

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

November 12, 2019

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NOT PRESENT:

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

REPORTS:

Secretary's report for October was presented but only half of them were printed so we decided to look them over for the December meeting for approval.

Treasurer's report for October was presented. MSC to approve by Lena and Harlan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church speaker/hearing system. A new system cost about \$1,000. Nothing has been agreed upon or ordered at this time.

Church cleaning. Jean is done cleaning the church December 1st so we would like to get the new person started before she leaves. Jessica will do this for us 2-3 hours per week after Wednesday but before Sunday morning. A motion was made by Harlan to offer the job of cleaning the church 2-3 hours per week at \$15 per hour using church supplies to Jessica Merrill, seconded by Joy and the motion was carried. We will have Karen order supplies that Jessica wants and get the materials in bulk if we can.

Office hours. Tami doesn't always have enough work to fill the 4 hours on Monday for office hours. The discussion was held and the council decided to fill the office hours that day with Jessica as she needs time to work on the website as well along with her other duties. She will work the 4 hours on Monday. Julie Kent will offer these hours to Jessica.

Extra garage at parsonage. Pastor can use this garage as she wishes.

Pitcher and Cups Payment. The Communion Pitcher and 3 cups were sent in to get fixed at a price of \$735. A motion was made to pay this amount out of Undesignated Memorials by Harlan, Lena seconded, and the motion was carried.

Bank signing. A form was given to us about signers at the bank and there was some confusion. Jim will stop at the bank to get clarification.

Amazon Membership. The church doesn't use this account very much so we will discontinue it. Natalie made a motion to discontinue the account, Carol seconded, and the motion was carried.

Foundation sheets. Harlan discussed it and Jim signed it.

Gym Hall keys. Discussion was held on how to get into the Gym Hall, Stone Hall, and Garage when members need to for decorating or setting stuff up. The solution was to have Karen get these 3 keys on a ring and hide in the Folk School. So when members need the keys they will use the code to get into the Folk School to use the keys they need. Julie will talk to Karen to get this arranged.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor's Report. Pastor was on 10 or so visits, was at Ethics and Boundaries Training along with Systems Theory, was with Confirmation students at a retreat, went to Conference on Sex/Youth/ Faith/Gender, did Trunk or Treat/Carnival, Tour of Homes with the Parsonage, Worship Committee, and plans to take a vacation after Christmas.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Julie Kent and Harlan Petersen) – Jessica accepted the position of cleaning the church and to work on Monday.

Property (Jarod Hansen) – Church locks are installed and the switch for the hot water heater for the church communion station has been fixed.

Stone Hall (Tanner Thomsen) – No report

Cemetery (Jim Johansen) – No report.

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – Trunk or Treat on 27th went well.

Idea to put together Veteran's bags. Christmas Program is December 15 at 6:00pm. Trees will be put up November 24.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Madsen) – Same as Parish Education.

Worship & Music (Carol Ekberg) – Music has been decided through February.

Folk School (Joy Schak) –

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – The New Foundation Fund is Finalized.

Discussion to have coffee in the Stone Hall throughout the winter months. Discussion was held on possibly having a Council Retreat. Discussion was held on providing a lunch at Deja Brew for all the volunteers that we had while we were short a church secretary!

Communion Assistant and Lunch for December - Natalie Madsen

The next meeting is Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00pm.

MSC for adjournment at 9:26pm by Pastor and Harlan.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kent

Lake Shetek Quilting Retreat



Enjoy a crafting weekend at SLM! Spend time in a relaxed, Christ-centered environment sewing, bonding with other crafters of faith, eating delicious food and engaging in daily devotions. Be inspired by the creativity of others and gain ideas from a quilting expert.

All crafters are welcome!

Participants stay in the Lakota Retreat Center which also serves as the main "creation station" for the retreat and provides a relaxing and comfortable setting for the weekend. Lakota features lakeside views, cozy meeting spaces and 17 sleeping rooms each with a private bath. Linens provided.



QUESTIONS? CONTACT SLM AT 507-763-3567 OR CAMP@SHETEK.ORG

Shetek Lutheran Ministries QUILTING RETREAT



Retreat Schedule

ARRIVAL Thursday 4-8 or Friday 4-8

FRIDAY 6:00 Light Supper
8:00 Welcome & Snacks

SATURDAY 10:00 Brunch & Devotion
6:00 Supper & Devotion

SUNDAY 10:00 Brunch & Devotion

DEPARTURE Sunday 1-4

**+ LOTS
OF SEWING
TIME!**

Ministry Team for January 2020

USHERS:

5th Head usher: Frank Jorgensen, Mark Stage

12th: Head usher: John & Margie Bornhoff, Kathy & Larry DeBoer, Scott Johnson

19th: Head usher: Jerry Bly, Frank Jorgensen, Mark Stage

26th: Head usher: Scott Johnson, Dennis Jensen, Frank Jorgensen

GREETERS: **5th** Kathy Wilmes; **12th:**Margie Bornhoff; **19th:** Diane Gordon, Braxton; **26th:** Beva Vos, Rhonda Vos

ALTAR GUILD 5th: ;Margie Bornhoff; **12th:**Jan Nielsen; **19th:** Jan Nielsen; **26th:** Margie Bornhoff

COMMUNION HELPERS: **5th:(Trays):** Jill Jaspersen, Katy Vos; **19th(Trays):** Rickie Bly

FLOWERS: **5th:** Karen Koster ; **12th:** Karen Koster; **19th:** Diane Gordon; **26th:** _____

LECTOR: **5th** Barb Kuhn; **12th:** Kathy DeBoer; **19th:** Mark Wilmes; **26th :** Rhonda Johnson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: **5th:** Barb Kuhn, Betty Jorgensen; **12th:** Karen Koster, Jill Petersen; **19th:** Rickie Bly, Betty Jorgensen; **26th:** Amanda Jensen, Betty Jorgensen

*Call the church office if you can help

Upcoming Events

Women of Danebod ELCA invite you to attend an afternoon of **Christmas carols & games** on Sunday, Jan 5th @ 2pm in the dining hall of the folk school. Pastor Gena Maria Koeberl will be sharing devotions. Coffee & desert will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Notices

There are old metal chairs with half desks for **giveaway**. Contact Karen Tinklenberg if interested!

Danebod Church Office will be **closed on** January 1.

Confirmation Class Pictures from 2010 onward are not represented in the Stone Hall display. If you have a photo from classes of 2010-2018 please deliver them to church office. Thank You!

Rullepølse is now for sale at the Danish Store in the church office, cost is \$6 per bag.

All Annual Reports need to be turned in to Church Office by January 15th.

You can email them to: danebodlutheran@yahoo.com or drop them off at the office.



Danebod Youth

A black and white photograph of a church interior with a large group of people seated in pews, facing a stage. A speaker is visible on the stage. The image is overlaid with text in teal and black boxes.

AUTHOR & ANTI-BULLYING SPEAKER

LUKE NELSON

JANUARY 22
6:30 PM
VICTORY CHRISTIAN
CHURCH

Join Victory's 7-12th grade youth group to hear Luke's true story of his experience with bullying.
Topics: Bullying, suicide, cyber bullying

On Wednesday, January 22, at 6:30 youth, grades 7-12, are invited to go hear Luke Johnson share his story of his experience with bullying at Victory Christian Church in Balaton. Confirmation students will be attending this in place of class that evening. Topics include bullying, suicide and cyber bullying.

LEAP Participation

Leap into participation this leap year

Equipping Congregations Day



Saturday, February 29, 2020

8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Vinje Lutheran & Bethel Lutheran, Willmar, MN

Over 24
workshops to
choose from

What: SWMN ELCA Congregation Day

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

Where: Bethel Lutheran Church in
Willmar, MN

Cost: \$30

For more information or to register
please email: [kris-
tin.bakeberg@swmnelca.org](mailto:kris-tin.bakeberg@swmnelca.org)



Keynote Speaker:

Pastor David J. Lose,

Senior Pastor serving Mount Olivet
Lutheran Church, Minneapolis

**Entering the Bible with Heart,
Mind, and Soul**

Lutherans eagerly affirm that Scripture
is the Word of God. But what do we
mean when we say that? Given the
gamut of ways of reading Scripture —
running from “it’s a collection of

human wisdom” to “it’s inerrant and inspired” — what do Lutherans
really believe? In what ways, that is, do we believe Scripture is true?
How does it function as a useful guide and norm for our faith and life?
What do we do with “difficult passages” that seems violent or
exclusionary? Answering these questions is crucial if we are to allow
our lives to be shaped by God’s Word and invite others into our faith
communities anchored in the preaching and teaching of the
Scriptures. Join us for a day of learning, practical exercises, and
discussion as we immerse ourselves in God’s living and dynamic word.



January

2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Office Closed	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ SH WELCA Party @	6 Folk School Meeting @7pm	7	8 Confirmation @6:30	9	10	11
12 9:30 am Worship/ 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ SH	13	14 Church Council Meeting @7pm	15 Confirmation @6:30	16	17	18
19 9:30 am Worship with Holy Communion 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ SH	20	21	22 Confirmation @6:30	23	24	25
26 9:30 am Worship/ 10:15 Sunday School 10:30 am Coffee Fellowship @ SH	27	28	29 Confirmation @6:30	30	31	

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