

GENESIS LUTHERAN CHURCH - NALC



Word of God, come down on earth, living rain from heaven descending;
Touch our hearts and bring to birth, faith and hope and love unending.
Word Almighty, we revere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

April 2016 Newsletter

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SUNDAY WORSHIP and meetings

SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

Church Council meeting 2nd Sunday of
each month following worship.



Prayer
meeting
each
week -
call for
schedule



It was a blessing to hear from all who shared at our Lenten Services. It was good to learn about Passages from Marge and about Lifeline Connection from Trish. Trash Mountain Project is almost unbelievable - to think of all the people who live on the dump in the Philippines and other places in the world is heartbreaking. So glad Kim could come and tell us about it. It was good to meet K C and have her share her story. And then to have Alice give her testimony - God has certainly blessed her in spite of all that has happened in her life. Thank you, Alice, for sharing! The soups and breads were delicious, and the fellowship was delightful!

The Seder Meal was very special for us since our daughter and her children were able to share it with us. It's too bad we had to cancel showing The Passion, but from what I've heard about the weather here in Rapid, I'm sure glad we did. We will have to re-schedule very soon. The movie makes Good Friday extremely real.

Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, is something we celebrate all year long every day! Jesus lives! He has defeated Satan and conquered death! Hopefully those words will always bring joy and hope. We can get so accustomed to hearing the Easter message, we can forget how significant, how marvelous, how life-changing Easter is! God cared enough for us to save us! We too will live with Him forever!

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**Cast your burden
upon the Lord and
He will sustain you.**
Psalm 55:22

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR continued -

Our study of Revelation is so timely! As we look around and see people trapped in sin, we need to be convinced that regardless of how things look, God is in control. On Palm Sunday we saw Jesus ride into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey. Jesus, in true humility, knew what lie ahead. He didn't flinch. He was obedient to will of the Father even unto death. The next time Jesus rides into Jerusalem all will see the Mighty One on a white horse. Jesus is the Warrior King! He will come to judge the nations. On Good Friday Jesus took the wrath of God upon Himself as he atoned for sins of all. When He comes again, we will see God's wrath toward His enemies. Jesus' eyes will be like flames of fire – nothing opposed to God will escape. Out of His mouth there will be a sharp sword. Jesus will conquer!

We don't talk about judgment a lot. But it will come as surely as the sun will rise tomorrow morning. It will be devastating to the enemies of God, but it will be just. As Christians, we need not fear. Some of the things happening around us may scare us, but as we trust the Lord, we will be secure. We who have received Jesus are the children of God – He will not forsake His children. Oh, that we would be encouraged to live everyday alive and aware – alive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and aware of the opportunities He gives us to share the Good News of the Gospel – the forgiveness of sin, restoration of relationship with God – all because Jesus paid the price on Calvary!

I am so grateful for each one of you! May we grow in love and trust of each other as we share our hearts and seek to follow the Lord. God is so BIG, yet He chose to reach out to us! What joy is ours!

Blessings, Pastor Evelyn



Women's Luncheon – April 30 - noon

After several conflicts with dates, we have settled on the end of April for our luncheon. Trish from Lifeline Connection will be the guest speaker. On the menu: salads, ham slices, buns and dessert. The cost is \$5.00. A special invite will be sent to the women of Immanuel Lutheran in Whitewood and Christ the King Lutheran in Newcastle. Also, please invite your family members and friends. For tickets, call Deb at 255-4276.

*The Lord Your God Is With You, He Is Mighty To Save. He Will Take Great Delight In You, He Will Quiet You With His Love, He Will Rejoice Over You With Singing.
Zephaniah 3:17*

We pray for healing for: Wayne, Alice, Brandon, Jerry Nelson, Lori Hoyum, Denise's sister Michelle and Debbie's mom, "Babe".

We pray for God's comfort for Bishop Joseph's family after the recent bombing in Pakistan.

We pray for a hedge of protection for all men and women in uniform.



*Gaze on Jesus,
Glance at circumstances!*



Church Council meeting March 13, 2016

Secretary's Report

Council members present: Del Jacobson, Jim Shimon, Jerry Behnke . Absent: Alice Pahkamaa, Wayne Johnson.

The meeting was called to order by President, Del Jacobson. There was no secretary or treasurer's report. The financial secretary's report was read and approved. Motion to accept by Walt, seconded by Ed.

Old business: More discussion on the church sign. Some suggestions were to put a small sign in the front window, or the big window facing north. Maybe find a spot to hang our church banner. Del will continue to try to contact the building owner.

New business: Church website: The website has been done by Mike in the past but is no longer being updated since Mike and Diane are no longer attending service with us. We probably need to shut that site down and start a new website. Evelyn has tried to contact Mike. Ed checked into some sites, they are very expensive. Deb will see if she can find out any information on websites.

Membership list, transfers, etc: Debbie Johnson has the books. We will see what has been done and try to work on updating the records.

Advertising: Thank you to Walt for placing, and paying for ads in the Patriot for 4 weeks. There was some discussion on future advertising.

Women's Luncheon: A possible date of April 16th has been set for the luncheon – Jim suggested that any money earned from the luncheon will be kept separate for the women to use as they want.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed, seconded by Jerry.

Submitted by: Deb Shimon, acting secretary



The last week of March, we received word that our church sign is ready. They are waiting for the mounting brackets to be completed!



Oh Baby!

Congratulations to Wayne and Debbie Johnson on the birth of their new grandson, Barrett Wayne Johnson. Born on March 29th. 9 lb.2oz and 21 ½"

Monthly Financial Report

February Giving: \$895.00

February Expenses: \$1,868.03

Balance in Checking: \$1,141.51

Balance in Savings: \$4,129.35 (includes \$515.80 balance from Holiday Bazaar)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS:

President, Del Jacobson	391-4948
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Holidays and Wacky Days in April: 1 – Walk to Work Day; 2 – PB & J Day; 3 – Tweed Day; 4 – Hug a Newsmen Day; 7 – Caramel Popcorn Day, NO HOUSEWORK DAY!; 10 – Nat'l Siblings Day; 12 – Big Wind Day!; 17 – Bat Appreciation Day; 22 – EARTH DAY, Jelly Bean Day; 24 – Pigs in a Blanket Day; 25 – World