



HILSEN

December 2023



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If you have any questions or concerns,
or would like to speak with Pastor Megan,
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Do You See What I See?

A Message from Pastor Megan

You would be hard pressed to name a more magical time of year than Christmas. When the holiday season hits it's almost as if everything we see or do or touch is infused with this subtle yet undeniable hint of Christmas wonder and joy. I'm talking about the scent of peppermint mingled with your morning coffee, the twinkle of LED lights on otherwise shadowed porches, and the sounds of carols hummed in cars, churches, store aisles, and living rooms *everywhere*.

Most people appear to have their own rules or philosophies on when the Christmas season actually begins. The most traditional of us hold out until the first Sunday of Advent. Others go by the retail calendar, marking the day after Thanksgiving as Christmas 'Open Season.' I had a professor in seminary who started celebrating the holidays the moment the temperature dipped low enough to justify breaking out his beloved Norwegian sweaters. (Christmas magic filled his home on October 30th this year). My own practice is to deck the halls on the first day the radio stations cue up their Christmas playlists. The moment Leroy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride" or Carrie Underwood's "Do You Hear What I Hear?" hit my ears, it's time to release the floodgates of Christmas- cookies, sweaters, decorations, and all!

Since the pandemic especially, we seem to be looking for an excuse to tap into the Christmas magic as soon as possible. Where Thanksgiving used to be the marker for most, I can think of many people who could hardly wait for Halloween to be over this year. The second the clock chimed 12AM on November 1st, Christmas trees went up in homes, and businesses like Starbucks and Caribou released their holiday drink menus. Now, I know this preemptive Christmas push is partially just a "commercial racket" (in the words of the ever-so-elegant Lucy Van Pelt of *Peanuts*), but I can't help but notice that the world is *hungering—begging* really—for that boost of wonder, joy, and hope from Christmas- for the magic it brings to our day-to-day lives, for the relationships it reinvigorates, and for the nature of generosity it fosters. And who can blame us? 2023 has been a year of devastating natural disasters, senseless acts of violence, brutal wars, and personal losses too many to count.

Of course, we know that a peppermint mocha won't really make a difference to the world's current events, nor will a trimmed evergreen or a frosted sugar cookie. Not on their own, anyway. But what if we were to trace these sprinkles of Christmas magic back to their source? Like following a trail of breadcrumbs, what if every hint of Christmas led our hearts and minds back to a scene from 2,000 years ago where a tiny newborn infant snuggled and slumbered in swaddling clothes? Perhaps then we'd find the magic and thrill of hope we're really longing for in the bleak midwinter: signs of Immanuel, God with us.

May the peace, love, hope, and joy of Christ fill your hearts and homes this Christmas season.



Minutes for Danebod Church Council November 14th, 2023

PRESENT: Harlan Petersen (President) (attended virtually), Erik Jorgensen (VP), Lena Burckhardt (Secretary), Joy Schak, Erik Jorgensen, Jarod Hansen, Joan Jagt, Natalie Jerzak, Pastor Megan Eide (attended virtually), Heather Furan (Treasurer).

NOT PRESENT: Julie Kent, Eric Gile,

At 7:04 PM the meeting was called to order by Erik Jorgensen and a quorum was established. No additions were made to the agenda.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's report for October was presented. A MSC was made to transfer \$32,656.27 out of previously accrued earnings from the Eklund Fund and into the general fund to cover portions of the parsonage repairs and the deck replacement made by Erik J. and seconded by Joan. MSC to approve October report made by Lena and seconded by Harlan.
2. Secretary's report for October was presented. MSC to approve October minutes made by Natalie and seconded by Erik J.
3. Pastor's Report – Pastor is greatly enjoying her time at Danebod. She has loved all of these firsts that she has been experiencing in the last month: the Halloween party, the shoebox packing, Kids church, All Saints Day, and a baptism. She updated us on some pastoral care visits she had had with a few members. She has enjoyed getting invited to events outside of church, in the community. She is planning on starting a bible study and a book group after the first of the year.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Church events protocol/cleaning – Brenda plans to do a walk through before an event to review the conditions of the facility. Also it was discussed that if we rent the church out to non-members we need to have a contract with the renter and a contact person from the congregation.
2. Directory update – The main photo sessions have been completed. Around 70 household units have come through for photos. There will be a photo makeup day in the near future. The cost to print the directories will be \$4 or \$5 per book and the photographer fee is \$15 per picture. The committee is estimating the total cost will be approximately \$2200 for 150 directories.
3. Signage for complex – The signage group is still working on getting signs for all of the buildings for visitors.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. December worship schedule
 - a. Dec. 17th gym hall – Pastor would like to hold church & coffee fellowship in the gym hall to enjoy the tree and decorations.
 - b. Dec. 24th morning service – Due to the fact that Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will not be holding a morning service on Dec. 24th. We will honor the 4th Sunday of advent and hold the Christmas Eve service at 5:00 PM.
2. Parsonage fireplace – We discussed installing a new fireplace insert in the office in the parsonage. The insert has doors that can be closed to prevent heat loss up the chimney. It will also provide heat to the room as well. A MSC to install the fireplace insert, at a cost of \$5,600 to be paid for out of previously accrued earnings from the Eklund Fund, was made by Lena and seconded by Joan.

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3. Pastor's office – Pastor would like to move her office from the Folk School to the lodge. The lodge is much more accessible for people due to the lack of stairs. Also, the lack of sound insulation in her current office causes frequent distractions. Pastor would like to move her office to the front room of the lodge. A MSC to support Pastor Megan moving her office from the folk school to the lodge made by Harlan and seconded by Joan.
4. Budget meeting Monday, Dec. 11th at 7 PM for Administration Committee

Committee Reports

Administration (Joan Jagt, Eric Gile, and Harlan Petersen) – Will meet to plan the budget in December.

Property (Jarod Hansen) – Parsonage fireplace discussed above

Cemetery (Erik Jorgensen) – none

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – Last week JFJ/confirmation/high school youth did a service project by packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. JFJ will now be practicing for the Christmas Program. The program will be on Sunday Dec. 10th at 5 PM in the church, followed by treats and dancing around the Christmas tree in the gym hall.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Jerzak) – Held the Halloween party on Oct. 29th that was very well attended.

Worship & Music (Joy Schak) – none

Folk School (Julie Kent) – none

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – They will be meeting the second week in January. If you know of any groups that would like to request funds have them submit their requests to the church office to the attention of the Financial Advisory committee.

The next meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 PM

MSC for adjournment at 9:07 PM by Lena and seconded by Erik J.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Lena Burckhardt



11/6//23 Folk School Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Pastor Megan Eide, Heather Furan – Treasurer, Jerry Bly – Chair, Brenda Knudson, Jill Jaspersen, Julie Kent, Olga Ekberg, Deb Burkhardt, Arnie Dam, JoAnn Peterson

Absent: Tate Burkhardt, Cade Drake

Pastor Megan led us in an opening prayer.

Financial Statement:

Heather will keep a spreadsheet to track the Fall Meeting donations;

Deb motions to approve the financial report; Jill seconds; Carried

Last Month's Meeting Minutes

Olga motions to approve, Arnie seconds; Carried

Council:

- Looking at tables in the pavilion so they're not so heavy – ordering 8 8-foot tables of the regular and one 6-foot table;

- Parsonage deck completed;

- Directory pictures in process; • Working on job descriptions for employees;

Pastor would prefer her office to be in the lodge for several reasons. Pros and cons were discussed and after discussion, the committee is supportive of this request.

Flooring was discussed and will be researched more prior to the work being done. It has already been approved, but Deb asked for additional input if any before it gets started.

Brenda said that everything is going well, and is working with Dean on getting anything that hasn't already been corrected, corrected.

Front Steps:

- The agreed upon corrective action needs an ambient temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and above and that will not be until spring, so work will begin in the spring.

Baby Changing Station:

- Recommend putting it into the back lady's bathroom because it has a sink.

- Set it up behind the changing curtain – mount it to the studs with lag screws so it can be reinstalled if necessary.

- Jerry will order it to be shipped to the Folk School building. Jerry will research and make the selection;

Rentals:

- Evangelical Church: 10th to 12th – Brenda

- *Jenna Johansen – no call*

- *Mark Wilmes – Lodge – no call*

- *22nd – 24th – Mary Jane will use Folk School dining hall and Lodge – no call*

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Family Camps:

- Jerry will work with Diane to make sure the camps are invoiced for the tent costs.
- Can we provide a bike rack?
 - o Under the fire escape on the north side;
 - o Or by the gym hall;
 - o Double bike rack holds 10 bicycles – is about 5 feet long
 - o Under the fire escape, there would be no conflict with mowing;
 - o Spring project, just putting it on the radar for now;
- Requested a defibrillator
 - o How many do we have - where are they?
 - o Add one to the lodge and the gym hall;
 - o Price range is \$1100 and up – the one we have in the folk school right now (Zoll) is about \$2,000.
 - Maintenance is simply changing out the pads
 - o Deb will check with congregational members and get the project started.

Request \$50 for Corey who has researched doing the Zoom meeting in the fall.

Olga motions paying the \$50, JoAnn seconds, carried; Jerry will work to get that paid.

Olga said that Deb Sinding is working on the web and will be posting paragraphs about each committee; Jerry will write up one for the Folk School and run it by the committee;

Meeting at 6:00 pm on December 4th

Olga motioned to Adjourn, Arnie seconded, carried.



Danish HOLIDAY *happenings*

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Christmas Shoppes

Danish coffee cake, baked goods, meats and so much more.

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Coffee in the Stone Hall

Coffee, apple cider and goodies will be served.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 3-Meat Supper

Roast pork, meatballs, sausage and all the fixings!

Dine-in and pick-up orders available.

Call 507.247.3000 by December 1

6:15 p.m. Entertainment

After the meal, join us in the Gym Hall for singing and dancing around the Christmas tree.

Saturday, December 2
Danebod Complex, Tyler, MN



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing



Packing the boxes

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox packing. Thank you to Jackie Hess & Joan Jagt for spearheading this project. Thank you to the high school, confirmation, and Jumping for Jesus youth for all of their help!



65 filled boxes!!



Blessing the boxes for their recipients



Unpacking the Manager

December, 10th 2023

Program at 5:00 PM in the church

*Join us for treats and dancing around the
Christmas Tree after the program in the gym hall*

www.winterrosewall.com

Danebod Lutheran Church

As of October 31, 2023

Budget Year to Date 143,750. 83

General Fund Revenue to date 139,104.83*

Amount Under Budget to date **373.82**

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

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
January	16,162.50	12,355.69
February	13,336.25	10,435.49
March	11,670.48	9,604.22
April	16,588.25	11,782.73
May	7,332.50	9,026.49
June	8,794.23	7,755.31
July	8,102.50	8,207.24
August	13,530.55	13,276.49
September	14,995.11	11,563.22
October	16,284.42	12,131.49
November		8,829.49
December		13,843.22
Total	<u>126.796.79</u>	<u>128,811.08</u>

Envelopes ONLY for past 4 years as of December 31, 2022

2022	2021	2020	2019
128,811.08	126,014.24	131,399.78	134,058.11

Includes envelopes, parish ed, donations, loose and special service offerings.

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*Maynard Petersen (brother of Harlan Petersen) passed away on November 7.
Blessed be his memory.*

Brent Maranell passed away on November 8. Blessed be his memory.

Memorials and Honors

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In memory of Marveleen Petersen from Paul and Alma Thomsen
In memory of Marveleen Petersen from Paul and Elise Werger
In Memory of Marveleen Petersen from Joyce Thomsen Stransky
In memory of Marveleen Petersen from Jon and Anita Young
In memory of Maynard Petersen from John and Margie Bornhoft
In memory of Maynard Petersen from Curt and Darla Madsen

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Karla Johansen from Harlan and Marsha Petersen
Donation from Patty Andersen

PRAAYER CONCERNS

Myrna Rokeh
Mark Falconer (Olga
Etler Jensen
George Peters
Kristi Eickhoff
Bo Duncan
Joseph Wutsch (Diane Clark's Son)

MISSION SUPPORT

December 3rd: Jim and Laurie Johansen
December 10th: Danebod WELCA
December 17th: Olga Ekberg for all the December birthdays
December 24th: Glaedelig Jul from John and Margie Bornhoft
December 31st: Trent and Jackie Hess and Girls



Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Child Shoe Box project. 65 boxes were brought to Marshall and are now on their way to Haiti!

Please plan to attend the Danebod Youth League's supper on Saturday December 2nd from 4:00-6:00 P.M. Eat in or carry-out. No reservations are required. If you would like to have drive-up orders made, please call the Folk School @ 247-3000 in advance. Meals are \$15 Adults / \$6 Children Under 11. Thanks for supporting our youth!!!

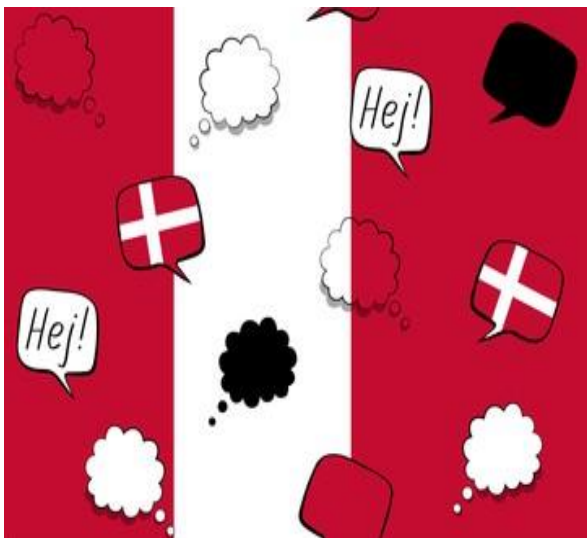
Don't forget to order your poinsettia by December 5! There are order forms in the narthex or call the office to place your order.

Thank You for Your Gifts!

In addition to our regular tithes and offerings, Danebod is blessed to receive special financial gifts here and there of all sizes. Sometimes these gifts arrive in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a particular anniversary, or in honor of an especially influential ministry. Should it ever cross your heart and mind to give such a gift, there are several places you might feel called to designate it, including but not limited to:

- Flower Fund
- Choir and Vocal Music
- Handbells
- Video Equipment
- Garden Club
- Scholarship Fund
- Cemetery Fund
- General Fund
- Youth Group
- Outreach Committee
- Parish Ed. (includes Jumping for Jesus and Confirmation)

No matter the amount, reason, or designation of your special gifts, please know that they are received with gratitude and used with reverence. *Thank you for your prayerful consideration.*



“Taler du dansk?”

Pastor Megan and Pastor Andrés Albertsen (Vinje Lutheran Church, Wilmar) are looking to bring together Danish language learners and lovers for monthly conversations in Danish, in person and over Zoom. This opportunity is for all levels of Danish speakers who would appreciate a space and community in which to develop their Danish. Interested in learning more? Please email pastormegan@danebodlutheran.org.



IMPORTANT SNOW REMOVAL POLICY

Snow removal at Danebod will be the same as in the past. The city windrows the snow to the middle of the street, Tony Dybdahl removes the windrow to the area east of the Folk School or between the parsonage and the gym hall, and Clair takes care of all of the sidewalks and steps. Please direct any concerns on snow removal throughout the winter to Harlan Petersen (507-828-2259) to avoid multiple calls to the contractor at very busy times. And please have patience.

What a Treat!

It's no trick- the Spirit has been moving through our congregation in lots of fun and meaningful ways recently! The Outreach Committee hosted a spook-tacular multi-generational Halloween Party in the Gym Hall. Our confirmation students later brought a different kind of holiday spirit over to the Village, along with fresh-baked cookies. 'Tis the season to be together <3





Scandinavian Dinner

Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

Dinner includes an all you can eat buffet of Lutefisk,
Meatballs, Lefse and more!

\$20 dollars in advance

We need advanced paid registrations. To reserve your plate
by November 27, head over to www.shetek.org, email camp
@ Shetek.org or call (507) 763-3567 for more information.

Mark your Calendar

December 3 Lodge Dedication 3:00
December 3 Annual Meeting 3:30
December 3 Scandinavian Dinner 5:00 p.m.
December 28 Winter Fun Day 9:30-3:00
January 17-21 Quilt and Craft Retreat
Register at shetek.org or
Call 507-763-3567 for more information

Wish List

- * Extension Cords
- * Vest style life jackets
- * Volunteers

We thank you for all your
generosity this year!

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!



December

Sunday

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.

Thurs.

Fri.

Sat.

					1	2 2-4pm Christmas Shoppes 4-6pm Danish Supper 6:15pm Dancing around the Christmas Tree
3 9:30a.m. Worship with Communion First Sunday of Advent 10:30a.m. Coffee	4 6:00p.m. <i>FS Council</i> 4:30-8:pm <i>picture make- up day</i>	5	6 5:30 JFJ 6:30 Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Vocal Choir	7	8	9
10 9:30a.m. Worship 10:30a.m. Coffee 5:00pm JFJ Christmas program in church	11 7:00 Financial Advisory meeting	12 7:00pm Church Council meeting	13 NO JFJ 6:30 Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Vocal Choir	14	15	16
17a.m. 9:30 Worship with Communion and Coffee fellowship In the Gym Hall	18	19	20 NO JFJ NO Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Vocal Choir	21	22	23
24 Christmas Eve Worship at 5:00pm. only – no 9:30am service	25	26	27 NO JFJ 6:30 Confirmation NO Bell Choir NO Vocal Choir	28	29	30
31 9:30a.m. Worship with 10:30 Coffee						

DECEMBER 2023 MINISTRY TEAM DUTIES

	<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>3rd</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>10th</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>17th</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>24th</u>	<u>DECEMBER</u> <u>31st</u>
	1st Sunday in Advent	2nd Sunday in Advent	3rd Sunday in Advent In Gymhall	4th Sunday in Advent 5:00 P.M. Service ONLY	
Ushers:	Don Buhl Heidi & Jarod Hansen Bob Petersen	Reid & Stacy Jorgensen Jason Gylling Family Brenda Kirk	Curt & Darla Madsen Natalie Jerzak	Rick & Angie Dubbeldee Mike & Pam Hansen Rick Nielsen Brittney Thomas (Tee-Lights)	Curt & Darla Madsen Bob Petersen
Lector:	Marvie Petersen	Brenda Kirk	Sharon Jensen	Reid Jorgensen	Marvie Petersen
Alter Guild:	April Thomas	April Thomas	Darla Madsen	Darla Madsen	Stacy O'Leary
Flowers:	April Thomas	Sonja Lund	Darla Madsen	Poinsettias	Poinsettias
Communion Helpers:	Linda Ballard Darla Madsen	XXX	Curt Madsen Darla Madsen	XXX	XXX
Coffee Fellowship:	Deb Burckhardt Sue Buhl	Stacy Jorgensen Darla Madsen	Natalie Jerzak Darla Madsen	XXX	Natalie Jerzak Darla Madsen



DANEOD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Online Worship



Sunday worship at Danebod is a participatory and inclusive experience, designed to bring us closer to God and to one another, whether you join in-person or online. Enrich your online worshipping experience with these tips for engagement:

Use a Bulletin

Worship bulletins are uploaded weekly to a Google Drive folder, [available here](#) and on our Facebook page. Open the bulletin in your browser or print it off, so you can follow along with the service.



Sing Together

Make a joyful noise and sing along as part of the congregation! If you regularly worship with us online, consider purchasing your own copies of the Lutheran Book of Worship and With One Voice hymnal or look up the lyrics online.



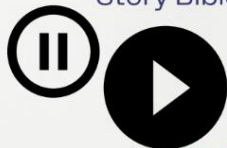
“Rise as you are able”

No matter if you are in a pew or a recliner, this is an invitation to physically open yourself up to the Spirit's presence. This could mean rising to your feet or it could mean simply raising your chest or assuming a more open posture with your arms uncrossed and your palms open on your lap.



Kids Message

If you have kids at home, pause worship in order to gather your own props and reenact the kids message with your family! Take your time reflecting on the message and what you might be wondering or feeling. Also consider pulling up today's reading in the Spark Story Bible.



Pass the Peace

During the sharing of the peace, connect with your neighbors. Consider making it a goal to share a greeting of peace with at least two people outside your family, perhaps with a text, phone call, FaceTime, or Facebook message.



Communion

Wherever the table, we are the guests and Christ is the host. Communion is a multi-sensory experience of God's grace, presence, and love. Use whatever form of bread, wine, or juice you have available as you receive Christ's blessing. Taste and see that the Lord is good.



Offering

Visit the church website, danebodlutheran.org, and click the red “GIVE” button in the top right-hand corner to submit your gift electronically. You can also mail your regular tithes and offerings to the church office.





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