



HILSEN

February 2024



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If you have any questions or concerns,
or would like to speak with Pastor Megan,
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In the Middle Comes Lent

A Message from Pastor Megan



If you took part in any of the dances we did around the Christmas tree this year, then you should be more than familiar with the song *Nu Har Vi Jul Igen*. It starts out, “Nu har vi Jul igen og nu har vi Jul igen, og Julen varer ved til Påske!” In English, that’s “Now it’s Christmas again and now it’s Christmas again, and Christmas lasts until Easter!” The next line (the one most of us mumble because we can’t seem to remember the Danish as we’re dancing) goes “Nej det ikke sandt, nej det ikke sandt, for ind imellem kommer fasten!”¹ or “No that’s not true, no that’s not true, because in the middle comes Lent!”²

Lent is the period of 40 days (Sundays not included) between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter. The quantity of 40 is symbolic of many 40-some periods in the Bible during which people took intentional time and steps to develop their relationships with God. The Israelites, for example, wandered in the desert for 40 years, maturing their faith under the leadership of Moses before they could enter the Promised Land. Jesus himself also spent 40 days in the wilderness in the time between his baptism and the beginning of his ministry, praying and preparing to follow God’s divine plan for him.

Christians today observe Lent for similar reasons, using the weeks leading up to Easter to reassess and re-align our whole selves with God, especially through what’s known as the three ‘P’s: *Penitence*- acknowledging our need of mercy; *Pilgrimage*- journeying with Christ; and *Preparation*- working together to live as a community in Christ.

Our Wednesday evening Lenten services at Danebod will incorporate these three motifs through our Holden Evening prayer liturgy and lessons. Every week, we will focus on a particular Lenten practice, from giving to charity to giving up temptations. We’ll answer questions like “Where does this practice come from?,” “Why should I try it?,” and “How will this help my relationship with God?”

After the wonder and joy of Christmas, it’s tempting to rush ahead to the hope and peace of Easter. But in the middle comes Lent. Together, let’s explore what makes this sometimes mumbled-over season perhaps the most life-giving of all.

¹ There are several versions of *Nu Har Vi Jul Igen*, all with slightly different lyrics. Please don’t take offense or spam the church office with angry letters if you grew up with a different version. I’m still within my first year at Danebod, so my “rookie card of grace and immunity” still applies ;)

² Technically, the order of the church seasons goes Christmas, *Epiphany*, and then Lent, but our nativity scenes and Christmas pageants featuring the wise men have conditioned us to lump Epiphany and Christmas together.



The Danebod Annual Meeting is Sunday, February 4th. Please plan to stay after church for this important meeting. A quorum is necessary. Annual Reports are available in the narthex. If you picked up your report last Sunday, please bring it to the Annual Meeting.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Services will begin at 7:00p.m. and continue every Wednesday throughout Lent. Our Confirmation students will be assisting with the services.

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

January 9, 2024

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

NOT PRESENT: Erik Gile

At 7:04 PM the meeting was called to order by Harlan Petersen and a quorum was established. One addition was made to the agenda.

REPORTS:

1. Secretary's report for December was presented. MSC to approve December minutes made by Joy and seconded by Julie.
2. Treasurer's report for December was presented. MSC to approve December report made by Joan and seconded by Erik J.
3. Pastor's report – She really enjoyed the Christmas Eve service. We got a wheelchair donated to the church from Avera Tyler. On Feb 5-6 Pastor will be attending a mandatory retreat for new Pastor's at Gustavus. Pastor would like to take vacation on the weekend of Feb 10-11. For coverage for Sunday Feb. 11 th Pastor will try and find pulpit supply, if not we will lead worship ourselves. She would also like to take vacation on April 4-7. She will see if we can worship at First English on April 7 th . The bible study group has started meeting on the 2 nd and 4 th Wednesday at 9 AM. The youth are having a video game night and will go bowling later this month. The confirmation students are going to be worship helpers during lent services: worship assistant, camera system, sound board, usher, etc. Lent services will be in the Holden service style. Pastor and Diane have been working on the membership list. The directories will be going to print by the end of the month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Annual meeting – Feb 4 th after church in the church
2. Budget – We reviewed the proposed budget for 2024. MSC to approve the revised budget made by Joan and seconded by Julie.
3. Ballot – The nominating committee is still looking to fill a couple of spots for a few committees.
4. Fire suppression/Elevator project – A recap was reviewed of the steps that have been taken for the project to date and the dollars associated with those steps.
5. Parish hall gift – A donation has been made to the church towards the addition of a parish hall on to the church. The \$120,000 donation will be moved into a CD until the time it would need to be spent. A sub-committee will be formed to look into the needs for this potential parish hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FS Budget – Their 2024 budget was reviewed.
2. Employee Evaluations – The administrative committee did evaluations of our employees.
3. Ministry Teams – The teams were reviewed, and some members were moved around to other teams to help fill teams that were shorthanded.

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4. Financial Advisory Recommendations – Reviewed the earnings from the Eklund Fund, Cemetery Fun, Church Foundation, and the Folk School Foundation. The financial advisory committee recommended distributions to mission outreach groups and local outreach groups. MSC the financial advisory committee donation recommendations made by Lena and seconded by Joan.
5. Bank authorizations – Reviewed who is authorized to sign on the various bank accounts.

Committee Reports

Administration (Joan Jagt, Eric Gile, and Harlan Petersen) – Did employee evaluations and completed the budget for 2024.

Property (Jarod Hansen) – no report

Cemetery (Erik Jorgensen) – no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – JFJ is on break for the month of January. The committee will be meeting soon to plan the winter/spring. Fastelavn will be held on Wednesday Feb. 7th . It will be the same format as last year in the gym hall.

Outreach & Stewardship (Natalie Jerzak) – The committee is putting together new member welcome baskets.

Worship & Music (Joy Schak) – no report

Folk School (Julie Kent) – The committee reviewed flooring samples for the folk school basement.

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – Met and determine distributions for the fund earnings.

A special thank you to Joy Schak, Jared Hansen, and Natalie Jerzak as they attended their last meeting after serving on the council for the last 6 years.

The next meeting is Tuesday, February 13 th at 7:00 PM
MSC for adjournment at 9:47 PM by Pastor Megan and seconded by Harlan.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Lena Burckhardt



1/2/2024 Folk School Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Jerry Bly-Chair, Mark Stage-Vice Chair, Pastor Megan, Deb Burckhardt, Arnie Dam, JoAnn Peterson, Tate Burckhardt, Cade Drake, Jill Jaspersen, Julie Kent-Church Council Liaison, Heather Furan-Treasurer, Brenda Knutson- FS Caretaker, Steve Sartell (representative from Carpet Direct)

Absent: Olga Ekberg

The meeting was called to order by Jerry at 6:05 pm with reciting the Lord's Prayer.

December Financial Reports approved as presented. MSC by Cade and seconded by Tate.

December meeting minutes approved as presented. MSC by Arnie and seconded by Cade.

No Church Council update for December.

Pastor Comments:

1. She will be having a youth activity in the basement of The Lodge on January 14th.
2. She will participate in the employee evaluations that will be done on January 8th.

KITCHEN & DINING ROOM FLOORING

Steve Sartell from CARPET DIRECT (flooring company from Brookings, SD) came to answer any questions that we had about the proposal. He also showed us samples and we picked out a color. This would include all flooring in the dining hall, kitchen, dishwashing room, hallway, and bathrooms. He said he would be able to give us a discount on this flooring since it is a larger amount of product. He also suggested to us a type of carpet that would be good for the ramp. He would get samples of the carpet that we could pick from. Jerry will follow up with Harlen on getting the water issue resolved. Mr. Sartell said he could get the product ordered and it would take 7-10 days (about 1 and a half weeks) to arrive. The installation would take 3-4 days and should be scheduled within a month after the product arrives.

BRENDA'S UPDATES

1. Henry replaced the faucet (not handle on toilet) that was leaking.
2. Henry moved the changing table to the other bathroom.

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

Deb ordered the 2 AED units for Folk School. Adult pads and battery packs for the church have been ordered also and ALL will be installed when they arrive. Childrens pads have not expired yet are not needed until they expire.

2024 RENTAL RATES

Discussed that rates should be reviewed on an annual basis.

MSC by Tate and seconded by JoAnn to raise the Gym Hall rent to \$100.00/day and Wedding Reception-Danebod Church Member to \$125.00/day and all other rental rates should stay the same for 2024.

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UPCOMING RENTALS

1. January 14 – Youth Event in Lodge Commons area. (Pastor Megan)
2. January 19-21 – Lodge - Julie Kent (Cade)
3. February 3 – Lodge rental all rooms - Dennis Jensen (JoAnn)
4. February 29 – Lodge Commons area and 1 room for 3 nights – Jenna Johansen

MNHS GRANT UPDATE

Jerry gave us good news that a \$176,900.00 grant has been awarded to us from MNHS. We will need to match this grant with \$11,000.00 of our funds. We can now move forward with the structural assessment for the fire suppression system and elevator for the Folk School. The structural assessments need to be completed by the end of 2025.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deb brought up that the Folk School Budget needs to be done to be included in the Annual Report for the Church Annual Meeting on February 4th. Jerry and Deb will work on this.

MSC to adjourn at 7:50 pm by Tate and seconded by Deb.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Jaspersen



Danebod Lutheran Church

As of December 31, 2023

Budget Year to Date	172,589.00
General Fund Revenue to date	174,029.61

Amount Under Budget to date	\$1,809.58
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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	9,780.49	8,829.49
December	22,854.29	13,843.22
Total	<u>159,431.57</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.



Memorials and Honors

UNDESIGNATED FUND

In memory of Marveleen A. Nielsen Petersen from Judith Nielsen

CEMETERY FUND

In memory of Karen Wogensen from Sharron Faaborg
In memory of the Faaborgs from Sharron Faaborg

FOLK SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Gift from Jan Jensen

PRAYER CONCERNS

Myrna Rokeh
Kristi Eickhoff
Bo Duncan

Bob and Lorraine Mintun (friends of the Clark family)

MISSION SUPPORT

February 4th: not spoken for yet
February 11th: Olga Ekberg
February 18th: Tim and Julie Kent
February 25th: not spoken for yet

THANK YOU!

Tyler Avera donated a wheelchair to be used in Church. We appreciate your kindness!



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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

FASTELAVN

What is Fastelavn (fest-e-laun)? It's a northern European tradition to prepare for lent (when some abstain or give up things). It's kind of a combination of Halloween and Carnival where we celebrate with games, costumes, food and other fun traditions. One tradition is the breaking open of wooden barrels full of candy and releasing the black cat!

Wear a Costume!!!

Wednesday, February 7th

5:30 PM in the Gym Hall

Fun for ALL ages!!!!

Youth Ice Skating Party!

7th-12th graders, Sunday February 25th, 6:30-8PM, Tyler Ice Rink

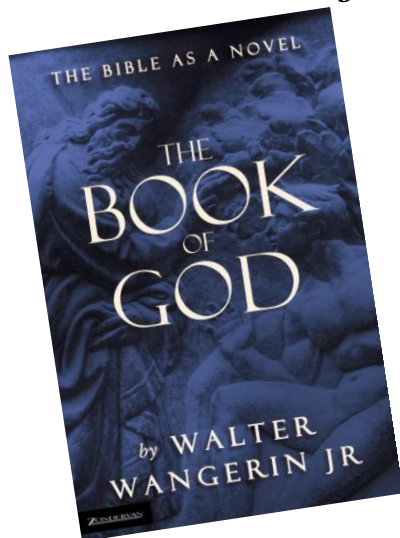
Ever wanted to try the cha-cha slide on ice? Well, now's your chance! Lace up your skates for an evening of music, friends, and fun at the Tyler Ice Rink. We'll provide the tunes and a hot chocolate bar. Just bring your skates if you have a pair at home. If you need to borrow a pair, reach out Pastor Megan. As always, you are free to invite friends. RSVPs appreciated.

This event is weather permitting.



Open Bible Study!

Folk School Dining Room, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9 A.M.



Curious what the *The Book of God* bible study is like? Jump in at any time! It's not too late to join, and you don't need to commit to coming each 2nd and 4th Wednesday to be part of it. Just reach out to Pastor Megan or simply drop in!

Extra copies of *The Book of God* are available through the church office.

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Sat.

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4 9:30a.m. Worship with Communion ANNUAL MEETING	5 6:00p.m. <i>FS Council</i>	6	7 FASTELAVN 5:30 IN THE GYM HALL <small>(SEE THE POSTER IN THIS MONTH'S HILSEN FOR MORE INFORMATION)</small>	8 9:00 a.m. Quilting	9	10
11 9:30a.m. Worship 10:30a.m. Coffee	12	13 7:00pm Church Council meeting	14 9:00a.m. Bible Study - FS ASH WEDNESDAY 5:30 JFJ 6:30 Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Lent Service Vocal Choir practice after service	15	16	17
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**FEBRUARY 2024
MINISTRY TEAM DUTIES**

	February 4	February 11	February 18	February 25	
	ANNUAL MEETING				
<i>Ushers:</i>	Erik Jorgensen, Harlan Petersen, Joan Jagt	Erik Jorgensen	Arnie Dam, Paul Thomsen, Joan Jagt	Tate Burckhardt, Brad Wilmes	
<i>Alter Guild:</i>	Julie Jorgensen	Alma Thomsen, Bev Vos	Joy Schak	Joy Schak	
<i>Flowers:</i>	Joan Jagt	Joan Jagt	Lent – no flowers	Lent – no flowers	
<i>Communion Helpers:</i>	Marsha Petersen, Sue Furan		Sue Furan, Bev Vos		
<i>Coffee Fellowship:</i>	Annual Meeting No coffee	Julie Jorgensen Joan Jagt	Priscilla Dam Alma Thomsen	Lena Burckhardt Pegg Wilmes	

Ash Wednesday is February 14th - Confirmation students will be assisting with services on Wednesday's all through Lent.



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