



HILSEN

MAY 2024



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One Last Easter Egg

A Message from Pastor Megan

Many movie-lovers know the immense joy and satisfaction of discovering “Easter eggs.” Such eggs have nothing to do with the Easter bunny or even the Easter holiday. Easter eggs in the entertainment industry refer to hidden messages, images, or references from one story or world tucked into another. *Disney*, for example, is notorious for sneaking Mickey Mouse ears into the backgrounds of its animated features. George Lucas slipped the name of his first movie, *THX 1138*, into various moments throughout *Star Wars*. Easter eggs in movies are purposefully difficult to find and oftentimes require an insiders’ hints to spot; but once discovered they give viewers a greater sense of connection to the filmmakers—a richer reward than any candy recovered in plastic eggs.

The Bible is filled with these sorts of “Easter eggs” too. An especially powerful one lies in the middle of Christ’s passion. It’s a curious little detail. It gets clouded over by the storm of chaos and emotion of the scene, rendering it easily overlooked. Fortunately, as readers, we have the power to rewind. We can scrub back before the famous epiphany of the centurion (“Truly, this man was God’s Son!”), before the mysterious rising of the saints and the seismic earthquake that shakes the world. In doing so, we notice this snippet: “The curtain of the temple was torn in two” (Matt. 27:51).

Insiders “hip” to the Old Testament writings will recognize this curtain as the veil before the Holy of Holies room in the Temple, the supposed residing place of God. The heavy-duty curtain may have been 80 feet tall and four inches thick—a dramatic drape separating divinity from humanity, pure goodness from chronic sinfulness. But on that “Good” Friday, at the pivotal moment of Christ’s surrender to death, the very first event to occur was the ripping of the curtain from top to bottom. The distinct symbol of God separated from humanity was torn asunder. It’s as if God were shouting: “It is finished!” or “No more!” No more barriers between God and God’s people; no more fear over God’s reaction to sinners; no more threats to life when approaching the throne of grace. God’s incredible journey from cradle to cross was complete. The true destination had been reached, and that destination turned out to be *us*.

So, with Lent credits now rolling on the season of Lent, if you find yourself still questioning “Am I good enough for God? Have I done enough to earn God’s mercy? Am I worthy to be called a child of God?” then rewind back to Matt. 27:51. Recover the Easter egg of God’s acceptance and grace. Like flinging open the shutters on a sunny day, we might feel the relentless love of God suddenly radiating in upon us.



**Minutes for Danebod Church Council
April 9th, 2024**

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

NOT PRESENT: Lena Burckhardt

At 7:04 PM the meeting was called to order by Harlan Petersen and a quorum was established. 1 addition was made to the agenda.

REPORTS:

1. Treasurer's report for March was presented. MSC to approve March report made by Joan and seconded by Erik G. A motion made to take the \$21,292 from Danebod Foundation dispersal to purchase a CD at that value at First Independent Bank, Joan made the motion and seconded by Erik J and was approved. A motion was made by Garth to give Heather Furan the authority to renew CD's as they come due to include \$35,000 out of the \$38,650 dispersal from the Eklund Fund, approved by Gary and Erik J and was approved. A motion was made to remove Jarod Hansen from financial signatures at First Independent Bank made by Joan, seconded by Megan, and it was approved.
2. Secretary's report for March was presented. MSC to approve March minutes made by Erik J and seconded by Rick.
3. Pastor's report. Directories are here and look great. Breeze should be used just for church transactions. Lent went so well with all the activities and thank you to all who helped out. ESST committee have completed their directives for this program. Secretary would like an hour change and that will be posted in the Hilsen. Had wonderful Pastoral Care visits this past month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. CD renewal -taken care of in Treasurer's report
2. Contact update and committee assignments sheets
3. Music Sunday change to April 28
4. Clean-up Day for April 24 (looking at no hotdogs possibly and have Smores by the fire so people can order at the RTR Scholarship Fundraiser for burgers) with make up day on May 1st
5. First English-April 14
6. Confirmation-April 21 (will have gluten free cupcakes available as well)
7. Parish Hall - Have a committee forming. If anyone is interested please let us know.
8. Food shelf –The food shelf may need a new roof so if anyone is interested in giving that may be an option.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Motion to remove Jarod from signatures - taken care of in Treasurer's report
2. Thank you letters – These were shared

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Committee Reports

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

Property (Garth Jensen & Erik Gile) – Steeple has 2 little windows and the siding is chipped and the trim is missing and we should look at fixing this.

Cemetery (Rick Nielsen) – no report

Parish Education & Youth Ministry (Lena Burckhardt) – The JFJ kids led Kids Church on March 17th . They collected noisy offering to buy items through the ELCA Good Gifts program. They collected \$683. The last day of JFJ for the spring is tomorrow night. They will be off until the fall. Confirmation is April 21st . A cake and ice cream reception will be held in the gym hall. Cakes have been ordered and plates and plastic tablecloths have been purchased.

Outreach & Stewardship (Jackie Hess) – Getting the committee together soon. Are working on outreach bags and letters.

Worship & Music (Julie Kent) – Music Sunday has been moved to April 28th .

Folk School (Erik Jorgensen) – The new floor is getting put in on Monday the 22nd of April so we will need to move kitchen appliances out of the kitchen on Sunday the 21st .

Financial Advisory (Harlan Petersen) – A Financial Funds sheet was shared. Thoughts of sending checks with a cover letter so there is an explanation of the funds and how we decide the money amounts. The letter would show that the Eklund Fund distribution are from the earnings from investments.

The next meeting is Tuesday, May 14th at 7:00 PM

MSC for adjournment at 8:54 PM by Joan and seconded by Jackie.

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted, Julie Kent

The Church Council is in the process of assembling a Parish Hall planning committee. This committee will consist of 5-7 members of the congregation and will be responsible for soliciting, screening, and prioritizing desired components of a potential parish hall in preparation for engaging with an architect.

Please contact the church office if you are interested in being a part of this project..



A Well-Deserved *Tusind Tak!*

Humility is something that's deeply engrained in Danebod through both its Danish heritage and Lutheran faith. However, in order to stay grounded in humility, it's sometimes necessary to look up, noticing with joy and gratitude the blessings around us. In this case, we've recently been blessed to be a blessing to our greater community in some pretty extraordinary ways.

The Eklund Fund, established in 1987, holds the church's endowment for capital expenses. It also holds the key to Danebod's financial outreach. According to the by-laws of the Fund, 25% of the annual earnings from the Eklund Fund (adjusted for inflation) go towards local outreach and another 25% go towards greater mission support. The other 50% of earnings remain with the church and the fund. What all of that translates to is half of what we might earn in a year we use to help meet the growing needs of the church at large and of the Tyler area.

This year, Danebod was blessed to use over \$77,000 to serve our neighbors in need. The recipients (chosen by the Financial Advisory Committee based on both the values of and the recommendations from the congregation) included:

- Campus Ministry- SDSU, Brookings
- Campus Ministry- SMSU, Marshall
- Campus Ministry- U of M Mankato
- Shetek Lutheran Ministries
- Lutheran Social Services
- The Danish Immigrant Museum
- SW MN Synod
- ELCA Global Mission
- ELCA World Hunger
- Food 4 Kidz
- Project Turnabout
- New Life Treatment Center- Woodstock
- Avera Hospital Tyler Foundation
- Danebod Folk School
- Tyler Area Food Shelf
- Lincoln County Fair Board
- Avera Hospice Tyler
- TACC
- Danebod Cemetery
- Tyler Swimming Pool
- RTR After-Prom
- RTR Education Foundation
- RTR Scholarship Fund
- Danebod Village

Additionally, Danebod's WELCA recently voted to give over \$6,000 of their earnings towards some of the above mission opportunities as well as Hope Harbor, Services for the Blind, Shalom Hill Farm, Lincoln County Relay for Life, and the Backpack Meal Program. Most gifts were hand-delivered by Danebod members, and many gracious, personalized thank you notes have been pouring into the church office ever since.

While we are certainly not this fortunate every year, it's worth acknowledging that giving this large from a church in a town this small is not just extraordinary- it's *unheard of*. Humble as Danebod may be in size and location, this is an incredible feat to be proud of. Well done, good and faithful servants.

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matt. 6:21

Folk School Committee Meeting

Monday April 1, 2024; 6:00 PM at Folk School

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

Absent: JoAnn Peterson, Cade Drake
Jerry opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Pastor's report and other topics:

- Spring cleanup on April 24th (Wednesday) with a backup date on the following Wednesday, May 1st; Brenda will compile a list that we can work on. It will include the outdoor cleanup as well as tasks that need to be done indoors; Start of 5:00 pm.
- Jerry will contact Harlan about cleaning the pavilion with a couple of pressure washers.
- Most to take it to the burn site.
- Brenda, Heather, Diane and Bronwyn will meet before the camps start.
- While Brenda is on vacation from April 9 – 13, Laura Jensen will be on call

Flooring discussion:

- Start work on the 22nd, so work to get a group who can move the appliances and everything out of the kitchen; shut down the gas valves – when hooking them back up, should check them for leaks;
- The 21st is confirmation Sunday, so all of the activities will be in the gym hall.
- Deb will coordinate activities and Tate will bring equipment to use for the move. We are in need of appliance carts and a pallet jack.

Financial Reports:

- \$155 for Lodge will be changed to income and removed from expenditures.
- \$35,650 in donations are undesignated (\$20,000 from Marvalene Petersen trust and \$15,650 from the Ecklund fund)
- The elevator fund has been opened and Jerry and Heather looked through the historic donations and moved them into the new account.
- Deb motioned that we renew the \$10,000 (or whatever it is now and can be rolled over) CD for the Stone Hall; Olga seconded and the motion was carried.
- Tate motioned that we put the other \$50,000 (or whatever it is now and can be rolled over) into a CD after Heather checks on the best rate and terms; Jill Seconded and the motion was carried.
- Jerry will talk to April about moving the \$20,000 that was earmarked + whatever earnings were gained in the fund managed by the Financial Committee; *Financial committee meets one week from today, will get this on the agenda;*
- *Tate motioned to approve the financial report with the correction of the \$155 from expense to income; Deb seconded and the motion was Carried*

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March Minutes: Following a brief discussion, Jill motioned to approve the March Minutes; Mark seconded and the motion was carried.

Upcoming rentals

- a. 4/12 Lodge 1 room Pat McGill - Tate
- b. 4/22 Floor replacement Folk School (Est Product and install \$23,684.54)
- c. 5/3-4 SW MN Arts Council – FS + rooms, Lodge + rooms, gym hall, (Pavilion if prepared for summer season) - Brenda
- d. 5/10-11 Cheryl Hanson – Lodge + FS rooms – 2 nights - Jill
- e. 5/16-19 Lonnie Jensen – Lodge – Queen room 3 nights – Olga
- f. 5/24 – 26: Amanda Drake & Diane Gordon Head counts and details in mid-May.

MNHS Grant update. 3/28 Zoom meeting Follow-up to the SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) discussion with MNHS and Hay Dobbs. We will benefit from in-kind investments (Match) in the project prior to submission of the 4th MNHS grant request.

- a. Notes: Meeting with Gary Hay on Wednesday (4/3); SHPO has stated they would be unable to provide financial assistance for the elevator if we build the outer structure on the South Side of the Folk School;

Folk meeting planning committee is looking for options to handle credit card payments for Folk School meetings and facility rentals. Thoughts? Ex. Pay Pal for Non Profits 2.2% + 0.30/transaction.

- b. Breeze cannot be used.
- c. If the Folk Meeting has success with their credit cards, we can consider it for rooms, etc.

Other Discussion:

- FS water mitigation project, Tony ordered 8” pipe (upon delivery) will do project ASAP.
- Approximately 10 tables in center of pavilion are culled and set to be removed.
- June and July camps would like a bike rack and will contribute to its purchase/installation.
 - o Thoughts on locations and costs of a commercial grade bike rack
 - o How many bike spots? Do they want a lockable solution? Mark will research;
 - o Update to this discussion prior to these minutes being published via email: Janice sent Jerry the bike rack they recommend, a Vevor rack for 10 bikes / dual-sided for approximately \$160.
 - o Placement of the rack is still under discussion.

Tate motions to adjourn, Olga seconds and the motion is carried.

Danebod Lutheran Church

As of March 31, 2024

Budget Year to Date	\$41,858.41
General Fund Revenue to date	70,262.94*
Amount Under Budget to date	\$2,378.54

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

	2024	2023
January	8307.23	16,162.50
February	15,030.92	13,336.25
March	23,410.28	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	47,748.43	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.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Joyce Wyttenback
Amy Kortuem (Pastor Megan's Aunt)
Clarence Hively
Dawson (nephew of Bethanni and Matt Jobe)
Wayne Akland (Kristi Petersen's father)
Tom Rost
Betty Jorgensen
Trent Hiller (friend of the Johnson family)
Bob and Lorraine Mintun (friends of the Clarks)
Kristi Eickhoff
Bo Duncan
Joseph Wutsch

MISSION SUPPORT

May 5th: not spoken for yet
May 12th: Jim and Laurie Johansen
May 19th: not spoken for yet
May 26th: not spoken for yet



Thank you!

Thanks so much for the Beautiful Quilt. You definitely put a lot of pride in your work.
Keep those prayers coming, *God bless, Tom and Vickie Rost*

Dear Danebod Quilters, Thank you for gifting me with your beautifully made quilt. I will use the quilt for years and give it to our daughter later. Thank you all for the well wishes and prayers. I am feeling much better and am finally getting out and about to enjoy the spring weather. Best wishes to your talented group.
Sincerely, Deb Sinding

Danebod Lutheran Quilters, I want to thank you all for the quilt you made and praying for me. I truly appreciate your thoughtfulness!
God's blessings, Clair Drake

Thank you, my wonderful Danebod family, for all your prayers and support. We had very good reports at my last Chemo treatment. My CT scan showed the cancer is going – only one small spot is left and my lab work is much better!!! Thank you to the Birthday Choir. Seeing all your smiling faces at my back door made my quiet birthday very bright. You quilters are great – I miss you. Thank you so much for all the beautiful cards and well wishes, your calls, the pretty flowers and all the wonderful food. You have made cooking so much easier for Frank and I. I have only two more Chemo treatments left. With all of your support and my wonderful doctor and nurses, I hope to do what my little great-granddaughter Blakely told me – Kick Cancer's Butt!!!

Love and Hugs, Betty Jorgensen

Now Featuring: Missionary of the Month!

Have you ever looked at the back of the bulletin and wondered what Danebod's "Missionary Support" is all about? Every year, Danebod pledges \$1300 (\$25/week) to support ELCA missionaries in their Gospel word and service around the world. This year, the Church Council and Outreach Committee are excited to announce that our gifts will go towards young people exploring their calls to ministry through Young Adults in Global Mission. YAGM invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in service to churches and non-profit organizations worldwide. To help put faces to our gifts, the Hilsen will feature one of these young adults each month. For example...

...meet Ellie! Ellie is a Texas native who graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in May 2023 with degrees in Hispanic Studies and Global Studies. This year, Ellie is serving as a YAGM missionary volunteer in Uruguay, helping to run an after-school program for children and teens. Through YAGM, Ellie says she hopes to "deepen my understanding of my faith, my identity, and the role faith plays in the development of my identity. I wish to learn the role of God's work in our world and how I, as a disciple and young person, can best live out the Creator's redeeming love."

To help support Ellie and other young people using their talents and faith in service to the world, consider signing up to cover a week of missionary support. See the calendar in the narthex or stop into the church office for more information.



Something new at Danebod Folk Meeting

Building on the themes of engagement and learning from each other, we have programmed another new opportunity for this year's Danebod Folk Meeting – “the 1-minute lecture,” for our opening night session.

Borrowing a very successful idea from the 2023 summer Folk Camps, ten volunteers will be selected to give a 1-minute lecture. Maybe you have a passion for something you would like to share with the Folk Meeting? It could be related to your career, your hobbies or interests. Perhaps a place you have visited. Our 1-minute lectures may be just the place for you to share it. Rainbows, cement 101, total eclipses, and history of the Ukraine are some of the topics presented during the 1-minute lectures at the Folk Camp 2023. That's right – 1 minute (60 seconds) is all the time you will have to present your topic. After all ten people have presented, there will be time for questions. We think this will be a fun opening act for the 2024 Folk Meeting to inspire conversation throughout the week and help us get to know each other even better. Start thinking about what you might like to share and be sure to note it on your registration form (registration materials will be coming in early May.)



Join us Aug. 21-25, for three and a half days of lively discussions and experiential learning! Or pop in for a meal and a lecture or two to get a taste of what we're all about. Learn more at danebodfolkmeeting.org.



Danebod Lutheran

Church set up a Scholarship Foundation several years ago to assist congregational members in their post-secondary education (college or trade school). The amount of the award is \$300.00 per senior. Once you have completed a semester of school, present a copy of your grades (with an equivalent grade point average of 2.0 or better) along with the application, which you can request from the church office.

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!

MAY 2024

Sunday

Mon.

Tues.

Wed.

Thurs. Fri.

Sat.

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5 9:30a.m. Worship with Communion 10:30a.m. Coffee Fellowship	6 6:00p.m. FS Council	7	8 9:00a.m. Bible Study - FS	9 9:00 a.m. Quilting	10	11
12 Mother's Day 9:30a.m. Worship 10:30a.m. Coffee fellowship	13	14 7:00p.m. Church Council meeting	15	16	17	18 Youth Service Event 8:30 – 4:00
19 9:30a.m. Worship with Communion Senior Recognition Sunday 10:30 Coffee fellowship	20	21	22 9:00a.m. Bible Study - FS 5:30p.m. SH Tyler Arts Council	23 9:00 a.m. Quilting	24	25
26 9:30a.m. Worship 10:30a.m. Coffee fellowship	27	28	29	30	31	6/1

**MAY 2024
MINISTRY TEAM DUTIES**

	May 5	May 12	May 19 Mother's Day	May 26	
Lector:	Don Buhl	Heidi Hansen	Natalie Jerzak	Marvie Petersen	
Ushers:	Don Buhl, Rick Nielsen, Reid Jorgensen	Jarod Hansen\ Heidi Hansen Rick Nielsen	Curt Madsen Jason Gylling Danielle Gylling Rick Dubbeldee	Mike Hansen Robert Petersen Garth Jensen	
Alter Guild:	April Thomas	April Thomas	Angie Dubbeldee	Angie Dubbeldee	
Flowers:	April Thomas	April Thomas	Angie Dubbeldee	Sonja Lund	
Communion Helpers:	Stacy Jorgensen Pam Hansen		Angie Dubbeldee Rick Dubbeldee		
Coffee Fellowship:	Sue Buhl Stacy Jorgensen	Deb Burckhardt Norma Lundell	Darla Madsen Natalie Jerzak	Pam Hansen Marvie Petersen	

Youth Service Event

Saturday, May 18, 8:30-4

Hey 7th-12th graders! Get ready for a fun and meaningful day trip to Souix Falls on Saturday, May 18th. We'll be helping to serve a meal to our neighbors in South Dakota experiencing food insecurity through a local non-profit called The Banquet. The plan is to carpool from Danebod at 8:30 on Saturday morning, volunteer from 10:30-1, grab lunch together, and get home again by 3:30/4.

Parents, please RSVP your kids to Pastor Megan. Adults 21+, please let Pastor know if you're able and willing to go along as a driver and/or volunteer!



Senior Sunday

Sunday, May 19, 9:30 AM



Please save the date for a special worship service on Sunday, May 19th in honor of our graduating seniors. We will celebrate this major accomplishment in their personal and academic journeys and support them with gifts and blessings for their paths ahead. This year, we have the pleasure of giving thanks and praise to God for: **Kai Drake, Carson Gylling, Tatum Hess, Shae O'Leary, Braxton Stiner, and Morgan Tommeraasen**. The celebration continues after worship with a special cake and coffee fellowship hour, hosted by Church Council.

Congratualtions to Norah Gile, Avery Vos and Adelynn Renkly on their Confirmation Day, April 21, 2024



DANEBOD 3 DAY CAMP

**CAMPER REGISTRATION FORM - EACH CAMPER MUST COMPLETE A REGISTRATION!
JUNE 4, 5, AND 6 2024**

CAMPER NAME: _____ GRADE: 4 5 6

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

CELL: _____ WORK: _____

THE CHURCH I BELONG TO IS: _____

CAMPER TSHIRT SIZE (ADULT SIZING LISTED): XS S M L XL

I WAS INVITED BY: _____

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS:

IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE A ROOM WITH: _____

OR _____ (NO GUARANTEES ON ROOMMATE CHOICES!)



LIST ANY MEDICAL NEEDS THE COORDINATORS SHOULD BE AWARE OF: _____



**PLEASE CALL A CAMP COORDINATOR IF YOUR CAMPER HAS SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS!
CALL AMANDA AT 507-531- 0038 OR LOTTIE AT 507-829-0402**

I HEREBY GIVE DANEBOD 3-DAY CAMP STAFF PERMISSION TO OBTAIN ANY EMERGENCY HELP FOR MY CHILD AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL, IF NEEDED, AND TO TRANSPORT MY CHILD OFF CAMPUS FOR SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

**THIS SIGNED FORM, ALONG WITH A \$40 CHECK (MADE PAYABLE TO: DANEBOD 3-DAY CAMP)
CAN BE MAILED TO:**

DANEBOD LUTHERAN CHURCH
ATTN: 3-DAY CAMP
140 DANEBOD COURT
TYLER, MN. 56178

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