

Reaching an Ever-Changing World With God's Never-Changing Word

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December 2019



Pastor Kent

"Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you

shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

(Matthew 1:20-21 ESV)

It's hard to believe, but the seasons of Advent and Christmas are upon us. And although most of us know what the celebration is about, it's always good to refresh ourselves. It's good to do so as the commotion of the season always seems to eclipse its true meaning.

In the above passage, we see the words of the angel, spoken to Joseph, as he considered ending his relationship with Mary. All he knew, at this point, was that she was pregnant and that he was not the father. And he intended to divorce her, but sought to do it in a quiet way so that no harm might come to her.

However, an angel spoke to him the words we see above in a dream. And in these words, we're reminded of the true meaning of Christmas. We're reminded of the reason we celebrate, and what it means for us.

We learn, first of all, that we're sinners. We learn that we are guilty. We learn that we're rebellious and that we continually violate the will of God.

We learn also that we must be saved from our sin. The status quo just won't do. We can't remain in our sinful state and, at the same time, in relationship with God.

This, however, is what Jesus was sent to remedy. He came to deliver us from our sin. He came to reconcile us to God that we might receive the blessings he's prepared for us.

This is captured not only in the good news delivered by the angel, but also in the name assigned to the child. Joseph was to name the child

Jesus, a name that means “The Lord Saves” or “The Lord is Salvation.”

This is why we celebrate. Had Jesus not come, we would remain in our sin. Had Jesus not come, we would remain under condemnation. But he was sent by the Father, and he willingly came, that he might save us from our sin.

This salvation was accomplished by his death on the cross and his resurrection from the grave. By his death, he paid the penalty of our sin. He served as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world. And, by his resurrection, he defeated the power of death.

This blessing is available to each and every one. Through faith in him, we’re able to receive these blessings. Through faith in him, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life.



Pastoral Intern Kevin Hall

Isaiah 60:1-4, 17-21 (ESV) “The Lord, our everlasting Light.”

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.*

*² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.*

*³ And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising...*

*¹⁷ Instead of bronze I will bring gold,
and instead of iron I will bring silver;
instead of wood, bronze,
instead of stones, iron.*

*I will make your overseers peace
and your taskmasters righteousness.*

*¹⁸ Violence shall no more be heard in your land,
devastation or destruction within your borders;
you shall call your walls Salvation,
and your gates Praise.*

¹⁹ The sun shall be no more

*your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give you light;
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.*

*²⁰ Your sun shall no more go down,
nor your moon withdraw itself;
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.*

*²¹ Your people shall all be righteous;
they shall possess the land forever,
the branch of my planting, the work of my hands,
that I might be glorified.*

Hanukkah has always been a bit of a mystery to me. Since I grew up somewhere where Hanukkah was not really known or experienced, I had never given it much thought, until last December when I found myself in Israel during both the Festival of Lights and Advent. (A generous, anonymous donor from Emmaus Free Lutheran in Bloomington is sending seminarians over there.) It was kind of a surreal experience and it made me wrestle with the differences between Advent and Hanukkah in a way I never had.

The festival of lights/Hanukkah/festival of dedication was first instituted to commemorate the rededication of the Jewish Temple which happened in 164 BC (1 Maccabees 4:52). It seems like at that point in time, the festival was easily aligned with the true faith, as the festival pointed to the Light of the LORD who the LORD’s faithful were patiently waiting for. Their faith rested on prophecies like Isaiah’s (which had been written over 600 years earlier) which said the true Light of the world would come bursting forth, and everything would change. Hanukkah was a holiday looking forward to the coming of Christ.

After the rededication of the Temple, it was clear that the LORD’s people desired to repent and be free from the sins that led to the abandonment of proper worship. They were ready to abandon gods made by human hands and instead serve, worship and be protected by the God of all creation. “The darkness that covers all the earth” as Isaiah calls it (verse 2) had invaded their Temple and the hearts of everyone in Jerusalem, and they longed for that

darkness to be overthrown and cast out. They longed to worship in faith, and make a better sacrifice to God (Hebrews 11:4), and so the Apocryphal book of 2nd Maccabees (10:3-4, NRSV) says-

³ They purified the sanctuary, and made another altar of sacrifice; then, striking fire out of flint, they offered sacrifices, after a lapse of two years, and they offered incense and lighted lamps and set out the bread of the Presence. ⁴ When they had done this, they fell prostrate and implored the Lord that they might never again fall into such misfortunes, but that, if they should ever sin, they might be disciplined by him with forbearance and not be handed over to blasphemous and barbarous nations.

The Light of Hanukkah was the promise God gave in Isaiah 60:18 that “violence shall no more be heard in your land, devastation or destruction within your borders; you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise.”

The hope that the ancient Jews clung to was that when they stopped worshipping created material things, they would also stop trusting in the created walls and gates of men for their security and their peace. Instead, they could worship the loving God of all creation and trust that their security was found in Him, not in man-made walls and gates. The difference was and still is as stark as the difference between light and darkness.

Yet, as time went on, the menorah took on a different meaning. The hope of an eternal kingdom faded, and as history marched on, the darkness of the nations again invaded Jerusalem, sometimes with swords, but more often with ideas. Human philosophies, inventions and distractions emptied the menorah of its Light, and the meaning of its hope became a point of dispute amongst the scribes, rabbis, Pharisees and Sadducees. So while many faithful Jews continued to hope for the true Light (Luke 1:79, 2:32), others had forsaken that hope and plotted instead for an earthly kingdom (John 19:12, 15).

When the true Light came into the world, only those who continued to stand on the promises in the Word of God recognized Him. All others, those whom the Word and Spirit had not made alive, loved the darkness rather than the Light (John 3:19).

Christ's entrance into the world irrevocably divided the factions. The Advent wreath and the menorah, which had historically pointed to the same hope, became the symbols of two separate hopes.

The Advent wreath, based on the Word of God, points to the Truth that the Word has descended and become flesh and dwelt among us. The Light of eternity has even been here and been seen, touched, and heard (1 John 1:1).

The menorah became the lampstand of mankind, and became the symbol of man's works-based aspiration to build earth-bound kingdoms of glory or pleasure, in the vain effort to ascend to heaven and dwell with the gods.

And so, when Jesus denounced the “cleansed and purified altar” of Hanukkah as defiled and murderous (Matthew 23:34-39, Luke 11:49-51), the divide became complete. Since then, all of mankind has faced the same binary decision when gazing at the menorah, namely: Is our source of all Light and Hope the Temple of Jesus Christ's body? Or does our Light and Hope come from man-made lamps and man-made temples? It's a testament to the sinfulness of mankind that 1,949 years after the destruction of the altar and its Temple (just as Jesus prophesied Mark 13:2, Luke 21:6, Matthew 24:2), the menorah endures as a symbol of mankind's desire to worship God on mankind's terms, in temples purified by mankind's unrighteous works (Isaiah 64:6-7, 10-11), as unbelievers attempt to light their paths and build their own kingdoms apart from Christ.

There is a tremendous warning in all this for Christians. If the Advent wreath ever becomes a symbol of righteousness through religious dedication rather than the righteousness of Christ, the Advent wreath too will also become a lightless and hopeless decoration, useful only for Hallmark channel TV specials to use to point to the goodness

of mankind. But let's heed that warning and instead recognize that the Advent wreath points to the true Light of the world and to a Kingdom that is not of this world (John 8:23, 18:36), but is instead of a perfected world yet to come (Revelation 21:1-6, Isaiah 60:17-21).

When we are mindful that this is what the Advent wreath points to, we will never replace the Light of the Advent wreath with darkness, nor will we be willing to substitute the things and pursuits of earthly kingdoms for the glories of God's eternal Kingdom.

Since the Light has come into the world (John 1:9-10), we who trust in Him can proudly declare, with Isaiah, the Lord is our everlasting Light.

Ushers for December

12-01-2019: Mark Gerde*, Kenny Klein, Don & Teresa Buck, David Hottman, Walter Wagner

12-08-2019: Brad* & Teresa Klipfel, Gene & Dara Hausauer, John & Carmen Mohl

12-15-2019: Marvin* & Jan Sigman, Bill & Kris Keller, Horning family

12-22-2019: Jerry* & Marlys Reichenberg, Klaudt family

12-29-2019: Kevin Lee, Lynette Flemer, Vern & Karla Boehm, Jim Wenning, Jay Seibel



Fellowship service for December

12-01-2019: Ray & Leona Mattheis, Carey Mattheis, Gary & Marj Murray

12-08-2019: Jim & Darcee Wenning, Jim & Chris Alt, Kayla Palmer

12-15-2019: Jim & Joan Scumaier, Wes & Jane Gunsch, Darrin & Leeta Olin

12-22-2019: Kevin & Margie Lee, Jason & Heidi Ulland, Wayne & Shawn Hoffner

12-29-2019: Carl & Bev Sorensen, Bern & Judy Tolosky, Lillian Boeshans



RADIO BROADCAST

Please Contact the office if you are interested in sponsoring a radio broadcast. The cost is \$35. The Radio Broadcast is heard on Sundays at 11:30 AM on KDKT, 1410 AM. Available Sundays to sponsor are December 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 and January 5, 12, 19, & 26 Send an email to the office to reserve a Sunday broadcast!



Library news...

Snuggle up with a good book and a hot cup of tea. We have lots of new books on the end cap and so much great stuff on the shelves.



Would you like to help lead our hymns on third Sundays? It helps the rest of us sing hymns when we have a leader 😊 Please let me know in the office and we will get you signed up!

Missed a Sunday church service?

Did you know that each Sunday's Sermons are recorded? If you would like a CD copy, the cost is \$1.00. You may have the entire service or just sermon recorded onto the CD. You can get up to 2 sermons on one CD. Please call or email the office and we will get one to you! The sermon is also available on our website by the following Monday, on our KDKT Radio broadcast at 11:30 on Sunday mornings and live on our facebook page.



Prince of Peace
Women's Missionary
Federation (WMF)

*The Mission of the WMF of Prince of Peace
is to study and share the Good News of Jesus, through
word and deed, at home, in our community and
throughout the world.*

And it's December!

We will be holding our annual joint **WMF Bible Study on Monday, December 9, at 7:00 pm.** This is combined with the WMF Coffee House gathering in which we have a little business meeting. We have a potluck of Christmas goodies. If you don't bake or like me, put it off till the last minute, come anyway. We always have more than enough to eat. Coffees and Italian sodas will be served as well. **And we will do Lesson 12 of the 2019 Bible study which looks at "Mary, Mother of Jesus...God Keeps His Word".** (We will not have our regular Bible studies on the third Monday.)

We need to get our order in for the 2020 WMF Bible study soon. I got this from the AFLC website:

"Don't Follow Your Feelings" by Linda Korhonen

Our world is confused and hurting. Young and old are being deceived by a culture that doesn't know what truth is! Many don't want to know! Most people just want their own way regardless of the consequences. Where can we find hope and healing? How can we protect our children and grandchildren from the lies that are bombarding them everyday? **GOD** through **His Word** is our source of **absolute truth**. May these lessons equip and prepare us to

know what God says and to help others whose feelings have misguided them. *Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples.*

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

John 8:31-32

The cost of each book is \$12.00. This includes the cost of shipping.

We will have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church and an envelope for your \$. We also order a few extra if you forget to sign-up or just want to visit a session or two. Come join us either 10:00 am or 6:30 pm on the third Monday of each month in the church library. And if you would like to get your own group going just let me or Darcee know and we will help in anyway we can.

Thanks so much to all who have helped get the Sunday morning coffee set up and started. There is a sign-up sheet on the freezer in the kitchen. Maybe you can take a Sunday sometime. Check it out.

Also notice the nice labels on the cabinet doors in the kitchen. Looks great and is so helpful to anyone who has to find something. Thanks to our kitchen angel for doing that.

Remember the Reason for the Season and have a Blessed Christmas!

Serving Him,
Judy Tolosky (870-2131)

Worship Attendance

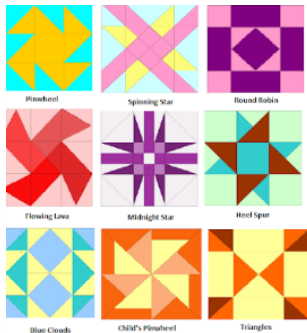
10-06 - 177
10-13 - 195
10-20 - 151
10-27 - 173
11-03 - 208
11-10 - 169
11-17 - 194
11-17 - 40 Annual meeting



Sunday School Corner

Last month we packed 102 boxes for OCC. We had some extra time so we sang a song we are learning for the Christmas program and finished up the hour by playing Bible trivia.

The Sunday School kids are busy reciting memory work every week. It is great to see them hiding God's word in their heart! Keep up the good work. Each child has a chance to earn 2 DQ gift cards each semester. 1) If they only miss 2 Sundays of Sunday school attendance or 2) if they only miss memorizing 2 Bible verses. If you or your child is unsure if they have missed more than 2 Bible verses, feel free to ask their teacher or me and I can find out for you. They still have time to make them up if they want to. We plan to hand them out during the church service on Dec 22nd.



Ladies of the church,
Please join
Threads of Love
for quilting. We
meet on
Wednesdays from
9-1. If you have

old sheets – we can use them. If you have a Thrivent Action team card and would like to use it – we would love your contribution. We need someone who can sew around the quilts!!! If you have any question, call LaRue Schwarz 748-216.



A polite reminder - those who use the kitchen are responsible for washing the dishcloths and towels and returning them to the drawers! (this includes **fellowship and potlucks!**)



Prayer Request

Prince of Peace is part of a community wide prayer chain. If you have something you would like added to the email prayer chain or would like to receive the prayer emails – please email the church office. If it is after office hours, please email Margie Lee at lee@beu.midco.net



Youth

And on the 7th day...

Ever since the school year started it seems like it's been one thing after another, in the best and most exhausting ways. We just had our annual meeting last Sunday, and it was an opportunity for me to look back on the past year and recount on the subject of rest.

There have been moments in the past year of unbelievable busyness and moments of unreal rest. During the summer, for example there was one week where I needed to be in 3 different states in one week. And the very next week there were no youth events for 8 straight days. And this situation gave me a lot of insight on the task of rest. And I was left with this question, "What does rest look like in all of the different situations of life?" How do we rest when things get busy, and then rest the same amount when things get slow? How do we not rest to little when things are busy and how do we make sure we keep our rest in check and not to take too much rest when we have more than a moment?

God gave us rest because we needed it, but he also gave us jobs to do because we need them. And in order for us to divide our time between the two, there needs to be an exceptional understanding of God and what he wants from us. We need to understand what God would have us to do in the situations that are presented to us.

We need to ask ourselves, "What or who needs us the most right now?" There are times when I am needed by the youth or the church more than anyone or anything else. Likewise, there are times when I need to put my wife first before myself or my job. And lastly, there are times when I need to put myself first before my wife and my job and other people in my life.

And when I say that, I mean that there are times when I need to rest and take a minute for myself before I can help others. And that, in essence, is what rest was meant to be. Not a reason to be lazy, not an excuse, and not a time waster, but as a way to continue to do God's work on earth and to make sure we don't exhaust ourselves in that process.

Seth Larson

December Birthdays!!!

Brent Jorgenson	12/2
Arlo Sailer	12/3
Jacey Duttonhefner	12/4
Angie Faut	12/5
Briella Schmit	12/5
Chris Iverson	12/6
Sharon Schneider	12/9
Jake Mohl	12/11
Savannah Johnson	12/11
Nick Kasanke	12/12
Brooklyn Keller	12/12
Judah Novak	12/13
Morgan Lenzen	12/15
Linda Schnaidt	12/15
Charlie Wanzek	12/16
Shane Goetz	12/17
Shaylyn Gunsch	12/17
Zachary Neuberger	12/17
Morgan Mattheis	12/18
Lynell Renner	12/19
Lisa Pederson	12/20
Aiden Green	12/22
Coleton Littig	12/22
Simon Novak	12/25
Holly Doe	12/26
Sandy Weigel	12/27
Cheri Sperry	12/30
Rebecca Alt	12/31
Deb Kasanke	12/31
Willis Kasanke	12/31

A Night in Bethlehem

December 14, 2019 from 5:00-7:30 P.M.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 200 19th Street NW, Beulah, ND

Please call 701-873-5650 with questions.



Please join us for a fun filled evening to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Families attending will be able to:

- *Make a nativity set for each child*
- *Enjoy a bowl of homemade soup*
- *Create a memory at our photo booth*
- *Watch a puppet show, hear the story of Jesus's birth and listen to festive holiday music*

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

President's Report – Del Schnaidt

Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him – Acts 12:5

A precious scene is placed before us, even in the midst of an otherwise tragic and painful time for the early church. James had just been martyred by Herod, and the apostle Peter is in prison. But neither the threat of persecution nor the darkness of discouragement separated the church from each other. *(From a human perspective, I'm not sure this is possible without the help of the Holy Spirit giving the early Christians the courage to push on.)*

While Peter sits on a cold, hard floor, the saints of God kneel before God in unceasing intercession on his behalf. It seems the more suffering is inflicted on the church, the more pressure is exerted upon the church, the closer they grow to God and to each other. *(These were no doubt hard times of persecution and torture which often led to death, where the church faithfully depended on God.)*

It is sad and wrong that so often, in today's prosperous and peaceful Western culture, Christians so easily stumble and divide over petty and unimportant issues. We are oversensitive to criticism or correction; we feel as though others should forebear (*refrain, hold back*) us, but we are not willing to forebear others. Offenses or differences which would go unnoticed in a time of persecution are made insurmountable obstacles to fellowship in the time of prosperity.

Doubtless James (one of the "sons of thunder") and Peter (who was always putting his foot in his mouth) had at times said and done some things that were disagreeable to others in the church. But those offenses are forgotten now, as the church hears of James' death and Peter's imprisonment.

Brothers and sisters, don't wait until persecution, or loss, or pain comes in order to love each other fervently. Look over faults; forgive wrongs; let go of past grievances. Love, and pray for, each other now!

2019 POP Church Council

President	Delton Schnaidt (2019)
Treasurer	Margie Lee (2019)
Secretary	Deb Sayler (2019)
Deacons	Riley Schrieffer (2019)
	Garrett Sayler (2020)
	Kevin Lee (2020)
	Don Buck (2021)
Trustees	Randy Schneider (2019)
	Les Buchmann (2020)
	Keith Peterson (2021)
	Ryan Tolosky (2021)
Christian Education	Michelle Klaudt (2019)
	Kelsey Timmer (2019)
	Angie Wanzek (2020)
	Donna Bieri (2021)

As I read this devotion, I know there have been many times in my life that I have been guilty of carrying a grudge of sometimes petty things, with not necessarily our home church, but with other Christians of other churches. As time goes on, the sting of the grudge wears off, but often it hangs on too long. Maybe you've had the same experience at some time in your life. If we ask God with a meaningful heart to help us move past these petty things quickly, I believe this is our best and most reliable option. Everybody wins when we let go of the petty things that bother us and we focus on following the Word of God, unity in the church, and how we can serve God together as a family.

May the Cross always be our compass.... and the Word of God always light our path.

Serving Christ as We Serve Others
Delton

Pastor's Report – Pastor Kent

Participated in ministerial prayer meetings and business meeting.

Communion at KRCC.

Conducted the funeral for James Zeller.

Confirmation instruction is going well. We've finished the Ten Commandments and will be looking at their conclusion next week. The first quiz is in two weeks.

We've had two weeks of our new Bible study, on Wednesday nights, looking at Hosea.

Sunday School has been going well. Attendance has been good. And, overall, I remain satisfied with the material.

I've continued to attend meetings with hospice every other week to discuss the care and the care plans of the patients. I've also made a couple of visits for them.

Visiting and keeping up with members, especially those who are ill and shut-in.

I have meetings with the World Missions Committee of the AFLC in Minneapolis December 6th-7th.

Intern Pastor's Report – Kevin Hall

I led 2 youth group studies and attended 5 more, led 1 confirmation class and attended 3 others, made 1 nursing home visit and helped Pr. Kent lead a communion service there.

I also wrote and led the second study for our Men's breakfast studies on the Augsburg Confession.

I also did a little bit of spiritual counseling.

One other thing we did this month was run back to Plymouth when UpClose was going on. I attended 2 meetings on youth ministry hosted by Pr. Jason Holt. The meetings were good and informative. I also was able to catch up with a few professors

Youth Director's Report – Seth Larson

Past Events

- Chaperoned Homecoming
- Kevin Hall did HS and MS youth group
- AFLBS Up Close
- FLY Committee meeting
- Blacklight Puppets
- Met with youth committee

Current or upcoming events

- Soup Kitchen
- High School All-nighter (Sunday)
- Seth is gone for Thanksgiving (Nov 25- Dec 2nd)
- Middle School Early out (Dec 5th)
- Middle School All-nighter (Dec 6th)

Treasurers Report – Margie Lee

General Fund	\$ 28,829.29
Building Fund	\$ 18,550.52
Coffee Hour Fund	\$ 121.69
Furnace Fund	\$ (17,938.48)
Intern Fund	\$ 39,192.70
Total Bank Acct	\$ 69,124.62

Loan Borrowed 4/2015 \$ 250,000.00

Loan Balance \$ 121,625.80

Deacon's Report – Kevin Lee

Spiritual life meetings: The dates are set for Nov. 3rd-6th. Pastor Tim Johnson is our speaker. He has given to Pastor an overview of his topics and texts. In his planning, he missed the Sunday School hour. Instead of asking him to add more, Pastor will just have our regular Sunday School class.

Nominations – Marvin Sigman has agreed to be on the ballot for Chairman. Vern Boehm and Jim Wenning agreed to be on for Deacon.

Newspaper ads for pregnancy clinic: We have a \$50.00/edition ad set for 5 issues in the Beulah High School paper and Don Buck will check on an ad for the Hazen High School paper.

Update – Don Buck reported that Hazen High School doesn't put out a school paper.

Trustee's Report – Les Buchmann

Janitor Amy Haugen said furnaces in fellowship hall weren't running properly. One of the filters needed to be replaced so Les did that.

Les contracted 2000 gallons propene with Cenex.

Received a bid from Winkler Construction of Hazen for demolition of sidewalk on southeast side and pouring steps and demolition of north walkway - \$3,100. Approximately \$1,466 for materials to replace bridge with treated wood. We would keep the current white composite hand rail.

Les discussed options for vans he has found. Prices range from \$600 to \$8,000.

Pastor Kent reported that there were mice in a few traps the past few weeks. Eco Lab mentioned that there is a gap in the door by the organ that should be fixed.

Christian Ed Report – Michelle Klaudt

- Discussed the Sunday skit (Jesus feeds 5000) for October 27th.
- OCC is November 10 and we are still collecting item and shipping funds.
- Sunday School offering totals \$140.25 which means we are almost collecting a backpack a week for the Miriam Infant home.
- We have additional helpers who have been assisting the main teachers.
- Discussed the bulletin board option again and would like to put it in the same location as our new quiet bag holder.

OLD BUSINESS

Church Van – see Trustees report. At annual meeting the Trustees will talk about options for used vans. Discussed beginning special Van fund.

Security Camera for East Door – Kevin Hall and Del Schnaidt continue to work on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Hunter Keller Mission Trip – East Asia with Campus Crusade for Christ on November 23 through 30. We will put out an offering basket for donations. We voted to donate \$300 from this month's tithe to Hunter.

Feed My Starving Children 2020 – Joyce Bauer Marvin Bauer and Marvin and Jan Sigman were interested in getting FMSC going again and will check with other churches for help. Council was in favor of hosting it again.

Food Service – Discussed having a Meal Ministry for people after being hospitalized, etc. Members could make a hot meal, freezer meal, cookies, etc. and someone would deliver food. We will promote in church and hope to have someone step up to chair.

Tithe – Our Tithe is \$2,366.60.

\$300 to Hunter Keller's Mission trip per Agenda item #3.

\$1,000 to AFLC Alaskan Missions

\$766.60 to AFLC All Ministries

\$300 to Lacey Wenning Biggs Mission trip

Correspondence

Deb Saylor read thank you note from Kevin Hall for the Amazon gift card for Ministry Appreciation month. We read a letter from Hunter Keller explaining her upcoming mission trip to East Asia.

Pastor Kent expressed his appreciation for the Amazon gift card from the congregation for Ministry Appreciation

2019 Annual Meeting Highlights

OLD BUSINESS

Fellowship Room Ceiling/Insulation/Lights

Update – Original scope was to tear down ceiling and put panels to hold insulation up. Now plan to put plywood strips up to keep the insulation in the attic. Randy Schneider has checked and we will need a certified electrician to install the lights. Cost

is approximately \$65.00 per light kit and there are about 65 lights in the Fellowship Hall; this does not include the cost of the certified electrician.

NEW BUSINESS

Commune twice or once a month – Pastor Kent had a member approach him raising the question about having communion twice a month. There is nothing in scripture that's definitive and congregations have done various time frames. Discussion needing more people to prepare the wine and bread for communion if we have communion twice a month. Motion to have communion twice a month was defeated.

North Entrance Walkway and Southeast Sloped Walkway Replacement – Received bid from Winkler Construction of Hazen. Bid for removal of sidewalk on southeast corner and replacing with concrete steps and removal of concrete ramp on north side is \$3,100. Additional cost of replacing the north ramp with composite material estimated at \$1,400. Plan to reuse the railing on north side. Motion to go ahead and proceed with the concrete work with the estimated bid was approved.

Church Van – Discussion on purchasing van to use for church functions such as youth, men and WMF events. Les Buchmann spoke on cost and condition of vans he has located. We discussed insurance, storage, dependability and upkeep. Other costs are gas, tires, batteries, oil changes, etc. Only rental place that rents 15-passenger vans is in Fargo. Motion to give church council approval to buy van that they see fit was approved by 36 yes votes and 2 no votes.

Elections –

President – Marvin Sigman (1-year term)

Treasurer – Margie Lee (1-year term)

Secretary – Deb Sayler (1-year term)

Deacon – Jim Wenning (3-year term)

Trustees – Ryan Tolosky (3-year term)

Dustin Buchmann (3-year term)

Christian Ed – Chrys Rotondo (3-year term)

Rebecah Larson (3-year term)

Auditing Committee – Wayne Hoffner (1-year term)

Kim Pachl (1-year term)

Personnel Comm – Carl Sorensen (1-year term)

Nominating Comm – Marj Murry (1-year term)

Marvin Bauer (1-year term)

Jan Sigman (1-year term)

Congregational Reporter to AFLC Conference –

Church Council will designate person to report

2020 Budget – Budget was approved



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