



Church Events

- Sundays—9:30 am Worship
10:30 Fellowship
- Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 am—Coffee with the Staff
- Wednesdays—5:30 pm Meal
6:15 pm Worship
6:30 pm Wednesday School
6:45 pm Confirmation
- Thursdays at 7:00 am—Men's Breakfast at the Fry' Pan
- October 1—7:00 pm LYO Haunted Farm
- October 4—5:30 pm Staff Meeting
- October 11—7:00 pm Council Meeting
- October 13—1:30 pm Abigail Circle
7:00 pm Rebekah Circle
- October 16—10:30 am 2nd Grade Bible Class
- October 17—7:00 pm Book Club
- October 18—6:00 pm Evening Quilting
- October 19—9:00 am Quilting
- October 20—6:30 pm LYO Meeting
- October 23—10:30 am 2nd Grade Bible Class
- October 30—9:30 am Confirmation

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Pastor's Message—Pastor Ale Tulu

The color of life

There is a time for everything and a season for every matter under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

Wow fall! What a colorful and beautiful season. One of the things I love most about fall is watching trees change their color to orange, red and brown. Often as I travel along the road, where I find myself surrounded with these colorful trees, I get so fascinated with the work of nature and thank God for the beauty of creation.

Too bad that things don't last. Soon all these trees will drop their beautiful leaves and stand bare and dormant during winter season until spring comes and covers them with beauty again. This reminds me of Paul's message to the church in Corinth. He said, "Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day". 2 Cor. 4:16


Our life is like seasons that come and go. As we near the late evening of our life, we all begin to lose our beauty and

strength. But, the words of God comfort us with a bright vision of new life. So, in the midst of our fading life, our heart longs for the spring of life to capture the beauty it lost.

May your life be colorful and pleasant in the sight of God and people like beautiful fall trees. Amen

Pastor Ale





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Amount: _____

General Other _____

2 Cor 9:7 ... for God loves a cheerful giver.

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2023 Offering Envelopes

In an effort to reduce waste & cost, we will not be ordering pre-printed offering envelopes for 2023. Options for next year: 1) Use the generic envelopes available in church, 2) request the office to print envelopes with your personalized information, 3) checks may be put in the offering plate, 4) use any of the electronic options available: bill pay from your bank, give online, text-to-give, or set up automatic debit (Simply Giving) with the office. (Please note: Your envelope number will remain the same.)

Stewardship—Orrin Ausen

Stewardship and Contentment

Contentment is the key to happiness.

Wealth is not a good predictor of a happy life. “Happiness more than anything, is a state-of-mind, a way of perceiving and approaching ourselves and the world in which we reside.”

Welcome to what Paul told us in 1 Timothy many many years ago:

But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

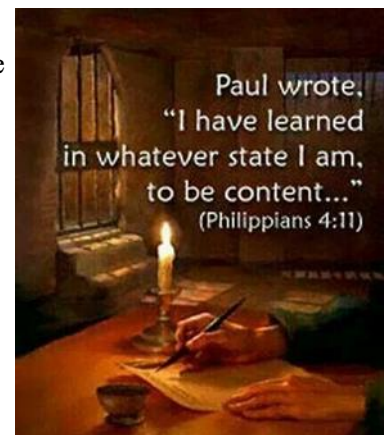
(1 Timothy 6:6-10 ESV)

Many Christians make the distinction that happiness is about what happens to us while joy is about what is in us. While this is helpful, what Paul calls us to is contentment in all areas of our life, especially the areas of money and material goods. Christians, of all people, are to be satisfied with the bear necessities knowing that we are merely sojourners in this world. We are strangers passing through a land that is not our permanent home.

Contentment is not found in stuff!

By definition contentment is not found in having more stuff, but in being satisfied with “food and clothing.” Which is why John calls the people to give us their extra coats to those who do not have any in Luke 3. We are tempted in life to assume more stuff will make us happy. If you are into clothes, tech, homes, cars or what ever your passion, we assume these things will bring us happiness and they do, at least temporarily. We are always happy at first, but then it wares off and we are left wanting. We find ourselves sacrificing more to pursue those toys that will end up in the trash, recycling, or at good will.

Our contentment, happiness and joy are all to be found in Christ Jesus our Lord. When other things become primary in our world view, and we lose sight our of savior we tend to look to other things to complete our happiness. Let us keep the focus where it belongs.



These verses from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH) states our contentment in Christ perfectly.

ELH 466: 4,8 What is the World to Me

V4:

The world seeks after wealth
And all that Mammon offers,
Yet never is content
Though gold should fill its
coffers.

I have a higher good,
Content with it I'll be:
My Jesus is my Wealth.
What is the world to me!

V8:

What is the world to me!
My Jesus is my Treasure,
My Life, my Health, my
wealth,
My Friend, my Love, my
Pleasure
My Joy, my Crown, my All
My Bliss eternally.
Once more, then, I declare:
What is the world to me!

President's Message—Jill Ockhardt Blaufuss

Greetings to my BLC family,

We are so close to our goal of having all the money to complete our elevator jack replacement. We received some amazing donations right off the bat, one for \$1,000 and one for \$25,000, and because of that, we were able to make our down payment to the elevator company. Other money came in from Pastor Ale who donated \$3,000 from his discretionary fund, and \$4,000 came from the church's undesignated funds. My husband and I donated, and at last church last Sunday I asked any in the congregation who are in a position of helping, to join us in donating to cover that last \$7,000 we have left to raise to pay for the jack replacement. I hope you will consider giving even a small amount. If we all chip in, we can get this off our plates.

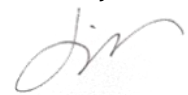
If we get any extra money in this bid for funds, we plan on using it toward paying off our current \$90,000 loan. The two components of this loan are our previous roof repairs and the elevator updates from this past spring. Maybe it's a pipe dream, but I would love to make an effort to simply pay off our loan. Right now we pay just a little under \$1,000 every month on our loan. And currently, around \$400 of that is interest. Of course, the interest will slowly become less and less of our monthly payment over the coming years. But still, think of the thousands of dollars in interest that could've been used for something else. Maybe you have an idea for how we can pay off our debt faster. If so, I am always open to ideas.

My council term is up at the end of January. And I am excited to have more time to concentrate on different areas at church. The Wednesday evening programming is currently underway, and last Wednesday Pastor Ale said there were 78 people (adults and kids) in church. That is really cool. Most of my Wednesday afternoon and evening is happily spent in the church kitchen. Simplifying my duties to just helping the families that volunteer in the kitchen and planning and preparing food will feel good. If any of you want to help out in the kitchen, either by preparing a dessert or bringing something else for a side, or helping prep, make entirely, or serve the main meal, please let me know!

We are also looking for help with a Chili Cookoff fundraiser we are doing for the church in the middle of November, and Ethiopia Night, another fundraiser we are planning for April. Both events are open to the entire community. And to make them as successful as possible, it's always nice to have people with experience making events run smoothly, and just folks who are happy to be put to work for a good cause.

Lots of things going on at church, I hope you will join in the activity however you are able. You're welcome to join in at any frequency, any capacity. And if you need a ride to any church activity, please always let the church office know, we're happy to get you there.

Sincerely,



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Mission Report



The monthly mission for the month of October will be the Circle of Nations. Circle of Nations is an inter-tribal off-reservation boarding school, chartered under the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota Oyate and funded by the Bureau of Indian Education. Circle of Nations School serves American Indian youth in grades 4 through 8. The mission of the Circle of Nations School is to build academic achievement and foster healthy development of the whole child in an intertribal environment. Your contribution will assist the students with costs of items/services that are not part of paid expenses while they are separated from their families and loved ones while attending school.



Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Given by:
General	
Ray Trower	Don & Geri Young
Joan Vertin	Don & Geri Young
Quilting	
Darren Theurer (Dell Krueger's Nephew)	Ken & Cleo Reitan

If you have had a recent change to your address, phone number or email address, please be sure to let the church office know!



Circles will meet on October 13th. Abigail will gather in the Luther Room at 2 p.m. and Rebekah at the Community Room of The Willows at 7 p.m.

Newsletter articles for the November 2022 Issue of "Good News" are due **OCTOBER 24, 2022.**

Who is Jehoshaphat and why is he jumpin'?

The Jehoshaphat in question is the biblical king of Judah. It might seem odd to refer to him as "jumping," since he is best known for standing still. In 2 Chronicles, Judah is threatened with invasion, and Jehoshaphat and his people pray to God for help. The Lord tells them, "the battle is not yours but God's ... take your position, stand still, and see the victory of the Lord on your behalf" (20:15, 17 New Revised Standard Version). The Judeans emerge victorious. One might not expect the steadfast Jehoshaphat to begin leaping around, so jumpin' Jehoshaphat! might carry extra force, meaning something like "I'm as surprised as if King Jehoshaphat started jumping!"



Looked at another way, though, Jehoshaphat and jumping go hand in hand. The king appoints men to sing and to praise God as the soldiers march to meet their enemies. Such prayer may well have involved leaping and dancing, since leaping is associated with joy and the praise of God across the Bible. In the Song of Solomon, the beloved comes "leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills" (2:8); David uses the metaphor of jumping to credit God for his success: "by my God I can leap over a wall" (Psalm 18:29). And Christ Jesus tells his followers that if the world curses them, they should "rejoice ... and leap for joy" for their "reward is great in heaven" (Luke 6:23). One of the Greek words the New Testament uses for rejoice is agalliao, which comes from roots that mean literally "much" and "jump."

Youth Ministry

We participated in the Headwaters Day Parade with our one-of-a kind Breckenridge Lutheran Church Float. We handed out 400 bottles of water. The water bottles had a label on them directing anyone interested to our church website and Facebook page. We have a great Wednesday School and Confirmation program, lets get the word out to the community.



Financial Summary (as of August 31, 2022)

August Financial Summary	
General Account Income in August 2022	\$16,514.75
General Account Expenditures in August 2022	\$16,707.29
Cash Loss for the month	(\$192.54)

Weekly Giving—August 2022	
August 7	\$3,589
August 14	\$4,944
August 21	\$2,638.75
August 28	\$1,149
Total	\$12,320.75

Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses	Year to Date Net Loss	Monthly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$156,769.95	\$166,347.09	(\$9,577.14)	\$24,680	\$5,696

Upcoming Events

LYO Trip to the Haunted Farm
 Saturday, October 1st
 1947 130th Ave S, Moorhead, MN
 Leave the church at 7 pm | Cost: \$22
 Sign up with Lexi Hought @
 lexihought@gmail.com or
 701-430-1821

NOISY OFFERING

Back by popular demand: Noisy Offering! The Wednesday school program will be collecting offering during supper and upstairs during Wednesday School. Clean out your loose change! The kids love hearing the change hit the offering bucket. The money collected will be used for program costs and supplies.

(paper money gladly accepted!)

Happy Columbus Day

FALL 2022 GATHERING

Conference 7
Women of the ELCA

Saturday, October 22, 2022
 Hope Lutheran Church | Fergus Falls
Registration & Coffee: 9:00
Meeting & Program: 9:30-11:45
Lunch: 11:45

Registration of \$12 is due to Janel Butts by September 25, 2022.

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Growing Katie's Fund for the next 100 years

Katie's Fund is an endowment that supports ministry in three areas: leadership development, global connections and living theology. It was established in 1997 to honor the legacy of Katharina von Bora Luther, raise up bold leaders for the women's organization and support bold and creative ministry for generations to come.

Donation Forms are available in the Office

SUGGESTED ITEM TO DONATE IN OCTOBER

SPAGHETTI W/MEATBALLS (15 OZ.)

Richland Wilkin

BACKPACK
 Food Program

www.facebook.com/RWBackpack

Planning Council Minutes—September 13, 2022

Present: Pastor Ale Tulu, Jill Ockhardt Blaufuss, Connie Jensen, Lois Fenske, Joel Herder, Orrin Ausen, Evie Fox and Deb Berndt

Absent: Ashley Johnson

- A. President Jill called the meeting to order.
- B. Pastor Ale opened the meeting with devotions – Asking the question – Does it seem like some of us do more than others? He reminded us that maybe we should not get so worked up about that but remember that Jesus said “To whom much is given, much is expected.” He also led us in a prayer.
- C. Consent Agenda:
 1. Minutes:
 - a. August Council Meeting minutes were handed out at the meeting.
 2. Financial Reports: Financial reports for August 2022 were handed out. They included a Profit and Loss Statement for the month as well and a Balance Sheet dated August 31, 2022, and one thru the day of the meeting which reflected which included donations that had been received in the offering the previous Sunday were handed out to all members present. We had some discussion on the current balance in the elevator fund which was now at \$38,449.26. It was noted that the 50% balance due would be about \$25,000.00 and we decided that we would not need to take out an additional loan at this time. We looked at the funds that were available now in the Balance Sheet. Pastor Ale felt that he could contribute \$3,000.00 from the Pastor’s discretionary fund which currently has a balance of \$3,993.00 and that we could move \$4, 000.00 from the Undesignated Gifts fund which has a balance of \$5,981.00. We also discussed asking Faith Care and Share if they might be able to contribute towards the final balance for the elevator. We also discussed the need to have Jill the Council President to give a temple talk on Sunday to make people aware of the additional funds that we will need and ask for contributions. We also discussed using the donations collected for the suppers on Wednesday nights to first cover the cost of the supplies, second to be used for Wednesday School materials and supplies and then if there is anything left to go towards projects that might need them.
 - a. Motion: A motion was made by Orrin to approve the minutes and the financials as presented.
 - b. Second: The motion was seconded by Connie.
 - c. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.
 - a. Motion: A motion was made by Connie to use \$4,000.00 of the Undesignated Fund account to help with the cost of the elevator if needed.
 - b. Second: The motion was seconded by Orrin.
 - c. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.
- D. Additions to the Agenda: None
- E. Old Business:
- F. New Business:
 1. Property Update – We changed the order of the agenda to accommodate Evie’s schedule conflicts. Evie reported Jim Grawe is planning on putting a new actuator in the room upstairs that will help keep the room cooler during the winter months so that it does not cause the snow to melt so quickly on the roof and cause the problems we have had with melted snow coming down the walls. She also added that they are planning on putting in some extra insulation which should help keep the roof from melting the snow so rapidly. Evie stated that the estimated bid for the heat tape would be about \$20,000.00 and the property committee had decided to wait on that. She stated that the additional gutter work was complete. The next big discussion was the sound system and the ability to broadcast on the cable station. Many people had called the office this summer reporting that it was not working properly. Either there was no sound or the sound did not match the people’s actions. It was suggested again to contact Immanuel Lutheran in Wahpeton because their broadcast is working all the time. Lois will contact Janet Gagelin to find out who they have worked with so that we can get the materials that we need and then get the person that has installed their system to modify our system. We will need to get an estimate of the cost.
 2. Pastor’s Report – Pastor Ale reported that Wednesday night activities will be resuming on September 14, 2022. He will have 9 confirmation students in the 7th grade, 6 in the 8th grade, 11 in the 9th grade. There will be 3 – 10th graders working with their mentors and 5 students to be confirmed. He said that last year the materials focused on what Lutherans believed and this year they will be studying Bible stories of great people of faith. We will also look at a date in October to have the 2nd graders begin their meetings preparing them for getting their Bibles. Pastor Ale will be attending a Theology for Ministry Conference on the following Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday in Mahnomen. They will deal with a program called “Food for the Poor”.

Planning Council Minutes—continued

3. President's Report

- i. Ethiopian Night - Jill reminded us of the change in date for the Ethiopian night, which is now scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2022, at the Wahpeton Rec Center.
- ii. Float Space Rental – The float is currently being stored at Jason Hasbargen's and Teresa and her husband have paid the yearly fee of \$100 to \$150. We will ask Lois to put a notice in the bulletin asking if there is anyone else who has a spot to store it.
- iii. Communion and passing the offering plate – The general consensus on the council was that we should resume both of these activities. Pastor Ale stated that most of the Congregations and Pastors that he has had conversations with have resumed these activities. We discussed the need to let the alter guild know so that they could start getting communion ready again for the first and third Sundays and Pastor Ale felt that we should do it one Wednesday a month for the Wednesday night services. Pastor Ale felt that we do not need to ask the Faith Care and Share to ask for communion assistants. He feels that he will have Rene and Clark help and maybe one other person that he might ask to help each time. Orrin also asked if we can have the Gospel responses written out in the bulletin.
- iv. Mortgage Application Update – We will table proceeding with asking for additional funds until we see how the campaign to raise the funds progresses. Currently we have enough for the down payment.
- v. Personnel Meeting mid-September – Hopefully this can be set up but there have been several scheduling conflicts.
- vi. Church Management Software – Jill asked Lois to report on this topic. Lois stated that she had found this system that would be all done online and would combine Revelations which is used for the offerings and membership lists with a program which would also do the payroll and the accounting of the books. With this system she could also log in at home or other locations. The cost would be \$814.00 per year which is around the cost of the yearly QuickBooks updates for the accounting and payroll. There would also be a mobile app and people could update their own information.
 - A. Motion: A motion was made by Orrin to purchase the new software for record keeping
 - B. Second: The motion was seconded by Connie.
 - C. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.

4. Mission Update – Connie reported that she had brought one load of items to Churches United and had one more load. The September Mission is for the Dakota Girls and Boys Ranch, the honey Sandy campaign. She will have committee members collect donations and cards for the purchase of the honey.

5. Youth Education – Deb read a text that Ashley had sent reporting that the staff of Bri Allison, Tracy Bommersbach, Patty Moses, Ashley Johnson and Deb Berndt had met to determine the curriculum to use for the new year and to set up a calendar for the year to ask Lois to print up for us to hand out to all the families. We decided on “Digging into the Heart of God”

6. Finance Update – Orrin suggested a virtual fund-raising site that he had found for selling flavored popcorn. We thought this would be a great idea to look at closer to Christmas time. He also suggested possible a pie with the youth night.

7. Worship Update – Kay Nelson has agreed to be the choir director. The Choir will perform three Sundays a month. The worship committee will be having a meeting to set up their schedule.

G. Church Pulse

1. A suggestion was made to note on Facebook what the Wednesday night meals will be and remind the community that anyone is welcome.
2. We decided that Pastor Ale, Lois, Deb, and Rene should all be put on the Safety deposit box as people who can open it. They will all have to go to the bank together to sign a new card.

H. We said the Lord's Prayer to close out the meeting.

I. Adjournment –

- a. Motion – A motion was made by Connie to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Second – Motion was seconded by Joel.
- c. Action – Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debra Berndt



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Our Mission

Learning to be disciples and to make disciples,
Reaching out to witness and support our community,
Welcoming all to worship and serve Jesus Christ!

Worship Schedule

Worship Service—Sundays at 9:30 am | Fellowship at 10:30 am
Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sunday



October 2022

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