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Tuesday 8:30-12:30/1:00-2:30

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Pastor's Page



Rev. Gena Maria Koeberl

I can hardly believe it is September already. As I try to plan for fall, I find it is a moving target, changing every day as the impatience of others grows more tepid and volatile. These are harried times. I'm tired. Are you?

I've been thinking a lot about Jesus' message "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

Are you talking to me Jesus? Can I find rest when there are so many demands, changes, uprisings, protests? The west is literally burning up, Jesus! Is rest possible in a time of pandemic, social unrest, political divide, and that awful contagion called spiritual malaise?

For a response to these questions I was reminded in a Zoom meeting for Advent and Christmas planning in this time of pandemic that a world such as this is exactly the world Jesus was born into. That God's greatest light has shown in the darkest of historical times. And when we are most weary and heavy-laden, zoomed-out, adjusted and adapted to the nth degree, there is faith, the leap of faith to actually rest.

These are days in which we need to practice rest for our weariness and that may mean disappointing people who think you must always be on task, probably yourself being the most critical of your performance. It means that things are going to stumble and look messy and not be the way it always has been. It means feeling like you are the only who cares about something, feeling abandoned, and having to admit you may be wrong. It means being gentle with yourself, with your spouse, with your children, with your parents, with your friends, with even your pastor.

Deep down, under the conflict, the opinions, the divisions, the anxiety, the exhaustion and fear this pandemic is forcing us to recognize that we really are all in this together. We need each other.

Among the teachings of N.F.S. Grundtvig is an emphasis on the happiness of one being dependent upon the happiness of all. That we all do well when we all do well. Our capacity to practice love is God's imprint upon us. When you are weary, take rest. Christ is there for you in gentleness, forgiveness, and release. When you are anxious and frustrated, pray for Christ's love to fill you so full there is no room for fear and annoyance. When you are filled with righteous anger cry out to God for justice and the insight to act with a confident and mature heart. When you are in pain, submit and receive the mending of a nurturing creator. When you are moved to hurt others because you are hurting, stop! Surrender your hurt to God. Say a prayer, catch your breath. Stop.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

May that be the meditation of our hearts in this season of change. Amen.

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

August 11, 2020

PRESENT: Tami Nelson (Treasurer), Lena Burckhardt, Harlan Petersen (VP), Joan Jagt, Jarod Hansen, Carol Ekberg, Joy Schak, & Jim Johansen (President), and Julie Kent (Secretary).

NOT PRESENT: Natalie Jerzak & Pastor Gena Maria Koeberl.

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

Devotions given by Joan Jagt.

Additions to Agenda. (See New Business #3 & 4)

REPORTS:

1. Secretary's report for July was presented . Under New Business under Church Cleaning Marilyn was being asked but not that she agreed to it. MSC to approve July minutes by Joan and Lena.
2. Treasurer's report for July was presented and discussed. MSC to approve the July report by Joan and seconded by Harlan. MSC \$15,000 from the general fund checking account into the State Farm account by Lena and Joan.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Constitution Update. An invitation will be sent to the persons working on this for an upcoming meeting to give us an update. Joan will do this.
2. Report on 1st and 2nd outdoor services. A 50 on first service and about 25 for the second one. The services have been well received with those that have attended. We will continue with this model through August and into September.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Secretary hiring. A candidate has applied. The worry is we do not seem to have enough for 16 hour per week and are wondering if a secretary will get bored and not want to work here any more. The candidate is from Balaton so possibly maybe work longer days less days per week? Have Pastor come in on the days the secretary is not in the office. We need to have Jessica train someone on the Breeze Program. Possibly have Pastor at office more for coverage. Joan will work on making these arrangements.
2. Elevator. An architect from Sioux Falls gave the committee some good ideas. We need to get support from the church members to see if this is what we would want to go with. The committee will write a letter and send out to church members to see what the members think about the whole idea.
3. August 16 service. Participants. Joan will open up and read the scriptures. Julie will do a message. Jim will finish it out.
4. Confirmation and First Communion Dates. Have Pastor ask the parents and students to see if they would like it as a private ceremony or during a service.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Julie Kent, Joan Jagt, and Harlan Petersen) - Have a candidate for secretary and are pursuing options.

Property (Jarod Hansen) - screens are put on.

Cemetery (Jim Johansen) - Looking at fixing the brick on the post at the cemetery.

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) - meet end of the month and looking at what doing for Sunday school and other activities. The committee will come up with stages of face to face and hybrid and what they will do as things change. Possibly doing Wednesday night Sunday School but will discuss all kinds of options.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Jerzak) - no report.

Worship & Music (Carol Ekberg) -

Folk School (Joy Schak) - Motion to save 40 of the chairs but to sell the rest of them. Going to go through all the benches and buy some benches from Home Depot periodically as benches wear out. Looking for a summer cook for June and July camps.

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) - met last week. Market is not too far off from where it was at the beginning of the year. Doing ok for now.

Lunch and devotions by Joan.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00pm.

MSC for adjournment at 9:20pm by Joan and Lena.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kent

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FS 8/3/20 Minutes - Virtual

Present: Deb Burckhardt, Pastor Gena Maria, Karlee Wyttenback, Paul Thomsen, Jan Nielsen, Jerry Bly, Sharon Jensen, Mark Stage, Rick Dubbeldee, Joy Schak- liaison
Absent: Cade Drake, Tami Nelson - treasurer

Meeting was opened with the Lord's Prayer.

MSC by Paul, seconded by Pastor to approve secretary's report.

Question was raised as to where the Fall Meeting dollars should be recorded. Jerry to talk to Joan regarding this matter.

MSC to Deb, seconded by Jerry to approve treasurer's report.

Nothing from the church council at this time.

Pastor Gena reported the campground worked out great for the first outdoor church service!

Clair Drake has completed the concrete pad for the dumpster as well as a few other odds and ends. Karlee agreed to send him a "Thank You" from the FS for his additional time and work and not charging for it.

Hedge trimmer has been sold.

Nothing to report regarding cemetery monies. Work in progress.

Jerry presented an update on the Fall Meeting. To date, 103 registrations have been received and \$14,600 has been collected through a combination of registrations and donations. The meeting is 90% ready to go.

Deb agreed to call Margie and ask her to paint the west ramp entrance door while the elevator decision continues to be a work in progress.

Jerry talked about the different maintenance costs associated with installing an elevator.

It has been recommended that if we go with an elevator it should be built out of block; part of the short term vs. long term decision.

Summer cook advertisement was discussed. Ideally, position should be filled by January of 2021 to insure FS is prepared for camps. Without much luck from advertising in just the local paper other possible places to advertise that were suggested included the Hilsen, Shetek Canoe News, HyVee trader and FB. Suggestion was also made to inquire with Nell Brown if she might be interested. Also, Margie will be contacted to have her talk to Bronwyn to see if she might be interested in being head cook for any of the 2021 camps.

Sharon and Deb went through all the folding chairs in the Gym Hall and picked out several we should keep. Excess chairs were offered to church members but there were no takers. Curt Madsen, representing the Lincoln Cty. Fair Board, said they would be interested in taking the excess chairs and would make a donation of \$1 per chair that is able to be used.

Sharon and Deb also checked into dehumidifier situation in the Gym Hall. Currently, there is only one in use. Harlan has been working on fixing an already existing dehumidifier. If fixed, it could be used in Gym Hall.

Jerry, Paul and Deb agreed to look over the benches and tables in the Pavilion to determine which are salvageable with a little repair and a fresh coat of table. Discussion also included the possibility of replacing 10 benches this year. Jerry reported seeing some benches that could be converted into tables for about \$200 each. No decisions made at this time.

Next meeting to be held outdoors, Sept 7, 2020 - weather permitting.

MSC by Jerry, seconded by Jan to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Burckhardt

August 13,2020

Danebod Congregation,

Approximately three years ago, it came to the attention of the Folk School Committee and ultimately the Church Council that some repair was needed in the area of the ramp leading down to the dining room at the Folk School to mitigate some water issues. In the discussion that followed and in researching a solution to the water problem it was also brought to the committee's attention that the ramp is too steep and does not meet the current ADA building code. The committee then decided to pursue demolition of the current ramp and construct a bi-directional ramp in the same location with appropriate slope and fix the water problem as well. The cost of this project would be approximately \$50-60,000. This concept and cost was shared with the congregation at the annual meeting in February of 2019. This prompted the question: "If we are going to spend that much money on the ramp, maybe we should look at installing an elevator instead and deal with the water in the ramp area as a separate issue."

Since that time a group has been gathering information and costs for installing an elevator in the Folk School. This elevator would be a four stop elevator and access a ground level entrance, the dining room/parish hall, first floor lecture hall level, and second floor housing level. It would primarily benefit our congregational needs at the folk school but would also benefit all functions at the folk school including camps, retreats, Fall Meeting, etc. as well as simplifying some of the day to day maintenance of the building. This group has determined that the cost of this project would be approximately \$300,000. Funding for this potential project could come from existing accrued assets of the church and Folk School that have been generated primarily by the Fund and the Foundation, fundraising, seeking individual investors, and/or borrowing from the Fund. To date, there has been a significant commitment by a member of the congregation towards this project.

The next step in this fact finding would be to secure an architect and get actual bids on the project. Before spending any money on that step, the Folk School Committee and Church Council are at a point of needing to determine what kind of support there is from the congregation, campers, and Fall Meeting attendees on this project.

Please return this survey to the church office.

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At what level would you support this project?

_____ over \$10,000

_____ \$5,000-\$10,000

_____ \$1,000-\$5,000

_____ I do not support the addition of an elevator at the Folk School.

Please direct any questions to:

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Don Buhl 507-530-4389

Dale Schak 507-829-0880

Curt Madsen 507-829-5485

John Bornhoft 507-829-5098

Harlan Petersen 507-828-2259

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION

THE PARISH ED COMMITTEE IS CHANGING THE FORMAT FOR YOUTH EDUCATION. JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS FOR A LIGHT SUPPER, FUN ACTIVITES, AND A CHANCE FOR THE KIDS TO HAVE FUN.

This is taking the place of Sunday School for the time being. We will not be meeting after church on Sundays. Save the date for Sunday, October 11th. We will be presenting "house" skits and handing out Faith Chests and Bibles.

RALLY WEDNESDAY

SEPTEMBER 16TH

5:30 - 6:30 PM

ALL SCHOOL AGE KIDS

PRE-K 4 yr - 12TH GRADE



If your child is unable to attend on Sept. 16th but would still like to participate in upcoming weeks please let us know. Each child will be assigned to a "house" for the upcoming week (more info to follow). We will be following Covid-19 guidelines. All activities will be taking place outside through the end of October. Hand sanitizer will be available, masks are optional. We are looking for parent volunteers to help with food and to serve every week (we will have a sign up on the 16th).



Notices

The Rock Christian Youth Center: 16th Annual Rummage Sale will be held on Friday, Oct. 2nd Noon to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 9:00a.m. to Noon.

Food For Kidz Packing: October 25th, 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. at the Rock.

The church will be in need of a cleaning person when we resume services in the sanctuary. Please call the church office if you are interested in this.

Outdoor services are planned for the month of September. The first Sunday, September, 6th will be when communion is offered. Please bring your own elements for this.

NEW MEMBERS:

We welcome new members Zachary, Greta, and Lincoln Parker. Lincoln was baptized on Saturday, August 22nd by Pastor Gena Maria.

THANK YOU

*Thank you to the Alfred Jessen family for the gifts to Danebod Church& Cemetery.

*Thank you to Allen Lund for gifts to Danebod Church& Cemetery.

*Thank you to Cade and Amanda Drake for your gift to Danebod Folk School.

*Thank you to Sharon Kolle for your gift to the flower fund in memory of Hank and Rodney.

*Thank you to Olga Ekberg and Lisa Falconer for their donation to Danebod in honor of their movers, Larry, Dan, and Garth.

UPDATE ON BUDGET NEEDS:

During this time of change in our congregation we have seen a decrease in our offerings. Even though we are not in our traditional sanctuary services, we still ask that you consider our finances necessary to sustain our needs. As of July, 31st, 2020, we are \$29, 790.27 below our last years budget to date. We thank you for your consideration and support.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30 am Communion Sunday	7	8 Church Council 7:00pm	9	10	11	12
13 Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30 am 11:00am Affirmation of Baptism for 9th grade	14 Folk School Board Meeting 7:00 pm	15	16 Faith Formation 5:30-6:30pm Confirmation 6:30	17	18	19
20 Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30 am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30 am	28	29	30			

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