



HILSEN

MARCH 2024



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Location, Location, Location

A Message from Pastor Megan



Anyone who has dipped their toe into the realty business has likely heard the phrase “Location, location, location! It’s all about location!” This saying refers to the high dependency of property value on its communal and geographic setting. A two-bedroom rambler in Los Angeles, for example, might be three or even four times as expensive as the exact same home in rural Missouri given its closer proximity to global attractions like Hollywood Studios and Disneyland. Not to mention, in a city like LA, you’re more likely to have your pick of resources like grocery stores, schools, and major retailers. Even if the Missouri home has all new stainless-steel appliances and an attached garage, chances are a fixer-upper house in LA that’s walking distance from the beach is still going to fetch the higher market value.

A location’s influence on property value is not all that different from a community’s influence on personal value. Our individual senses of self-worth depend, in part, on the quality of the people and relationships around us. Experts in psychology and sociology have preached this message for years. Studies on family systems, for example, repeatedly show how children who grow up in households with two parents in a healthy marriage tend to develop greater self-confidence than children raised in less stable home environments. Likewise, children who have at least one additional trustworthy adult figure in their lives are statistically proven to develop a higher sense of self-esteem than children without as broad of a support network. The same goes for adults. Adults, for instance, are more likely to experience greater self-satisfaction at a job where they have positive, supportive colleagues and supervisors.

No matter our age, we feel better about ourselves when surrounded by people who make us feel seen and loved. That is, we’re surer of our innate value when we’re in communities that treat us like the beloved children of God we truly are.

Reinforcing our self-assurance is just one of the many reasons we gather as a Christian community: to foster the Spirit’s blessed-assurance in and among us. As we continue the season of Lent, I encourage you to take one step deeper into our Danebod community. The campus is buzzing with activity this March! Consider this your personal invitation to try your voice in the choir, check out the Bible Study, attend a Wednesday Night service, join a youth event, or to simply reach out to that beloved Danebod neighbor you haven’t connected with in a while.

Our church community has many opportunities and locations to feel loved and supported. Take that leap of faith to come, see, and be seen. After all, you’re worth it.

Minutes for Danebod Annual Meeting February 4, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Church Council President Harlan Petersen at 10:38 AM.

1. **Determination of a Quorum.** A quorum was determined.
2. **Approval of 2023 midyear meeting minutes.** A motion to approve the minutes was made by Scott Johnson, seconded by Cindy Dunham, the motion carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report** – Heather Furan reviewed all the accounts for the church. She gave a high-level overview of the different funds and their balances over the year. She also reviewed the Folk School's financial summary.
4. **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Megan Eide thanked Heather Furan, Diane Clark, and Brenda Knudsen for all their work over the year. She thanked everyone for welcoming her into the congregation and the community in the last 5 months. She has checked a lot of items off her bucket list.
5. **Council Report** – Harlan Petersen referred to his council report in the annual report.
 - a. Church proposed 2024 Budget – Harlan reviewed the Danebod Church Budget. A motion to approve the church 2024 budget was made by Jerry Bly, and seconded by John Bornhoft, the motion carried.
6. **Folk School Report** – Jerry Bly highlighted that the net revenue from the family camps was \$54,000. The net revenue from the fall meeting was \$26,700. Those 4 events served 500 people. Besides those events they provided 161 nights of lodging throughout the year. Improvement projects for the past year were: addition of a water bottle filler, purchase of additional tables and chairs, trees were trimmed, AED pads were replaced, and two more AEDs were purchased. In 2024 they are going to replace all of the flooring in the basement, work on water mitigation to keep the water away from the building, and repair the front steps.
 - a. FS proposed 2024 Budget - Jerry reviewed the Folk School Budget. A motion to approve the folk school 2024 budget was made by John Bornhoft, and seconded by Karlee Wyttenback, the motion carried.
7. **Financial Advisory Report** – April Thomas reported
 - a. There was a 22% increase in the Eklund Fund investments for an additional \$186,000. The ending balance in the Eklund Fund is approximately \$1 million. After applying an inflation adjustment of 3.75% there is \$155,000 to be distributed.
 - b. Cemetery investments had a 12% increase to bring the fund to approximately \$170,000.
 - c. Church Foundation has a current balance of \$195,000. As per the guidelines \$21,292 will be disbursed to the church council.
 - d. The folk school foundation has a balance of just over \$49,000 with no disbursements recommended.
8. **Cemetery Report** – Scott Johnson had no additional comments to report.

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- 9. Danebod Village Report** - Dan Houselog reported a stable cash flow for the Village. Improvements made included converting 8 single rooms into 4 double rooms with a change in square footage to 1400 to 1500. Dan thanked all the volunteers for their work and estimated it had saved as much as \$10,000 in labor costs. Unit # 409 was updated with new bathroom fixtures, as well as lights, flooring and painting. Shingles have been replaced as needed. Reoccurring requests from renters are for having individual laundry and garages. This year rent was increased 3.5% in order to keep up with inflation. Kenny Jensen was hired as the new custodian. Future plans include replacing window air conditioning units with new cost-effective models. Dan thanked Darla Madsen for her continuing hard work. Dan also thanked Bev Vos for her years of service on the board.

10. Old Business

- a. Fire Suppression/Elevator/Grant Update** – The folk school received a \$174,000 grant to do a deep structural analysis to make sure that the building can handle the load of a fire suppression system. The money will also pay for blueprints for the fire suppression system and elevator.

11. New Business

- b. Elections.** A motion to cast a unanimous ballot was made by Karlee Wyttenback, seconded by Karen Koster, the motion carried.
- c. Parish Hall Gift** The church has accepted a donation from Robert and Marvie Petersen in the amount of \$120,000. \$100,000 is designated for a new parish hall and \$20,000 for architectural services. Church members were highly encouraged to be on committees to assist with planning. Conceptual drawings are needed before any budget numbers can be made. The church basement restrooms are not ADA accessible and are in need of updating. Estimate for updating them is approximately \$50,000 and would still not be wheelchair accessible. Ricke Bly commented that a new parish hall would not qualify for a MN historical grant. This is a long term project and it is important people are informed of the church's intention for others that may be interested in donating.

- 12. Thank yous** - Harlan thanked the council members Joy Schak, Natalie Jerzak and Jared Hansen for their years of service. Harlan also announced the receipt of a \$40,000 donation to the church from the Marvaleen (Nielsen) Peterson estate.

- 13. Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tate Burckhardt, seconded by Carol Eckberg, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Lena Burckhardt

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

February 13, 2024

PRESENT: Harlan Petersen(remote) (President), Erik Jorgensen (VP), Lena Burckhardt (Secretary), Joan Jagt, Erik Jorgensen, Erik Gile, Julie Kent, Garth Jensen, Rick Nielsen, Pastor Megan Eide, Heather Furan (Treasurer).

NOT PRESENT: Jackie Hess

At 7:00 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 January was presented. MSC to approve January report made by Joan and seconded by Erik G.
2. Secretary's report for January was presented. MSC to approve January minutes made by Joan and seconded by Rick. The annual meeting minutes were reviewed for accuracy.
3. Pastor's report – Pastor thanked everyone for their help which allowed her to be gone. First English will be coming to worship with us on March 17th. Pastor will be gone on April 14th, and we will be worshipping at First English that day. Pastor went to a new pastor's meeting and learned some methods for recruiting help. Bible study has been going well. The older youth have been doing some fun activities like video game night, bowling, and have several other activities planned in the future. Pastor reviewed the Holy Week schedule and expectations.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Ministry teams – Constitution says the Outreach committee takes care of them.
2. Synod Assembly costs – The cost went from \$700 to \$1,200 last year. This year we are sending 3 voting delegates and it will cost approximately \$700.
3. Parish Hall update – Harlan has had a couple of volunteers to be on a building committee. We do not plan to start fundraising anytime soon. This is a long-range project.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Audit report – Deb Burckhardt & Karen Koster performed an audit of the church finances. They pointed out a few areas that could be improved and complimented Heather on doing a good job of managing our complicated finances.
2. Committee Assignments/Descriptions
 - a. Administration – Erik Gile, Joan Jagt, Harlan Petersen
 - b. Property – Garth Jensen & Erik Gile
 - c. Cemetery – Rick Nielsen
 - d. Parish Ed & Youth Ministry – Lena Burckhardt
 - e. Outreach & Stewardship – Jackie Hess
 - f. Worship & Music – Julie Kent
 - g. Folk School – Erik Jorgensen
 - h. Financial Advisory – Harlan Petersen
3. Communion and lunch assignments
 - a. March – Lena Burckhardt
 - b. April – Julie Kent
 - c. May – Harlan Petersen
 - d. June – Erik Jorgensen
 - e. July – Garth Jensen
 - f. August – Joan Jagt
 - g. September – Jackie Hess

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- h. October – Rick Nielsen
 - i. November – Julie Kent
 - j. December – Erik Gile
 - k. January – Joan Jagt
 - l. February – Garth Jensen
4. Contact information update – reviewed all the phone numbers and e-mail address for the council
 5. Liaison to Village Board – Pastor Megan was asked to attend meetings as a liaison, she will attend when she is able to.
 6. Missionary Support – The missionary that we have been funding is no longer doing mission work. We are asking that the Outreach Committee select a new missionary to send support to.
 7. Sick and Safe Time mandate – Heather brought a handout about the new MN law. A subcommittee is going to meet on this and create a policy that will cover all Danebod employees.
 8. Disbursements: The Eklund Fund disbursed \$38,650 and Danebod Church Foundation disbursed \$21,292 to Danebod. A MSC to move \$30,000 of the disbursements from the Eklund fund into a CD and to move \$20,000 of the disbursements from the Danebod Church Foundation into a separate CD was made by Lena, seconded by Harlan.
 9. \$40,000 gift from Marveleen Peterson – A MSC to split the gift with \$20,000 going to the church to be put into a CD and \$20,000 going to the folk school made by Joan, seconded by Erik J.
 10. Re-organize – MSC to approve the following officers for the year was made by Garth, seconded by Joan.
 - a. President – Harlan Petersen
 - b. Vice-President – Erik Jorgensen
 - c. Secretary – Lena Burckhardt

Committee Reports

Administration (Joan Jagt, Erik Gile, and Harlan Petersen) – no report

Property (Garth Jensen & Erik Gile) – Someone tried to ring the bell without releasing the clapper. They broke the clapper. Garth was able to repair the clapper.

Cemetery (Rick Nielsen) – no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – JFJ will be starting back up tomorrow night. They will be meeting each week until April 10th. First communion will be March 3rd. Kids Church will be March 17th, confirmation Sunday will be April 21st, and senior Sunday will be May 19th.

Outreach & Stewardship (Jackie Hess) – Fastelavn was a great success!

Worship & Music (Julie Kent) – Kristi Petersen and Lindsay Borreson will be leading music for the Lenten Holden services

Folk School (Erik Jorgensen) – no report

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – no report

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

MSC for adjournment at 9:25 PM by Joan and seconded by Julie.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Lena Burckhardt



2/7/2024 Folk School Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Jerry Bly, Jill Jaspersen, Olga Ekberg, Deb Burckhardt, Tate Burckhardt, Arnie Dam, Mark Stage, Heather Furan

Absent: JoAnn Petersen, Cade Drake, Julie Kent, Pastor Megan

Election of Officers:

- Chair: Tate nominates Jerry – All but Jerry (abstained from vote) voted Yes
- Vice-Chair: Deb Nominates Mark, Jerry Seconds; All vote yes – Mark abstained
- Secretary: Tate nominates Olga, Mark seconds; All vote yes; Jill is backup

Financial Report and discussion

Before CD comes due, the committee needs to vote on the \$10,000.00 for the Stonehall fund that was included in the CD – do we keep it in a CD or move it to the foundation and “earmark” it?

While we were discussing “earmarked” funds, Heather brought up a request: She can track the earmarked funds (elevator and Stonehall) in the ledger, but when it comes to using the funds, she requests that we set up specific checking accounts for Stonehall and Elevator expenses.

For the elevator fund, deposits from the Historical Society will be forthcoming. In order to track and report on these funds, we will deposit the funds from the Historical Society into investment savings and once expenses come in, we will open a checking account specifically for the elevator projects.

Tate makes motion to approve financial report, Deb seconds – all in favor and motion carried.

Also discussed was the request/recommendation to hire somebody to do the 1099s & W-2s.

- Meulebroeck – Heather will get the costs from Denise – took Heather about 5 hours, so it should take less time for somebody with software specifically for that.
- This will need to be a discussion/decision by the Church Council also.

Tate motions that to approve the council's decision on contracting the W-2's and 1099's going forward. Arnie Seconds

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January Minutes

- Committee reviewed January Minutes – no changes or discussion
- Deb motions to approve January minutes, Olga seconds; all approve

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A. Upcoming rentals

- a. Feb 2 - 3 Dennis Jensen – Lodge – all upper and lower rooms
- b. Feb 7 (Gym Hall for FESTELAVN Celebration)
- c. March 1 - 2 Green Camel Group (large group) FS and Lodge – Jill will be on call
- d. March 7 - 9 Jenna Johansen – 3 nights Lodge (1 room & commons area) No one is needed
- e. March 12, Alma Thomsen - Marshfield Township (Lodge Commons 8:30 – 3:30) – Tate available
- f. Pastor asked us to okay the Danebod Youth having a campout on the first floor of the Folk School - March 22nd – 1st sleeping floor; Approved
- g. Brenda has blanket approval to hire extra help if she needs somebody for cleaning following the larger groups.

B. Folk School Flooring project

- a. Carpet sample decision has been made for the ramp;
- b. Can we use the same flooring as the main dining room for the landing
- c. Deb will talk to Steve and get it setup to get the final estimate. Deb will send email with amount and we can all respond to the email and then she can move forward (assuming no issues)

C. Folk School Water mitigation project discussion

- a. Met with TE Underground – looked at all the escape routes. We will put a sump tile area and tile towards the softball diamond – Wally Dybdahl said that would be the best...sump hole and tile
- b. We have a work order and work is planned once weather allows again.

D. 2024 Folk School Budget - Approved at the annual meeting

E. MNHS Grant update

- a. First snapshot in progress; elevator will be on the South Side; Elevator can be a Limited Use/Limited Application (LULA); Shell will be built for an entry so that the elevator can be inside the building. Stops will be the basement (Dining Room/Kitchen), the Main Floor (Office/Library/Lecture Hall) and hopefully the first sleeping floor
- b. Danebod team is meeting with Gary this week (week of 2/5).
- F. Lodge rental rate question? We had a special rate if the entire 7 upper rooms and commons area was rented (\$77.00 X 6 = \$462.00) we need clarification for the future. Remove the special rate from the listing;

G. Other Business?

- a. Deb will order the new tables; six 8-foot tables and one 6-foot table
- b. Take a look at the chairs in the pavilion to see if they're still viable and replace if necessary.
- c. Ask Brenda if they ever need additional chairs and do they haul the ones from down here out there.

Motion to Adjourn by Tate, Seconded by Deb and carried by all.



Danebod Youth

Chili Cook-Off



LET'S BRING THE HEAT



Wednesday March 13, 2024

at 5:30-6:45

Youth Families will be providing the chili

WHO: ALL CONGREGATION

WHEN: WEDNESDAY MARCH 13TH, 5:30-6:45

WHERE: DINNING HALL

Danebod youth and parents face off to see whose chili earns them the golden spoon. You, the congregation, will be the judges! Bring your families and vote for your favorites.

No Cost!



Danebod Lutheran Church

As of January 31, 2024

Budget Year to Date \$12,599.42

General Fund Revenue to date 8,663.33

Amount Under Budget to date **625.89**

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

	2024	2023
January	8307.23	16,162.50
February		16,336.25
March		11,670.48
April		16,588.25
May		7,332.50
June		8,794.23
July		8,102.50
August		13,530.55
September		14,995.11
October		16,284.42
November		9,780.49
December		22,854.29
Total	8307.23	159,431.57

Envelopes ONLY for past 4 years as of December 31, 2023

2023	2022	2021	2020
159,431.57	128,811.08	126,014.24	131,399.78

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

Memorials and Honors

UNDESIGNATED FUND

From the Marveleen Peterson estate

PRAYER CONCERNS

Betty Jorgensen

Kristi Eickhoff

Bo Duncan

Bob and Lorraine Mintun (friends of the Clark family)

Joseph Wutsch (son of Diane Clark)

MISSION SUPPORT

March 3rd: In honor of Morgan Tommeraasen's 18th birthday
from Gretchen, Troy and Levi

March 10th: Jim and Laurie Johansen

March 17th: In memory of Ryan Wyttenback from Larry, Joyce and Karlee

March 24th: not spoken for yet

March 31st: not spoken for yet



Danebod Quilters,

I want to thank you for all the beautiful quilt made for my husband, Mark Falconer. He proudly displays it on his bed and knows it was made just for him. Thank you also for your continued prayers for him.

Please pray for peace as he continues this dementia journey. I am thankful for you all!

Love, Kay Falconer



FASTELAVN

On Feb. 7th Danebod celebrated the upcoming Lenten season by hosting Fastelavn. Hot dogs, red cabbage, remoulade, crowns, cats, barrels, fastelavnsris, crème puffs, candy, masks, costumes, cake walks, jail, and so many MEMORIES!

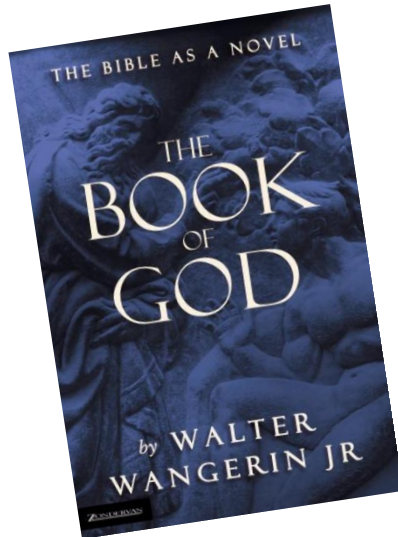




Danebod Village will be holding its Annual Meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in the Main Commons Area. (Building 406). Everyone is welcome to attend.

Open Bible Study!

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



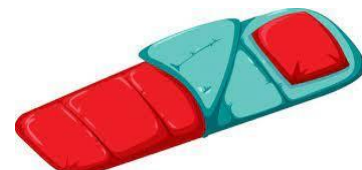
Curious what the *The Book of God* bible study is like? Jump in at any time! It's not too late to join, and you don't need to commit to coming each 2nd and 4th Wednesday to be part of it. Just reach out to Pastor Megan or simply drop in!

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

Youth Lock-In!

6PM Fri March 22 – 11AM Sat March 23rd

7th-12th graders, grab your sleeping bags and spend the night with your friends in the Folk School! We'll kick off with a pizza dinner followed by games, snacks, and plenty of hang out time. We'll wrap up in the morning with a homemade breakfast and a devotion. Parents and grandparents: please reach out to Jackie Hess if you're able to help provide, prepare, or serve meals. Students: invite friends and RSVP to Pastor Megan.





Danebod Folk Meeting

Teachers and students learn from each other. This is one of the foundational tenets of the Danish folk school tradition and the annual Danebod Folk Meeting. At the 2024 Folk Meeting, Aug. 21-25, professionals and participants will come together for three and a half days of mutual hands-on learning. This is your opportunity to not only hear from experts on topics like voting rights and the ethics of AI, but to let your voice, questions, and curiosity be heard! And what better way to learn the art of rock-stacking or Danish-baking than to try it yourself! All events, from lectures to leisure, are designed for maximum interaction and engagement.

Join us for three days of lively discussions and experiential learning! Or simply sample one or two sessions to get a taste of what we're all about. Learn more at danebodfolkmeeting.org.



Did you know that Danebod offers \$100 scholarships for our youth to attend Bible camp?

We have scholarship applications in the office. We're happy to email one to you. Just fill it out and send it back, we'll take care of the rest!

MARCH 2024

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

					1	2 9:3a.m. Danebod Village Annual Meeting Danebod Village Commons Bldg. 406
3 9:30a.m. First Communion For 4 th Graders 10:30a.m. Coffee Fellowship In Stone Hall	4 6:00p.m. <i>FS Council</i>	5	6 5:30 JFJ 6:40 Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Lent Service Vocal Choir practice after service	7	8	9
10 9:30a.m. Worship 10:30a.m. Coffee	11	12 7:00pm Church Council meeting	13 9:00a.m. Bible Study - FS 5:30 Chili Cook-off (see poster in Hilsen) 5:30 JFJ 6:40 Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Lent Service Vocal Choir practice after service	14 9:00 a.m. Quilting	15	16
17 9:30a.m. Kids Church Worship with Communion Layla Kriech Baptism 10:30a.m. Coffee	18	19	20 5:30 JFJ 6:40 Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Lent Service Vocal Choir practice after service	21	22 YOUTH	23 LOCK-IN Folk School Grades 7-12
24 9:30a.m. PALM SUNDAY Worship with Communion 10:30a.m. Coffee	25	26	27 9:00a.m. Bible Study - FS 5:30 JFJ No Confirmation 6:00 Bell Choir 7:00 Vocal Choir	28 9:00 a.m. Quilting 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service with Communion	29 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service	30
31 9:30a.m. EASTER SUNDAY Worship with Communion no coffee fellowship						

MARCH 2024

MINISTRY TEAM DUTIES

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24 Palm Sunday	March 31 Easter Sunday
Lector:	Katy Vos	Barb Kuhn	Barb Kuhn	Jerry Bly	Barb Kuhn
Ushers:	Justin Gylling John Bornhoft Margie Bornhoft	Scott Johnson Jim & JoAnn Peterson Mark Stage	Scott Johnson Mark Stage	Scott Johnson Jerry Bly	John & Margie Bornhoft Scott & Rhonda Johnson
Alter Guild:	Jan Nielsen Margie Bornhoft	Jan Nielsen Margie Bornhoft	Jan Nielsen Margie Bornhoft	Jan Nielsen Margie Bornhoft	Jan Nielsen Margie Bornhoft
Flowers:	Lent – no flowers	Lent- no flowers	Lent – no flowers	Lent – no flowers	Congregational flowers
Communion Helpers:	Jill Jaspersen Rhonda Johnson		Barb Kuhn Rhonda Johnson		Margie Bornhoft Jan Nielsen Rhonda Johnson
Coffee Fellowship:	Katy Vos (Stone Hall)	Joyce Jensen Karen Koster	Karen Koster Heather Furan	Barb Kuhn Ricke Bly	no coffee fellowship

March 28, Maundy Thursday Usher: Dennis Jensen

March 29, Good Friday Ushers: Scott Johnson & Margie Bornhoft



Let's fill the church altar with spring plants for our Easter Sunday Service

Danebod WELCA will order the plants from Johnson's Flower Box and they will be delivered to the church for the Easter Sunday Church Service. Not only is it easy for you, but we get a good price by ordering them as a group. Please turn in this form and your check payable to "Danebod WELCA" by **March 4h**. You can either mail it to the office (140 Danebod Court, Tyler MN 56178) or place it in the offering plate.

From: _____

Give: In Memory of / In Honor of: _____
(circle)

Other: _____

☐ I do not wish to have my donation printed in the bulletin.

Plant options:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Plant</u>	<u>\$ Each</u>
_____	Easter Lily No color choice	\$16.00
_____	Tulips No color choice	\$14.00
_____	Hyacinths No color choice	\$14.00
_____	Begonia No color choice	\$18.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		\$ _____

Please pick up your plant(s) after
the Easter Sunday Church Service.





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