



SUGAR CREEK
BIBLE CAMP
A Camping/Retreat Ministry

2020 Traditional Youth Summer Camps Cancelled.

June 12, 2020

Dear Sugar Creek Bible Camp Family,

In a lengthy and emotional meeting last night, the Sugar Creek Board of Directors reached consensus on the very difficult issue of whether to hold residential youth camp programs during the global pandemic. It was decided, based on developing information about the coronavirus, that tragically, we will not be able to offer traditional summer camp this year.

Since the beginning of March when communities began practicing *Safer at Home*, we have worked to craft programs involving safe experiences for all of our youth – while still achieving the elements that define the Lutheran outdoor ministry experience. With the guidance of the CDC, Crawford County Health Dept., the American Camping Association, and other camps within our Lutheran Outdoor Ministry network, we believed we could achieve a 99% safe camp, but the coronavirus is an insidious enemy. Even with full attention to all aspects of health sanitation and a camp uniquely and powerfully equipped for small group ministry, asymptomatic exposure remained likely. The board felt it was not an acceptable risk to send a potentially infected camper home to a household of unknown vulnerabilities.

However, you will have good, safe camp opportunities here this summer. We are expanding “Family Camp” offerings to many additional 3-day programs! Each household here can reside safely separated and experience life-giving community outdoors. Classic and meaningful camp activities will be enjoyed in the context of safe distancing and healthy practices *as a family*. ☺

Our staff also developed creative new resources for church-based Day Camps, with engaging online programs for elementary, middle-school and high-school age groups. Our *Day Camp 2-Go* VBS curriculum offers Bible study videos, devotions, and faith-building activities made with the help of our camp counselors. It will be available to all churches.

Summer camp fees make up over half of our annual income. As costs to operate camp and retreats are also significant, this loss of income forces us to be creative and frugal, perhaps to the point of reduced work and pay schedules. We have been developing financial projections based on a variety of operational models, seeking financial health to build strong ministries in the year ahead without compromising physical health and safety. Your financial support makes the difference now. We are preparing for a future where our kids need camp more than ever.

The Board of Directors has full confidence in our professional staff, under the Direction of Jesse Klosterboer, to make the right decisions on specific camp operations going forward. We will keep our website and Facebook postings current with camp-related updates. Please know that deposits and fees that have been paid towards summer camp to-date can, at your family’s option, be applied to allow your whole family to experience Sugar Creek this summer – or credited back in a manner that can be chosen from a list of options on our webpage. Check our Facebook page, website, or call for information. Housing will be first-come, first serve...

At summer camp this weekend, hundreds of children and young adults would normally be heard for miles around singing praises to God. *These holy sounds will echo again over the sacred places of Sugar Creek.* Today we grieve the loss of traditional camp, for now. Tomorrow, we will joyfully welcome people to experience the healing and blessings of this sacred place where all generations encounter Christ, experience God’s grace, and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to go forth in faith.

Your servants in the Gospel,


Michael Douglass, Board President


Jesse Klosterboer, Executive Director

Hello Siblings in Christ!

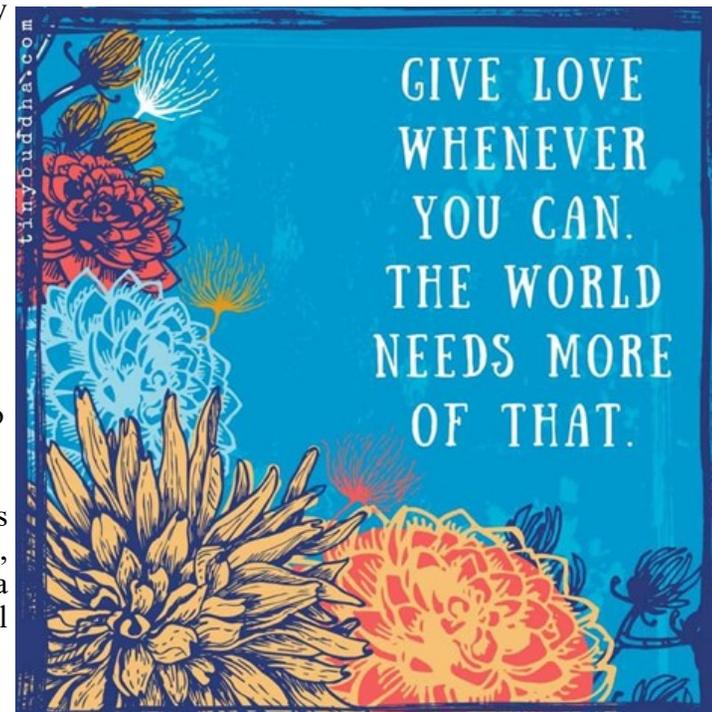
I hope and pray that you are all doing well. I miss being able to see you on Sunday or gather with you during the week.

I want you all to know that I am sending you all of my love, and wish that you are well.

As much as we long to gather in this time we refrain from gathering in person as an act of love toward one another. It is for the sake of the most vulnerable that we hold back from rushing to fling wide the doors of our buildings. We follow the call of the gospel to love our neighbor and Jesus’ commission to tend the those in need. Right now we care for the needs of others .

I am here for you in this time. I know that things have not been “normal”, but I hope and pray that you are able to feel the warmth and love of the body of Christ surrounding you as we worship and gather in new and different ways. If there is anything I can do to be with you in this time please don’t hesitate to reach out.

In Christ’s
Love,
Pastor Alyssa
Mitchell



PASTOR'S PAGE CONTINUED

Sidewalk Sacrament



"Since we are all essentially homebound, I am offering to provide a 'driveway' communion service to you and your family. If you are interested, you and other members of your household would come out of your home and remain on the stoop or porch. Bring

bread and wine or grape juice from your house. We will share in a brief worship service with me standing 10-12 feet away. You and your family will share communion. I will not have any contact with you or the elements you will eat and drink. You are welcome to share this invitation with adjoining neighbors, explaining to them that they would stay at the front of their respective houses (or 10-12 feet distant from you and from where I could stand). It will take about 10-20 minutes. Would you like me to stop by your driveway? Please call me if you are interested in having me stop by.

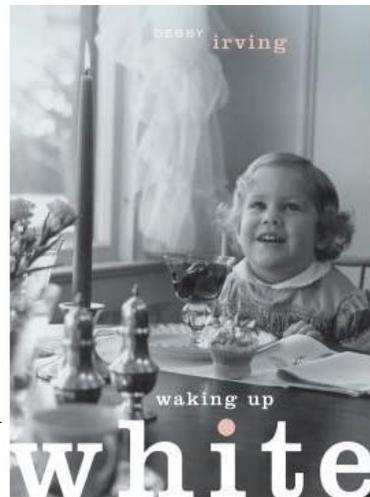
-Pastor Alyssa Mitchell

PASTORAL ACTS IN MAY

GRAVESIDE SERVICE ON MAY 8, 2020:

MERLIN SEVERSON, at Farmington Cemetery, (MLC member), who passed away on April 30, 2020.

JOIN IN THE ZOOM DISCUSSION OF "WAKING UP WHITE" BY DEBBIE IRVING. This summer book club meets at Noon on 7/21, 8/18, and 9/15 on Zoom. Come for respectful conversation as we learn how to be a more multicultural and welcoming community. Sign up by emailing pastorallison@holmenluth.org.



WOMEN OF THE ELCA EVENTS RESCHEDULED



WOMEN OF THE ELCA GATHERING
AUGUST 5-8, 2021 | PHOENIX
WELCATG.ORG

JOIN US AT OUR GATHERING

We invite all women to experience a life-changing



event with other bold women of faith, August 5-8, 2021, in Sunny Phoenix, Arizona.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

THE ADRC OF LA CROSSE COUNTY IS PARKED OUTSIDE MINDORO LUTHERAN every Wednesday from 11:30am to 1:00pm to provide frozen meals to seniors 60 years of age or older. Individuals may reserve any desired number of frozen meals to then prepare/consume throughout the week. Reservations are required and voluntary contributions are requested (\$4/meal) however no one is ever denied because of the inability to donate. All donations are kept confidential. Additionally, ADRC staff will be available to assist with information, assistance and counseling related to long-term care and other programs and services for older adults and adults with disabilities. Information/assistance provided is free of charge.

To learn more, determine eligibility or reserve meal(s), call the ADRC at 608-785-5700.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The Mobile Food Pantry will be here on **Tues, July 28 from 12:30-1:30pm.**

The WAFER Mobile Food Pantry stops in front of the Mindoro Lutheran Church once a month from 12:30-1:30pm. If you or someone you know needs some extra food to make it through the month, please come to the Mobile Food Pantry. **Families from La Crosse and now Jackson and Monroe counties are invited.** Look for upcoming dates and times at <https://waferlacrosse.org/mobile-pantry/> You can also contact WAFER at 608-782-6003.

Confirmation Students and High School Students

As of this newsletter printing, the **2021 ELCA Youth Gathering**, June 29-July 3, 2021, is still happening in Minneapolis.

Youth who are in 8th to 12th grade at the time of registration (Fall 2020) are eligible to attend. Adult leaders must be at least 21 at the time of the Gathering. The recommended ratio is one adult for every seven youth.

Update on Upcoming Key Dates for the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering

Gathering leadership continues to work through a variety of scenarios of what this ministry may look like in the time of COVID-19. We have decided to pause our upcoming webinars, the release of the *Getting Ready Materials* and the start of financial assistance so that all may be adjusted accordingly for any possible changes.

We also hope this pause will allow congregational leaders to continue focusing on serving their young people during these unusual times, without needing to devote special attention to Gathering readiness. The Gathering timeline will be adjusted accordingly as updates are announced so that adult leaders have the necessary time to prepare. All updates will be shared on our social media as well as our website, <https://elca.org/YouthGathering/About/Overview> and <https://elca.org/YouthGathering/COVID19>.



YOUR CONGREGATIONS AT WORK



With Independence Day being on a Saturday this year, the church office will be closed for the holiday on Monday, July 6th.

Have a Happy 4th! Please stay safe and healthy, wash your hands, social distance, and wear a mask.



CAN'T WATCH WORSHIP ON LIVE STREAM
ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?

WATCH WORSHIP ON OUR WEBSITE WHEN IT IS CONVENIENT.
HERE'S HOW:

Go to the church website:

<https://www.mindorolewisvalleychurches.org/>

At the top of the page, hover over or click on "Worship".

There will be a drop down with Full Service; click on Full Service
Choose the service you would like to watch.



Christ in Our Home

July, August, September edition is here!

We have the July, August, September edition of *Christ in Our Home* at Mindoro Lutheran. If you would like a copy, please come to the church 9:00am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday, ring the bell at the right side of the doors, and pick up your copy. They are on the bookcase to the right as you walk in.



Mindoro & Lewis Valley Men's Group Breakfast
No Men's Group Breakfast until further notice.

10 HACKS TO HAPPINESS

1. GET SOCIAL.

Friends and/or family make us happy. While we need to physically distance ourselves from each other, we can still connect to those we love.

- Write letters
- Phone calls
- Check in with texts or messages
- Play video games online together
- Use an online platform for the things you like to do together (dance parties, game nights, chatting)
- Laugh together

2. EXERCISE.

Moving helps us feel better, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Pick something you enjoy (or pick the thing you hate least) and make a plan to do it. Walking, hiking, biking, are all beneficial and acceptable activities while we are physically distancing. Working out at home, dancing, jumping rope, rollerblading, whatever your choice of movement!

3. MEDITATE.

Meditation over periods of time changes the brain structure — scientifically termed *neuroplasticity* — to enhance more self-awareness, compassion, and calmness within us. It also reduces our stress response to unexpected events, actual or anticipated.

4. PRACTICE MINDFULNESS.

It provides many observed benefits, including reduction in our stress levels, increment of self-awareness, improvement of focus, facilitation of calmness in the face of difficult emotions as frustration, resentment, boredom and anxiety.

5. TAKE A NAP.

Naps can help us recharge and a study done by the British Psychological Society indicate that people who nap are more responsive to positive emotions. If you can find a way to include a short nap in your modified schedule and it helps, find a blanket and catch some zzzs!

6. GO FOR A NATURE WALK.

Spending time outside in the nature freshens our mood, improves our working memory, and reduces our stress.

Many parks are open for hiking, walking, running, biking, and enjoying nature. We can maintain a safe physical distance and enjoy the benefits of the outdoors.

7. BE MORE GRATEFUL.

Sometimes it is hard to find something to be thankful for. On the hard days, it is actually more important. When we train our brain to find something good in a day, we learn how to be more positive and find positivity in challenge, struggle, and even negative events. We do not sugarcoat events, rather find something that we were grateful for within. This improves our wellbeing and increases our long term happiness.

8. SPEND ON OTHERS.

Helping others actually helps us feel good. While prosocial spending might not be financially possible right now, acts of kindness produce the same good feelings. Picking up groceries for someone who cannot, writing chalk messages on our sidewalk, assisting with yard work for someone who cannot get outside, all of these help someone else which helps us feel good.

9. LISTEN TO HAPPY MUSIC.

Music therapy has been found to have positive effects for our mental health. Music helps us be motivated, helps us process emotions, and improves our mood. Sometimes that music might be upbeat and happy, sometimes it might be contemplative so we can reflect.

10. BE FLEXIBLE TO LIFE'S CHALLENGES

Resilience is not just having grit to tough something out, it is the ability to adapt and modify our plans, our behaviors, and our attitudes to deal with what is happening. When we positively use our emotions, attitude, and behavior to look at how to tolerate, deal with, or modify our plans, we are healthier and happier.



Extension
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
LA CROSSE COUNTY

Hacks provided by: <https://happyproject.in/10-happy-things/?fbclid=IwAR1C2eaaQqHo4W2uWrpdzgmDDhpQKHdIBqhgkLb1od9OILxcN9TJZA7I>

PICTURES FROM OUR MEMBERS



Left: Alma Sennes on her 85th birthday, June 15, 2020.



Below: Alma with her granddaughters Emma (left) and Kaitlynn (right) Severson. See the love!

Thank you for the pictures Brenda. :-)



The new cement parking spot that was put in In Memory of Steve Gabrielson, who had started the project. (Pictures are from opposite directions, not two)

warm handshakes and hugs as we greet and pass the peace. The virus count increases as we spend extended time together in an enclosed space, singing loudly, and sharing bread and wine. For now, we won't gather. We don't know who carries the virus. We don't know who is most at risk to exposure. We wait.

Fortunately, we know that Lutherans can worship anywhere. We open our Bibles at home, pray as we drift off to sleep at night, worship together online as our pastors become gifted televangelists.

Of course, we still collect offerings. Christians have a need to give. It is marvelous that many mail checks to church and engage in online giving. It is marvelous that we contribute to local groups serving those in special need. And it is inspiring to see God's people offering themselves to distribute food, coordinate blood drives, make phone connections with those who live alone, and more and more and more – loving Jesus by loving our neighbors.

Now, as more and more people return to work, it is inspiring to see faithful people serve Jesus by protecting those around them. Masks are worn. Personal distancing is maintained. And in so doing, the neighbor is loved.

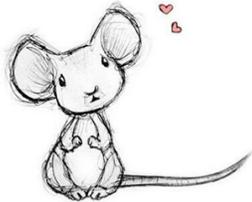
We miss worshipping together. But we stay the course. It's how we serve. It's how we care. It's for our God and for our neighbor.

Seemore

☺ I packed up my drop of juice and my crumb of Cracker and hopped in Pastor Alyssa's bag as she went out on Sidewalk Sacrament visits. It was really nice to see a few of you again! I hope I will get to see more of you in July as I sneak into Pastor Alyssa's bag, and ride along.

☺ I've been outside quite a bit when the weather has been nice. I've visited David & Mary's house, Shirley's house, Rich & Tammy's house, Nick & Samantha's house, and all the way down the street to Steve & Josie's house. Josie has a daycare and Nick & Sam have baby Kenna so those were my two favorite places! You know why? Babies drop lots of food! The others were friendly, as long as I didn't sneak up on them, but way too tidy when it came to crumbs.

☺ Pastor Alyssa & Jared are going on vacation July 26th - August 1st. With no in-building services through July, I think I will sneak into their suitcase and take a vacation with them. I'm sure they will be cooking up something delicious - or at least have takeout for me to get some crumbs.



Seemore the Church Mouse



Left: Beautiful weather graced the Spring in the Valley Plant Sale on May 30th.

With pre-orders, social distancing, and masks, the plant sale was a success!

Below: The American Legion showed up on Mindoro Lutheran's front door to commemorate Memorial Day this year.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Phil Keane



YOUR CONGREGATIONS AT WORK

Just thinking of you makes me smile!



Visiting is not a good idea right now, but please stay in touch with a call or "just thinking of you" card/letter to our nursing home bound and our homebound.



If you need a phone number or an address, please call the church office for it.



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"If you listen real carefully when the breeze blows, you can hear God whispering."

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Church Member Hospital Visits

If you or a family member are in the hospital, please let Pastor Alyssa or the church office know. We can no longer call to find out who is in the hospitals and the chaplains aren't calling to let us know.



COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Other Business: Plant Sale was successful. Thanks to all who helped organize/work the event and those who made purchases.

Question was brought up if church services could be broadcast from LV. Currently there is not internet service at the church that would support the live streaming. Investigation into getting internet at church is being explored. Not many great options at this time.

The Bike Blessing will be at LV on June 28. Pastor is working on parking lot organization for those attending to safely social distance. Russell and Ramona are working on a route for the motorcycle ride.

There was a church that burned in Minnesota. We will ask Hearts and Hammers if they would want to make a donation to that church to help re-build.

Ivy motioned, Barb seconded; MMSP to donate \$100 to Mindoro Lutheran to help offset their expenses since they are holding basically all services at this time, and we are not holding any.

Communion Servers: None needed for July.

Adjourn: Barb moved, Nick seconded; MMSP.

Respectfully submitted by Becky Whalen, Secretary
(Pending approval at the July meeting)

Mindoro Lutheran Church Council Meeting Tuesday, June 8th, 2020, met in person with COVID-19 precautions taken

Present: John, Rita, Cindy, Ronnie, Jodi and Debbie

It was great to meet in person at L.V. for our meeting in June. Cindy called the meeting to order. John approved the agenda, and Rita seconded it. The secretary's report was approved by Rita.

Jodi said the PPP loan is on track. We were able to use it for our summer fill. Giving is up some! Most memorials have been given to the parsonage fund. A few members have dropped envelopes off at the bank. A motion was made by Rita to accept the treasurer's report and John seconded it.

Concerning property, Ronnie has volunteered to trim the tree, left of the church. He will also check the down spouts on the church. A big thank you to Nick & Sam Sinotte for mowing our church yard. We need to mulch our garden again.

Everyone loves Pastor's video services. We thank her so much for all the time and effort she has done to help us stay connected. She will continue these even when the church opens again.

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Salek, Sub. Secretary
(Pending approval at the July meeting)

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COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Discussed safety precautions for COVID 19. When we can gather again, there will be restrictions which will likely include masking, social distancing, gathering of 50 people or less, no singing, no offering plates, no communion, taking reservations so we know we will not be over the limit. These are just some thoughts of restrictions at this time; again, we will make determinations as we have more information.

The Pictorial Directory is currently being processed.

Cindy moved to adjourn the meeting, Becky seconded by. MMSP

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Whalen, Lewis Valley Secretary
(Pending approval at the July meeting)

Lewis Valley Lutheran Church Council Minutes

June 9, 2020, met in person with COVID-19 precautions taken

In Attendance: Bill Knutson, Gary Wortman, Ivy Endris, Barb Anderson, Becky Whalen, Sharon Pfaff, Nick Sinotte **Absent:** None

President Gary Wortman called the meeting to order.

Agenda Approval: Becky moved, Ivy seconded; MMSP.

Secretary's Report: Ivy moved, Bill seconded; MMSP.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon moved, Nick seconded; MMSP.

President's Report: Gary reported that he is working with the electrician to complete the work in the basement. The Exit lights have been fixed in the basement. The flooring in the communion room needs to be installed yet.

Team Reports –

Finance: The PPE loan - we will be able to spend the required 75% of the loan on salaries. Giving has been stable. We are in good standing financially.

Property (Church): There was a tree that went down in the church lawn. The tree was removed. We need to get the stump and roots removed/ground. We are getting bids for that work.

There is repair work that needs to be done on damaged soffit and fascia on the backside of the church. Bill moved, Becky seconded; MMSP to pre-approve \$500 for church president to get bids and get repair done.

There is a need for removal of the old brush/stumps by the brick wall and replace with dirt and plant grass seed. When it rains, mud washes down by the basement door causing problems. We will advertise in the bulletin and email for volunteers to reach out by the end of June to do this work. If we don't get volunteers, we will look for bids.

There are 2 property committee positions open. If you're interested, please reach out to Gary Wortman or the church office.

**COUNCILS MEET TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020, AT LEWIS VALLEY
6:30PM JOINT COUNCIL;
MINDORO & LEWIS VALLEY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JOINT
COUNCIL MEMBERS - PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR UPDATES
FROM PASTOR ALYSSA ON THE "LOCATION".**

Please let the church office know if you have a
**CHANGE OF ADDRESS, CHANGE OF PHONE NUMBER AND/OR CHANGE
OF E-MAIL ADDRESS.**

SUNDAY WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK JULY 26, 2020, 9:00AM



We will worship on Facebook at 9:00am
July 26th with Pastor Ben Morris and
Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Please consider sending an offering to them
for sharing their service with us. The
address is:
1334 Pine Street, La Crosse WI 54601.

COMMITTEES/TEAMS AT LEWIS VALLEY AND MINDORO

CHURCH COUNCILS: LV - President Gary Wortman, VP Sharon Pfaff, Secretary Becky Whalen, Ivy Endris, Bill Knutson, Sharon Pfaff, Nick Sinotte; MLC - President Jim Hines, VP Cindy Tracey, Secretary Mary Kastenschmidt, Rita Cox, John McRae, Ron Moore, Debbie Salek, Sandy Stetzer, Ginny Wegner

EDUCATION: Betty Pfaff, Nikki Christopherson, Rita Holley, Lara Hines, Beth McRae

FINANCE: MLC: Pastor Alyssa, Jodi Anderson, Jim Hines, Heather Koss, John McRae, Cindy Roberts; LV: Pastor Alyssa, Jodi Anderson, Karen Knutson, Becky Whalen, Jason Young

PARSONAGE: Bill Cox, Rich Sinclair, Kay Pfaff, Gary Wortman, **2 LV members needed**

PROPERTY: MLC: Ron Moore, Mark Roberts, Rich Sinclair; LV: Gary Wortman, **2 LV members needed**

STAFF SUPPORT: Alice Baumer, Lillian Nordin, Carol Taylor, Ginny Wegner

STEWARDSHIP: Rita Cox, Jim Hines, Debbie Peterson, **LV members needed**

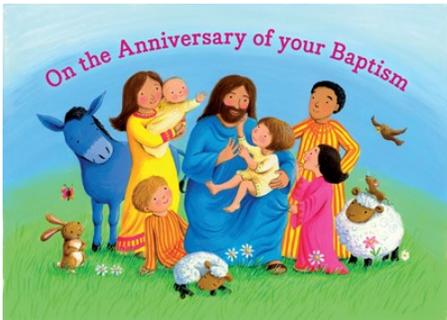
WORSHIP: Barb Anderson, Ivy Endris, Debbie Peterson, Sharon Pfaff, Ginny Wegner

Anniversaries

Baptismal Anniversaries	
July 1	Shari Bockenbauer
July 2	Joseph Paisley Neal Hanson
July 6	Kael Spors Aries Wharton James Wharton
July 11	Peyton Brown
July 12	Ryan Sawyer
July 13	Gene Hanson
July 15	Kally Koch Connor Christopherson Brett Gerdes
July 17	Tajinae Tracey
July 19	Nancy Spangler
July 21	David Kastenschmidt Alyssa Baumer Claire Huffman
July 23	Timothy Tracey Tom Tracey
July 25	Noah Stayton
July 27	Katie Huffman Benjamin Jostad
July 28	Morgan Miller Megan Olson
July 31	Elizabeth Sawyer



Wedding Anniversaries	
July 7	Matthew & Katie Huffman
July 10	Jerome & JoAnn Nelson 55 years
July 10	Steve & Kay Timm
July 14	Robert & Jane Everitt
July 16	Chauncey & Mary Stetzer 65 years
July 17	Richard & Debra Kirchner
July 28	Jared & Pastor Alyssa



COUNCIL MINUTES

**Joint Council Meeting
Mindoro and Lewis Valley Lutheran Churches
June 9, 2020, met in person with COVID-19 precautions taken**

Present: Pastor Alyssa, Barb Anderson, Becky Whalen, Bill Knutson, Gary Wortman, Ivy Endris, Cindy Tracey, Sharon Pfaff, Jodi Anderson, Nick Sinotte, Ron Moore, Rita Cox, John McRae, Debbie Salek, Sandy Stetzer **Absent:** Ginny Wegner, Mary Kastenschmidt, Jim Hines

Pastor had devotions.

Sharon made a motion to approve the agenda, Bill seconded. MMSP
Barb made a motion to approve the minutes, Cindy seconded. MMSP

Pastor Alyssa reported that she continues to have the virtual Sunday worship services and they are going well. Attendance has been great. Pastor also continues to lead coffee hour on Monday and Wednesdays and evening prayer sessions Monday through Thursdays. Pastor reported that she has not had any funeral, wedding or baptism requests lately. She is offering Sidewalk Sacrament for those interested. She has started this week and they have gone very well.

Education Team: There will be no Vacation Bible School this year due to the pandemic. We have received online Sunday School material information in case we are not able to meet in person yet this fall. This is being reviewed.

Outreach Team: No report. They continue to remain active.

Property Team: Pastor has removed the barberry bushes in the front yard of the parsonage and replaced with Burning Bushes. The kitchen/bathroom faucet is dripping, Delbert Stair will be called to fix.

Staff Support Team: No report

Stewardship Team: No report. We need representatives on this committee from LV. Pastor will work on getting reps and getting a meeting together.

Worship Team: Again, virtual worship is going well and there is good viewership. There are no ELCA churches open at this time. We will not be able to gather for worship in church until we hit Phase 2 of the Badger Bounce Back Plan. It is likely that we will have a "new normal" through 2020, at least.

Cindy made a motion, Sharon seconded to purchase software that Jared uses to input slides into the video for online worship. What we have been using was for a trial period and the trial period is up. The cost is \$60 and the money will be taken out of the AV fund. MMSP

We are invited to join Holmen Lutheran and Journey Lutheran for a book read this summer – Waking Up White by Debby Irving. Watch for additional information about this.

July worship is scheduled to be in Mindoro. Again, we will not be able to gather for worship in church until we hit Phase 2 of the Badger Bounce Back Plan, so this is TBD.

LEWIS VALLEY WORSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT: Lewis Valley Lutheran Church is committed to reaching toward God and each other, to grow in faith, fellowship and love. We offer opportunities for the community to experience the grace of God and respond in Christian commitment.

JUNE FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 6/21/20

Sunday Envelope Offering	\$855.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,410.00
Pay Pal Giving	\$350.00
Plant Sale.....	\$2,651.00
Total Giving.....	\$5,266.00

Lewis Valley Lutheran Income & Expenses for April	
May Income:	\$5,210.76
May Expenses:	\$6,716.37
*of 153 active, confirmed members	

NEEDED AT LEWIS VALLEY

Two Property Team members
Two Parsonage Team members
Two Stewardship Team members

Contact Gary Wortman or the church office to volunteer or with questions.

MINDORO WORSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT: Mindoro Lutheran Church is committed to reaching toward God and to each other, to grow together in faith, fellowship and love.

JUNE FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 6/21/20

Sunday Envelope Offering	\$1,530.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,275.00
Pay Pal Giving	\$110.00
Total Giving.....	\$4,915.00

Mindoro Lutheran Income & Expenses for April	
May Income:	\$9,273.66
May Expenses:	\$8,844.97
*of 238 active, confirmed members	

Happy Birthday!!

July 1	Jean Van Riper Jaden Page - 11
July 2	Nancy Kish Steve Sacia Katie Huffman Kenna Sinotte - 1
July 3	Jonathan Young - 5
July 5	Patricia Hoff
July 7	Aly Knutson Alex Valiente II - 11
July 8	Jacob Hines
July 9	Lauren Koss - 18
July 11	Jennifer Cruz
July 12	Tori Kovacevich
July 17	Todd Baumer Mary Johnsrud
July 18	Tyler Christianson - 12
July 19	Kyle Opland - 15
July 20	Tucker Sbraggia - 18
July 22	Cheryl Halverson
July 23	Troy Stayton
July 24	Douglas Drogseth Christopher Pfaff
July 25	Mary Sutherland
July 26	Lincoln Anderson - 2
July 28	Mary Wortman Dustin Anderson
July 30	Leslie Pfaff Kyle Korish Colton Koss - 12
July 31	Bernice Opland Brenda Severson Tucker Stuessel - 6



Bolded names are members celebrating an 80th Birthday or above. Let's shower them with birthday cards on their special day.



In Memoriam

July 1	Donovan Pfaff
July 10	Elsie Roberts Marian Simonson
July 28	Spencer Olson

Please let the church office know if a name or date is incorrect or if someone needs to be added. The information is from the church records and all records are not complete.

IN OUR PRAYERS

PRAYED FOR IN JUNE: Sharon Ash, Cindy Adamson, Cathy Gabrielson’s sister & brother-in-law Karla & Gene Amann & family, Ray Beaser, Bonnie Byom, Bob Collins, Tim Devine, Garrett Earley, Troy Goodenough, Lori Hudson, Nancy Spangler’s granddaughter Melissa Jones, Mary Kastenschmidt, Marcella Koss, Carol Lichtenberger, Hunter Linder, Mary Mahlum, Bernice Opland, Dawn Pierce & family, Amelia Pike, Larry



THE FAMILY CIRCUS



Seekamp, Alma Sennes, Arlene Severson, Nancy Spangler, John Tracey, Russell Van Riper; our healthcare workers and all essential workers; our military men and women; family & neighbors of George Floyd; Jim & Lara Hines & family & friends of Jim & Lara’s brother-in-law Tim Bena; family & friends of Charlotte Sbraggia; and family & friends of Clair Murray.

WE ALSO PRAYED FOR IN JUNE OUR HOME OR NURSING HOME BOUND MEMBERS: Audrey Baker, Delores Wang, Eloise Thum, Grace Kastenschmidt, Ruby Knudson, Shirley Hoff, and Yvonne & Henry Meyer.

If there is someone that should be added to the prayer list or taken off the list, please let the church office know.

“No, Dolly, our father art downstairs watching TV.”

GOD’S WORD EACH WEEK

You are encouraged to read the Bible each week. Below are the Sunday readings for this month. Set aside personal or family time to read each week.

07/05	Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
07/12	Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:1-13; Romans :1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
07/19	Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
07/26	1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

THANK YOU

MINDORO MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Tim Bena to the Parsonage Fund from John & Cindy Tracey and David & Mary Kastenschmidt.

In Memory of Charlotte Sbraggia to the Parsonage Fund from Ginny Wegner, Alice Baumer, Todd & Marie Baumer, Alyssa Baumer, Alec Baumer, David & Mary Kastenschmidt, and Mike & Karen Hauser.

MINDORO CELEBRATIONS:

In Celebration of Pastor Alyssa’s birthday to the Parsonage Fund.

In Celebration of Dale & Betty Kirchner’s 64th Wedding Anniversary to the Parsonage Fund from Dale & Betty.



Thank you to Mark Femrite and Shari Sjostraud for the monetary donation given to the Lewis Valley Quilting Fund.

FROM BISHOP ARENDS

LUTHERANS, STAY THE COURSE

Posted on May 14, 2020 by Bishop Jim Arends

Yesterday the Wisconsin Supreme Court made a ruling about the authority of a nonelected government official. Because of their ruling the existing Safer at Home order was no longer enforceable. That discussion is about laws and good order – it is not the discussion on this page.

The Badger Bounce Back plan remains Wisconsin’s guide for incorporating our lives into the COVID-19 world. It provides a step by step process of reopening in light of progress made in fighting the disease. It is based on the federal plan. This process is supported by myself as the Bishop of the La Crosse Area Synod as well as the five other Wisconsin synod bishops who serve the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. And it is supported by the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

I am thankful the BBB enables us as Christians to live out our calling to love God and to love our neighbors.

For now, we keep our buildings closed to corporate worship. Unfortunately Lutheran services are filled with ways to spread a pandemic. Viruses are shared in

