

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids
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The Shepherd's Staff

Our Mission: Chosen to Serve † Sharing the Journey † Making Christ Known

January 2020

Worship:

8:30 am & 10:45 am

Sunday School:

10:00am–10:30 am

Office Hours:

Tuesday–Thursday:

8:15 am–3:15 pm

Friday: 8:15–5:00 pm

Worship is posted online on
Sundays via Facebook and
YouTube. Links can be found at
lcdr-sd.org

LCDR PROPOSED LEADERSHIP PLAN

January 2021

At our Lcdr Annual Meeting on Sunday January 31, Council leaders are proposing a new Leadership Plan. The changes include

- The congregation will directly elect our officers
- Council members will chair seven ministry committees
- Committee members will be appointed by the Council
- We will adopt a way of getting onto and off of these committees

Why? The hoped-for result of these changes is that

- Leaders will have a clearer understanding of their responsibilities
- Communications and lines of accountability will be clearer
- Many more people will be involved in the leadership of our congregation

As a congregation that is large, growing and full of people with gifts for ministry (and ready to re-engage in the new year), we need to organize in a way that asks people to serve, equips you to do so, values your contributions, minimizes confusion, and gets done a lot more of our important ministry.

This new Leadership Plan will help us to grow our congregation's leadership. With **12 COUNCIL MEMBERS** and **42 MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**, there will be a **PLACE FOR YOU** to become involved in leadership, and to contribute meaningfully to our service to Christ in our community and beyond.

This month, we ask you to

1. Attend a **Congregation Forum** at **11:30 am** on Sunday, January 10 to learn about this Leadership Plan and the changes that enable it.
2. Attend our **Annual Meeting** at **11:30 am** on Sunday, January 31 to approve these changes, elect leaders and adopt a budget to put it into effect. **WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 50 VOTING MEMBERS FOR A QUORUM TO DO SO.**
3. Talk and pray about how, going forward, God is calling **YOU** to serve.

MINISTRY COMMITTEES

1. Education
2. Stewardship/Mission Outreach
3. Property
4. Worship
5. Youth/Family Ministry
6. Technology
7. Fellowship/Community Outreach

Coming Up at Lcdr

- 1/3 ONE Worship Service at 9:30 am
- 1/6 9th Grade Confirmation
- 1/8 Reports for the Annual Report Due
- 1/10 Congregation Forum on Constitution Changes at 11:30 am
- 1/13 High 5, 6th Grade Route 67, 8th Grade Confirmation & HS Youth Council Meeting
- 1/17 8th & 9th Family Confirmation
- 1/20 High 5, 7th Grade Route 67, 9th Grade Confirmation & HS Youth Staff Meeting
- 1/21 Staff Meeting
- 1/24 New Member Reception & Class
- 1/27 High 5, 6th Grade Route 67, 8th Grade Confirmation & HS Youth
- 1/31 Annual Meeting at 11:30 am

**Congregation
Forum on
Constitution
Changes
January 10 at
11:30 am**

**2021
Annual
Meeting
January 31 at
11:30 am**

From the Senior Pastor:

Dear people of LCDR,

I am SO eager, as I know you are, to gather again in-person without all the extra precautions that we've had to observe in this past year. With the first of the Covid vaccines now out, thankfully it is time for us to begin to plan for that.

But from what I'm learning, we will need to temper our eagerness with continued carefulness. It will be several months before everyone will receive a vaccine, and some time after that when we receive the green light for "normal" activities to resume.

Difficult as it was last spring to have to shut things down, and then carefully begin some in-person activities again in midsummer, our decisions about re-opening may be even more difficult. What groups of people are most at risk? Who will have had access to vaccination? How long until those people are "safe"? What will we know, and when, about whether people who've been vaccinated can still spread the virus to others? What's an acceptable level of risk? What mitigation practices will we need to continue, and for how long?

I think it's important to say that WE DON'T KNOW YET the answers to all of those questions. It's also important for you to know that we have medical and immunological experts among us who have their ear to the ground, whom we have trusted for advice, and whom we will continue to look to for best answers to those questions. Our goals have been to offer the best ministry possible for you, while also being as responsible as possible for our members' health and well-being – and those goals will continue to guide our decisions.

That being said, I'm sorry that we DON'T KNOW YET what we may offer for Ash Wednesday and Lenten worship beginning in mid-February, nor what Holy Week and Easter worship will look like in early April. What we DO KNOW NOW is that we plan for our youth to attend Confirmation Camp in June, and for our summer youth activities to occur.

I have asked our staff to prepare options for each of our "normal" activities, so that in January we can begin to lay out the possibilities and what levels of safety are needed to trigger the resumption of each type of activity.

I also want to THANK YOU for your continued patience and generosity in support of our ministry in this time. Both have been amazing, and our staff and leaders are so very appreciative. Thank you.

I close by asking three things.

1) We will need at least fifty voting members to attend our Annual Meeting at 11:30 am on January 31. We will have precautions in place; if you feel safe please join us for important decisions about our ministry going forward.

2) Second, it is just fine that many of you are being cautious, not attending in-person worship and joining us online instead. We'll be back; so will you; I'm not worried about that at all.

3) And, please continue to be safe.

In Christ, P Jeff Sorenson

From the Record Book:



80+ Birthday

January 1: Mabel Ellefson

January 4: Kay Kahler

January 8: Ron Beck

January 9: Lee Kirkeby

January 28: Lillian Larson

Deaths/Funerals:

December 9: Elaine Bokker

December 16: JoAnn Park

Memorials



Chapel Fund:

\$25.00 – In Memory of Ralph McKee

\$50.00 – In Memory of Elaine Bokker

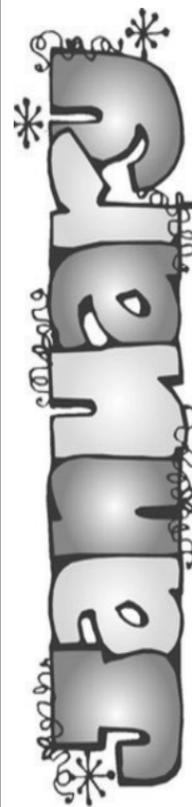
Memorial Fund:

\$20 – In Memory of Ralph McKee

\$250 – In Memory of Delores Nebben

\$70 – In Memory of Joann Park

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**LCDR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES
December 16, 2020 (abbreviated)**

Treasurer's Report

Lisa presented the treasurer report. After discussion, motion made and carried to use \$30,000 from Lowell Ronning designated funds to apply to the general fund income as previously planned in the 2020 budget. Motion made and carried to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Member Action

After discussion, it was decided to accept new members at the 10:45 service on Sunday, January 24, 2021. At 11:30 AM we will have an orientation session for the new members lead by Pastor Sorenson and council members.

Unfinished Business

LCDR Constitution Resolution

'C.12.05.01. Contracts, deeds of conveyance, mortgages, the granting of security interest, documents and other instruments shall be executed by either the President or Vice President, unless the Congregation Council shall in a particular situation designate another procedure to be followed for their execution.' This bylaw in the proposed constitution document to be presented at the annual meeting uses the term of 'Vice President.' The new leadership will use the term Past President and not Vice president. Motion made and carried that Bob would propose at the annual meeting on January 31 that the term Vice President in this bylaw be changed to Past President.

Recording equipment needs – Rich and Technology committee determined that recording equipment with the bid of about \$20,000 would serve the congregation needs best. After discussion, the council plans to make a resolution to present for acceptance at the annual meeting on January 31. That resolution would authorize a Special Fund raising of \$20,000 during early to mid-spring of 2021. This equipment would allow transmission of church services live, avoiding the need for much time spent with early recording of Sunday service. This would also allow recording of weddings and funerals with good video and audio quality. The final resolution will be reviewed at the January Council meeting for approval. Will also include proposal to add part time AV staff position.

Buidling Fund Close out – This item is done and can be removed from the agenda.

Treasurer position – Will discuss during the nomination committee report.

New Business

Nominating committee – The nominating committee has met twice. Potential candidates for most positions have been found. The secretary, treasurer, Education committee chairperson, youth member position, and synod delegate positions still need recruitment. Executive session was requested. Motion and made and carried to enter Executive Session. Executive session entered at 8:35

PM. Declared out of executive session at 8:44 PM. Personnel matter discussion.

Budget 2021 – The budget committee has met once and done preliminary work. Will present final budget at the January council meeting for approval and forwarding to the congregation annual meeting on January 31.

"Seeds for Nicaragua" - Nicaragua has suffered destruction from 2 hurricanes this fall. The Synod is asking congregations to contribute to the church in Nicaragua. 'Seeds for Nicaragua' will help farmers and planting to be done to replace crops and stores lost in the hurricanes. The 2020 LCDR budget does have \$1200 planned to the church in Nicaragua and the designated fund income has \$412.50 received for Nicaragua mission. The combined amount, \$1612.50, is to be sent to the Church of Faith and Hope in Nicaragua via the SD synod office.

Annual Meeting – The congregation annual meeting will be January 31, 2021, at 11:30 AM. We do need a minimum of 50 voting members to be present to have a quorum. Notifications will be done to encourage many members to attend so a quorum can be obtained to have the meeting.

Busy Blessing – The busy blessing board is now concluding their financial status and nearing dissolution of the board. They have presented at check to LCDR of \$3200. This will be placed in the CHIF designated fund to replace money used to paint and repair St. Peter's hall.

Committee Reports

Trust Fund – Will meet next day. No report currently.

Stewardship – Bob reported that 113 Statement of Intent forms were returned. 97 cards contained a pledge for 2021. 4 givers shifted their building fund giving to the general fund with simply giving but did not return a pledge card. Almost all members shifted their giving from building fund to general fund as the campaign asked. The total increase pledged to the general fund for 2021 planned giving is \$50,329. We are thankful for the pledge to increase giving and hope to fully fund the general fund with annual giving.

Property/Chapel - No report. Budget request for 2021 was given to the budget committee.

Personnel – No report. Did discuss that the new treasurer could begin in January 2021 to allow transition with Lisa.

Announcements

Next Council Meeting will be January 13, 2021, at 7:30 PM. Moved one week sooner to allow council approval of budget, nominations slate, and Bylaws resolution in order to allow publishing for two weeks before the annual congregation meeting.

Congregation Forum will be January 10, 2021 at 11:30 AM. This forum is for questions and answers regarding the proposed constitution and bylaws revision.

Congregation Annual meeting on January 31, 11:30 AM

From the Associate Pastor—

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

No, I am not late in wishing you a Merry Christmas. We are still in the 12 days of Christmas until January 6. The Day of Epiphany of our Lord. We want to thank you for the cards of greeting and gifts that you have shared with us on the occasion of Jesus birthday. Jesus has come and we rejoice and give thanks by sharing with others. Thank you!

"Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so." Many of us have sung this little song to remind us of the love of God. Jesus came to make all things new for us. He didn't come and do this for us because we have been so good that we deserved to have him come. He came because we have turned from God in sin. We can't make ourselves right with God, so Jesus came to do it for us.

2020 has been a year that has reminded us that a lot of things are not right. We have lived and died with the Covid-19 for a good share of the year. This has kept us from doing many of the things we love to do. We haven't been able to worship and to fellowship together like we like to do. In many cases we haven't even been able to see or be with friends and relatives. This is not good and not the way that God wants it to be for us either.

God has been with many scientists and researchers to enable them to develop a vaccine that will make us able to be back together again. For this we rejoice and give thanks, but we are not there yet. We still need to wear our masks, keep our distance, and stay home when we are not feeling well. It will take a while for the vaccine to get around to all of us. We still need to be patient, which isn't easy.

We can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel, but we aren't there yet. The light has come in Jesus the Christ and that light will lead us the rest of the way through the tunnel, if we don't get impatient and slam into the side of the tunnel.

After we get our vaccination we will be able to begin getting together again. That will be great. Then we will be able to begin filling the church again as we come to worship our loving and forgiving God. We will be able to begin fellowshiping with one another and even touching one another again. I hope that sounds as great to you as it does to me. I have missed you. Missed seeing your smiling faces and being able to share the elements of bread and wine, the body and blood of our Savior and Lord, Jesus the Christ, in a more personal way; just as Jesus did.

May the year of 2021 bring us new life and remind us that we do truly have new life. We have life that is eternal because of our baptism into Jesus the one who gave his life so that we might truly have life. Have a blessed New Year, ~Pastor Eldon

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Choir Director: Nancy Kelm

2020 Council Members

Rich Larson, President
Jared Hohn, Vice-President
Bob Harms, Secretary
Lisa Wilber, Treasurer
Gary Croon, Julie Wynja, Amy Ahlers, Beverly Rieck, Tony Siemonsma, Grant Olson, Kurt Peppel, Lee Weidauer, Olivia Prasek

**Financial Snapshot for
November 2020**

Monthly Total Income Goal:	\$28,204.17
November Total Income:	\$32,437.65
November Expenses:	\$25,963.36
YTD through Nov.: Income	\$336,708.88
Estate Income	\$27,500.00
Expenses	\$328,733.39
	\$35,475.49

7.5% of Offering is paid to
Synod monthly

Poinsettia Dedications



In Memory Of

From

Joan Pollman	Jann Saxon
Jane & Duane Bredlow	Dave & Sue Bredlow
Pastor Dick Beckmen	P. Jeff Sorenson
Harvey & Garry Ellefson	Mabel Ellefson
Ralph McKee	Delores McKee
Francis & Minerva Morris	Tom & Lori Morris
Clarence Wigton	Betty Wigton
James Weelborg	Christie Hainje
Past Choir Members	Virginia Miller
Mike & Louise Kriens	Mike & Jean Gilmore
Family Members	Eldon & Donna Thurow
Marjorie & Alvin Lampe	Kathleen Bongers
Diana Lampe	
Maxine Bongers	
Stan & Rochelle Lundquist	Jim, Lisa & Jack Schroeder
	Lyle & Norene Frederickson
Almeda Cramer	
	Marc, Joanne, Samantha & Dylan Mathis
Barth O'Loughlen	

From the Sunday School Director:

The new year is here - 2021, and boy, I pray it will be different than 2020... As we are nearing the end of the Christmas season and look to the new year and what lies ahead, we are typically making resolutions, new habits and the like. I think we will continue to do this, but also think there is still some concern, doubt about what's going on right now or just "stuff" we're dealing with and how we sometimes pretend to be okay, when really we're not. It reminded me of a song that recently came out by Matthew West called "Truth Be Told". I absolutely loved it from the first time I heard it. I typically focus on the tune or melody but the words in this song are very powerful and I think can relate to pretty much all of us. Some of the words:

*Well truth be told
The truth is rarely told
Oh am I the only one who says*

*I'm fine, yeah I'm fine oh I'm fine, hey I'm fine but I'm not
I'm broken...*

*I don't know why it's so hard to admit it
When being honest is the only way to fix it
There's no failure, no fall
There's no sin you don't already know
So let the truth be told*

My hope for this year is we can all be honest with ourselves and totally rely on the strength that God gives us when we're "not fine". We are all in this together, and who better to have lead us through the good and the bad but God, who loves us more than anything. Happy New Year and let's start making plans for a great 2021!

-Darcie

January

1/3 NO Sunday School
1/10 Sunday School
1/17 Sunday School
1/24 Sunday School



Peace be with you and happy new year!

As 2020 moves into 2021, it seems that this is the second "New Year" within the past twelve months. 2020 started the same as any other year, but in March, as we all know, everything changed. With all the change 2020 brought, and the new change that will come in 2021, I find it important and comforting to look for the change God is bringing in the world and in us. I am reminded of Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 5:17, "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Regardless of what the change that comes is, it can often be uncertain and scary. As we grow older, as relationships change, as people and places come and go from our lives, there comes a mix of joy, sorrow, curiosity, anxiety, turbulence, and peace. It reminds me of Ecclesiastes 3:1 "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." I would encourage you to read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 to go even deeper. The seasons we are in ebb and flow and come and go, but as Isaiah writes in 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever." And this word of God is a promise. A promise that no matter what may come, we will never be separated from God's love, and that there is a new creation in all who belong to Christ.

In our baptism, we are bound to both Christ's death *and* resurrection, so that just as Jesus was raised to *new* life, so are we. New creation doesn't happen without a change. New life doesn't happen without a change. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 5:15 "he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them." As we enter this new year, remember the new life that has been given to you in Christ. Remember your death and rebirth in baptism. Remember that if anyone is in Christ there is a new creation. If you have a chance, listen to the song "Beautiful Things" by Gungor, and hear the line, "You make me new, you are making me new." For this year, and every year, look for the change God is bringing in the world, and listen for the change God is bringing about in you.

- Hans

Date to be announced shortly for the 5th graders and parents meeting with Pastor Jeff to kickoff Holy Communion lessons!

Nintendo Switch Tournament & Card Games January 30

Join us for another cozy afternoon of Nintendo Switch games on the projector, card games and snacks! Never played before? We'll show you how!

5th Grade – 12:00 – 1:30 pm
6th Grade – 2:00 – 3:30 pm
7th Grade – 4:00 – 5:30 pm
8th Grade – 6:00 – 7:30 pm
High School – 8:00 – 10:00 pm



1/6 6:15 pm Youth Brown Bag Supper
6:30 pm 9th Grade Confirmation

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1/30 Nintendo Switch Tournament & Card Games



Are you interested in joining LCDR? A New Member Reception is planned for Sunday, January 24 @ the 10:45 Worship Service, with a Welcome Class to follow at 12:00 pm. Church Council members will help you know more about LCDR and the ministry we do together. You will get to know each other and Congregational leaders. Please call the office to RSVP (428-3197).