

Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids
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Dell Rapids, SD 57022

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The Shepherd's Staff

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

June 2021
9:30 am Worship

Congrats to our 2021 Graduates! Best of luck on all of your future endeavors!

July 18—21



Dell Rapids
Community VBS
invites children to
Rocky Railway
VBS: Jesus'
Power Pulls Us



Front Row: Taylor Hansen, Olivia Downs, Maddy Wilber, Sadie Schmitt, Pastor Jeff Sorenson. 2nd Row: Connor Rentz, Riley Nyman, Kyra Wajer, Maddie Kringen, Olivia Prasek, Caleb Clark. Back Row: John Tudor, Zachary McKee, Carter Nelson, Coby Maeschen, Collin Rentz, Kaeden Eastman, Asher Lensing. Not pictured: Jakob Letsche, Ellie Fiddelke.

Coming Up at LCDR

- 6/2 Middle School Hiking at Newton Hills State Park
- 6/3 High School Day at Sica Hollow State Park
- 6/4—6/5 Synod Assembly
- 6/6 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR
- 6/8 Laundry with Love
- 6/9 9th Grade Youth & Parent Mentor Meeting
- 6/13 9:30 am Worship @ City Park
(Cootie Days begins at 12 pm on this day)
- 6/17 Young at Heart
- 6/20 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR
- 6/20—6/25 7th Grade Confirmation Camp
- 6/27 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR
- 6/27—7/2 8th Grade Confirmation Camp

Council Approved Policies: Second Phase Re-opening of LCDR

With the May 13, 2021 CDC guidance, we have lifted most of the Covid-19 precautions at LCDR beginning May 19, including a return to these more "normal" things:

1. No longer encourage use of masks and distancing.
2. Return hymnals and bibles to the pews.
3. Service groups will serve funerals, and food at any event can be served in a "normal" way.

However, *these precautions remain:*

1. We continue to encourage people who are ill to remain at home.
2. We continue to encourage the use of hand sanitizer and washing of hands.
3. Masks will continue to be available for people who wish to wear them.
4. Children/youth will continue the safety measures practiced by the schools.
5. We are not yet ready to return to taking hands for prayer, shaking hands at the sharing of the peace, or offering one another the blessing.
6. Coffee and treats provided by serving groups will resume September 12.

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2021 Council Members

Jared Hohn, President
 Kurt Peppel, President Elect
 Rich Larson, Past President
 Kathy Bongers, Secretary
 Amy Dybedahl, Treasurer
 Amy Ahlers, Bev Rieck, Lee Weidauer,
 Grant Olson, Beth Howardson,
 Josh Anhalt, Steve Munk, Faithe Larson

Financial Snapshot April 2021

Monthly Total Income Goal: \$31,875.01
 April Total Regular Income: \$31,848.24
 2nd Round PPP Loan: \$50,121.00
 April Expenses: 41,798.44

YTD through April:

Income	\$173,099.71
Estate Income	\$4,000.00
Expenses	\$127,059.79
	50,039.92

7.5% of Offering is paid to Synod monthly

From the Senior Pastor:

Dear people of LCDR,

Like you, I am SO looking forward to the freedoms we now have from the constraints that we've lived under this past year. Our Council last week adopted an almost complete lifting of our Covid precautions at LCDR (see front page) and I am SO eager to a return to the closer community relationships with you that that will allow for.

I've missed you! I've missed seeing your smiles, talking up close with you, shaking your hand, being in your homes, gathering in large groups with you for worship and fellowship events. I've missed greeting you, sharing life with you, wishing you well 'til we see each other again. LCDR is an alive, thriving, congregation of alive, thriving people that I SO enjoy being a part of, and having many of you absent while staying away to keep yourselves safe well, I've just missed you.

But now it is SO good, as you return and our numbers and activity swell again at LCDR, to SEE YOU AGAIN!

From the outset, congregation leaders followed CDC guidelines as we enacted precautions for how to best keep each other safe. We promised to monitor those same medical guidelines for when it may be safe to lift precautions, and now we've done that too. I'm proud of our leaders' careful work, always with the health of our most vulnerable members at top of mind. I'm pleased, too, that because of their leadership and your respect for those precautions, we have had zero reported cases of Covid spread through interactions at LCDR.

And, I'm so proud of all of you as well, for your support and encouragement, your can-do attitude, and your generous continued financial support through this time.

Thank God! Thank you.

In Christ,

P Jeff Sorenson

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR	7 Making food for Laundry With Love	8 3pm—8pm Laundry With Love	9 6:30 pm 9th Grade Youth & Parents Mentor Meeting	10 7 pm Stewardship Meeting	11 11	12
13 9:30 am Worship @ City Park (Cootie Days begins at 12 pm on Sunday)	14	15 7:30 pm Worship Committee Mtg.	16 7:30 pm Council Meeting	17 12:00 pm Young at Heart 2:30 pm Staff Meeting	18	19
20 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR	21	22	23 7th Grade Confirmation Camp	24	25	26
27 9:30 am Worship @ LCDR	28	29	30 8th Grade Confirmation Camp			



LCDR CONGREGATION COUNCIL MINUTES April 21, 2021 (abbreviated)

Pastors' Reports: Pastor Eldon reported that he has resumed home visits. Everyone he has visited was pleased to see him again. His wife, Donna, is doing better.

Pastor Jeff reported how pleased he is with the recommendations for lifting Covid restrictions. His family will be celebrating his daughter's graduation from Augustana. He reported that there has been no activity regarding a new accompanist. Kris has been doing a great job filling in.

Unfinished Business:

a. Recruitment/Appointment of Committee Members. Amy Ahlers and Beth updated the Council on the recruitment of their committee members. Tami Drew has joined the Stewardship Committee. Beth reported they have adjusted members on the Education Committee and Kristen Boyle and Darcie Kringen are not currently part of the committee. All the committees have full rosters now. Motion to approve the updates. The new committees are as follows:

Worship has Sue Bredlow, Linda Bunkers, Ada Jorgensen, Nate Jones, Dane Stone and Bryan Timperley. Youth/Family Ministry has Lisa Wilber, Kara Mergen, Alicia Anhalt, Kim Hubers, Heather Ronshaugen and Jessica Strobel. Stewardship/Mission Outreach has Bob Harms, Stacy Franka, Sandra Lamer, Tom Morris, Mitch Mergen, and Tami Drew. Education has Amy Dybedahl, Tasha Davis, Erin Mcinroy, Megan Hohn, Tarah Burggraff and Nagi Katzer. Property has Allen Brown, Brian Wilber, Ryan Lamer, Gaylon Trygstad, Wayne Coffaa, and Bill Nelson. Fellowship/Community Outreach has Dianna Puttmann, Eric Strobel, Lee Kaffar, Shanna Moke, and Crystal Dahl. Technology has Marc Mathis, Josh Howardson, Rich Larson, Scott Zellmer, Matt Tudor and Chad Ronshaugen.

b. Usher/Teller deposit policies: The security purchase has been completed. This will require changes in the Usher and Head Usher procedures and also the Counting/Deposit Offering procedures. Once the changes have been prepared, it will come before the council for approval.

New Business:

a. Lutherans Outdoors. Paul Hansen addressed the Council. He provided a folder of information regarding their appeal. Copies will be made and sent to council members. It is expected that this will be an agenda item for the June meeting. Our confirmation kids do attend one of their camps.

b. Proposal to fully re-open. Lee reported on this issue, going over the proposed plan. We are, as we have from the beginning, following CDC recommendations. He thanked the Council for their commitment to following CDC guidelines from the beginning. They have purposely waited 6 weeks from when most adults were eligible to be vaccinated to implement the changes. However, none of the recommendations are contingent upon being vaccinated. Motion made and carried to approve the changes effective immediately. President Jared thanked the group (Lee, Sue, Pastor Jeff) who has worked so hard on the Covid issue and how to safely worship in that environment. Discussion followed and some members indicated they may continue to wear masks in certain situations.

c. Go Live report. Amy Ahlers reported that we are only \$510.00 short of our goal and we are still receiving donations. Motion made and carried to grant approval to authorize the installation of the equipment contingent to a final quote from Direct Technologies of \$11,800.00 or up to 10% over as allowed by policy. As it may take some time to get the install

scheduled, we would like to get the process started. Staff will begin work on a job description for the part-time tech.

Committee Reports - Education: Beth reported they got some very positive feedback on First Communion. Graduation also went very well. The committee is currently working on Vacation Bible School which will be held July 18 to 21. Future projects will include Rally Day and Sunday School in the fall.

Stewardship/Mission Outreach: Amy Ahlers reported on the media appeal. We currently have only \$510.00 to reach goal. They will announce the progress at worship service. She reported that we will be doing Laundry with Love on June 8th. We have received a \$1000.00 donation to be used for supplies and meals for this project. We will still need to collect quarters for the laundromat. Any overage collected will be designated to the service project fund. We will need volunteers on June 7th to help pack meals. There is also a volunteer sign-up sheet to help on the 8th. They will be asking for suggestions for the fall appeal. This will be a June agenda item.

Property: Steve reported that the electrical relay for the organ is complete. BX has leveled out the turf and applied grass seed. Next week, the irrigation system will be checked. They are looking at a date for the landscaping. The committee will be involved in working on the new usher/teller procedures.

Worship: Lee reported on possible changes to worship practices (unrelated to covid) which are under consideration. As we move to live broadcast, his committee is considering what needs to stay the same and what changes might add to the service while not lengthening the amount of time. They will reach out to the congregation for feedback and input.

Youth/Family Ministry: Bev reported that they held a retreat in April. They have formulated a mission statement. On July 22nd, we are hosting Spoke Folk. That will include a dinner and they will present a show in the parking lot. The Thunder Road lock-in will be on July 9th and 10th. The committee discussed summer activities which could include bonfires, outdoor movie and /or a visit to the birdcage. They are also looking at a fall youth group kickoff.

Technology: Josh reported they did have the site visit at the Reformed Church. At some point, we should look at a space to house the equipment for live broadcast. There has been some progress on cabling in the building. They are working toward an access point in the chapel.

Fellowship/Community Outreach: Grant reported meeting with representatives from the service groups. While they do have some concerns, they definitely want to serve at funerals. They feel that service defines what they are. They hope to push to a new normal for this fall and hope to grow fellowship and attendance. They need to meet with Hans and see how they can work with the youth. It is felt it is acceptable to handle Sunday morning coffee with volunteers through the summer.

Executive/Budget/Personnel: So far there is no response on the accompanist position.

Council went into executive session at 9:57 p.m. and came out at 10:00 p.m.

Announcements: The next Council meeting will be at June 16, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by: Kathy Bongers

From the Associate Pastor—

In Jesus teaching in John 13:34-35 he says, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." Loving other people was what Jesus' life and ministry was all about, even though that wasn't always the easiest thing to do. There were people constantly putting Jesus down and making fun of him. The easiest thing would have been for him to hate those people. Disliking another person or even hating them is always easy. People aren't always so loving because they don't know who Jesus is. Oh, they may claim to know Jesus, but if their hearts are not filled with love for all other people, they really don't know Jesus. We read this in 1 John 4.

Jesus is the full expression of love. He humbled himself and became a human being like us, even though he was God. To love is to be with another person, something that has been hard for us to do this past year. We were forced to be apart from one another because of the pandemic. God didn't like that, so God gave some scientists and doctors the wisdom to be able to come up with a vaccine that is very safe, in a very short period of time, to make it safe for us to be together again. In love of our self and love for other people we have gotten vaccinated to make it safe for us to be together again. The CDC has now said that when we are fully vaccinated that we can even be together without a mask. We can actually see one another instead of just the eyes of another person. This in itself makes it easier to love one another.

Now it is time for those of us who have been vaccinated to come out of our isolation and be together again. It is difficult to love another person when we don't get together with them and get to know one another. We are now having coffee and fellowship after worship on Sunday morning. I hope you got some of your birthday cake last Sunday. If you did it was because you came to worship and then stayed to fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Yes, as the church we are a family and even for a family to love one another it takes some getting together.

God loves us enough that he came to be with us and even gave his life on a cross for us. In love it is now time for us to get out and be with our family. If you haven't had a vaccination I hope that you will love your brothers and sisters enough that you will get the vaccination. It is in love for others that we get them.

God loves us. I love you, my brothers and sisters. May we love one another as God has first loved us.

In Christ's love,

~Pastor Eldon Thurow

From the Record Books

80+ Birthday

June 3: Doris Kirkeby

June 10: Warren Lingbeck

June 11: Delores McKee

June 21: Donna Thurow



Memorials



Designated Media Appeal Fund:

\$5125—In Memory of Lyle Helgeson

\$120—In Memory of Alfred Thomas

\$95—In Memory of Luella Sandro

Chapel Fund:

\$825 —In Memory of Luella Sandro



The Young at Heart will gather together in celebration on Thursday, June 17 at 12 pm in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck. Young at Heart is for those 60 year & older for ideas, food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing everyone!

Position available now: Accompanist and/or Organist at the Lutheran Church of Dell Rapids.

Two/three Sundays per month accompanying a contemporary/blended worship team on piano, and once a month leading a traditional service on organ and /or piano. To apply or for more information, please contact Pastor Sorenson at lcdrpastor@siouxvalley.net.

Youth Ministry

5th & 6th Hiking at Palisades State Park Wed, June 2 @ 10:30 AM – 1 PM

Join us for a morning hiking in the Palisades and a picnic lunch! Please sign up on the youth board or by emailing Hans so we know how much food to bring.



7th & 8th Hiking at Newton Hills State Park Wed, June 2 @ 2 PM – 6:30 PM

Join us for an afternoon hiking at Newton Hills State Park with a picnic dinner at the end! We will be hiking 5+ miles, so be prepared for some physical activity out in creation. Please sign up on the youth board or by emailing Hans so we know how much food to bring.

HS Day at Sica Hollow State Park Thursday June 3 @ 9 am – 9 pm

Join us for a day up in Northeast SD as we explore Sica Hollow State Park. We will cook lunch over a fire, hike, get ice cream in Waubay, and make a special surprise stop! Please sign up on the youth board so we know how much food to bring.

June Youth Ministry Events

- June 2** 10:30 am-1pm 5th & 6th Grade Hiking
2—6:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Hiking
- June 3** 9 am—9pm HS Day at Sica Hollow State Park
- June 20—25** 7th Grade Confirmation Camp
- June 27—July 2** 8th Grade Confirmation Camp
- July 9** 7:15 pm MS Thunder Road Lock-In
- July 22** Spoke Folk Musical Performance



MIDDLE SCHOOL THUNDER ROAD LOCK-IN

Friday, July 9 – Saturday, July 10
7:15 PM – 5:45 AM
Cost: \$40

We will be joining hundreds of other middle schoolers from around the Sioux Falls Area for a lock in at Thunder Road! Registration forms are due Friday, July 2nd and will be available starting in June. Please drop them and a check made to LCDR with Keri in the office or with Hans.

SPOKE FOLK Musical Performance Thursday, July 22

We have a special treat! A traveling show group will be biking here to put on a Christian musical for our community! Join us for fun and fellowship at 5 PM with some games, Dinner at 6 PM, and their performance at 7 PM! What a fun evening this will be!

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Dell Rapids Community VBS invites children to Rocky Railway VBS: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through!

A summer kids' event called Rocky Railway VBS will be hosted at LCDR from July 18 through July 21, 2021. At Rocky Railway, kids discover through life's ups and downs that Jesus' power pulls us through. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, engage in fun snack-eating experiences, take part in one-of-a-kind Bible Adventures, learn about Bible Memory Buddies to remind them to trust Jesus, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos.

Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Rock Wrap-Up that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:15 pm.

Dell Rapids Community VBS's mission will be to collect food for the local food pantry.

Rocky Railway is for school age kids age 5 (or going into kindergarten) through 5th grade (going into 6th grade) and will run from 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm each day. Please note we will **NOT** be serving a nightly meal this year but instead a snack during the games and snack stations.

Sign up by completing the form included in the newsletter or register online at <http://bit.ly/dellsvbs>

If you have any questions please e-mail dellrapidscommunityvbs@gmail.com. We are looking forward to a great VBS!

PARENTS: We need your help! We need 40+ volunteers for crew leaders. A crew leader follows a group of kids from station to station, no lesson planning!

SUNDAY SCHOOL teachers needed



If you are interested in teaching Sunday school starting next fall (curriculum is provided), we are looking for you! We have options that can work with your schedule—you can teach every week, alternate with another volunteer or co-teach.

No experience needed – just a love for children and a big sense of humor... because this is one ministry that will make your heart smile. Please contact Darcie if you have any questions at lcdarcie@siouxvalley.net.

Seeking Donations & Volunteers for Laundry with Love



LCDR will be helping with the Church on Street's Laundry with Love program, and we're looking for donations and adult volunteers. Laundry with Love provides loads of laundry at no cost to participants who are unhoused or struggling financially.

What donations can you provide?

Quarters (or money to convert to quarters) We are collecting quarters now through Sunday, June 6 and would like to raise \$700.

How will volunteers help?

Volunteers will help count quarters, fill bags with soap and drier sheets, sort and straighten donations, assist guests, serve a meal, tidy up, and pick up bread.

To volunteer, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the entryway, send an email to ldcr@siouxvalley.net, or call (605) 428-3197.