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Pastor Gena Maria

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

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



Pastor's Page



Rev. Gena Maria Koeberl

November 2020

The bells of Danebod ring at 7am and at sunset every day. First they ring 50+ times (I think it's 53 times and I know it is modeled after a church in Denmark.) At the end of this ringing is a pause, followed by 3 rings, pause, 3 rings, pause, 3 rings to represent the Holy Trinity of Creator, Savior, and Spirit.

Sometime this spring a new pad was placed in the phenomenal mechanism that a member built decades ago to mechanize the job once held by a person who manually rang these bells every morning and evening. The pad needs to get worn down. Until then it has a tendency to catch and in turn the Holy Trinity has been sounding rather strange. This morning I heard: ding-ding-ding, pause, ding-ding-ding, pause, ding-ding.....So close!

It reminds me of how I've felt most of 2020, rather strange and not quite normal yet familiar. It's been a year of disorientation tediously, sometimes resistantly, bringing about new orientation. A year of adapting and innovating and winging it to get through the unknowns and unpredictability of "plans" while living in a foreboding shadow of fear, dread and anxiety around an insidious presence of physical threat and harm. Daily I wonder, "Will it be ding-ding-ding smooth day or will we quickly pinch-hit a zoom meeting due to increased numbers of infection or folks in quarantine....ding-ding?"

November begins on a somber note as we celebrate All Saints Day, recognizing the saints of the church, and All Souls Day, when we remember the lives of those who have passed away this year. So many lives lost to CoVid, the bells would ring all day. Since arriving at Danebod I have initiated a tradition of ringing the bells at the close of a funeral. It's a powerful thing to exit the church and have the bells escort a loved one's casket or urn to the burial service.

For many funerals and burial services, I read the text of Revelation 21:1-5.

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had **passed away**, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have **passed away**.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'*

The phrase "pass away" in 21:1 refers to the passing of the world, "for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away." 21:4 refers to the passing away of the former things, "There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

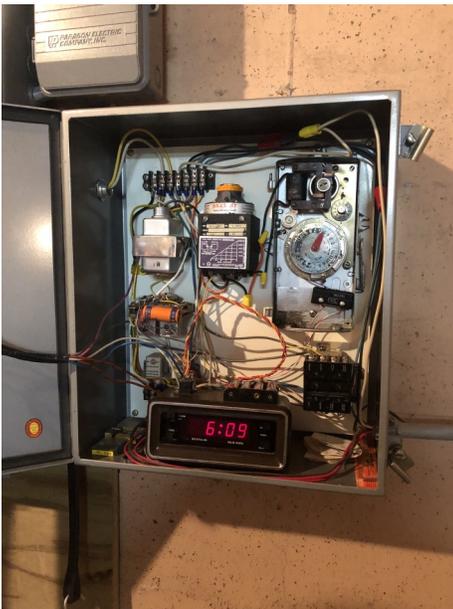
We use the phrase "pass away" when referring to someone's death, "they passed away." Why? Because when people we love pass away, a piece of our world passes away. Death does that.

However, in Revelation, “pass away” is used in an opposite sense. Things “pass away” when death goes away! “Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more.” The world as we know it, with death, the old order of things, passes away. A new world without death is coming because God is a creator. Creator’s create. Death destroys, God creates. So, the counterpart to new creation is not dissolution but new creation.

Creation follows creation as we Christians believe in life after life. Because of Jesus and messages like these in Revelation, Christian belief of death is based on resurrection, that there is a life-death-life cycle. We are people of hope.

An Episcopal priest named Robert Morris pointed out that the origin of “resurrection” is the Greek word *anastasis* which means “standing up again.” The same word is used in Scripture: “I am the resurrection and the life.” Father Morris said, “We all lie down. We all rise up. We do this every day.”

Every day we experience the defiant nature of standing up again. The resurrection does not wait for Easter and as people of God, neither do we. We are knocked down by death, grief, anger and sadness. Our life routines are knocked down and out and we stand up again in hope and innovation. We know that the Holy Trinity is still ringing loud and clear even when life has become random and unpredictable. One of my favorite lyrics from a song is “A saint is just a sinner who falls down and gets back up.” Truly with every mis-ring of the bells there is a day when all rings clear. When we fall down due to the fear, strife and unknowns of our world, fear not! For we shall stand up again.



Minutes for Danebod Church Council

October 13, 2020

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

NOT PRESENT: Natalie Jerzak and Joy Schak

At 7:04pm the meeting was called to order by Jim Johansen and a quorum was established.

Devotions given by Pastor Gena Maria.

Additions to Agenda. (See Old Business #5 & New Business #3, 4, 5)

REPORTS:

1. Secretary's report for September was presented . MSC to approve September minutes by Joan and Pastor Gena Maria.
2. Treasurer's report for September was presented and discussed. MSC to approve the September report by Joan and seconded by Lena.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Constitution Update. Margie Bornhoft presented. Discussions were held.
2. Elevator Update. Committee got a grant put together. Reviewed in 3-4 months. Could be a 2 to 3 year project.
3. Church Cleaning. Volunteers helping right now. Put the church cleaning onto the job description of the Caretaker of the Folk School
4. Cares Program and PPP Update. Got an application in for Cares Program for \$35,000 and will see if we get that grant.
5. Old Copier. Keep sending bills and have not picked it up yet.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pastor's Report. We began indoor worship services with Covid guidelines in mid-September. We had 1 funeral, 1 baptism and 6 confirmands. There are ten 7th and 8th grade students this year. I was sick for two weeks and council led worship one of those Sundays. I am making pastoral care calls and texts to pray with people. I will be leading nursing home worship indoors soon at Sunrise. I attended two days by Zoom the Synod's Fall Theological Conference.
2. Church Treasurer. Taken a new job. Will train someone in when we find someone to replace her. Develop an ad for a new Treasurer for a couple of weeks. (1 morning per week for \$400 per week/month??? A few meetings per month.
3. Christmas Services. Possibly 3 services and pick your time and number of people. 11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm? Soloists, candles, ...? Will discuss more at a later date.
4. Offering envelopes. Harlan made a motion to purchase the offering envelopes as in the past, seconded by Lena, and carried.
5. Benefits for Pastor. On Gold now but looking at all the options. Harlan made a motion to have Pastor look at all the options and make a decision in the near future and report to the Council,

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Julie Kent, Joan Jagt, and Harlan Petersen) - Pastor and Tami's evaluations done. Christie is doing great with the secretarial and technology.

Property (Jarod Hansen) - no report

Cemetery (Jim Johansen) - no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) - A lot of kids! More than expected. The kids get fed and the adults make up their own curriculum. Most likely no Christmas Program or Dancing Around the Christmas Tree, and other such activities like that.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Jerzak) - no report.

Worship & Music (Carol Ekberg) - no report

Folk School (Joy Schak) - Budgeting October 20 so maybe Church Council can do ours sometime after that. Will meet together with Council in November 10th at 7:00pm.

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) - no report

Communion assistant and lunch for next month is Julie Kent.

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

MSC for adjournment at 10:04pm by Lena and Carol.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kent

Danebod Lutheran Church

As of September 30, 2020

Budget Year to Date 124,848.00
General Fund Revenue to date 116,277.10 Includes Loose, parish ed. & donations
Amount Under Budget to date **(8,570.90)**

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
September 12,721.17
Total 89,583.30

Envelopes for past 4 years as of September 30

2019	2018	2017	2016
91,592.64	80,674.22	95,547.32	97,894.36

10/5/20 FS Minutes

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

Meeting was opened at 7:04 with Karlee-Chair leading a prayer.

MSC by Mark and seconded by Rick to approve the secretary's report.

Financials - question was raised regarding increase in insurance payments. Tami responded via text to Karlee that there had been a premium increase beginning in August. MSC by Deb, seconded by Jan to approve treasurer's report.

FS to meet with church council on Nov. 10 @ 7:00. The two groups will split after a joint meeting so each can conduct their regular monthly meeting.

Pastor reported confirmation classes are being held at the Lodge and will follow the school schedule as it pertains to covid.

Jan presented an update on the head cook advertisement. It will first appear in the Marshall Independent for a couple of weeks in the Wednesday and Saturday papers plus one time in the Shopper. After that, it will run for 3 weeks in the Pipestone Star. Finally, it will appear in the Tyler section of The Peach.

Sample elevator grant was submitted by the Bly's with mixed reviews coming back. Grant process is moving forward with several architects estimating a cost of \$10,000 - \$15,000 for conducting a conditional assessment. Cost to be covered by the grant.

Deb reported the dehumidifiers in the Gym Hall and Cottage have been turned off. Mike Thomas needs to be contacted to winterize the 2nd floor and make sure the 3rd floor as well as the cottage is winterized. There will no longer be heat on the second floor. Temperature settings will be set at 55 degrees. The paint that was used on 2nd & 3rd floors has been moved to the basement so it won't freeze. The fall housekeeping in the Lodge is complete.

Jenna Johansen, representing Woodstock Communications, has inquired when and where to make the switch from Frontier to Woodstock. FS is ready at this time but recommendations for the Lodge pending a recommendation from Jenna. Only concern is making sure all phone numbers remain the same. Deb to contact Jenna.

It was agreed not to replace the ramp door at this time. Thanks to Mark Stage for working on it and allowing more time before it will need to be replaced.

Jerry to talk to Scott Johnson regarding any cemetery monies not received as a result of the 2011 tornado. All insurance reimbursement is currently in the church coffers.

Budget meeting to be held Oct. 20 at the FS @ 6:30 pm. Jerry was invited and agreed to assist with the budget process.

Jerry will order two benches once they are back in stock. Board will then have the opportunity to evaluate and determine if they are acceptable as replacement benches.

Sharon asked if the FS wanted Garth to spray for weeds at this time. Board asked that he spray the entire complex at this time.

Karlee shared her communication preferences as follows: Due to working a full time job, text and emails are preferred or leave a message on her cell phone. She will respond in 12-24 hours after receipt of the same. Do not call her at work unless it is an emergency.

MSC by Deb and seconded by Mark to adjourn at 8:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Burckhardt

NOVEMBER MINISTRY TEAM

USHERS:

1st: Head usher: Scott J. , Karen K., Rhonda J.

8th: Head usher: Jerry B., Larry D., Karen K.

15th: Head usher: Mark S., Barb K., John B.

22nd:Head usher: Dennis J., Larry D., Karen K.

29th: Head usher: Justin G., Scott J., Karen K.

ALTAR GUILD: **1st:** Jan N. and Margie B. **8th:** Katy V. **15th:** Diane G. **22nd:** Jill J. and Margie B. **29th:** Jill J.

FLOWERS: Karen K. (whole month)

LECTOR: **1st:** Barb K. **8th:** Kathy D. **15th:** Barb K. **22nd:** Kathy D. **29th:** Barb K.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Help us at Danebod Lutheran to impact the lives of children around the world this Christmas season.

Jumping for Jesus: *will be working on boxes on November 11th. If you would like to donate a filled box for a boy or girl please bring it to the church sanctuary or office by November 15th.*

WORLD OF SONG BOOKS

Are available in the church office.

Small green: \$23.00

Spiral: \$28.00



IN MEMORY
Danebod would like to thank :

** Bob and Ilona Henriksen for the donation to the Cemetery Fund in honor of their cousin, David, "Skip" Stefansen.

** Jolean Faaborg for the donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Eleanor Tolk.

** Sharron Faaborg for the donation to the Cemetery Fund in memory of Herluf and Laura Faaborg, Dennis Faaborg, and Jeanette Walters.

Equal Exchange Coffee is Still Available!!

Please contact Jolean Faaborg at

247-3237 if you would like to purchase some.



UPDATE FROM THE OFDC MEETING

The OFDC met on October 14th. It was the consensus of everyone who was there not to do anything this winter. It was first thought that maybe just a drive-by supper could happen-maybe some coffee cake/meat sales. Eventually it lead into not taking the chance of planning anything, and then having bad weather, or having to cancel because of COVID-19.

Submitted by Darla Madsen

thank you!

The Parish Ed Committee would like to thank Paul Thomsen for making the chalices for First Communion and Erik Jorgensen for making the Faith Chests. We greatly appreciate your talent.



Kyle Hansen received his Spark bible on Oct. 11th and his brother, Troy, was given his faith chest.



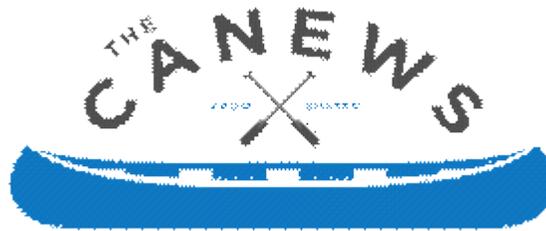
Avery Tutt received her Spark bible, and her sister, Lainey, was given her faith chest.



Pictured below are the beautiful Chalices made by Paul Thomsen.



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Shetek Lutheran Ministries Where Christ Renews and Empowers

CAMP COMES TO DAYCARES!

Katie Chapman, our Environmental Education Director, will bring a program to your daycare! Looking for something unique? Katie will bring some of our camp animals to your daycare and provide a short program – contact her at katie@shetek.org

Events at camp!

(Go to shetek.org for more info.)

November 6-7, Fri. – Sat. – Confirmation

Retreat. Confirmation groups and leaders invited to camp for an overnight retreat.

November 14, Saturday, "Owls in the Night"

An evening EE event for all ages to learn about owls in southwest MN.

December 6, Sunday, "Scandinavian Drive Through Meal"

– Instead of our Lutefisk Dinner, you're invited to come out to camp and get your meal to go!

December 28, Monday, Winter Fun Day!

All 3rd – 6th graders come to camp for a day of fun winter activities!



Quilt Sale 2.0

Our quilt sale in June went very well! We are having another sale through our online camp store to support Shetek's ministry. Many items available and several have seasonal or holiday themes. Starting Oct. 1 to Dec. 1, these items will be available. Go to shetek.org/store to view and purchase items. Thanks for your support!!

Help send kids to Camp...Become a Pelican Club or Timber Society member today. Pelican Club members support the ministry with a gift of \$100 - \$499 a year and Timber Society members give \$500 or more a year. Thanks for your support!

During this time, we are thankful for donations from supporters and congregations when retreat and program income is very low. If you are able to make a donation at this time, we would really appreciate it!

Our "Building on the Foundation" capital campaign is on hold for now. So far, we've raised just over \$1,000,000 in gifts/pledges towards our \$1,500,000 goal! We'll be continuing the campaign efforts later this year when it is more feasible and safe to do so.





NOVEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Service at 9:30 Holy Communion All Saints Sunday	2	3	4 Conf. 6:30 p.m.	5	6	7
8 Worship Service at 9:30	9	10 Joint Folk School Board and Church Council Board Mt. 7:00pm	11 Jumping For Jesus 5:30 Conf. 6:30pm	12	13	14
15 Worship Service at 9:30	16	17	18 Jumping For Jesus 5:30 Conf. 6:30p.m.	19	20	21
22 Worship Service at 9:30 Christ the King Sunday	23	24	25 NO CLASSES	26 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING	27	28
29 Worship Service at 9:30 1st Sunday of Advent	30					

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