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February Newsletter 2025

From the Desk of Pastor Bill

New love is an amazing thing. Finding yourself so in love that you just can't wait to see that person again...to talk with them, to sit and dream together. And then to learn that they feel the same towards you. Amazing. It is this kind of love that inspired poet Chris Messick to write:

“For you I would climb the highest mountain peak

Swim the deepest ocean, your love I do seek.

For you I would cross the rivers most wide

Walk the hottest desert sand to have you by my side.

For you are the one who makes me whole

You've captured my heart and touched my soul.

For you are the one that stepped out of my dreams

Gave me new hope showed me what love means.

For you alone are my reason to live

For the compassion you show and the care that you give.

You came into my life and made me complete

Each time I see you my heart skips a beat.

For you define beauty in both body and mind

Your soft, gentle face more beauty I'll ne'er find.

For you are the one God sent from above

The angel I needed for whom I do love.”

New love makes us feel those things and it is amazing. Unfortunately, as time goes on our love too often grows cold. We may still be committed to the other person, but those intense feelings have diminished...and, unfortunately, it shows.

In the second chapter of book of Revelation as Jesus is giving His message to the church in Ephesus, He says this,

“I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not and have found them liars; and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and have not become weary. Nevertheless, I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works,

Like our love for our spouse, our love for God often grows cold. We may still be dedicated to Him, but those intense feelings have diminished...and, unfortunately, it shows.

Jesus solution for the loss of love to the Ephesian church was simple, “Remember”, “repent” and “do the first works”. We remember what our life would be like without Him. We repent (make a decision to change) and the, we “do the first works”. For me as a new believer, I could not get enough of reading God’s Word and getting to know this new Savior of mine. I talked to Him all the time and told Him how much I appreciated Him being a part of my life (prayer and worship), I loved being with His people and I wanted to serve Him however I could. Those were my first works.

My guess is that I am not the only person who from time to time has grown cold in my love for God. Perhaps for each of us it’s time to remember, repent and do the first works. Oh, and by the way, these things can apply to your marriage as well.

FEBRUARY 2025 AT A GLANCE

Altar Guild: Pam Dahle

February Ushers Confirmation Students

AA Meeting: every Thursday at 7:00 PM in basement.

Mens Ministry February 2 Following Worship

February 2 Communion during worship.

Council Meeting February 9 after Worship

Tuesday Quilter 9:00 am – 3:00pm

Valentines Day Dinner after Church February 16

Menu : sliced ham, baked potatoes, corn pudding, Caesar salad.

All members to bring potluck dessert

Donation appreciated for Sunday School

Election February 18 7:00am – 8:00 PM

Projector February 2 Craig A. Projector February 9 Bruce M.

Projector February 16 Carl T. Projector February 23 Kevin D.



1st Katie Moen

2nd Connie Benson

3rd Kristi Dippel, Tom Kellnhauser

9th Kali Finch, Mark Finch, Carl Thompson

11th Tracey Allred,

13th Brody Fisher, John Lashua, Jack Lashua, Mark Moen

15th Kristin Allred, Ryan Finch

17th Gerald Witkowski

18th Peter Timdal

21st Patricia Melum

22nd Morgan Hahn

24th Randall Peterson

25th Chase Timdal

27th Stuart Wogsland

28th Lisa Nerlien

NORTHLAND CHURCH LADIES

The Northland Church Ladies met in the church basement on Saturday, November 30, 2024, after decorating for the Christmas season. There were 12 women present.

The Secretary read the minutes from the last meeting. A motion was made by Sally VanEpern and second by Diana Anderson to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given. The beginning balance was \$3875.25. Deposits totaled \$31.00 and the total of expenses was \$67.89 leaving a balance in the account of \$3838.36. A motion was made by Dianne Erickson and second by Fran Moen to accept the report. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: The election of officers was held. A motion was made by Pam Dahle and second by Dianne Erickson to nominate Marilyn Mitchell as President. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dianne Erickson and second by Sally VanEpern to nominate Fran Moen as Secretary. Motion carried. A motion was made by Fran Moen and second by Dianne Erickson to nominate Diana Anderson as Treasurer. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dianne Erickson and second by Debbie Thompson to give the same amount of money to the same organizations as we did last year. Motion carried. We will continue to give to the following: Family Radio, Salvation Army, Living Oaks, Foundations for Living, Backpack, Northland Church Pastor, Lutheran Relief, Rosholt Food Pantry, Aggapi, and Iola Food Pantry. A motion was made by Pam Dahle and second by Jessie Glodowski to start a Meal Train at Northland Church. Motion carried. Jessie Glodowski will be in charge. A tree has been set up for the Willows and Living Oaks. The ornaments on the tree have an item that they need. The Rosholt Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable items. Totes will be set up for these items. The last day to donate is December 15th. The Northland Church Ladies will hold a Bake Sale on December 7th at the Church. We ask that you bring baked goods or a craft item. A motion was made by Dianne Erickson and second by Diana Anderson to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 P.M.

Submitted by,

Fran Moen (Sec.)

Nursery / Family Room

In an effort to make families with young children feel more welcome, our nursery/family room received a little makeover! We removed the older and broken toys and replaced them with a few new options. A changing station was added making it great for those with babies, along with a few other

helpful upgrades! If at any time you would like to donate to the room (toys, blocks, games- in good condition), etc.) please reach out to the church and they will direct you where to go from there. The family room is located on the left hand side at the top of the stairs, please feel free to pop in and take a look! Jenna Lashua

Northland Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 8, 2024

Members Present: Craig A, Bill H, Pam D, Jessie G, Pastor Bill S, Shelly

Guests: Dianne

Excused Absent: Marilyn M, Robbie L, Richard K, Daniele O

Secretary's Report read and accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report read and accepted as read.

11/30 Checking Balance \$20,019.24

11/30 Memorial Fund Balance \$149,574.37

November Cash Flow \$1,380.60

Pastor's Report: He visited Richard and will continue to visit. Baptisms today (12/8/24) went well.

Guest Dianne presented an estimate of \$2,916.32 for the office computer upgrade from Aaron Groshek. Bill H made a motion to fund \$3,000.00 for the office computers. Shelly seconded. Motion carried.

Lutefisk Supper final numbers are as follows:

Sales \$16,936.50

Expenses \$9,409.50

Net \$7,527.00

Furnace for the lower level was replaced and functional. We have not yet received an invoice as of 12/8.

Kristie Wrolstad has presented a gift card from Thrivent, and the council discussed ideas on how to spend it as permitted.

Bill Hahn discussed updates to Paid Employee Performance Evaluations and Reviews. We will present wage recommendations and any potential increase to the church body at the annual meeting 1/20/25.

Jessie G made a motion to dismiss, seconded by Pam Dahle.

These minutes have not been approved.-- *Jessie Glodowski*