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## 2021 UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Jan - Feb** - Plan your own Winter Fun Day or retreat! Call us to plan a fun, winter outing for your household or co-horted group!
- **February 21 - SCBC Annual Meeting**

From Sugar Creek Bible Camp's online Currents, February 2021 Volume 2, Issue II

### WHY DO THE TREES LOOK FROSTED?

This winter we have been particularly blessed with several days where everything around us looked as though it were iced by our Creator. Many of us were quick to take some pictures to try and capture the splendor of the earth around us. But just what caused this marvelous effect?

What we experienced in early January is known as Rime Ice. Rime Ice often happens when there is dense fog in winter time conditions. Supercooled, liquid water drops in the air come in contact with surfaces which are at below freezing temperatures. The water droplets freeze on contact with the various surfaces they touch.

Sometimes Rime Ice is confused with Hoarfrost. Hoarfrost is a little like winter time dew. Water vapor, which is actually a gas, freezes directly onto a surface which is below the freezing point. The vapor actually skips the liquid phase of water as it goes directly to a frozen state.

Both weather situations create breathtaking effects!

### Psalm 104:16-17, 24

*The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.*



The picture shown here was taken by Samantha Sinotte. (not part of the Currents article)

Dear Beloved of Christ,

*<sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.*  
-- 1 John 4:10-12



I think February is the perfect month to talk about love and how we love one another. The love of God is big and broad and a love that was willing to send God's only son to die for the sake of the world. This is a love that I often preach about but one as I grow into my new calling as a mother; is one that I am even more in awe of. I cannot fathom the kind of love that would give one's only child up, and I have not even met mine yet. I already love this child so much that I would go to crazy lengths to ensure that they are safe. But God's love is for the whole world, not just for Jesus. So God made a sacrifice that no parent should ever have to make and gave Jesus up for the sake of the world.

In 1 John we are called to love one another, because God first loved us. How might we show the love of God a little brighter through the month of February, a month when the stores are full of cards, hearts, and flowers?

You all did such a good job of sending Christmas cards, perhaps you could spread some cheer with a few valentine's cards. If you are a person who orders coffee, maybe you could ask to pay for the coffee or lunch in the drive-thru behind you. You could hold the door for a stranger, or greet someone you don't know (I'd say you could smile at them, but that is sometimes hard to see with masks ;)). We can plan surprise drive-by parades for Birthdays or just because. We especially now, can continue in properly wearing masks to protect one another, so that we hopefully can end this pandemic and get back to a phase where we can gather carefully again.

There are so many ways that we can show love for one another, God lead the example of ultimate love, so let us strive to love one another!

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Alyssa Mitchell

## PASTOR'S PAGE CONTINUED

### LENTEN SERIES

Imagine that a friend or family member who is unfamiliar with your Christian faith asks you to summarize the gospel. She isn't looking for a laundry list of doctrines. She has no interest in hearing you recite the Apostles' Creed. She wants to get to the heart of the matter. "In seven words or less," she says, "tell me what you believe as a Christian." What would you say? How would you put it? Are you be prepared to confess your faith in Jesus? To be a Christian is to "believe with your heart" and "confess with your mouth" the good news of God's love for us in Christ (Romans 10:9-10). Peter calls us to be prepared always to give a reason for the hope we have as Christians (1 Peter 3:15). Christians have the best news in the world to share! But are we prepared to share it? During this season of Lent, we're going to prepare to celebrate Holy Week by sharing why Holy Week is so important. Our midweek worship services will serve as opportunities to consider the many ways in which the Scriptures proclaim Jesus. During the week, each of you will be working on your own summary, with the hopes that all of us are more prepared to share the good news of Jesus. Come and join us this Lent, and join us by crafting your own confession of the gospel!

### Ash Wednesday Worship, February 17, 2021

Join us as we gather online with our siblings from Holmen Lutheran, Journey Lutheran, and Halfway Creek Lutheran, to confess our sins and remember that we are dust on Ash Wednesday. The service will be shared on Facebook and the Website at 6pm.

### Impositions of Ashes

Get your ashes at church, through a drive through imposition 7am-8:30am or 5pm-7pm at the Mindoro Lutheran Church. If you would like ashes packaged to take home for you or your family, please let Pastor Alyssa know and we will have packets available for pick up.

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Since 1976, every American president has designated February as Black History Month and endorsed a specific theme. The Black History Month 2021 theme, "Black Family: Representation, Identity and Diversity" explores the African diaspora, and the spread of Black families across the United States.

I encourage you to pick up a book by a Black author or watch a film commemorating black history this month.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### La Crosse Warming Center 2020-2021 Needs

The Warming Center opens on November 1 for the winter months.

\*We appreciate your support given to the Warming Center and our guests! Below is our list of needs, however, please remember monetary donations are vital to keep our Warming Center open.

Sugar, Cereal, Granola Bars, Breakfast Items To Go, Juice/Juice Mix, Ramen To Go Cups, Laundry Soap, Dish Soap, Shower Towels Gently Used or New, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Any Cleaning Products, Disposable Razors, Chapstick/Lip Balm, Deodorant, Shampoo 20 oz or Larger, Conditioner 20 oz or Larger, Body Wash 20 oz or Larger, Hair Brushes, New Underwear M/F, Long Johns Adult Sizes, Hand Warmers, Winterized Gloves, Duffle Bags/Book Bags, Men's Work Boots Size 10 & Up, Men's Clothing Size 2X or Larger

Please drop off at Mindoro Lutheran between 9am-3pm, Monday-Friday.



**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW HAS FOOD INSECURITY PLEASE CALL THE ADRC OF LA CROSSE COUNTY AT 608-785-5700. They will be able to set up a time & location to pick up or drop off meals.**

**The Tomah Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center is asking for letters and cards for veterans restricted to the VA Community Living Center.**

They are in need of uplifting and positive messages, children's artwork, etc.

In order to ensure each veteran receives a card or letter, they need at least 200 each week.



Address letters to: Tomah VA Medical Center, ATTN: Mail Call (135), 500 East Veterans Street, Tomah, WI, 54660

The veterans appreciate and deserve our thankfulness of them, all year round. Please keep sending cards through the year. If there is no holiday close by, you could send a thank you card, a thinking of you card, a message on notepaper...



### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

The Mobile Food Pantry will be here on **Tues, Feb 23 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

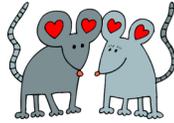
<https://waferlacrosse.org/mobile-pantry/>

You can also contact WAFER at 608-782-6003. **19**

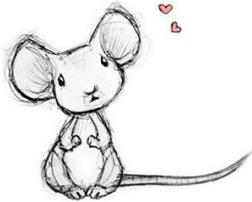
## SEEMORE

☺ I had a wonderful time in Florida with Mona. I wish I could have spent more time there, but my duties are many here in Wisconsin. Thank you Mona for being such a gracious host; I apologize for not warning you I was coming along with you.

☺ I did find a new love in Florida; I think I'll make a quick trip south again and maybe bring her home with me. Pastor Alyssa, are you up for officiating our nuptials? Love is in the air!



☺ I hear about so much that happened in January!! And, all that is coming up in February. Read about all the ways we have and can show God's love to one another.



I see the pictorial directories are here! I looked through it but didn't find my picture. I'm positive I said "Cheese!" to the photographer,

 *Seemore the Church Mouse*

### "2021 CALENDAR DRIVE"

Calendars are needed at Riverside Nursing Home.

If you have extra wall calendars, please bring them to Mindoro Lutheran during office hours and Mona will make sure they are delivered to Riverside

### The Salvation Army is in great need of blankets.

The Salvation Army Shelter in La Crosse is in need of new and gently used blankets. If you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church office; we will get them to the shelter.

### ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION

Please save your aluminum cans and bring them to Lewis Valley. Help the Norden Cemetery Association raise some money. Please either leave the bags of cans by the retaining wall or put them into the cemetery shed.



**La Crosse County Human Services is collecting pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Just place in a Ziploc bag and bring to Mindoro Lutheran. There is a box to put them in in the Narthex.**

## PASTOR'S PAGE CONTINUED

### Reaching Out



If you are in need please reach out! Please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Alyssa to chat, for pastoral care, if you have ideas or needs. Pastor Alyssa would love to hear from you.



### WINTER BOOK CLUB

#### *LOVE IS THE WAY: HOLDING ON TO HOPE IN TROUBLING TIMES*

The UFFDA ministry team is continuing the conversation with the book *Love is the Way: Holding onto Hope in Troubling Times*, written by presiding Bishop Michael Curry of the Episcopal Church.

Bishop Curry is spirited, hopeful, and full of joy while still acknowledging the injustices and divisiveness of our times.

You are invited to ZOOM discussions at 11AM on February 9 and March 9.

Books can be purchased at your favorite book store. Please contact Pastor Alyssa if you plan to attend.



### Faith+Full+Life

**On 2/23/21, at 6:30pm, Faith+Full+Life will meet on ZOOM.**

There will be a 10 minute video to watch together and discuss. The series we will be using is from Pastor Adam Hamilton and it is called *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*. There is no prep required.

Simply show up for fellowship and a time of discussion where faith and real life meet. Please let Pastor Alyssa or the church office know if you would like to participate. We look forward to growing in faith with you!

## YOUR CONGREGATIONS AT WORK

### **NOTICE of ANNUAL MEETING**

LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2021, 10:00AM  
via ZOOM and TELEPHONE

#### **ANNUAL REPORTS, PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES, AND OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Please pick the above items up, for both churches, in Mindoro Lutheran's entryway.



**Sunday School**  
On Sundays, please look on the churches' Facebook pages for virtual Sunday School.

#### **IN THE MINDORO LUTHERAN NARTHEX, THE LEWIS VALLEY W-ELCA HAS FAIR TRADE COFFEE FOR SALE**

The cost is \$9.00/bag, payable to LV W-ELCA. There are both medium roast and decaffeinated. By purchasing Fair Trade coffee, you are preserving the environment, helping small family farmers, promoting Fair Trade, and enjoying a delicious cup of coffee.

There are also a few Fair Trade white chocolate, milk chocolate, and dark chocolate candy bars for \$3.50/bar.

### **Sidewalk Sacrament**

Would you like me to stop by your driveway? Snow? Not a problem; we will still stay outside. Please call me (or the church office) if you are interested in having me stop by for communion.

-Pastor Alyssa Mitchell

#### **CAN'T WATCH WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK LIVE?**

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.

## COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

### **Lewis Valley Lutheran Church Council Minutes January 12, 2021**

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

President Gary Wortman called the meeting to order.

**Agenda Approval:** Sharon moved to approve, Barb seconded; MMSP.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Becky moved to approve, Ivy seconded; MMSP. Financials look good at the end of 2020; we ended the year well.

**President's Report:** A motion was made by Ivy to use monies from the Edith Bothun Estate to finance the Communion Room remodel, Barb seconded; MMSP. We would like to have a dedication of the Communion Room and donation to our church from the Edith Bothun Estate after we can reopen the church.

#### **Team Reports –**

**Finance:** The Finance Committee met in January to finalize the 2021 LV Budget.

**Property (Church):** Rich and Luke Anderson continue to do the remodel work in the Communion Room. We are waiting on the Menards rebate check and then we will use that money to purchase the countertop and sink. We will have a clean up once all the work is completed.

#### **Other Business:**

The LV Annual Meeting will be February 7 at 10 AM via Zoom.

Sharon Pfaff will continue on the LV Council for the 2021 – 2023 term. This will only give us 6 members on Council. We usually have an odd number of Council members. We will try to get one more volunteer to join the Council for the 3 year term.

LV Church and Mindoro Council installation will be February 21 via Zoom.

**Communion Servers:** None needed at this time.

**Adjourn:** Bill moved, Sharon seconded; MMSP.

Respectfully submitted, Becky Whalen, Secretary

*(Pending Approval February Meeting)*

## COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

### **Mindoro Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 12, 2021, via ZOOM**

**Present:** Ronnie Moore, Cindy Tracey, John McRae, Rita Cox, Pastor Alyssa, Debbie Salek, Jodi Anderson, and Mary Kastenschmidt  
**Absent:** Ginny Wegner

**Agenda:** Mary Kastenschmidt made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Ronnie Moore. MMS

**Secretary's Report:** Mary mentioned that there was a mistake in the January minutes and it should have read that John McRae approved the secretary's report as written, seconded by Debbie Salek. MMS. John McRae approved the minutes with the amended verbiage, seconded by Sandy Stetzer. MMS

**Treasurer's Report:** The budget was reviewed by the council and mainly items in the church operating expenses increased.

**President's Report:** Cindy has been getting things ready for our annual meeting. We do need another individual for council. Our annual meeting will be January 31, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Via ZOOM. All members who have an email will be sent the site to log into. They will also be able to call in and hear the meeting. It is important to make sure that we have enough members so that we are able to ratify Synod Assembly members, head ushers, funeral ushers, Bethany Homes, Sugar Creek, etc.

**Church Property:** Ronnie Moore mentioned that there a couple of minor things for him to address. There are five light bulbs to be replaced and he will exchange them when an extension ladder is available.

**Annual Meeting: January 31, 2021, 10:00 a.m. Via ZOOM.**

**2021-2023 Council Members:** Rick Dobbs and Cindy Tracey

Installation of officers will be February 21, 2021.

There was discussion regarding the parsonage remodel and our finances. We went through all of our monies and determined that we will have sufficient funds to cover the remodel. We have enough from the undesignated memorial fund, Marie and Elizabeth Tracey Memorials, and our portion of the parsonage fund to cover all but \$2,392.29 so we will borrow from the building fund and then replace it. We encourage members to give to the building fund.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kastenschmidt, Secretary

*(Pending Approval February Meeting)*

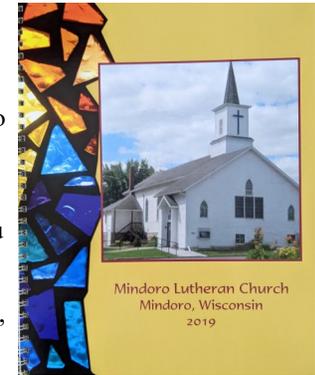
## PICTURES FROM AND OF OUR MEMBERS



Left: Welcome to the World Rhett Matthew Opland! Matthew & Abbey Opland's baby boy was born on 01/19/2021.

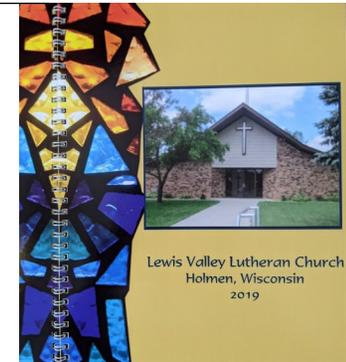
### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!**

You can pick your directory up at Mindoro Lutheran. If you had your picture taken by Lifetouch, your directory is free. If you submitted a picture - or you would just like a directory or a 2nd copy, - there is a small fee of \$5/per copy.



Left and Below: Grandpa Hutch and his grandsons Marcus and Mitchell Berg make a great team! Thank you for keeping the sidewalks at Mindoro Lutheran snow free!

I'm not sure who has been shoveling, but I will catch them and snap a picture one of these days.



# YOUR CONGREGATIONS AT WORK

## **LITTLE FOOD PANTRIES**

Signs have been placed on the food pantries to let people know that there are other pantry items, that would freeze in winter weather, inside at Mindoro Lutheran and that they are welcome to come in during office hours to get needed items. If you or someone you know is in need of food or hygiene supplies, please know that the pantries are stocked. And, that they are Little Food Pantries, not Little Libraries.

## **WE ARE THE CHURCH!**

### **Send pictures and/or let us know how you've been attending church and being the church.**

Are you watching worship and prayers on Facebook? Send a picture of you watching worship on Facebook. Are you calling or sending cards/notes to those staying at home? Send a picture of you by your mailbox. Are you helping others by picking up their groceries and medications? Send a picture of you with the items in your car. Are you making masks? Send a picture of you at the sewing machine. Are you wearing a mask when you are social distancing from others? Send a picture of you with your mask on. Are you washing your hands often? Send a picture of you washing your hands. Other things you are doing? Send in a picture and tell us your story.



**Send pictures; send pictures; send pictures.**

"What did the paper clip say to the magnet?"  
"I find you very attractive."  
"What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?"  
"I'm stuck on you!"  
"What do you call two birds in love?"  
"Tweetharts!"  
"How can you get arrested on Valentine's Day?"  
"For stealing someone's heart."



## **Christ in Our Home**

**January, February, March edition is here!**



We have the newest 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 the booklets are on the greeting cards bookcase to the right as you walk in.

# COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

considerably higher than the average pay of a church secretary in the La Crosse area. As a result, an hourly wage increase was not recommended. However, it was learned that Mona's vacation allotment was below that of other church secretaries. Therefore, vacation was increased to three weeks per year. The sick time allotment will continue to be 6 hours per month with a total allowed accumulation of 270 hours (45 days).

Becky Whalen moved and Bill Knutson seconded that Mona will receive the salary and benefits list above. MMSP

Pastor Alyssa is going to check with churches in the North Conference to see how they handle salaries for employees, hourly versus salaried.

**Stewardship:** No report at this time.

**Worship:** Pastor Alyssa needs to meet with the Worship Committee. We are still doing online services.

Once again for Lent, we will be collaborating Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday, On the Wednesday evening services we will have different pastors leading the service.

Pastor Alyssa will be meeting with the Wisconsin Council of Churches regarding going back to church. Hopefully, we have a nice spring and can go back to drive-in church at Lewis Valley.

**Annual Meeting:** Mindoro's Annual Meeting will be by January 31, 2021. Lewis Valley's Annual Meeting will be February 7, 2021. These meetings will be held via ZOOM. We are encouraged to contact members so that they join in the meeting. We will be sending a letter with the year-end statements from Jodi informing the congregational members of the meeting.

Gary Wortman made a motion that the annual meetings start at 10:00 a.m. following the morning church service, seconded by Sharon Pfaff. MMSP Everyone is to have their reports to Mona by January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Directories:** The directories are to arrive Thursday, January 14, 2021. It is recommended that when you pick up your annual meeting report that you pick up your directory. They will be at the bottom of the stairs on a table at Mindoro Lutheran.

**Council Minutes:** Mona has offered to come to the joint council meetings to take minutes. Barb Anderson made a motion to offer this to Mona, seconded by Ivy Endris, that Mona transcribe the minutes for the joint meeting. She will take off two hours of her choice, for compensation for her time at the meeting. MMSP (Mona will not be a voting member.)

Sharon Pfaff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Becky Whalen. MMSP

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Kastenschmidt, Secretary

*(Pending Approval at the February Meeting)*

# COUNCIL MINUTES

## Joint Council Meeting Mindoro and Lewis Valley Lutheran Churches January 12, 2021, via ZOOM

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

**Devotions:** Pastor Alyssa has purchased a book of prayers she is utilizing for evening prayer service and she chose a poem regarding the New Year to share with the council.

**Approval of Agenda:** Gary Wortman moved and Bill Knutson seconded to approve the agenda. MMSP

**Approval of Minutes:** Mary Kastenschmidt made a motion to approve the minutes as written and Sharon Pfaff seconded it. MMSP

**Pastor's Report:** On a personal level, Pastor Alyssa, is reaching out to individuals to share their favorite bible verse with her and she then is marking a week to pray for each individual.

The Christmas card campaign was excellent and each member of the congregation should have received a Christmas card.

She is grateful for individuals reaching out to her letting her know who is in need of a phone call. She is currently getting things ready for the New Year.

### TEAM REPORTS:

**Education:** Nothing much is new. Confirmation is meeting via ZOOM. Heather Young is sending information to parents with Sunday School age children so they can go through their lessons and Heather also does read stories to the children via Facebook.

Adult education is combined with Holmen Lutheran, Journey Lutheran, Halfway Lutheran and Mindoro/Lewis Valley Lutheran.

**Outreach:** No report at this time.

### Property (Parsonage):

Total cost of project: \$20,818.00

Parsonage Fund: \$10,414.90

\$2,500.00 will remain in the Parsonage Fund.

Mindoro's Share: \$7,738.26

Lewis Valley's Share: \$5,158.84

It was requested that anyone that may purchase anything for the parsonage to check with Jodi or Pastor Alyssa to obtain the tax exempt number.

**Staff Support:** They are still looking for members for this team. Last month, Jodi/Finance Team were requested to check into a wage increase for Mona. The Finance Team met and upon research found that Mona's current salary is

COUNCILS MEET TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2021  
6:30PM JOINT COUNCIL  
MINDORO & LEWIS VALLEY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JOINT  
COUNCIL MEMBERS - WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR 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.**

### 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. Pastor Alyssa will do a phone call visit or a virtual visit.



### COMMITTEES/TEAMS AT LEWIS VALLEY AND MINDORO

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

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

**FINANCE:** MLC: Pastor Alyssa, Jodi Anderson, Cindy Tracey, Heather Koss, John McRae, Cindy Roberts; LV: Pastor Alyssa, Jodi Anderson, Karen Knutson, Becky Whalen, **LV member needed**

**PARSONAGE:** Bill Cox, Rich Sinclair, Kay Pfaff, Gary Wortman, Steve Timm, Barb Anderson

**PROPERTY:** MLC: Ron Moore, Mark Roberts, Rich Sinclair; LV: Gary Wortman, Steve Timm, Barb Anderson

**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

## 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.

### JANUARY FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 01/24/2021

Sunday Envelope Offering .....	\$4,430.00
Sunday Loose Offering .....	\$0.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$1,345.00
Pay Pal Giving .....	\$680.00
Total Giving .....	\$6,455.00

Lewis Valley Lutheran Income & Expenses for December	
<i>December Income:</i>	\$9,038.89
<i>December Expenses:</i>	\$6,390.35
*of 150 active, confirmed members	

## 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.

### JANUARY FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 01/24/2021

Sunday Envelope Offering .....	\$1,895.00
Electronic Giving .....	\$3,475.00
Pay Pal Giving .....	\$110.00
Total Giving .....	\$5,480.00

Mindoro Lutheran Income & Expenses for December	
<i>December Income:</i>	\$9,305.88
<i>December Expenses:</i>	\$6,943.74
*of 235 active, confirmed members	

## THANK YOU

### LEWIS VALLEY MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Marleen Stello from Steve & Kay Timm.

In Memory of Todd Buer to the Quilting Fund from Ardelle Adamson & Larry Green.

### MINDORO MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Marie Johnson to the Parsonage Fund from Ginny Wegner.

In Memory of Karen Indahl from Fran & Vicky Wedam and Family and Friends.

In Memory of Karen Indahl to the W-ELCA from Fran & Vicky Wedam and Family and Friends.

In Memory of Karen Indahl to the General Fund from Fran & Vicky Wedam and Family and Friends.

In Memory of Karen Indahl to the Parsonage Fund from Fran & Vicky Wedam and Family and Friends.



**Thank to all who have brought in 2021 Wall Calendars for the Riverside Nursing Home.** We have taken several to Riverside already. The staff is very appreciative to receive them.

Keep bringing them in to the church office; they will continue to take any you would like to donate.

**A special thank you to Shawn Pfaff** for donating several calendars and sending them directly to Riverside from Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

### **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.

02/07	Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39
02/14	2 Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6; 2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9
02/17	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
02/21	Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15
02/28	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25; Mark 8:31-38

## IN OUR PRAYERS



**PRAYED FOR IN JANUARY:** Mary Kastensmidt's sister Sharon Ash; Cindy Adamson; Cathy Gabrielson's sister & brother-in-law Karla & Gene Amann & family, Barb Seidel's friend Bill Borchert; Dale & Betty Kirchner's grandson-in-law Garrett Earley as he heals from his surgeries; Lori Ernstes as she heals from a stroke; Ivy Endris as she recovers after her surgery; Jeff Euler; Lisa Foster; Juan Garcia; Pastor Alyssa's grandma Darlene; Troy Goodenough; Katrina Wharton's friend Margaret Harrison; Mona Jolivette's daughter Lori Hudson; Ron & Mary Phillip's great-grandson Rashad Isola; Mary Kastenschmidt; Bill & Rita Cox's grand-nephew Gage Leis; Henry & Sharon Ash's niece Carol Lichtenberger; Hunter Linder; Diana Mikkelson; Wendell & Sharon Pfaff's friend Mitch Munkwitz; Bernice Opland; Matt & Abbey Opland on the birth of their son Rhett Matthew Opland; Shirley Olson's daughter Cheryl Osley; Pat Paisley; John & Dawn Pierce & family; Melinda Van Riper's friend Amelia Pike; Earl Roberts; Deb Schaefer; Larry Seekamp; Nancy Spangler; Chuck Timm; Cindy Tracey's sisters Brenda and Monica; Russell Van Riper; our healthcare workers and all essential workers; our military men and women; Gail and Steve & Teri Kirchner & Family & Friends of their grandson Colton Tyler Kirchner; Ruth Hoff & Family & Friends of Ruth's brother John Suttie; Gloria Beaser & Family & Friends of Gloria's sister Joan; Kay Brown & Family & Friends of Kay's grandma Marie Johnson; Cindy Tracey & Family & Friends of Cindy's cousin Terri; Fred & Roxanne Storandt & Family & Friends of Roxanne's mom Janet Stetzer; Mike & Kelly Oslie & Family & Friends of their daughter Stacy Borchardt; Kari Coop & Family & Friends of Kari's niece; Sue Anderson & Family & Friends of Sue's step-mom Alma; Rich & Barb Anderson & Family & Friends of their brother-in-law Tim Devine; Family & Friends of Marleen Stello; Family & Friends of Dorothy (Haag) Wolfe; Betty Sacia & Family & Friends of Betty's brother Layton Halverson; and Family & Friends of Doris Thorson.

**WE ALSO PRAYED FOR IN JANUARY OUR HOME AND NURSING HOME BOUND MEMBERS:** Alma Sennes; Arlene Severson; Audrey Baker, Eloise Thum, Grace Kastenschmidt, Ray Beaser, 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.*

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### **Alma Sennes moved into RBI Caring Hearts in Bangor on 01/26/2021.**

Her new address is: 1614 Henry Johns Blvd, Bangor, WI 54614

Thank you from our family to all of the people who have reached out to mom in so many ways and who keep her in their prayers. Her church family means so much to her. The love everyone has shown carries her and our family through these so very difficult days.

~ Alma Sennes, Brenda Severson, and family

## WOMEN OF THE ELCA

*Mindoro W-ELCA,*

*Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. My custodian job at Mindoro Lutheran has and will always mean a lot to me.  
~ Cheri*

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*I want to thank everyone who sent me Christmas cards and the Lewis Valley W-ELCA for their gift.*

*It was very nice to be remembered!*

*~ Arlene Severson*



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*Lewis Valley Church W-ELCA,*

*Thank you very much for the generous donation of items for Christmas gifts for the residents of Hillview Health Care Center. They were amazed that Santa knew exactly what they wanted or needed. 😊*

*Thank you again!*

*Sincerely, Brooke Smith*

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### **Women of the ELCA Gathering POSTPONED until 2023**

The "Just Love" Eleventh Triennial Gathering, scheduled for August 5-8, 2021, has been postponed and registration refunds will be offered. Staff is looking for other ways to build community and bring women together virtually in 2021 and 2022. Suggestions? Send us your ideas to <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/contact>

The Twelfth Triennial Convention and Gathering will be held in Phoenix, Arizona, during the week of September 18, 2023.

To stay up-to-date on the gathering and other W-ELCA events, visit <https://www.womenoftheelca.org/>

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*Thank you to our Secret Santa that went around town and dropped off treats. Whoever our Secret Santa may be, we are truly blessed in this community.*



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*Dear Mindoro Lutheran,*

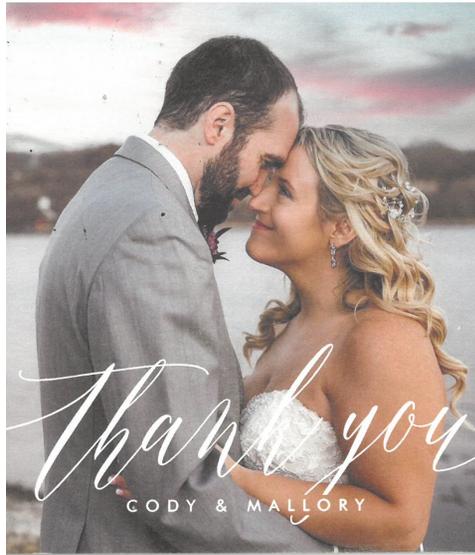
*Thank you so much for your generous Christmas gift to the Salvation Army. We appreciate your support to help provide shelter, food, and hope to those in need. Thank you for believing in us! Many blessings.*

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# Anniversaries

Baptismal Anniversaries	
Feb 1	Zachary Kastenschmidt
Feb 3	Kaitlyn Opland
Feb 4	Tucker Stuessel
Feb 5	Carol Taylor Scott Kirchner Emersynn Tracey
Feb 7	Jeremy Christianson
Feb 8	Louie Christopherson Devon Christopherson
Feb 14	Isaac Weindorfer
Feb 17	Cassidy Christianson
Feb 19	Debbie Salek
Feb 21	Karen Kirchner Casey Puent Matthew Huffman
Feb 22	Ron Moore Mark Roberts Jeff Hanson
Feb 24	Bill Timm Carol Euler Cindy Adamson Shelly Kunes
Feb 25	Joshua Kunes
Feb 26	Cindy Roberts Steven Spangler Montana Sbraggia
Feb 27	Eileen Collins Sandra Freng Jaden Page
Feb 28	Etta Jostad

Wedding Anniversaries	
Feb 6	David & Kay Pfaff
Feb 16	Ben & Laurie Gappa



Mindoro W-ELCA,  
 Thank you for your generous gift!  
 Cody & I plan to update our new home.  
 Thank you for thinking of us.  
 We appreciate the well wishes.  
 ~Mallory & Cody Glennie

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.

Happy Birthday!!	
Feb 1	Gary Goodenough Alexandra Krause
Feb 2	<b>Mary Phillips</b>
Feb 3	Luke Anderson Drew Knutson
Feb 4	Jack Card Kerry Kneifl
Feb 5	Karen Hanson Scott Bockenbauer
Feb 6	<b>Louie Christopherson</b> Missy Bryhn May Sbraggia - 16
Feb 8	Mary Olson
Feb 11	Emma Ernstes
Feb 12	Angela Werner
Feb 13	Bailey Hines
Feb 14	Cindy Roberts
Feb 15	Dawn Tracey Andrew Pfaff
Feb 18	<b>Ray Beaser</b>
Feb 20	Barb Spangler Amanda Christianson
Feb 21	Maxton Sedevie - 12
Feb 23	Tony Berg Samantha Marco - 3
Feb 24	Kristin Jostad
Feb 25	Ronnie Storandt Richard Kirchner Kaylee Haag - 18
Feb 26	Gina Merrell Lila Weindorfer - 7
Feb 27	Cody Johnsrud Ava Stayton
Feb 28	Richard Stuessel

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



In Memoriam	
Feb 1	Gale Timm
Feb 5	Walter Mahlum Mary Seidel
Feb 9	Sylvan Severson
Feb 10	Lee Storandt
Feb 11	Sara Pfaff
Feb 12	Karen Heidel
Feb 14	Milo Pohl
Feb 15	Karen Indahl
Feb 21	Willis Kastenschmidt
Feb 26	Kenneth Borchert