



HILSEN

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



Pastor's Page

Rev. Gena Maria Koeberl

Despite its joys, Christmastime can evoke feelings of hurt for some individuals experiencing difficult life situations. Losing a loved one, especially on Christmas, financial struggles in general, dealing with broken relationships, suffering from an illness or loneliness can cause depression during the holidays. Some churches offer inspiration and help through "Blue Christmas" services on December 21, the longest day of the year (Winter Solstice). This year I think the shared experience of CoVid 19, the tragic deaths, the exhaustion and fatigue, the canceled holiday gatherings, the isolation, the political strife makes it timely to remember what Christmas is really all about. It's about Emmanuel. God with us through our pain, our disappointment. Christmas is not just about holly, jolly good time traditions. It is the story of vulnerability, protest boldly declaring a vision of the a world set right, and the fragility of empire and power. I encourage you to use this beautiful "Advent Wreath Liturgy of Remembering" written by Rick Marshall in *Blue Christmas: A Service of Remembrance for the Time of Advent and Christmas*. Posted on the **Process and Faith** website. <http://processandfaith.org/resources/liturgy/blue-christmas> for your Advent Candle Lighting practice.

The first candle we light is to remember those whom we have loved and lost. We pause to remember their name, their face, their voice, the memory that binds them to us in this season.
(Pause while the first candle is lit) **May God's eternal love surround them.**

The second candle we light is to redeem the pain of loss, the loss of someone who was very important to us, part of our lives, part of our own selves. We pause to gather up the pain of the past and offer it to God, asking that from God's hands we receive the gift of peace.
(Pause while the second candle is lit) **Refresh, restore, renew us O God, and lead us into your future.**

The third candle we light is to remember ourselves this Christmas time. We pause and remember these past weeks and months, the disbelief, the anger, the down times, the poignancy of reminiscing, all those who stood with us. We give thanks for all the support we have known.
(Pause while the third candle is lit) **Let us remember that dawn defeats darkness, life overcomes death.**

The fourth candle is lit to remember our faith and the gift of hope which the Christmas story offers to us. We remember that God, who shares our life, promises us a place and time of no more pain and suffering.
(Pause while the fourth candle is lit) **Let us remember the One who shows the way, Who brings the truth and who bears the light.**

(The Christ candle will remain unlit as a sign of waiting for a future that is yet unknown to us, from which God beckons us)

This is our CoVid Christmas. Some of us aren't feeling so merry and some of us are digging deep for joy. It is all good. You may just need to leave the "Merry" out of Christmas this year. "Have a Christmas!" That's okay and you don't need to feel judged or "judgy" if that is where people are. Whether you say "Merry Christmas" or "Have a Christmas" you are not alone, you are grounded in the resilient strength of such lyrics "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight...O holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray Cast out our sin and enter in Be born to us today...We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell O come to us, abide with us Our Lord Emmanuel

May you be well. May you be loved. May you be blessed. Amen

Minutes for Danebod Church Council
November 10, 2020

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

NOT PRESENT: Tami Nelson (Treasurer) & Carol Ekberg.

At 8:07pm 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 # & New Business #)

REPORTS:

Secretary's report for October was presented. Discussion on Old Business number 4. The amount should be \$3,500 and not \$35,000. In New Business #2 the information for the ad for the treasurer should be put in sentence form. MSC to approve October minutes with 2 changes by Harlan and Joan.

Treasurer's report for October was presented and discussed. MSC to approve the October report by Lena and seconded by Joan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Church Treasurer. Ad never went through so will try again. Run it for a couple weeks.

Elevator Update. Nothing new to report.

Christmas trees. We like the height and look of it. Shorter than the ones we had. Cost of the 2 trees was about \$1,200 plus the cost of the bags. Curt Madsen will take the old 2 trees and make one that works and will put it in the basement of the Gym Hall. Harlan makes a motion to buy the trees for \$1,200 plus the cost of the bags and take it from Designated Memorials. Seconded by Lena and motion was carried.

Christmas services. Christmas Eve. 1:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:00pm. Will have to sign up for a service. Have 125 slots open for these slots. Pastor ordered battery powered tea lights. All this may change when it gets closer to Christmas depending upon the situation with Covid 19.

Church cleaning. Talked about this with the joint meeting of Folk School/Church Council. Possibly put this into the job description for the caretaker when this position is reinstated.

Cares PPP Update. Talked about this with the joint meeting of Folk School/Church Council.

Council find replacement for Financial Advisory Committee. Get names to Harlan of people that may be interested.

Christmas is for Sharing. Due to Covid we need to give cash donations instead of gifts.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pastor's Report. Vacation and sick time request. Council is in approval of having Pastor take some time off and go somewhere. Does she need to use her vacation days or can they carry over? The Council prefers that she use them although with the type of year we have had we will make an exception.

Pastor Report November 10, 2020

*Been a month of keeping alert to the increasing numbers of CoVid cases, wondering how this will affect the school system and in turn our plans for in-gathering events and plans for holidays to come.

Our constitution revision team is working hard this year and I appreciate the work they are doing. I have been researching and updated our technical equipment so we can produce higher quality videos as this ministry has become a mainstay worship service in addition to the in-person meetings on Sundays. It's been quite an education but I am grateful for the community of networks and resources available to me in this process.

*I have been working with worship to prepare a tentative plan for Christmas Eve worship, which will be at 1:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:00pm. This will be based on reservations for the time your family would like to attend. A larger video production will be prepared for those who prefer to not attend in person and share the Christmas story with us virtually.

*There will be a Thanksgiving recognition on the weekend of November 22 and Advent season begins November 29.

At this time we plan on the Jumping for Jesus groups presenting Bible skits about the Christmas Story on December 13.

*Confirmation classes are meeting in person or by zoom on a week to week basis due to CoVid exposures.

*The weariness of these past 8 months are casting shadows on our spirits these day. May we dwell in the light of Christ and trust that we will get through this. The question is how shall we get through this? May we choose paths of discernment, kindness, resting when we need it and with humility to ask for help, and support on our most weary days.

2. Pastor's internet and equipment for online services. We have \$900 for this year and last year for the budgeted amount that has not been paid so we should pay this amount to Pastor so she can upgrade her phone that will help with her with all the online things that she has to do. Pastor had a computer gifted to her and that will be very helpful for the online stuff that she is doing as well.

3. Breeze Fees. *They are charging us a fee but Vanco also charged us a fee. Will look at this later.*

4. Requests for increase in hours for Secretary. *The secretary will do extra projects for us and so we will allow her to do a few extra when needed.*

5. Bulletins back? *Can we get bulletins back as it has a few extras like prayer requests and such on it. Yes, we can do bulletins again and people will take their own.*

6. Stone Hall Funds Usage. *Can we pay utilities out of the Stone Hall Fund? The thoughts are that maybe that money is for restorations, special projects, and stuff like that.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration (Julie Kent, Joan Jagt, and Harlan Petersen) – need a budget meeting.

Property (Jarod Hansen) – Door lock issue and door bell ringer has been found. Door handle has been bought and will be put in as soon as possible. Plug for bathtub also has been bought. New toilet has been put in as well.

Cemetery (Jim Johansen) – no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – have about 32 kids. Doing it in the Folk School since it got so cold outside.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Jerzak) – Christmas is for Sharing. Trees purchased.

Worship & Music (Carol Ekberg) – no report

Folk School (Joy Schak) – Folk school committee is meeting tonight so no report until next month.

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – Met. Market is doing fairly well and could have some money to disperse again. The Old copier is still here and somebody was going to try to resolve it. Money to the Synod. Last year we did not give anything except through the Fund. Harlan made a motion to give money to support the Synod by sending \$4,800 that we budgeted, Lena seconded, and the motion was carried.

Communion assistant and lunch for next month is Harlan Petersen.

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

MSC for adjournment at 10:12pm by Harlan and Lena.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Kent

PLEASE NOTE UPDATE:

***THE CHURCH COUNCIL HAS MADE THE
DECISION, DUE TO INCREASED COVID CASES
AND THE PASTOR'S VACATION, TO NOT MEET
FOR IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 29TH.
THERE WILL BE AN ONLINE WORSHIP VIDEO ON
YOU-TUBE AND FACEBOOK FOR THAT DAY.***

***PASTOR GENA MARIA WILL BE OUT OF TOWN ON
VACATION ON NOVEMBER 28TH-DECEMBER 5TH.***

THANK YOU!

November 10, 2020 – FS Minutes

The Folk School Committee met with the Church Council to help keep and open dialog and communication between these two bodies.

Present: Rick Dubbeldee, Karlee Wyttenback, Deb Burckhardt (virtually), Jan Nielsen, Sharon Jensen, Mark Stage, Paul Thomsen, Cade Drake

Absent: Jerry Bly (Pastor Gina Maria and Joy Schak were at the Church Council meeting)

Meeting was opened at 8:13 pm with Karlee leading the Lord's Prayer.

MSC by Mark Stage and seconded by Cade Drake to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed.

Tami was unable to send out the financial report due to work and weather and will send these out at a later date.

Jan presented an update on the head cook advertisement. As of 11/10 there had been no interest in the position. The ad in the Pipestone paper, the Free Star and the County Star will run one more week and after that there will be an ad in the Peach.

No update on the elevator other than information on whether the grant was awarded should be known by December 9. If Danebod is awarded the grant, Jerry will be in contact with Anita Young.

No update on the Cemetery monies.

Benches are still on back order.

Karlee will check on the purchase of chairs for the lecture hall and determine if these have been delivered.

Janice from Family Camps clarified information about the Debit Card. This is in a separate fund but connected to the church for tax purposes.

The Emergency Action Plan will be updated with Mark Stage replacing Deb Burckhardt on the call list. After that is updated, it will be sent out to the Folk School Committee.

The heat in the second floor bathrooms will be increased to 50 oF to stop the false alarm calls due to the lack of heat.

The Folk School Budget will be close to the 2019 budget with an increase in the Insurance. The insurance premium for the facility will probably increase this coming summer. To budget for the expected increase, the last 6 months of budget for the insurance was increased by \$50 a month. There is now also a line item for the Lodge to help with any possible repairs.

The discussion of having the caretaker cleaning the church has been tabled until January.

After more discussion about the budget, the motion to pass the budget as presented was made by Jan Nielsen and seconded by Paul Thomsen.

The next meeting will be January 4, 2021.

MSC by Cade Drake and seconded by Deb Burckhardt to adjourn at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Jensen



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

DECEMBER 24TH, 2020

SERVICE TIMES ARE: 1:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:00 pm.

Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we need to have our services different this year. Reservations will be required to attend the service. Reservations can be made starting December 1st, 2020. Reservations can be made by calling the church during office hours, leaving a message on the church answering machine, or by email. We will not be able to accept any mail in reservations.

A confirmation call will be made if you leave a message on the answering machine.

A confirmation email will be sent to you if you send your request via email.

Please call 247-3000 to reserve your preferred service time.

Email us at danebodlutheran@gmail.com

Reservations will be made on a first come, first serve basis. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we do our best to follow the established guidelines.

OFFICE HOURS: Tues., Wed., and Thursday 8:30am-12:30pm/ 1:00pm-2:30pm

JUMPING FOR JESUS NEWS

“Jumping for Jesus would like to give a big THANK YOU to Robert Petersen for letting us use his trailer. Rick Vos for the use of the straw bales and Nick Johansen for getting the trailer and straw bales ready for us to use. The kids had a lot of fun and it was a huge success.”



On November 11th, the kids filled 23 boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They did a great job packing things they thought other kids would like. Fun for all!



The Parish Ed Committee is looking for congregation members that would be interested in being pen pals with our kids in Jumping for Jesus. The kids will start writing to our pen pals in February. If you are interested, contact the church and Christie will put your name on a list. Deadline to sign up is January 15. The committee will be in touch after January 15 with more instruction. Contact the church by email, danebodlutheran@gmail.com. Or call 507-247-3000.



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L U T H E R A N M I N I S T R I E S

Please join us by Zoom or
Facebook Live
December 6, 2020 4pm
Shetek Lutheran Ministries -
Annual Meeting

Email marv@shetek.org for the Zoom link



Don't forget about gift ideas from the Little Danish Store. Stop by during office hours or call to make other arrangements to pick up items this Christmas season!

WELCA QUILT SILENT AUCTION

PLEASE SEE THE BEAUTIFUL QUILT ON DISPLAY IN OUR CHURCH NARTHEX. THERE IS A FORM ON THE TABLE THAT YOU CAN PLACE YOUR SILENT ACTION BID AMOUNT. PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

CHRISTMAS FOR SHARING

The Christmas for Sharing program is changing due to Covid-19 restrictions. More than ever, many families need our help. In a socially distancing world right now, we believe that we can still make a difference. We are requesting your help, by making a monetary donation, with hopes of eliminating as much contact as possible. With your help, we hope to be able to provide our families with a gift card from a local business. If your family/organization/church is interested in helping please make your monetary donation to:

Christmas is for Sharing

ATTN: Lori Etrheim, 1210 170th St., Tyler, MN 56178. If you have any questions you may call or text Lori at #507-247-3855. Thank you!



We invite you to share your holiday plants with us
for our
Christmas Worship Service.



If you plan to order a Poinsettia please fill out this form and drop it in the offering plate today or mail to the church office. Please print the following information on how you would like it to be printed in the January 2021 Hilsen.

OR

Yes, I / we _____ would like to donate a poinsettia. Please find my/our donation to Danebod WELCA in the amount of \$15.00.

(Contact person: Jolean Faaborg)

Please put the following in the January 2021 Hilsen:

In _____ (Memory/Honor/Celebration) of

From: _____

OR _____ Please do not include in the 2021 January Hilsen. Please have this information to the church office ASAP. You may claim your plant after the Christmas Eve Service. **THANK YOU!**

Mail:

Danebod Church Office
140 Danebod Court

DECEMBER MINISTRY TEAM

USHERS: Dec. 6th: Ryck J., Paul E., Randy N. Dec. 13th & 20th: Ryck J., Ivan P. Dec. 27th: Ryck J., Paul E.

ALTER GUILD: Jolean F., all month

LECTORS: Dec. 6th: Lori S. Dec. 13th & 20th: Kristi P. Dec. 27th: Paul E.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES:

1:00pm: Ushers: Jolean F., Jason F. Lector: Jolean F.

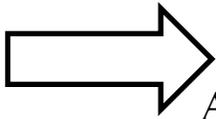
3:00pm: Ushers: Nick and Jenna Johansen Lector: Lori S.

5:00pm: Ushers: Ryck J. Lector:



Danebod Lutheran Church of Tyler, MN is looking for a

Treasurer. This position will be 1 morning per week and will pay \$400 per month. Danebod is located at 140 Danebod Court in Tyler, MN. If interested please call the church office for an application at (507)247-3000 or email at danebodlutheran@gmail.com. This position will also be asked to attend a couple of meetings of the church committees a few times per month as well.



CHORE PROGRAM FREE SNOW REMOVAL

Assisting eligible Tyler Seniors age 60 and over.

* Residents 60+ who do not already have someone hired to do snow removal this winter must sign up at City Hall. Phone: 507-247-5556. This is a FREE service. Please call the City Hall for more information.

EMAIL AND PHONE UPDATES:

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let the church office know of any email or phone number updates. Soon, I will start working on the Annual Report, and will need to update the contact list.

EMAIL UPDATES: I have recently sent out 2 emails. One was regarding ordering poinsettias, and the other the change for worship service on November, 29th. I sent these mass emails out using our Breeze church database. If you did not include your email when setting up your account, that is why you did not receive these emails. If you want to have me add your email to your Breeze account so that you receive future email updates, please send me your email at danebodlutheran@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 247-3000. Thank you! Christie Sutherland

Free, Healthy Meals Available



Due to a COVID-19 relief grant from the Minnesota Department of Education, LSS Meals is providing free community meals.



lssmn.org/meals

Who is Eligible?

Anyone in Minnesota in need of nutrition **can receive up to five meals plus snacks** at each pick-up event on a first come, first serve basis. You can also pick-up meals for others in your household at no cost.

About the Meals

The homestyle meals are produced at local LSS kitchens and are individually portioned with a balance of proteins, carbohydrates and spices to taste great. They will be sealed and given out in reusable bags.

Meal Pick-Up Details

LSS Meals, a service of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, will provide meals using proper masks and gloves and follow state social distancing guidelines.



DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <u>NO CLASSES</u>	3	4	5
6 Worship Service 9:30am Holy Communion 2nd Sunday of Advent	7	8 Church Council Board Meeting 7:00pm	9 <u>NO CLASSES</u>	10	11	12
13 Worship Service at 9:30 am 3rd Sunday of Advent	14	15	16 CLASSES TBD	17	18	19
20 Worship Service at 9:30 am 4th Sunday of Advent	21	22	23 <u>NO CLASSES</u> <u>CHRISTMAS BREAK</u>	24 Christmas Services 1:00pm 3:00pm 5:00pm	25	26
27 Worship Service at 9:30 am	28	29	30 <u>NO CLASSES</u> <u>CHRISTMAS BREAK</u>	31		

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