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



Pastor's Page



Rev. Gena Maria Koeberl

One year ago I was attending the SWMN Synod Theological Conference (required of all rostered ministers) on the campus of St. Benedict College. I remember listening to colleagues share how they had begun to video record themselves, alone, in the sanctuary on “snow storm days” so that congregations could still “go to church” even if travel was not possible. I thought, “What a load of work (and probably a few other choice words).” I decided that would never be possible at Danebod, we aren’t very techy.

Danebod, I apologize for underestimating you and myself for that matter. Turns out, video worship is a lot of fun and a great creative outlet for my expressive talents. And we are connecting with an entire community of “members” who live far away from Tyler, MN yet hold deep love and connectedness for our parish. CoVid 19 has kick-started old institutions like church, education, and government 10 years into the future in a matter of 7 months. Miracles do happen. However, I must say I am having an issue with the good Lord these days about it taking a crises to create dramatic movement.

Psalm 121 is a common text read at funerals. Recently, as we celebrated the life of Eleanor Tolk, I read these words and, as often happens these days, I felt a shift in my heart filled with grief and emotion.

“I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?”

My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

While I reflect on this text, I am listening to a beautiful composition by Rene’ Clausen called *Kyrie* from **Memorial**, which is a work Clausen composed in response to the events of September 11, 2001. Kyrie is an emotional plea, quietly and exquisitely sung, for God’s mercy using the Latin text, “Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison” which translates “Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy.”

Oh Lord, have mercy. Since CoVid 19 I have made a regular practice of attending 3-5 worship services on a Sunday morning. One of my favorites is from the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. This past Sunday they rang the traditional funeral bell 20 times for each 10,000 Americans who have died of CoVid 19 these past 7 months. My heart sank. 200,000...It was Memorial weekend when I remembered to first 100,000. O Lord, from where will my help come? O Lord, have mercy.

This year has been packed with new awakenings, overcoming resistance to change, innovative thinking, and expansion of the concept “ministry” and “church.” It has also been a year of ambiguity, uncertainty, longing, and questioning. “I lift my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Yes Lord, we know you are the bringer of the help we need, the rest, the solace, the mercy. May we be your hands and feet in the world that are blessed as we bring this good news to others who look to the hills and question, “Help me have hope. Help me experience mercy. Help me.” O Lord, have mercy. Amen.

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

September 8, 2020

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

NOT PRESENT:

At 7:05pm the meeting was called to order by Jim Johansen and a quorum was established.

Devotions given by Pastor Gena Maria.

Additions to Agenda. (See New Business #6)

REPORTS:

1. Secretary's report for August was presented . MSC to approve August minutes by Harlan and Carol.
2. Treasurer's report for August was presented and discussed. Lena made a motion to move \$8,000 from cemetery fund into the cemetery account through Jorgensen Financial and \$25,000 from the general fund to the Memorial Savings account, seconded by Joy and motion was carried. MSC to approve the August report by Lena and seconded by Natalie.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Constitution Update. The committee will come and report to council in October.
2. Secretary hiring – Christie Sutherland: Hours Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-2:30. She is doing a great job.
3. Confirmation - 9/13, 1st Communion October 4
4. Elevator Update – Ricki is looking to write a grant through The Historical Society and they do have money available for a project like this. The grant needs to go in by 9th of October and they would like to use their architect. Council would like for this to be looked into.
5. Old Copier – Need to contact company and have them come and pick them up.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pastor's Report. Outdoor worship was done in August and September and went really well , Grace Alone is curriculum for Confirmation, Confirmation is 11:00am Sunday the 13th, First Communion is October 4th for 4th and 5th grade, researching copyright for virtual broadcast, led worship with communion at Sunrise September 6th and will try to do more until it gets too cold, have been doing preparation for in house worship, and in office on Monday afternoons from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

2. Church cleaning and preparation for in house worship. Put in newspaper and on Facebook. 2 hours per week at \$15/hour. In house worship - Masks encouraged, signs, usher sprays hands and open door, not more than 150 people, tape off every other pew, remove hymnals, service similar to outdoor, maybe have special music to service, organ or piano music back, no passing of offering, communion with fellowship cups and have people do it before leaving service and plan to do 1 time per month, exiting the church to have upstairs people to go out the front door and main floor to go out the side doors in the church, cleaning will be done at the end of the week, keep people out of the basement as much of possible. Start in house church September 20.
3. Copy/Streaming Update – Pastor will get all the licenses that we need for under \$277 on one license. MSC to get the license for \$277 made by Lena and seconded by Harlan.
4. CARES Program Update – March 1st to September 15th financial statements to compare this year to last year.
5. Debit Card-Family Camps - Lena make a motion to allow the Family Camps to get a debit card for the account that they take care of, Harlan seconded, and motion was carried.
6. Quilting – Will allow the quilters to come down to quilt one time per month so long as they social distance and they clean up and take any garbage out themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Julie Kent, Joan Jagt, and Harlan Petersen) – set date for evaluation of Pastor

Property (Jarod Hansen) – no report

Cemetery (Jim Johansen) – no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – Faith Formation on Wednesday nights instead of Sunday School. Use the Pavilion on Wednesday nights. Supper every week and break them into groups or house teams and do skits and will present skits in church on October 11th. Planned for September and October for now. Confirmation after this but will probably be indoor possibly in the Lodge basement.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Jerzak) – no report. Food for Kidz fundraiser will be planned. Noisy offering and loose offering will go to Food for Kidz.

Worship & Music (Carol Ekberg) – no report

Folk School (Joy Schak) – meeting is next week.

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – no report

Communion assistant and lunch for next month is Lena Burckhardt

The next meeting is Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00pm.

MSC for adjournment at 10:25pm by Lena and Carol.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kent

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As of August 31, 2020

Budget Year to Date 110,976.000
General Fund Revenue to date 103,475.93 Includes Loose, parish ed. & donations
Amount Under Budget to date **(7,500.07)**

Envelopes by month-To meet budget collections should be 13,872 per month

January	10,599.00
February	7,716.00
March	9,046.00
April	10,525.00
May	11,684.99
June	6,334.37
July	9,789.20
August	11,167.57
Total	<u>76,862.13</u>

Envelopes for past 4 years as of August, 31

2019	2018	2017	2016
80,417.45	73,566.04	86,305.40	84,944.66

9/14/20 FS minutes

Present: Jan Nielsen, Pastor Gina Maria, Jerry Bly, Sharon Jensen, Deb Burckhardt, Karlee Wyttenback-chairperson, Mark Stage, Cade Drake, Harlan Petersen - church liaison

Absent: Paul Thomsen, Rick Dubbeldee, Tami Nelson - treasurer

Meeting was opened at 7:05 with Karlee leading the reciting of the Lord's Prayer in unison.

MSC by Jerry and seconded by Pastor to approve the secretary's report.

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

MSC by Jerry, seconded by Cade to place ad in Marshall and Pipestone papers for head cook for June and July camps and possibly August camp and Fall Meeting. Contact person to be Jan Nielsen who will be placing the ad. Jerry to contact SMSU culinary department for possible leads.

Neil Thooft did some caulking and installed flashing to alleviate leak.

MSC by Deb and seconded by Karlee to hold confirmation class in Lodge basement.

Possible locations to hold Wednesday night Sunday School was discussed. No decisions made at this time.

Deb reported that an application is being made to CARES to help recoup utility expenses for the partial month of April as well as June through August. If Lincoln county has additional funds left after all applications have been paid through that time, they may go back and allow additional utility expenses through the end of the year. At the advice of our banker, PPP forgiveness has not been applied for yet.

MSC by Mark and seconded by Jan to allow Danebod quilters back into the FS.

Motion by Deb, seconded by Jerry to freeze caretakers and summer help wages for 2021. Although no camps were able to be held in 2020, prior wage increases included raising head cook to \$17.00 per hour and all other summer staff, other than night watchperson, received a \$.50 per hour wage increase.

MSC by Jerry, seconded by Deb to leave camp and fall meeting rates the same as last year since they had experienced a rate increase at that time.

Jerry gave an update on the elevator. A small legacy grant through the Historical Society is being submitted. If approved, it will allow for a feasibility study as to the possibility of receiving a large grant that could be used to help pay for the installation of an elevator as well as verifying the overall construction soundness of the FS. The initial small grant would be a \$10,000 grant which means no expense for the FS.

MSC by Jerry and seconded by Deb to replace ramp door. Cade volunteered to contact Neil Thooft to complete the needed work.

Turk Therkildsen evaluated the condition of the benches and determined they were not worth repairing. Jerry and Deb agreed to each purchase a new bench the committee had previously looked at to determine if it would meet the need.

Harlan and Cade agreed to spearhead trimming some of the trees.

Lengthy discussion was held regarding the status of Karen Tinklenberg, furloughed caretaker. Karlee to contact Karen and reiterate that as long as she is furloughed, she should not have any involvement with the FS including turning in all keys and not scheduling any groups or rooms. While it is the intention of the FS/church to bring her back at the end of the pandemic, no guarantees can be made.

Harlan approached the FS Committee about meeting with the Church Council at different times throughout the year, as this is something the Council hopes to do with all sub-committees. The FS liked the idea and agreed to meet with the church council for the November meeting.

MSC to Deb, seconded by Jerry to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Burckhardt

Danebod Lutheran Church

Guidelines for Returning to Indoor Worship

Although we have enjoyed worshipping in person outdoors in August and September, we know that Minnesota weather will not permit that to continue for much longer. The church council has made the decision to move church services back inside the church starting **September 20th at 9:30 AM.**

Before you decide to come to indoor worship consider if you have not felt well recently or if you have a medical condition that puts you at high risk. If so please worship from home to keep yourself and others safe. We will continue to provide worship online.

We have put together the following guidelines for indoor worship. Please ***love your neighbor*** by follow these directions to keep everyone well.

1. Put on your facemask. (Please bring your own, but we will have a few available)
2. Maintain at least 6 feet between family units.
3. Enter through the main doors.
4. Ushers will offer you hand sanitizer.
5. Place your offering in the plate provided.
6. On communion Sundays (1st Sunday of the month) pick up individually packaged communion. Wait to receive communion until directed by the pastor.
7. Spread out in the sanctuary, every other pew will be taped off.
8. When exiting people sitting on the main floor will exit out the side doors (east and west side of the building). People sitting upstairs will exit out the main entrance. Please keep 6 ft between family units when exiting.
9. Dispose of your communion cup in the garbage by the various exits.
10. The main floor restroom will be available, please avoid going into the basement.

PASTOR'S UPDATES



****Pastor Koeberl will be in the church office on Mondays from 3:00pm-5:00pm every week.**

****CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE****

October schedule is from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Lodge Basement. October 7, 21, and 28. We will not meet during MEA on October 14th.

****UPCOMING DATES****

OCTOBER 11TH

Will be the presentation of Bibles, Faith Chests, and Faith Formation Skits during worship.

OCTOBER 25th—Reformation Sunday

NOVEMBER 1st— All Saints Sunday (Note that Daylight Savings ends this day)

CONFIRMATION

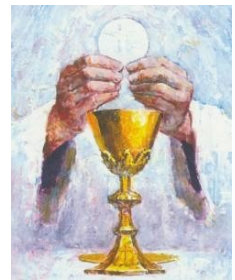
Confirmation Sunday was held on September, 13th in an 11:00 outdoor worship service. Six 9th grade students affirmed their baptism and confirmed their faith. Students shared their personal scripture of faith and the faith projects they had developed with their mentors. Those confirmed included: Kai Drake, Carson Gylling, Tatum Hess, Shae O'Leary, Braxton Stiner, and Morgan Tommeraasen.





On Saturday September 12th, there was an outdoor service at 4:00 pm in front of the fountain near the Folk School. Elin Madsen Jerzak, daughter of Timothy and Natalie Jerzak was baptized.

FIRST COMMUNION:



First Communion is October 4th and we will commune with a group of 4th and 5th grade students who were trained on March 15th. We usually commune in 4th grade so this will be the entire class for years 2020 and 2021. Those receiving first communion will be Benjamin Arteaga, Rorye Johnson-Jobe, Tucker Vos, Avery Vos, and Adelynn Renkly.

MEMORIAL DONATION

In memory of Patty Williams to the cemetery fund from Al and Diane Gordon.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION

In October we will continue to meet on Wednesday nights to learn more Bible stories and perform some service projects.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11TH

**FAITH FORMATION WILL PERFORM THEIR SKITS DURING
CHURCH. FAITH CHESTS & BIBLES WILL BE HANDED OUT,
AND THERE WILL BE NOISY OFFERING!**

WEDNESDAYS

5:30 - 6:30 PM

**ALL SCHOOL AGE KIDS
PRE-K 4 yr - 12TH GRADE**



Oct. 7th - 5:30 PM - Perform skits for all the houses
Oct. 11th - 9:30 AM - Perform skits during church
Oct. 14th - NO Faith Formation due to MEA
Oct. 21st - 5:30 PM - Service project night
Oct. 28th - 5:30 PM - Halloween Hayride (wear your costumes if you would like)

Greetings from your Prairie Conference WELCA Board

These are certainly crazy times in our world. Coronavirus seems to affect everything we do. We pray that you and your family remain strong and healthy...and filled with faith.

We have heard from our SW MN SWO President, Joan Iverson, concerning WELCA gatherings. Churchwide organization strongly suggests that NO In-Person WELCA events be held through the end of the year for the Synods.

Therefore, we have **CANCELLED THE FALL GATHERING for 2020**.
Joan Iverson also noted:

1. There will be **NO LWR COLLECTION** in our synod through the end of the year.
2. With the Fall Leadership Meeting cancelled, there were no new materials to distribute. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Joan or your synod liaison.
3. As of now the 2021 Synod Women's Convention is still set for Saturday, May 1, 2021.
4. The dates for the Triennial Gathering in Phoenix are August 5-8, 2021.

We are saddened at the prospect of NOT getting together this fall. We always look forward to our Fall Gathering as we make connections with other church women in our area, hear information from our Synod leaders, are inspired by interesting speakers, share in the joy of music and communion, and feel the warmth of fellowship. We look forward to seeing all of you next Spring. Stay safe!

Karen Richmond, Secretary of Prairie Conference WELCA



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Indoor Worship Service at 9:30 With Holy Communion First Communion	5 Folk School Board Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7 Faith Formation 5:30- 6:30pm Conf. 6:30pm	8	9	10
11 Indoor Worship Service at 9:30 Faith Formation Skits	12 Pastor at SW MN Synod Conf.	13 Pastor at Conf Church Council Meeting 7:00pm	14 NO FATH FORMATION NO Confirmation	15	16	17
18 Indoor Worship Service at 9:30	19	20	21 Faith Formation 5:30- 6:30pm Conf. 6:30pm	22	23	24
25 Indoor Worship Service at 9:30 REFORMATION SUNDAY	26	27	28 Faith Formation 5:30- 6:30pm Conf. 6:30pm	29	30	31



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