

Northland Church Newsletter

March 2024



From the Desk of Pastor Bill

In the days following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, America was changed. Churches were full of people calling out to God for protection. I remember hearing religious leaders quoting 2 Chronicles 7:14 where it is written, ***“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*** There was a national acknowledgment that we were a nation in need of God.

As we enter this Lenten season, I find myself drawn to this same verse. It seems so appropriate for this time of year where we, the church, focus on our need for God and more specifically as we look forward to the blessed celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ as the acceptable payment for our sin. 40 days of drawing near to God, calling on His name, praying and seeking His face and turning from our sin. How appropriate!

Then I began thinking, “Why should it take a terrorist attack or the yearly season of Lent for us to draw closer to God this way? Shouldn’t each of the things mentioned in this verse be a normal part of our Christian lives? Shouldn’t we be daily calling on His name? Shouldn’t we be continually seeking His face in Prayer? Shouldn’t we on a regular basis be looking to Him for the strength to turn from our wicked ways?”

Here's my proposal...How about we all choose to celebrate and practice the truths of Lent year-round? Let’s be a people who seek God. Let’s be a people who live lives of repentance which includes turning from sin. Let’s be a people willing to do without for the purpose of focusing more on God and the needs of others. Just think of the difference we could make in our world for eternity if we would all do that.

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March Birthdays

3rd Nikki Richtmyre, Craig Anderson

4th Carson Lashua,

5th Janet Gunderson, Jeremy Whitaker, Matthew Whitaker, Nicole Whitaker, Ella Thompson, Rich McKay, Ethan Wyman

6th Jameson Heschke

8th Saguara Foley

9th Jessie Anderson

10th Julie Maher

15th Bobbie Jo Peterson, Mark White

16th Paige Norquay

18th Sonia Lee

19th Laura Karolus

23rd Emilie Honick

27th Nicole Wagler

28th John Evans

29th Mark Melum, Mike Melum

31st Luke Van Epern

If you have not seen your birthday listed in the newsletter please call or email the church office.

MARCH 2024 AT A GLANCE

ALTAR GUILD: (Need more Volunteers)

AA MEETING: Every Thursday at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

COUNCIL MEETING: Sunday, March 17th following Worship.

APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, March 14th

MEN'S MINISTRY: Sunday, March 3th following Worship.

TUESDAY QUILTER'S: Sew In March 8, 8:00 am till 9:00 pm and March 9, 8:00 am till 6:00 pm

USHER: Dean & Carson Lashua

No Sunday School March 31st

Easter Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

PROJECTOR OPERATORS:

March 3rd and 31st Craig A.

March 24th Kevin D.

March 10th Bruce M.

March 17th Carl T.

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NORTHLAND LADIES

The Northland Ladies Group will be meeting every 3 months.

Third Wednesday quarterly, time 1:00 PM

January take Christmas tree and decorations down & Meeting on Saturday

March 20th, 2024 Meeting

June 19th, 2024 Meeting

September 18th, 2024 Meeting

December Christmas decorations up and Tree & Meeting on Saturday

Sorry for the incorrect info. last month

LENTEN SERVICE

For 2024 the only Lenten services in March will be Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Only one offering will be taken on these days for Operation Backpack, Manday Thursday, and Good Friday, also 2 offering will be taken March 3th and 10th. 1st one for church 2nd Offering for Operation Backpack.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (SEDER SUPPER)

Thursday March 28 6:00 PM.

Passover Seder Supper. Menu will be: leg of lamb, root veggies, greens, water, wine, and grape juice.

Please RSVP to 715-445-2956 or to northlandchurch@hotmail.com

Northland Church Council Minutes

Northland Church Council Meeting February 18 , 2024

Members Present: Craig Anderson, Danielle Oligney, Richard Kirchoff, Shelly Erickson, Pam Dahle, Jessie Glodowski Marilyn Mitchell, PastorBillStukenberg.

Guest: Dianne Erickson

Craig Anderson called the meeting to order.

Pastor Stukenberg opened with prayer.

Secretary Report read and accepted as read.

Treasurer Report read and accepted as read.

1/31/24 Checking Account Balance \$13,219.56

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1/31/24 Memorial Fund Balance \$130,600.72

Cash Flow for January \$ 1,513.95

Pastor's Report: Discussion on visits also reports confirmation class is going well.

Old business list items were briefly read and discussed. Solar lights and Doors, no new updates to report.

Discussion on Performance Evaluation Forms for paid positions. Will ask Bill Hahn for files and copies. It was noted but there is no current hard copy review found or available for musicians/organists. Current rate is \$50.00 per service. John Benson is interested in joining to our musician list for worship. Pastor Bill and Craig Anderson will meet with musicians to discuss future arrangements, calendar, schedule, rotation and pay.

New Membership Criteria and process for membership were discussed and reviewed in the Constitution for Northland Lutheran Church. Potential 7 adults interested in becoming members.

Pastor Stukenberg asks for more clarity on Affirmation definitions of "by Faith" §C7.02 b and §C7.03. Will inquire with LCMC for more information on LCMC Requirements and Definitions and bring to council.

Update/New Pictorial Directory. Jessie Glodowski will Inquire with Olan Mills, Lifetouch and other reputable companies and bring information to compare along with potential future dates of availability.

Pastor Bills Installation service will be next week- February 25th Service.

Hunting Land Lease and time frame for accepting bids was tabled for next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn Made by Richard Kirchoff, Seconded by Marilyn Mitchell.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

These minutes have not been approved. Secretary Jessie Glodowski