DANEBOD
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OCTOBER 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.



Opportunity Costs

A Message from Pastor Megan



Some educational subjects just come easier to us than others. You might have an ear for music but numbers make your head spin. Dates and names might stick in your brain much faster than poems or monologues. For many of us, economics is one of those classes that can fly in one ear and out the other if you don't have a natural knack for it. However, just like in school, there is good reason to pay attention to and understand some basic things about the economy even if you are not a "money" person, because chances are you'll find it applicable to you, one way or another.

The economic concept of "opportunity cost" is one such example. Generally speaking, an opportunity cost represents the value of an alternative choice. The classic example here is the cost of buying a fancy coffee drink, say, a *Starbucks* Grande Pumpkin Spice Latte with a Pump of White Mocha ('tis the season!) for $7, twice a week. In a year that adds up to over $700. The opportunity cost is the value of whatever else you might have done with that $700: invested it, gone on a weekend getaway, bought a new phone, made a donation to charity, etc.

The advantage to understanding how opportunity costs work is the ability to estimate costs ahead of time and to choose the highest value option, the most bang for your buck. For instance, would forgoing the daily luxury of a barista drink be worth the ultimate luxury of an upgraded smartphone? This is not a one-size-fits-all answer. Value is based on our values. If a cozy PSL coffee adds joy and motivation to your day which in turns helps you go above and beyond for your family, friends, and community, then that's honest income worthy of careful consideration. In this way, opportunity cost includes more than a dollar sign: it's time, energy, wellbeing, and anything else that gets spent when you make one choice over another.

Last month in worship, we talked a lot about the value of grace and what to do with it: asking for grace from God, showing grace to one another, recognizing grace as a score we cannot track. In all of this though, we have yet to fully consider: *what is the opportunity cost of grace?* If we show grace to one another, what are we giving up? Vice versa: if we withhold grace from one another, what do we gain? Grace, we know, is a free gift from God that comes to us in abundance. The grace we've received cost us nothing. Therefore, giving it away, extending grace to one another, also costs us *nothing*. Actually, withholding grace, refusing to be gracious to one another, costs us *everything.* Grace is not a scarce commodity, but our friends and neighbors sure are.

Like I said though, I'm no economist, and even if I was, the opportunity cost of your grace and what you do or don't do with it is a value only you can discern. It's something to think about over a prayer (and maybe a PSL) this month.

Minutes for Danebod Church Council

Sept 8, 2026

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

ABSENT: Heather Furan

At 6:30 pm the meeting was called to order by Erik Jorgensen and a quorum was established

Devotions – Dayenu (Hebrew word meaning "that would have been enough") - had a call and response for counting our blessings, all of which would have been enough

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

Minutes from semi-annual meeting (8/30/26) presented – MSC to approve minutes by Jackie, Deb 2nd

Pastor's report: Fall Folk Meeting was just awesome. Megan got an invite to speak at the Prairie Conference WELCA meeting. Southwest Synod WELCA is meeting at Danebod on Oct. 17. Jumping for Jesus and Confirmation started back up this past week. For the last year, Megan has served on the council for the Southwest Synod; the secretary recently stepped down, so now Megan is the secretary. Fall Theological Conference is at the end of the month in Willmar. Six new members recently joined Danebod.

Trees: we are working on getting a grant from the DNR to help take down ash trees

Constitution review: Deb will make final corrections to the Constitution, and then rename it Final Draft Constitution 9/8/26

Steeple project: Ryan Schreuers and Chuck are going to start bending the metal for this project next week

Bench donation: Deb & Gary Sinding would like to donate a bench to be placed by the east door of the Parish Hall. They've ordered a loveseat style similar to the other deck furniture we have on campus.

Basement - Jackie suggested brainstorming how we could use the basement as overflow space for large funerals, etc.

Committee reports

Admin: hasn't met

Property: Garth & Harlan put railings out front; also got suggestions from Steve Krause for plants/landscaping, and we could get a discount if we decide to buy from him; could possibly get edging dug in this fall

Garth also took care of a piece of siding that came loose on the steeple; Mark & Dylan Stage helped get lights changed on the roof; Garth, Harlan, Jim Johansen, Dennis Jensen & his sons helped put dirt in by sidewalks

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!!

Outreach & Stewardship: Aug 30th - donuts went over well - had a good number of young families attend. Oct. 4th is Kids' Sunday, which will be the next donut opportunity. Potluck on Sept 20/Harvest Sunday, as well as blessing of the tractors, etc. Maybe have a "free" farmer's market that day, too.

Worship & Music: Choir & bells start on Sept. 16th; Megan & Marijane will be meeting soon to discuss hymns for the next few months. Discussed possibly having an acoustic/contemporary service once a month.

Folk School: Committee will meet this coming Monday

Financial advisory: meets in October. Danebod Village paid off their loan to us.

Next meeting is Oct 12 at 6:30 in Parish Hall

MSC for adjournment at 8:07 – Laurie, Cindy 2nd

Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Petersen



Thank you to everyone who cooked and baked for the Harvest Sunday potluck.
It was just wonderful, and I really appreciated it.

-Clarence Hively

Folk School Committee Meeting Minutes – September 14th, 2026

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM
Jerry opened the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

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

Absent: Arnie Dam, JoAnn Peterson

Folk School Financial Reports

July Reports were presented by Heather. **MSC by Olga to approve the July Financial Reports as presented and seconded by Margie, Carried.**

August Reports were presented by Heather. **MSC by Olga to approve the August Financial Reports as presented and seconded by Margie, Carried.**

Brenda's Updates

1. Fall Folk Meeting went very well. Jerry added that participants that he spoke with were very pleased with all accommodations and programs.
2. Danish Tour Group had 23 people were here September 7th and 8th for 1 night.
3. Tent Rental Company came and took down the tent.
4. Winterizing to be done on fountain and Pop Stand in the near future.
5. Brenda will need to call Mike Thomas to fix leak under kitchen sink and 2nd floor toilet.

Pastor's Updates

1. Thanks to all for a very successful summer, especially the Fall Folk Meeting.
2. She worked alongside kitchen staff and sent "Thank You" notes to all workers.

Church Council Updates

Church Council Meeting was held last Tuesday September 8th.

August Folk School Meeting Minutes

MSC by Margie to approve the August Folk School Meeting Minutes as presented and seconded by Pastor Megan, Carried.

Upcoming Rentals

1. SAIL (Stay Active and Independent for Life) – Sept. 10, 14, 21, 28 and October 1.
2. Just For Kix – Basement in Lodge – Thursdays – September 10th – October 1st
3. Children's Theater Rehearsals – Gym Hall – Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays September 15th – October 23rd
4. Taekwondo – Lecture Hall – Mondays 5:00 to 8:00 PM and Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 AM September 9th – October 7th
5. Family Reunion – Lodge Commons Area – September 26th

Head Cooks Pay Adjustments

Discussion held on Head Cooks pay for this summers events.

MSC by Jill to approve payment of Performance Bonuses to Cindy and Nellie as discussed and 2nd by Olga, Carried.

Danish Tour Group

The Danish Tour Group (23 people) stayed here September 7th - 8th (one night). They enjoyed our facilities, toured the church and enjoyed 3 meals.

Adopt-A-Room Program

Letters were sent out to current participants asking for donations for upgrades. Some participants have sent donations in, some participants have declined and there has been some new interest shown from others. $7,000.00 has been collected to date which will be used for paint, new bed coverings, new blinds and replacing flooring in some rooms.

Gym Hall Entrance

It has been brought to the attention of the committee that the structure under the steps on entrance to Gym Hall is rotten and needs replacement. Deb S. will send an email to Church Council to see if they know of anyone who might be interested in doing this project.

Tree Removal

8 trees (5 ash and 3 others) need to be taken down this year at a cost of $8,000.00.

MSC by Deb to have Lamote Tree Service take down the 8 trees at a cost of $8,000.00 and seconded by Margie, Carried.

Cottage Update

Curt presented 2 estimates for demolition/removal of the Cottage. Discussion was held and this subject was tabled until the next meeting. Meanwhile, Cottage building will be advertised for sale or donation to anyone able to fully remove it.

To-Do Items

1. Insect Control is done.
2. Cistern area cleanout/organization – Margie, Ricke and Olga will do.
3. Kitchen Cooler needs repair – Brenda will have someone look at it.
4. Repair windows in back corner of Dining Hall.
5. Clean/organize "FS Pastor's Office".

Other Business

1. Margie reported that she talked to Dawn Garbe to get estimate for painting Dining Hall.
2. Jill presented an estimate on "Gutter Armor" from Eli Determan for FS lower levels, Gym Hall, Church and Parsonage. **MSC by Margie to go ahead with FS and Gym Hall portion of installation of "Gutter Armor" by Eli Determan and seconded by Mark, Carried.**

Deb S. and Pastor Megan will contact Church Council to get approval for installation of "Gutter Armor" for Church and Parsonage.

MSC by Olga to adjourn at 8:35 PM and seconded by Jerry, Carried.
Next Meeting will be Monday, October 5th at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Jaspersen

Danebod Lutheran Church

As of August 31, 2026

Budget Year to Date	$131,553.33	
Actual Expenses Year to Date	$125,464.62	
Amount Under Budget to Date	**$ 6,088.71**	
General Fund Revenue to date	$115,512.11*	***Envelopes - $107,572.86** **Parish ed., donations, loose and special service offerings, outreach - $7,939.25**

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	10,759.53	11,233.75
September		10,929.52
October		8,901.25
November		11,919.52
December		18,144.25
Total	**$107,572.86**	**$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

Joyce Boch

Betty Jorgensen

Todd Kooker (son of Jan Nielsen)

Folk School Foundation

In memory of Rita & Dick Juhl from Margaret & John Bornhoft

In memory of Dennis Spader from Margaret & John Bornhoft

In honor of Karen Wells birthday from Alan Nielsen

Folk School

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Curtis & Darla Madsen

In memory of Rita Juhl from John Koch

Undesignated

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Timothy & Elaine Rustand

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Susan Holmquist

Parish Ed

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from John Rokeh

Parish Hall

In memory of Maxine Wilmes from Dale Nielsen

In memory of Maxine Wilmes from Bev Gylling

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Bradley & Nancy Bartz

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Gene & Cynthia Rasmussen

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Don & Susan Buhl

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Gary & Deb Sinding

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Peggy Wilmes

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Glen & Charlotta Petersen

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Olga Ekberg

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Ronda & Daniel Haushild

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Diane & William Clark

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Phyllis & Verlin Cadwallader

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Josie & Gary Harmacek

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Gayle & Jeff Wisnewski

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Bev Gylling

In memory of Myrna Rokeh from Dale Nielsen

MISSION SUPPORT

October 4th: In honor of Children & Grandchildren from Mark Stage

October 11th: Jim & Laurie Johansen

October 18th: In honor of Morgan & Levi from Troy & Gretchen Tommeraasen

October 25th:

Faith Chest & Bible Distribution



3 year olds starting Jumping for Jesus received Faith Chests: Brita Jerzak and Maysen Anderson (with friend Eastynn). Not pictured: Karter & Kinley Gylling



Kindergarteners receiving the Spark Bible: Kollyns Wooge, Elin Jerzak, & Sawyer Steinwand



3rd Graders receiving the Connect Bible – Eastynn Anderson, Kayden Wooge, Hudson Jensen, Thea Thomsen, Quinn Marnell, & Kasen Castle. Not pictured Kenady Stage and Nora Gravley



7th graders entering confirmation receiving the LSB Bible – Addison Castle, Brittney Thomas, Hans Burckhardt, Hayden Vos, & Bennett Wilmes. Not pictured Ari Krumm





Prairie Conference WELCA

Fall Gathering

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Danebod Lutheran in Tyler

(140 Danebod Court, Tyler, MN)

Then Sings My Soul

Psalm 95:1 "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the rock of our salvation."

Program: Pastor Dan Bowman

(using his saw as a musical instrument)

Registration begins at 8:30 with a fee of $15.00.
Brunch will be served at 9:00
with fellowship included and encouraged.
There will be no noon meal.

In-Kind Offering: Hygiene Closet at RTR
Shampoo, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste,
Feminine products, soap, comb, nail clipper
Cash donation

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FAITH + FIT

Ladies! Strengthen your body and spirit in this twice-weekly exercise class for women. Use free weights, pilates balls, and resistance bands to build muscle, and use our daily devotions app and closing meditation to build faith!



- Open to teens and adults
- Please bring a mat, resistance bands, and weights if you have them. Some loans available upon request.
- Download d365 Daily Devotions app

TUES & THURS, DANEBOD GYM HALL

5:30-6:15 AM, OCT 6 – JAN 28*

*EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS

$10 per class OR $130 for the season (31 classes)

Call the Danebod Office to reserve your spot! 507-247-3000



Family "Holey" Hour & Kids Church!

Sunday, October 4th, 8:45 – Church :)

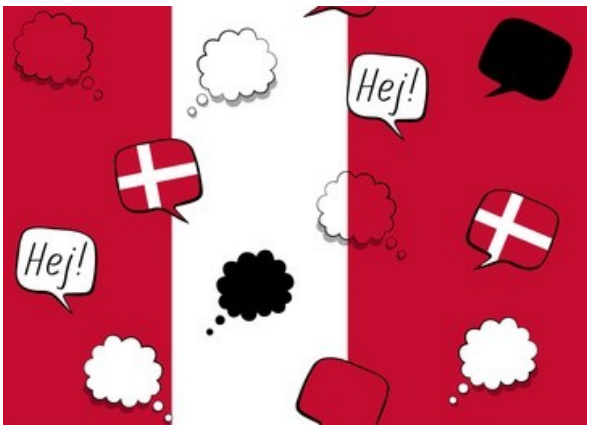
Kids and parents! "Roll" out of bed on Sunday morning and "do-nut" worry about breakfast- we've got you covered! Beginning at 8:45, gather in the Parish Hall for donuts, rolls, juice, and coffee. We'll have coloring sheets and some of our favorite teens to hang out with the kids as well, so moms and dads can relax, visit and enjoy an easy-going morning.

At 9:30, our kids will lead us in worship and show off some of the music they've been practicing in *Jumping for Jesus*. This Sunday, we will also collect a special noisy offering for the *Lutheran Social Services Children's Home*. Coins, bills, checks, prayers- all are welcome and appreciated.

No need to RSVP! Just show up hungry and ready to be fed in body and spirit <3

Organized by the Outreach Committee

Danish Online 2026-27



Do you have an interest in hearing a little of the Danish language? Would you like to pick up some useful words and phrases yourself? Or maybe you'd just like to learn more about current events and culture in Denmark. All people of all backgrounds and proficiencies (including zero!) are invited to join the Danish online group. This year, we'll continue watching episodes from the hit Danish television series (with English subtitles) *Seaside Hotel*. We will also be reading *Trail of 1000 Trolls* by famed global artist Thomas Dambo (yes- the Dambo trolls!).

Danish online meets via Zoom from 7-8:15PM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, beginning October 11th. Contact Pastor Megan to be included on the email list. Come and go as you like, when you can.

Ministry Team Duties

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	10/04 Communion	**10/11**	**10/18** Communion	**10/25**
Lector:	Kids Church	Gretchen Tommeraasen	Kristi Petersen	Jenna Johansen
Ushers:	Ryck Jorgensen, Olga Ekberg, Ivan & Harper Petersen	Troy & Gretchen Tommeraasen, Olga Ekberg, Cheryl Vos	Ryck Jorgensen, Ivan Petersen, Olga Ekberg, Erik Gile	Ryck J, Nick, Tate & Connor Johansen
Communion:	Olga Ekberg, Kristi Petersen	x	Olga Ekberg, Cerrisa Gile	x
Altar Guild:	Olga Ekberg	Olga Ekberg	Jenna Johansen	Jenna Johansen
Flowers:	Barb Johnson	Barb Johnson	Diana Nielsen	Barb Johnson
Coffee Fellowship:	Kelly Jorgensen & Tracy Baune	Gretchen Tommeraasen & Jenna Johansen	Diana Nielsen & Jan Thomsen	Jill Borresen & Lisa Pease *In honor of Bob and Marvie's 70th wedding anniversary!*

October 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4 9:30 Worship: Kids Church 10:30 Coffee 7:00 Sr High Youth Group	5 6:00 PM Folk School Meeting	6 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	7 5:30 P.M JFJ 6:30 P.M Confirmation 6:00 P.M Bell Choir 7:00 P.M Vocal Choir	8 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	9	10
11 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 1:00 Confirmation: Food for Kidz 7:00 PM Danish Zoom	12	13 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class 6:30 P.M Church Council Meeting	14 10 A.M Adult Ed 6:00 P.M Bell Choir 7:00 P.M Vocal Choir	15 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	16	17 8:30 AM WELCA Fall Gathering
18 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 7:00 Sr High Youth Group	19	20 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	21 5:30 P.M JFJ 6:30 P.M Confirmation 6:00 P.M Bell Choir 7:00 P.M Vocal Choir	22 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class 9:00 A.M Quilting	23	24
25 9:30 Worship 10:30 Coffee 7:00 PM Danish Zoom	26	27 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	28 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 Choir	29 5:30 A.M Faith & Fit Class	30	31

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