DANEBOD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

HILSEN

NOVEMBER 2026



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If you have questions, ideas or pastoral care concerns, please reach out to Pastor Megan by calling or stopping in the main office.

Yes, and…

A Message from Pastor Megan

Anyone with theatre training in their background is probably familiar with the improv exercise "Yes, and…" These two little words are a tool of the trade for thespians when acting extemporaneously, off script and on the spot. It's a way of keeping a dialogue going between two or more characters who are essentially making up their story as they go. Example:

> Girl: Wow, you sure are running fast!
> Boy: *Yes, and* there's a mad bear on my heels!
> Girl: *Yes, and* if you hadn't poked it, it wouldn't be chasing you!
> Boy: *Yes, and* I had to poke it! You told me not to let you sleep late!

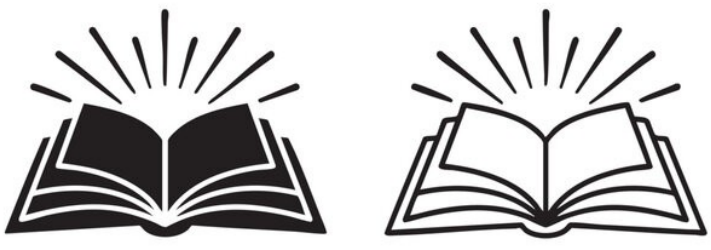
"Yes and" is also an active listening tool. It's a way of validating your partner by acknowledging and accepting what they've shared as their truth while also broadening the conversation to include your own truth. It's all too easy to come back at someone with a reaction ("Yeah, but…") when good communication requires interaction. Example:

> Patient: This new medication is making me nauseous.
> Nurse: Yes, nausea can be a side effect, and we should consider other possible causes before we make a change.
> Patient: Yes, and my symptoms started after I began this prescription.
> Nurse: Yes, and it may be interacting with another medication that you can pause for now.

As people of faith, "yes and" is an essential theological tool for taking the beliefs and practices we've inherited and discerning their meaning and application to our own lives. After all, as the participants in our Adult Ed group can tell you from their fall book *A Year of Living Biblically*, following the Bible word for word is an enormously complex task that doesn't always align with our personal and communal contexts today. Our modern world of science and technology is far from the ancient world of nomads in the desert. "Yes and" is our journey from biblical literality to spiritual relevancy. Example:

> Jesus: Now that I have washed your feet, so also should you wash one another's feet (John 13:14).
> Literal Meaning: Go and wash the feet of your friends and neighbors
> Spiritual Meaning: Humble yourself in service to others. Care for them in gentle, everyday ways, demonstrating that no task of love is beneath you or unworthy of your time, for neither was it beneath Christ.

Is this Pastor's way of getting out of foot washing on Maundy Thursday? *Yes, and*…it's also a faithful way to make God's word "a lamp onto [your] feet," literally (Psalm 119:105).



Minutes for Danebod Church Council

Oct. 13, 2026

PRESENT: Erik Jorgensen, Ivan Petersen, Kristi Petersen, Laurie Johansen, Deb Sinding, Garth Jensen, Rick Nielsen, Heather Furan, Pastor Megan Eide, Cindy Dunham

ABSENT: Jackie Hess

At 6:31 pm the meeting was called to order by Erik Jorgensen and a quorum was established

Devotions – Pastor talked about entering into difficult conversations with Compassionate Curiosity, with the approach that we might learn more about something or someone

Treasurer's report from August was presented – MSC to approve treasurer's report by Laurie, Deb 2nd

Secretary's report from September was presented - MSC to approve minutes by Laurie, Cindy 2nd

Pastor's report: Attended Fall Theological meeting put on by the Southwest Synod. Faith and Fit has 14 people attending. Adult Ed, Danish Language, Youth Group, and Jump for Jesus are all in full swing, and Pastor has been attending a lot of sports events to support our youth. We have two new members: Bonnie Dreckman and Leslie Dahlgren. Pastor Megan officiated her frist wedding at Danebod; everything went really well, and the Parish Hall worked out so nicely for the wedding weekend. We will celebrate All Saints Day on Oct. 25 since Pastor will be in Denmark on Nov. 1. She will be gone 10/27-11/12, and has four local pastors lined up for any needs we might have, and has taken care of details for services on 11/1 and 11/8.

Steeple project: It's done! There is some extra metal in the garage if we need some for repairs in the future. Erik will ask if they were able to check the roofs.

Admin info: Church Mutual is coming to do a walkthrough and offer us a quote for 2027**,** just a point of comparison for our rates from Auto Owners. Heather is checking to see if Meulebroeck & Taubert can handle/pay taxes for Fall Folk Meeting employees. The committee is also going over Pastor's benefits plan.

Committee reports

Admin: *see above*

Property: Harlan has been putting edging in; Garth picked up landscaping fabric, and Harlan has started putting that in.

Cemetery: nothing new

Parish Ed: Jump for Jesus is a well-oiled machine - it takes a lot of people to make it work so well!! 12 people are signed up to go to the National Youth Gathering

Outreach & Stewardship: Served donuts before Kids' Church on on Oct. 4th.

Worship & Music: Choir & bells are talking about performing the weekend before Thanksgiving. We could use more choir members!

Folk School: Gym Hall steps need to be replaced – Curt is looking into it. Jake Peterson is going to move the Cottage to his property. Wally Dybdahl will fill in the foundation and add a fire hydrant.

Financial advisory: Met Oct. 12. Had a report from George Jorgensen showing good returns. Old National also showed positive returns. Committee will meet again in January.

Next meeting is Nov. 10 at 6:30 in Parish Hall

MSC for adjournment at 7:53 – Ivan, Laurie 2nd

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Petersen

Our Jumping for Jesus kids will once again pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child this year.

A collection bin has been placed in the Narthex for new and unused toys and school supplies. Please consider shopping as a family and donating some goods between now and Sunday Nov. 8th. After Nov. 8th you will have to bring any donations to the Folk school basement before Nov. 11th. JFJ kids will be packing shoeboxes on Nov. 11th.

Shoebox gift ideas:



- Soccer ball with pump
- Shoes
- Jump ropes
- Flashlights
- Hygiene Items (no liquids or toothpaste)

Folk School Committee Meeting Minutes – October 5th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:06 PM
Pastor Megan opened with prayer.

Present: Jerry Bly – Chair, Mark Stage – Vice Chair, Pastor Megan, Deb Sinding – Church Council Liaison, Jill Jaspersen, Arnie Dam, Curt Madsen, Brenda Knudson – FS Caretaker, Heather Furan – Treasurer

Absent: Olga Ekberg, Margie Bornhoft, Deb Burckhardt, JoAnn Peterson

Folk School Financial Reports

MSC by Curt to approve September Financial Reports as presented and seconded by Arnie, Carried.

Brenda's Updates

1. Brenda has contacted Mike Thomas to come and winterize items where needed.
2. Dan Vercruysse will clean carpets on October 20th.
3. Brenda will change batteries in smoke detectors.

Pastor's Updates

1. JFJ agenda this year is learning about history of Danebod and the Children's School.
2. Faith & Fit will begin again October 6th @ 5:30 AM.
3. Danish Online meets via Zoom from 7:00 – 8:15 PM on 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month starting October 11th.
4. WELCA has ordered "New Design" T-shirts that will be arrivng soon, WELCA has also decided to do the Dinner again at the "Julebutikker" celebration on December 5th.
5. Administration Committee will meet next week and discuss insurance rates for coming year.

Church Council Updates – Deb S. No Report

September Folk School Committee Meeting Minutes

MSC by Pastor Megan to approve the September Folk School Committee Meeting Minutes as presented and seconded by Arnie, Carried.

Upcoming Rentals

1. SAIL – Last session is October 5th.
2. Taekwondo – October 5th and 7th.
3. Children's Theatre Rehearsals – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays through October 23rd in Gym Hall.
4. Lodge – Commons Area - October 17th.
5. FS Lecture Hall, 2nd Floor, Kitchen & Dining Hall – November 13th - 15th
6. Full Lodge – November 21st - 22nd

Fire Alarm Issue

Mark has been working on this issue with Internet company. A new WiFi router with accessable phone line will fix the issue. This new router will increase our fee from $325.00 to $425.00/year.

MSC by Jill to have the new router installed and accept the fee of $425.00/year for this new router as discussed and seconded by Mark, Carried.

Adopt-A-Room Update

Funds of over $9,000.00 has been collected to date.

Gym Hall Entrance
Curt talked with Paul Borresen, Discussion is tabled for now.

Tree Removal
Removal of 8 trees will proceed with Lyle Lamote to do as he has the time.

Cottage Update
Jake Peterson will take the building and move it out at no cost.
TE Underground to do demolition of the foundation.

Gutter Armor Update
Jill reported that the job was completed on September 29th. Jill turned in Eli Detterman's invoice to the office to be paid. Gutter Armor installed on Church and Parsonage will be paid by Church and Gutter Armor installed on Folk School and Gym Hall will be paid by Folk School.

To-Do Items

1. Cistern area cleanout/organization – Margie, Ricke and Olga will do.
2. Kitchen cooler needs repair – Brenda will have someone look at it.
3. Repair window in back corner of Dining Hall – Not done yet.
4. Clean/organize "FS Pastor's Office"
    A. Git rid of old box TV
    B. Keyboard needs a replacement cord & pedal (find out if it is a combo cord/pedal?)

Other Business

1. Handi-Man/Maintenance Man position – Pastor Megan will take idea to the Administration Committee meeting next week.

MSC by Arnie to adjourn at 7:35 PM and seconded by Curt, Carried.
Next meeting will be Monday, November 2nd at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Jaspersen

Danebod Lutheran Church

As of September 30, 2026

Budget Year to Date	$147,997.50	
Actual Expenses Year to Date	$141,578.76	
Amount Under Budget to Date	**$ 6,418.74**	
General Fund Revenue to date	$129,269.84*	***Envelopes - $120,632.59** **Parish ed., donations, loose and special service offerings, outreach - $8,637.25**

General Fund Revenue needed monthly to meet budgeted expenses: $16,444.16.

Monthly Envelopes

	2026	**2025**
January	10,521.69	8,850.91
February	17,459.53	18,186.05
March	17,480.53	11,411.05
April	12,716.26	11,299.52
May	13,860.53	12,880.06
June	11,808.53	9,939.52
July	12,966.26	16,033.80
August	13,239.53	11,233.75
September	10,579.73	10,929.52
October		8,901.25
November		11,919.52
December		18,144.25
Total	**$120,632.59**	**$149,729.20**

Envelopes ONLY for past 4 years as of December 31, 2025

2025	**2024**	**2023**	**2022**
$149,729.20	$158,138.96	$159,431.57	$128,811.08

PRAYER CONCERNS

Dawson (nephew of Bethanni and Matt Jobe)
Harper Gravley
Lorry Conrad
Kayla Sanderson
Ruth Ann Nelson
Betty Jorgensen
Todd Kooker (son-in-law of Jan Nielsen)
Darren Baartman
Arlene Hoek (sister of Marvie Petersen)

Folk School Foundation

In memory of Lis Jorgensen from Margie & John Bornhoft

MISSION SUPPORT

November 1st: In honor of Karlee from Larry & Joyce Wyttenback

November 8th: Celebrating grandchildren from Joan Jagt

November 15th: Harlan & Marsha Petersen

November 22nd: Danebod WELCA

November 29th: In honor of family from Bev Vos

Join Choir

One of the most special, uplifting aspects of worship at Danebod is our music ministries and the voices and instruments that fill our sanctuary with sound. We are blessed to have one of the only church choirs in the area. Would you please consider joining them? The choir meets on Wednesdays in the church at 7pm to rehearse. No prior experience or ability to read music is required! This is a chance both to sing and to be surrounded by a supportive, casual, warm group of people. Please contact Julie Kent or the main office if you are interested.

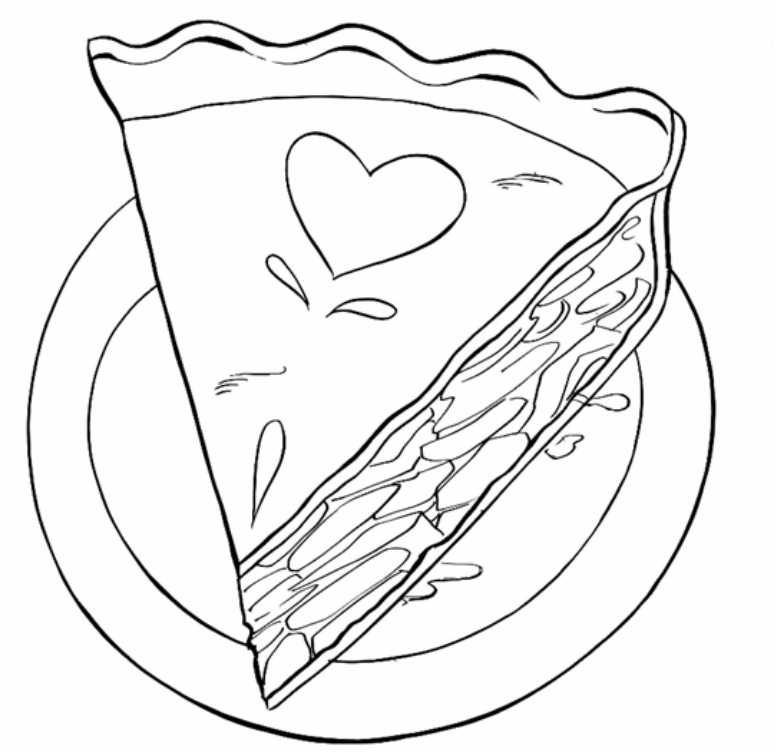
Danebod Thanksgiving Pie Social

Sunday, November 22nd

During coffee fellowship after church

Bring one pie to share and show we care!

Or just come and enjoy pie and fellowship!



The outreach committee and Danebod volunteers will deliver a piece of pie or two to members who cannot attend church, have recently lost a loved one, or just need a visit and a hug!

Please call Jackie Hess 507-829-1197 or Pastor Megan with the name of someone who could use a piece of pie and a visit.

Thank you if you are wiling to bring a pie!

Looking for Ground Beef Donations for Jumping for Jesus

We use 6-7 pounds of ground beef to feed the group one meal when we have tacos, chili, BBQs, etc. Donations can be marked "JFJ" and left at any point in the refrigerator in the Folk School Kitchen. Please share your name too so we can be sure to thank you!

join us for a come & go

Baby Shower

celebrating

Tyler & Rhaegyn Card

Saturday November 7th, 10am-12pm
The Rock: 148 N Tyler St. Tyler, MN

RSVP to McKensie (507) 476-0569
Kaitlin (605) 408-4657
Taylor (417) 872-3117
by October 24th

The family is registered at
https://my.babylist.com/baby-card-2027
Parents ask to have gifts unwrapped

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**

Coffee, apple cider and goodies will be served in the Parish Hall.

4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. **Supper**

Supper with a "Danish Twist" served in the Folk School Dining Hall.

6:15 p.m. **Entertainment**

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

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Danebod Complex, Tyler MN

Danish Holiday Happenings

Saturday, December 5, 2026
From 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Danebod WELCA is hosting a "Danish Holiday Happenings" and we would like your help. We are looking for members to bring **3 strips of coffee cake**. You can drop off the coffee cakes (and other items) at the Gym Hall on Friday, Dec 4 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. or Saturday, Dec 5 from 12:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We would also love to have some of your favorite baked goods or crafts for the event. Some ideas are listed below.

Coffee cakes	Cookies
Meats	Breads
Crafts	Candy
Quilts	

Coffee, apple cider and goodies will be served in the Parish Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Danebod Youth will be serving supper with a "Danish Twist" from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Folk School Dining Room.

All proceeds for the supper will go to the Danebod Youth.

Following the supper, there will be singing and dancing around the Christmas tree in the Gym Hall.

If you would rather make a monetary donation, please send the donation to:
Danebod WELCA
232 E Oak Street
Tyler, MN 56178

We hope to see you at the Danish Holiday Happenings

Saturday, December 5, 2026

If you have any questions, please call Gretchen Tommeraasen at 507.828.6948 or Jenna Johansen at 507.829.6781.



A BIG thank you to our confirmation students and mentors plus the ten other Danebodians who joined us for an hour of meal-packing with ***Food for Kidz*** at the Rock!! We are so proud of the turnout and the service (especially during the Vikings game 😉)

Ministry Team Duties

NOVEMBER 2026

	11/01	11/08	11/15	11/22	11/29
Lector:	Sharon Jensen	Deb Burckhardt	Melissa Maranell	Melissa Maranell	Don Buhl
Ushers:	Garth Jensen Richard Nielsen	Mike Hansen Richard Nielsen	Mike Hansen Jason Gylling	Jarod Hansen Family	Don Buhl Reid Jorgensen
Communion:	**x**	**x**	Pam Hansen	**x**	**x**
Altar Guild:		Linda Ballard	April Thomas	April Thomas	April Thomas
Flowers:	Sonja Lund	Deb Burckhardt	April Thomas	April Thomas	April Thomas
Coffee Fellowship:	Sharon Jensen Diana Nielsen	Norma Lundell Pam Hansen	Danielle Gylling Angie Dubbeldee	Sue Buhl Pam Hansen Stacy Jorgensen	Sue Buhl Stacy Jorgensen

November 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee	2 6:00 PM Folk School Meeting	3 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	4 5:30 P.M JFJ 6:30 P.M Confirmation 6:00 P.M Bell Choir 7:00 P.M Vocal Choir	5 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	6	7
8 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 7:00 PM Danish Zoom	9	10 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class 6:30 P.M Church Council Meeting	11 10 A.M Adult Ed 5:30 P.M JFJ 6:30 P.M Confirmation 6:00 P.M Bell Choir 7:00 P.M Vocal Choir	12 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class 9:00 A.M Quilting	13	14
15 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 7:00 Sr High Youth Group	16 7:30 P.M Concert Recital with Dr. Dan Rieppel	17 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	18 5:30 P.M JFJ 6:30 P.M Confirmation 6:00 P.M Bell Choir 7:00 P.M Vocal Choir	19 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class 9:00 A.M Quilting	20 Jr High Youth Gathering	21 Jr High Youth Gathering
22 9:30 Worship 10:30 Pie Social 7:00 PM Danish Zoom	23	24 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	25 10 A.M Adult Ed 6:00 P.M Bell Choir 7:00 P.M Vocal Choir	26	27	28
29 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 7:00 PM Danish Zoom	30					

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