

# THE MESSENGER OF GOOD NEWS

MARCH 2021

WITH PULL-OUT WORSHIP BULLETIN

## Sunday In-Person Worship

8:00am Nazareth Worship and Sunday School

9:30am Our Savior's Worship

11:00am Emmanuel Worship (Sunday School 10am)

9:30 am Zoom/YouTube Livestream from Our Savior's

## Wednesday Zoom Lent Services

7:00pm March 3,10,17,24

**March 28—Palm Sunday**—ONE Parish Outdoor Service 9:30am w/  
palm distribution and processional, at Longwood Park

**April 1st—Maundy Thursday**—recorded reflections on YouTube &  
Synod Zoom Service 7:00pm

**April 2nd—Good Friday**—Stations of the Cross @each church noon  
to 8:00pm & Synod Zoom Service 7:00pm

**April 4th—Easter Sunday**—Regular In-Person Worship Schedule  
w/9:30am Zoom & Virtual Easter Play

**Zoom Weblink:** [zoom.us/j/3216580037](https://zoom.us/j/3216580037)

**To join via Phone, call:** 312-626-6799

**& enter Meeting ID:** 321 658 0037

**You Tube search:** "ONE in Christ ELCA"

# March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fri	Sat	
<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Feb. 28</b>	<b>March 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	
8:00 am Worship & Sunday School ( <b>Naz</b> ) <i>Live Streamed - Zoom &amp; YouTube</i> 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>OS</b> ) 10:00 am <b>Em</b> Sunday School 11:00 am Worship ( <b>Em</b> )	9am <b>OS</b> Quilting 6pm, Justice Resolution Forum, Hunger Ministry	<b>Mondays in March</b> online series. 6-7:30pm, <b>Synod Justice Resolutions</b> To participate call 715-832-2421 or email gsmall@spiritlutheran.org before noon on the day of.			9:00 am <b>Naz</b> Quilting	Pastor Elizabeth – Sabbath	
<b>3rd Sunday in Lent</b> <b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	
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<b>4th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>			<b>19</b>
<b>Daylight Savings Time</b> 8:00 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Naz</b> ) & Sunday School 9:30 am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>OS</b> ) <i>Live Streamed - Zoom &amp; YouTube</i> 10:00 am <b>Em</b> Sunday School 11:00am Worship/Eucharist ( <b>Em</b> )	9am <b>OS</b> Quilting 6pm, Justice Resolution Forum, Gender Equity	<b>April Newsletter items due</b>	St. Patrick's Day 7pm Lent Service, Zoom	9:00 am <b>Naz</b> Quilting	Pastor Elizabeth – Sabbath		
<b>5th Sunday in Lent</b> <b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	
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9:30 am All Parish Worship—start at Longwood Park (2 miles west of Emmanuel). No Zoom/YouTube livestream  <div style="background-color: yellow; padding: 5px;"><b>Easter Sunday—April 4</b> - regular Sunday in person worship schedule. Zoom/YouTube livestream at 9:30am from Our Savior's. Watch Virtual Easter Play.</div>	9am <b>OS</b> Quilting 6pm, Justice Resolution Forum, Racial Justice		7pm Justice Resolution debrief on our Parish Zoom	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Pastor Elizabeth reflections on YouTube  7pm - Synod-led Maundy Thursday service, Zoom Mtg ID: 916 8995 7148 Mtg Password: 224309	<b>Good Friday, 12-8pm</b> Stations of the Cross @each church; open house style  7pm - Synod-led Good Friday service, Zoom Mtg ID: 973 0517 0240 Mtg Password: 943922		

*The Messenger of Good News*  
**Our Savior's — Nazareth — Emmanuel Newsletter**  
**March 2021**

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**April  
newsletter  
items due**



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## Worship Schedule

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**Annual Reports Follow up**—There were a few corrections needed to each report. Updated reports will be emailed out with the March newsletter. If you want a hard copy, please let me know. Minutes from Our Savior's and Nazareth annual meetings are in this newsletter.

# From Pastor Elizabeth



**THANK YOU** To all those who helped with the Lent-in-a-bag items. For the crosses—Al Noah for the wood & Mike Olson for the assembly & staining. To Joann Frost for preparing the purple altar cloth. And thanks to the many years of combined OS & Emmanuel VBS for the seashells and stones. 😊



## Mondays in March—Synod Justice Resolution Forums

I invite you to join me on Monday evenings in March to learn about the five justice resolution going before our synod assembly in May. The NW Synod of WI's theme for the 2021 Synod Assembly is Justice & Joy. Spirit Lutheran in Eau Claire is hosting weekly Zoom forums to discuss the justice resolutions and inviting anyone to attend. Please attend the sessions you can and then join our parish on Wed, Mar 31 at 7pm on our "regular" Zoom meeting for a debrief of what you learned and next steps you're interested in taking.

Sessions include a presentation, devotion and prayer, and an invitation to talk and ask questions about one of the resolutions being presented at the Synod Assembly on April. To participate, please call Gail at Spirit Lutheran's office, (715) 832-2421, or send an email to [gsmall@spiritlutheran.org](mailto:gsmall@spiritlutheran.org) to sign up.

The deadline to register is noon the day of each scheduled session. You will receive an email on the afternoon of the scheduled session with a ZOOM link to the session(s) you registered to attend. A link to the synod's website and the resolutions is here: <http://nswsi.org/social-justice-advocacy>

If you can't make Monday nights, the resolution, video & discussion guide are online. I can also print copies by request and put the videos on DVDs. If resolutions pass, there will be more congregational resources created for worship, study and action. Note, none of these resolutions is a mandate - that's not how our church polity works. These are not requirements, but rather invitations to conversation.

March 1 6-7:30pm	Hunger Ministry	The number of people experiencing hunger and food insecurity in the world has risen since 2018. Let's talk about ELCA World Hunger, regional, and local hunger ministries and how we can become more engaged.
March 8 6-7:30pm	Care for Creation	The ELCA's Social Statement Caring for Creation affirms 'we are called to care for the earth as God cares for the earth'. How can we celebrate Creation and continue to care for it individually and as a church?
March 15 6-7:30pm	Gender Equity	Explore sexism & gender inequality in our congregations, in our culture, & in our world as a whole, especially as it relates to compensation inequities and sexual harassment in our church.
March 22 6-7:30pm	Reconciling in Christ Conversation	The ELCA declares 'this church, in faithfulness to the Gospel, is committed to be an inclusive church in the midst of division in society'. How can the Church follow the example of Jesus to love one another by including LGBTQIA brothers and sisters in worship and the ministries of the Church?
March 29 6-7:30pm	Racial Justice	Broaden your understanding of racism and the impact it has had within our church and our communities. Let's talk about how the church can influence change.

# Youth Updates

## Luther League

3rd Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30pm

**Wednesdays:** April 21, May 19

### **Can Recycling Schedule:**

- Wuethrichs, February
- Braylynn & Korinna Johnson, March
- Cody Eckes, April
- Amya Lamarr, May

## **Good News: Virtual Easter Play**



Youth & Kids will be assigned parts to record.

Parents—watch your email for assigned parts.

**Due date:** Friday, March 26



**Spring Work Day** at Luther Park  
Saturday April 24, 2021

<http://lutherpark.org/spring-work-day>

**Summer Camp is a go for 2021**—  
Parents, watch for an email about which week our churches will go to camp.

## C+LIFFE/Confirmation

### **2nd Year Students:**

- 2nd Wednesdays, 6-7:30pm
- in March, help lead Lent Wednesdays, 7pm;
- Apr 14 & May 12—in person at Our Savior's—let Pastor know if you need to attend on Zoom

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**In Person Sunday School has resumed** at Emmanuel and at Nazareth.

**Beatitudes study from Illustrated Ministry**—If you would like a print copy, please let the office or Pastor Elizabeth know.

# Parish Updates

**If you want a 2020 giving statement,** please ask your church's financial secretary, Kay Roe at Nazareth (715-229-2293), Kaj Petersen at Emmanuel (715-613-0343) and Brenda Noah at Our Savior's (715-267-6768).

## **Next Parish Council Meeting**

April 20th at 6:30 at OS  
and on Zoom

**Easter Lilies** have been ordered for Our Savior's and Emmanuel Lutheran for Easter morning worship services. There will be 15 plants available to sponsor, at a cost of \$14.00 per plant. Sponsor forms available at both churches.

# *Parish Updates cont'd*

**Minutes of ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish Council Meeting February 16, 2021**, at Nazareth\Zoom  
Council members present via Zoom: Kaj Petersen, Nicole Rogers and Linda Turnquist.

Council members present at Nazareth: Sandi Petki, Ryan Renderman, Sue Sholes, Donna Olson and Cathy Langreck. Also present were Pastor Elizabeth Bier and Dick Olson who is replacing Linda Turnquist as council member from Our Savior's. Council member absent was Sheila Briski.

I. The meeting was **called to order** by President Kaj Petersen.

II. Pastor Elizabeth led **devotions** with a video and discussion on Dwelling in the Word from Exodus 16.

III. **The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Savior's and/or Zoom.**

## IV. Reports

A. Motion by Ryan and second by Sandi to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020, meeting as printed. Motion passed.

B. Motion by Cathy and second by Donna to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed. Ryan advised that there had been an IRS audit for 2018. The reporting error has been corrected so everything is squared away with them.

C. Pastor Elizabeth presented her written report.

**\*Discussed the Zoom worship times.** Council feels it is better to have a consistent time to join in Zoom worship. The rest of February Zoom worship will stay at 8:00 broadcast from Nazareth and then in March will be back to 9:30 broadcast from Our Savior's with the Zoom worship then staying at 9:30 as long as we continue to use Zoom for worship.

**\*Pastor will take some vacation time after Easter** and will be gone on Sunday, April 11th. We will have the three regular services using a recorded service provided by the Synod Office. No Zoom or communion.

**\*On Sunday, April 18th**, the Sunday after Synod Assembly, the worship services will be a **worship video prepared by the Synod Youth Board**. Encourage the youth of each congregation to attend to worship that day. No Zoom.

Motion by Donna and second by Sue to approve the above worship plans for April 11th & 18th. Motion passed.

V. Additions to the agenda—None.

## VI. Unfinished Business

### A. Review Lent Service Schedule

1. No change to **Ash Wednesday** and Mid-Week Lenten Services.

2. **Palm Sunday—March 28th.** There will be one parish service that will start at 9:30 am to start together at an area park with devotions (broadcast over the radio) and picking up palms. Then there will be a car parade/procession of palms. Confirming details with more information to follow. No Zoom.

3. **Maundy Thursday**—Pastor will have a video posted to You Tube plus the Synod Office is offering a 7:00 pm live Zoom service.

4. **Good Friday**—All churches will be open from noon to 8:00 pm to walk through the Stations of the Cross at your leisure. A reflection booklet to accompany the experience will also be available. Invite community members to attend as well. The Synod office is also offering a 7:00 pm live Zoom worship.

5. **Easter Sunday**—Regular worship services at each church. No Sunrise service but a virtual Easter Play put on by the youth will be shown at each service. Zoom worship at 9:30 am.

## VII. New Business

### A. Election of Officers for 2021

\*President—Kaj Petersen nominated by Cathy and second by all council members. No further nominations. Kaj elected president.

\*Vice-President—Donna Olson nominated by Ryan and second by Linda. No further nominations. Donna elected vice-president.

\*Secretary—Cathy Langreck nominated by Donna and second by Ryan. No further nominations. Cathy elected secretary.

\*Treasurer—Ryan Renderman nominated by Donna and second by Sandi to hold the position until an outside treasurer can be appointed. No further nominations. Ryan elected treasurer.

### B. 2-year Ministry Evaluation.

\*An annual ministry review and performance evaluation will be completed by each congregation and Pastor Elizabeth with the parish council members acting on behalf of the congregations they represent. These evaluations are to be completed by April 1 so they can be reviewed and combined on a parish level at the April 20th parish council meeting. The evaluation form from the 2021 Minimum Standards for Compensation and Benefits from the Synod will be used.

\*Our Savior's meeting March 10th at 10:00 AM at Our Savior's.

\*Emmanuel meeting March 13th at 10:00 AM on Zoom.

\*Nazareth meeting March 18th at 5:30 PM on Zoom.

### C. Audit Committee for 2021

\*The 2020-2021 parish financials will be ready to submit to the audit committee by the April 20th meeting. The audit is to be completed by May 31, 2021. Cathy will contact Michelle Lucas to see if she will head up the audit with help/instruction from Ron Kowitz.

VIII. Motion by Ryan and second by Sue to adjourn meeting. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Cathy Langreck Parish Council Secretary

### Parish Council Members (w/email addresses & Phone #s)

Cathy Langreck, OS—clangreck@tds.net; 715-267-6711 (home)  
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## Our Savior's



### Charcoal Chicken Dinner at Our Savior's! May 2, 11am-2pm

Plans are underway to have the Charcoal Chicken Dinner this year! The dinner will be Sunday, May 2nd, serving from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, with drive-thru only from the church's lower level. Prices are \$10.00 for a half chicken and \$8.00 for a quarter chicken. The meal will also include potato salad, baked beans, dinner roll and dessert.

As we ran out of chicken in 2019 and had to turn people away, we are ordering more chicken to grill this year!

**Posters to distribute and a sign-up for food and worker needs will be available at church in April.** During the week you can call Cathy Langreck to sign up at 715-267-6711. Besides workers for Sunday, the 2nd, we will need persons to help make the potato salad on Friday, April 30th, sometime during the day, the start time hasn't been determined yet. Please keep these dates open to help!

**Monetary donations** are also welcome and can be mailed to the church at PO Box 27, Greenwood, WI 54437, and reference "Chicken Dinner."

**Our Savior's Quilters need sheets!** Any shape, size; doesn't even matter if they are torn!

### WELCA Activities - Women of the ELCA Our Savior's Cards Sent:

#### THINKING OF YOU - GET WELL

Andy Johnson

#### THINKING OF YOU - SYMPATHY

Pastor Elizabeth & Nathan Bier, on the passing of Pastor's Uncle Jon Speich

#### CONGRATULATIONS

- ◆ Bailey Eckes – Winner of the Greenwood District 7th & 8th grade Spelling Contest.
- ◆ Amya LaMarr – 3rd place finish for the Microsoft Office Specialist State Competition for Power-Point. Also earned her Microsoft Office Specialist certificate in Word.
- ◆ Braelynn Johnson – Earned her Microsoft Office Specialist certification in Excel.
- ◆ Dakota Clark and Jonah Hinker for their projects in the Greenwood Manufacturing Club. Dakota made a laser metal sign and Jonah made a laser engraved sign.

## Our Savior's Cont'd

### SCRIP REPORT

The Scrip profit for January was \$119.39. Thank you everyone for your continued support! Let me know if there are any merchants that you would like to have on hand for immediate purchase.

The next order from the Great Lakes Scrip Center will be on **March 14, 2021**.

*Cathy Langreck,  
Scrip Coordinator*

### Our Savior's 2021 Council

President: Carol Hemersbach

Vice-President: Cathy Langreck

Secretary: Margie Olson

Treasurer: Pam Delo

Council: Wayne Nielsen, Dallas Wuethrich, Dick Olson, Angela Eckes, Ray Barks

Financial Secretary: Brenda Noah

Head Usher: Dan Deegan

Sunday School: Jon Milz

VBS: Joan Turnquist

### Statement of Giving for Our Savior's

	offering	needed	Difference
1/22/2021	\$ 1,870.00	\$ 1,842.00	\$ 28.00
1/29/2021	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 1,842.00	\$ (502.00)
vanco	\$ 1,006.37	\$ -	\$ 1,006.37
2/5/2021	\$ 1,280.00	\$ 1,842.00	\$ (562.00)
2/12/2021	\$ 420.00	\$ 1,842.00	\$ (1,422.00)
	<u>\$ 5,916.37</u>	<u>\$ 7,368.00</u>	<u>\$ (1,451.63)</u>

**Online giving:** [www.ONEinChristLutherans.com/GiveOS](http://www.ONEinChristLutherans.com/GiveOS)

### Our Savior's Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes January 24, 2021

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Annual Meeting was held on January 24, 2021 following the worship service. Twenty-three voting members were present (11 in-person & 12 on Zoom). President Duane Olson led the congregation in the Opening Liturgy.

Acting Secretary: Margie Olson

Cathy Langreck presented an addition to the January 26, 2020 annual meeting minutes. It read as follows, "After the meeting was adjourned, it was realized that a nominating committee was not selected for next year. Linda Turnquist and Al Noah agreed to serve as outgoing council members and Donna Olson agreed to serve from the membership. One position was left vacant." Motion by Cathy Langreck, second by Donna Olson, **to approve the selected nominating committee for 2021**. Motion passed.

Motion by Pastor Elizabeth, second by Brenda Noah **to approve the January 26, 2020 annual meeting minutes with the above addition included**.

**Letters of Greeting:** Appreciation and thanks from Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Synod Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson for our congregation's ministry through the Covid-19 pandemic.

Motion by Dallas Wuethrich, second by Dick Olson, **to approve the 2021 ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish budget**. Motion passed.

Motion by Wayne Nielsen, second by Cathy Langreck, to approve Parish Reports as submitted. Motion passed.

### New Business:

**The Luther Park Annual meeting** is on February 6, 2021, we can have 3 representatives attend. Motion made by Cathy Langreck, second by Dick Olson **to accept Joan Turnquist as our representative to the Luther Park Annual Meeting**. Motion passed.

### Committee Reports:



# Our Savior's Cont'd

**Altar Guild** Added Interest – Additional \$ .12 interest from Dec 31 makes for a total of \$947.38.

**Property Committee** had an addition to their report. Stratford Signs fixed the lighting on the Sign in front of the church and it worked for only a few days, so Stratford Signs will be coming back to fix it again.

Motion made by Cathy Langreck, second by Donna Olson **to accept all congregation reports as printed in the Annual Report booklet with the two corrections/additions from the Altar Guild and Property Committees.** Motion passed.

Representing the **2020 Nominating Committee**, Donna Olson, presented the following members to serve on the church council: **Newly Elected Members:** Ray Barks, Cathy Langreck, Carol Hemersbach and Pam Delo. Current members: Dick Olson, Dallas Wuethrich, Angela Eckes, Wayne Nielsen, Margie Olson. Motion made by Donna Olson, second by Joan Turnquist **to accept council representatives as presented.** Motion passed.

**We are thankful to the following volunteers:**

**Head Usher:** Dan Deegan

**Trust Fund:** Linda Turnquist, Trevor Wuethrich

**Delegates to the Conference Assembly:** Joan Turnquist and Linda Turnquist

**Delegates to the Synod Assembly** in Eau Claire on April 15 & 17: Joan Turnquist and another representative to be appointed by the church council.

Motion by Donna Olson, second by Dick Olson **to accept the volunteers as Head Usher, Trust Fund Committee Members, Delegates to the Conference Assembly and the Synod Assembly.** Motion passed.

**The 2022 Nominating Committee: Members Appointed:** Doug Felix and Duane Olson. **Volunteer Members:** Darla Abel and Donna Milz, pending her approval. Motion made by Cathy Langreck, second by Donna Olson **to accept 2022 Nominating Committee.** Motion passed.

**Audit Committee:** To be appointed by the Church Council in February.

**Proposed updates to 2020 Our Savior's Annual Report** from Pastor Elizabeth

**Update to Savings Account, page 12**

The Windows Savings account was modified/transferred by council at the proposal of Pastor Elizabeth, based on the best recalled information we had. The intention was to consolidate accounts, not to withdraw support from the stained-glass window project. I (Pastor Elizabeth) was in error about getting rid of that account in our savings account and tracking documents.

Motion: Move \$1,447.25 back to the Windows Savings account from the Contingency Fund.

**Modifications to Ministry Plan, page 13 & 14.** There were two places of high estimates - the parsonage loan payments (line 61 on page 14) & the payment to ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish (line 45 on page 13). The actual balance due on the loan is \$4,070.52, not \$5,102.05; the ministry plan was brought to the council for approval before end of the year reconciliation caught this discrepancy. And the Parish payment should be \$67,419.18, not 67,886.64 (this is because the parish fiscal year is different than the congregation's fiscal year). These changes result in reducing the final total ministry plan from \$120,692.69 to \$119,193.70 and reduces the anticipated draw from the Contingency Fund to \$6,624.

Motion: Make the updates to line 45 and 61 as indicated above for the garage loan and parish payment.

**Our Savior's Checking Balance** on Dec 31, 2020 was \$7,379.25.

Motion made by Pastor Elizabeth and second by Cathy Langreck **to accept updates to the Ministry Plan and Savings.** Motion passed

Motion by Wayne Nielsen and second by Doug Felix **to accept the Financial Report, including Trust Committee Report as presented.** Motion passed.\*

Motion by Donna Olson and second by Carol Hemersbach **to approve the 2021 Financial Ministry Plan as presented with its updates.** Motion passed.

**Pastor Elizabeth extended her appreciation to President Duane Olson** for all he did during this Covid-19 pandemic year.

**A Thank You is extended to Pastor Elizabeth and Nathan** for their technical knowledge and for all of their hard work during this challenging year of the pandemic.

Motion by Wayne Nielsen, second by Ray Barks, **to Adjourn the meeting.** Motion passed.

\*The Trust Fund report was provided in print on Jan 24. The following week, there was one editorial correction—the 3/30/20 amount of \$787.46 was recorded as a gain rather than a loss; the total calculation was correct, with that transaction incorrectly recorded.

# Our Savior's Cont'd

## **Minutes from Our Savior's Church Council Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021**

**Members present:** Pastor Elizabeth Bier, Ray Barks, Pam Delo, Carol Hemersbach, Cathy Langreck, Wayne Nielsen, Brenda Noah, Dick Olson, Duane Olson, Margie Olson,

**Members absent:** Angela Eckes, Dallas Wuethrich, Luther League member

**Devotions:** Pastor Elizabeth: EPIC – Effective Practices for Innovative Church Councils. Video: Heart of the Journey

**Secretary's Report:** Correction on Dec. 7, 2020 Secretary's Report of Lynsey Volovsek's name from Learn-a-Lot Preschool Soup Fundraiser. Dick made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report with correction. Pam seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Thank you to all who give through Charitable Giving (Money Market Account (CMMA) at Forward Bank). Please note that the Window Savings of \$1447.25 was added back into the Savings Account Balances as of January 2021. Motion made by Cathy to move the Windows Savings account into the Windows CD account, upon the due date of the CD of 3/2/2021, where it would accrue interest. Wayne seconded the motion. The motion passed. Pam made a motion to accept the Financial Secretary Report as presented. Cathy seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Highlighted the following:

Lent Schedule , Worship Notes – asked for feedback on In-Person/Online Worship Hybrid, Looking for **Zoom Hosts**-Carol Hemersbach volunteered, **Counters/Couriers for Weekly Offering** – Best Practices: Pam and Brenda will count

### **Ministry/Resources notes**

EPIC – Continuing education for councils – via webinar videos, Walking Together Feb. 20 Zoom Confirmation students helping to lead Lent Wednesday services.

Parish Directory – Text only version

### **Future Planning**

What Bible study/reflection topics of interest?

Indoor Attendance size for wedding & funerals – revisit in March or April

Summer Outdoor worships

Expand giving opportunities – Vanco Electronic Giving, Charitable Money Market Account (CMMA) at Forward Bank; Thrivent Giving

**Synod Resolution Forums** – Multiple opportunities via Zoom to learn about the synod resolutions

**Additions to agenda:** House of Heating Invoice

**Old Business:** Front Sign is still not working.

### **New Business:**

**Election of Officers:** Slate of officers include: Carol Hemersbach, President; Cathy Langreck, Vice-President; Margie Olson, Secretary; Pam Delo, Treasurer. Cathy made a motion to accept the slate of officers, seconded by Wayne. Motion passed.

**Council Orientation & EPIC** - online webinars

**Council Installation date:** February 28

**Nominating Committee:** Donna Milz

**Audit Committee:** Ralph Krultz (2021-2024) - Michelle Lucas (2019-2022)

**Synod Assembly delegates:** April 15 & 17 via Zoom - Joan Turnquist and Doug Felix

Pam made a motion to accept the volunteers for the Nominating and Audit Committees and the Synod Assembly delegates, seconded by Ray. Motion passed

**Luther League** audit complete

**Reappoint and Appoint Parish Council Members:** Pam made a motion to reappoint Donna Olson and Cathy Langreck as Parish council members, seconded by Pam. Motion passed. Pastor Elizabeth made a motion to appoint Dick as a parish council member, seconded by Wayne. Motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Property**

Front Sign – Duane will follow-up with Stratford Sign on fixing the light on the sign. We've recently paid Stratford Sign \$600 on repairs

Parsonage annual inspection – Duane and Wayne

Furnace Inspection and Maintenance – House of Heating - call annually. Approximately \$700/yr

**Script Fund** – Cathy Langreck - \$119.39 profit for January

**Stewardship** – Cathy discussed the Chicken Dinner on May 2, Serving: 11:00 am-2:00 pm. Half-chicken-\$10, Quarter chicken-\$8, Drive-through only.

**ONE in Christ Parish** – Pastor Elizabeth

Next Parish meeting – Feb.16 at Nazareth at 6:30 pm

**Next Church Council Meeting Date** - March 9 at 6 pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion by Carol and seconded by Pam to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

**The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully Submitted by: Margie Olson, Council Secretary

## Emmanuel

### **Emmanuel Giving Update**

**1-22-21 to 2-24-21**

**Total Giving: \$1,121.00**

**Needed: \$509.32**

**Difference: +\$611.68**

**Total Attendance: 12**

**For Easter Sunday**—if your kids or grandkids are up for an Easter egg hunt, please let Sandi Petke, Sheila Briski or Vita Gosse know, as they want to know how many kids to plan activities for.

### **Emmanuel 2021 Council**

*2021 President & Vice President will be elected at March meeting—date TBD*

President (Acting): Harold Briski

Vice President (Acting): Vita Gosse

Secretary: Lorelee Petersen

Treasurer: Kathy Petke

Council: Bruce Englebretson, Vita Gosse, Harold Briski, Sandi Petke

Financial Secretary: Kaj Petersen

Sunday School: Sandi Petke

VBS: Vita Gosse

**Next Emmanuel Council  
Meeting TBD**

## Nazareth

### **Swiss Steak Committee Volunteers Needed**

We are seeking 4 people to serve on the Swiss Steak planning team to decide if and how we would hold the Swiss Steak Dinner. We need to have the team set up by end of June. You can contact Pastor Elizabeth or a Council Member to volunteer.

### **Nazareth 2021 Council**

President: Darin Ven Rooy

Vice: Donna Rasmussen

Secretary: Sue Sholes

Council: Allen Wagner, Cindy Knight, Wendy Juzwiak, Robyn Renderman

Financial Secretary: Kay Roe

Treasurer: Dale Amacher

Sunday School: Sue Sholes, Cindy Knight

**Next Nazareth  
Council Meeting  
Thurs, March 4th  
At 5:30pm  
In person (Zoom  
available if needed)**

### **Nazareth Giving 1-17-21 to 1-31-21**

<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$4,151.00</b>
<b>Electronic Giving</b>	<b>\$590.00</b>

**Online Giving:**  
[www.ONEinChristLutherans.com/GiveNaz](http://www.ONEinChristLutherans.com/GiveNaz)

# Nazareth cont'd

## **Nazareth Lutheran Church Annual Meeting Minutes January 31, 2021**

Present—10 on zoom and 21 in person.

A. Opening prayer

B. **Minutes** from Feb. 2, 2020 Annual Meeting were read. Motion by Cindy knight to accept minutes seconded by Allen Gajewsky. Motion passed. Church Record Report stayed the same.

C. **Letters of greeting** were read.

### **D. PARISH BUSINESS**

1. **Good Samaritan fund** used to support our community this year (see report).

2. **2019 Parish financial report** we were over budget \$4000.00 see report. Due to benefits being up supporting 2 people and increase of educational benefits. Motion by Donna Rasmussen to approve and seconded by Ann Gajewsky.

3. **2020 Budget** One in Christ parish PP loan covered payroll for church allowed us to keep budget.

4. **2021 Budget** 3/1/2021 to 2/28/2022 pulpit supplies went up due to going virtual with zoom licenses and printing increases. And improvement to internet.

5. **Membership roll not changed** due to pandemic for numbers are hard to change with zoom and no in person services. Motion by Ann Gajewsky to accept budget and second by Lyle Roe.

E. **OLD BUSINESS** none on the agenda.

### **F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Church asking to reduce council to 7 representatives from 9 due to reduction in parish. Motion by Sue Sholes to reduce council to 7 members seconded by Allen Gajewsky.

2. **Cleaning church discussed**, weekly cleaning by parish or hire someone. Cleaning service is \$200.00 a time. New lighter vacuum cleaner is being purchased to make cleaning easier. Can put add in newspaper but need to check insurance policy to see if they would be covered if not a member. Motion by Allen Gajewsky to table hiring issue till more facts can be checked into and then do it annually. Seconded by Kevin Thorson.

3. **Swiss Steak Dinner** like to set up a committee to do the dinner. We can wait to see what pandemic does. We don't have a coordinator at this time. Can we build a committee of 4 people by end of June to do the dinner or not and how to do it. People can volunteer or council will appoint. Motion. By Ann Gajewsky and second by Jane Peterson.

### **G.REPORTS**

1. Suggested in future to **set up Building and Maintenance Fund** with money from budget for Petersen fund is getting low. 2020 Budget \$6,000.00 was forgiven by parish council. Motion by Donna Rasmussen and second by Cindy Knight to **accept the budget of 2020**.

2. Motion by Allen Gajewsky to **accept budget for 2021** and second by Bill Nyre.

3. **Cemetery Report**, cemetery terms are 3 years. Kevin Thorson will run again. Motion by Sue Sholes to accept the report and seconded by Ann Gajewsky. Motion by Allen Gajewsky to close nomination for cemetery committee second by Denny Henke.

### **H. COUNCIL BALLOTS for 2021**

1. Robyn Renderman, Wendy Juzwiak, and Darin VenRooy are up for nomination. Nominations open to floor. Motion by Cindy Knight to close nominations second by Bill Nyre. Motion by Lyle Roe to **accept the 3 nominated** second by Denny Henke. All approved.

2. **Chequamegon Conference** two volunteers needed to go via zoom on Feb. 11th cost \$20.00 church budget will cover cost.

3. April 15 & 16th 2021 **Senate assembly conference** two volunteers needed. Will be on zoom. Council will appoint if no volunteer.

I. Pastor wanted to **thank everyone** for year of service and for caring for her at all of the churches she felt cared for.

**ADJOURN** Motion by Allen and seconded by Kevin Thorson

Report submitted by secretary Sue Sholes. 18

# Nazareth cont'd

## February 18,2021 Nazareth Council Minutes

Present; Cindy, Darin, Sue, Robyn, Ryan, Allen, Donna and Pastor.

I. Call to Order

II. Devotions

III. Secretary's Report- Motion by Allen and seconded by Donna to accept minutes as read.

IV. Treasurer's Report- No Report will have Dale email reports to parish secretary so can be sent in agenda.

V. **Pastor's Report-** will do communion in March every Sunday but Palm Sunday. Pastor on vacation April 11th Motion by Sue and seconded by Cindy to accept pastor's Report.

VI. Sympathy card to Carol Deranso sister passed away.

VII. **Next Meeting date:** March 4th at 5:30 pm at church.

VIII. Addition to agenda. none.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Tree trimming** working to contact Charlie to trim trees in spring.

B. **Church cleaning** will continue to do as is, hire cleaning service for annual list.

C. Men's urinal repaired.

D. **Vacuum cleaner.** Looking at Sharp vacuum cleaner with 30 foot cord. Will order it for church.

E. **Hall clock** its up in hall and running well.

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. **Election of officers:** president-Darin VenRooy, vice president-Donna Rasmussen, secretary-Sue Sholes.

B. **Council orientation and Epic online training** to educate us on positions will be watched at meetings.

C. **Installation of officers at Feb.28th church service.**

D. to H will table to March meeting.

E. **Appointed Parish council member Nicole Rogers** to represent Nazareth for next term.

**New smart TV for church use** hopefully purchased by April 11th also cart to move TV from hall and inside of church safely.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Youth and Education- **Children will produce virtual Easter video.**

No other reports.

XII Adjournment. Motion by Cindy and second by Darin. Ended meeting with prayer.

Submitted by secretary Sue Sholes

# ONE in Christ Lutheran Parish

## Sunday Worship Order

### WELCOME

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** (new each week)

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the keeper of the covenant, the source of steadfast love, our rock and our redeemer.

**Amen.**

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Fountain of living water,

**pour out your mercy over us. Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free. Rebuild what we have ruined and mend what we have torn. Wash us in your cleansing flood. Make us alive in the Spirit to follow in the way of Jesus, as healers and restorers of the world you so love. Amen.**

Beloved, God's word never fails. The promise rests on grace: by the saving love of Jesus Christ, the wisdom and power of God, your sins are forgiven, and God remembers them no more. Journey in the way of Jesus. **Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE** (new each week)

### REFLECTION

### PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS & PEACE

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

### OFFERING PRAYER

Faithful God, you walk beside us in desert places, and you meet us in our hunger with bread from heaven. Accompany us in this meal, that we may pass over from death to life with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### COMMUNION WITH LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

**SONG** (new each week)

### MILESTONES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

You are what God made you to be: created in Christ Jesus for good works, chosen as holy and beloved, freed to serve your neighbor.

God bless you that you may be a blessing, in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

### SENDING

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

# Worship Order Page 2

**MARCH 7**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

9:30AM LIVESTREAM FROM OS (COMMUNION AT OS & NAZ)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

**SONG**

**CANTICLE OF THE TURNING**

**ELW 723**

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? *Refrain*

2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *Refrain*

4. Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.

## MARCH 14 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

9:30AM LIVESTREAM FROM OS (COMMUNION AT ALL CHURCHES)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE

Numbers 21:4-9, Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Ephesians 2:1-10, John 3:14-21

**SONG**

**MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE**

**ELW 759**

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be wholly thine!

# Worship Order Page 3

2 May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire; as thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream shall o'er me roll, blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul!

## **MARCH 21 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

**9:30AM LIVESTREAM FROM OS (COMMUNION AT OS & NAZ)**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 51:1-12, Hebrews 5:5-10, John 12:20-33

**SONG I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME ELW 325**

1. I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;  
all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

2 In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me;  
when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

3 When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;  
when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

## **MARCH 28 PALM SUNDAY**

**9:30AM ALL PARISH WORSHIP STARTING AT LONGWOOD PARK**

**BULLETIN WILL BE IN THE APRIL NEWSLETTER**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Mark 11:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29



## Prayer List



We pray for public health officials, those in Texas and other areas affected by natural disaster. We pray for strength and energy for all health care workers.

### **We pray for those in need of healing, encouragement & comfort:**

Denny Henke, Tony Jarocki, Betty Edgar, Curt Smith, Cindy Ruggles, Sue Johnson, Ruth Thompson, Kaley Johnson, Debbie Weber, Bernice Duranceau, Cindy Sowieja, Douglas Felix, Bill Lucas, Brian Ortner, Anthony Duranceau, Mary Jo Kroening, Sam Satonica, Don Pentz, Arvin Gade, Susie Olson, Art Petke, Steve O'Konski, Sheena Pogodzinski, Travis Skinner, Andy Johnson, Deanna Jordan (& family).

**Our Residents at Care Facilities:** Phyllis Konieczny (N)

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### **Some prayer list updates & additions:**

#### **Updates**

- ◆ Anthony Duranceau, son of Nazareth member Carol Duranceau—in Feb, he underwent testing to see if his body can tolerate/handle a liver transplant and he is awaiting results and, hopefully, a liver transplant.
- ◆ Roger Nielsen, brother of Our Savior's member Duane Nielsen, died on Dec 11, 2020; we haven't included this notice in the printed newsletter yet. For those who knew Roger, you may view his memorial service here:

<http://www.clinehansondahlkefuneralhomes.com/obituary/roger-nielsen>

#### **Additions**

- ◆ Travis Skinner, boyfriend of Nazareth member DaNel VenRooy - prayers for healing and strength with ongoing medical procedures.
- ◆ Andy Johnson, member of Our Savior's, recently diagnosed with multiple myeloma - prayers as he recovers from surgery and healing & strength during his chemo treatment.
- ◆ Jean Fischer, friend of Our Savior's member Sue Johnson, just discovered & diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer.
- ◆ Deanna Jordan, Greenwood teacher, at the death of her husband, Tony, from a snowmobile accident on Feb. 18.

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Pastor's cell phone two times in a row to ring through her "do  
not disturb" feature.

# *Happy Birthday!*

## **Emmanuel March Birthdays**

**3-Darren Wendt, Shasta Kloss; 5-Rodney Englebretson, Derek Englebretson; 7-Amelia Petke; 16-Taylor Hanson; 23-Cindy Sowieja; 26-Dennis Wendt; 27-Richard Englebretson, Stephanie Petersen, Wyatt Simenson; 30-William Simenson**

## **Nazareth March Birthdays**

**6-Michaella Faude; 8-Greg Sowieja; 9-Betty Matson; 15-Anna Devine; 20-Dale Niemi; 27-Ida Satonica; 29-Art Feldman, Ron Buss; 31-Cherrie Frost**

## **Our Savior's March Birthdays**

**1-Brianna Ruff; 2-Pat Kind; 8-Bonnie Englebretson; 9-Janice Clark; 10-Lexi Hinker, Marcus Noah; 11-Mike Ruff; 12-Tyler Ystad; 13-Greg Lucas; 16-Ben Graski; 18-Donna Manthe; 19-Mason Kohnert, Bob Moseley; 20-Brian Eckes; 25-Chuck Steffen, Sawyer Noah; 30-Lois Wuethrich, Michelle Johnson**



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Nazareth Worship 8am

Our Savior's Worship 9:30am

Emmanuel Worship 11am

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