



Pastor's Message—Pastor Ale Tulu

Heaven's Grocery Store

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.
One day I saw a sign that read, "Heaven's Grocery Store".
As I got a little closer the door came open wide,
and when I came to myself I was standing inside.
I saw a host of Angels, they were standing everywhere.
One handed me a blanket and said, "My Child shop with care".
Everything a Christian needs is in that grocery store,
and all you can't carry, come back the next day for more.

First, I got some Patience, Love was in the same row.
Further down was Understanding, needed everywhere you go.
I got a box or two of Wisdom, a bag or two of Faith,
I just couldn't miss the Holy Ghost, it was all over the place.
I stopped to get some Strength and Courage to help me run this race,
but then my blanket was getting full, and I remembered I needed Grace.

I didn't forget Salvation, which like the others was free,
so I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill,
for I thought I had everything to do my master's will.
As I went up the aisle, I saw Prayer and had to put it in,
for I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.
Peace and Joy were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.
Song and Praises were hanging near, so I just helped myself.

Then I said to the Angel, "How much do I owe"?
The Angel smiled and said, "Just take them everywhere you go."
Again, I politely asked "How much do I really owe?"
The Angel smiled again and said, "My Child, Jesus Paid Your Bill
A Long Time Ago."

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Church Events

- Tuesdays & Fridays at 9:30 am—Coffee with the Staff
- Thursdays at 7:00 am—Men's Breakfast at the Fry' Pan
- September 6, 5:30 pm—Staff Meeting
- September 8, 2:00 pm—Abigail Circle (Board meets at 1:30)
7:00 pm—Rebekah Circle
- September 10—Headwaters Day
- September 13, 7:00 pm—Council Meeting
- September 14—Rally
Wednesday
Meal—5:30-6:15 pm
Worship—6:15-6:45 pm
Wed School—6:30-7:15 pm
Confirmation—6:45-7:15 pm
- September 15, 6:30 pm—LYO Meeting
- September 19, 7:00 pm—Book Club
- September 20, 9:00 am—Quilting
- September 22, 2:00 pm—BLW Meeting

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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.)

What do you give to your church? What does it cost you?

The New Testament exhorts us to give, and especially to give to the church. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). "So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Gal. 6:10).

For those with ample means, giving time and effort to the church may prove more costly than writing a check with several zeroes. For those with little wealth, even a small gift may be a huge sacrifice, and such saints may be rich in other ways. Giving to the church is about more than money.

One way to evaluate our giving is to consider three resources: time, talents, and treasures. A healthy Christian life involves giving not just one or two of these to one's



Stewardship—Orrin Ausen

TIME

The New Testament exhorts every Christian to care for fellow church members in ways that require us to spend time generously. "Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15). We cannot celebrate someone's victory, much less mourn someone's loss, if we are always in a hurry.

Consider Paul's exhortation to all the Christians in Galatia:

Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal. 6:1-2)

Restoring those who have slid into sin is not the work of pastors only; it is the work of the whole body. And helping those caught in sin requires generous, repeated gifts of time.

Our calling from God to be church members is one among many callings He has given to each of us. Some of us are also called to provide for our families, to care for young children in the home, or to study. We should be faithful in each of these callings. Yet we should never use faithfulness in one calling as an excuse to forsake another.

Are we too busy with work to weep with those who weep? Do our kids' sports games claim so much time that we have none left over to help Christians who are stuck in sin? Are we so consumed by studying for exams that we have no idea what our church's needs are or how we might help meet them?

As the Puritan Thomas Watson said, "Time is a talent to trade with." How are we investing our time to profit our church? How we spend our time both reveals and trains our hearts. Where our time goes, there our hearts will be also.

TALENTS

One of the glories of the body of Christ is the diversity of gifts the Spirit has given to build up the body (1 Cor. 12:4, 7). Some gifts the Spirit gives are strikingly mundane: service, mercy, helping, administrating (Rom. 12:7-8; 1 Cor. 12:28). Not every Christian possesses every spiritual gift, but all Christians possess some gifts, and the Spirit has given us those gifts to build up the church.

What do spiritual gifts have to do with talents? While not every talent is a spiritual gift, many spiritual gifts are rooted in talents. Do you have a knack for getting things done, and especially getting things done in a way that leaves all involved feeling encouraged and cared for? You may well have the gift of administration. Do you have a history of serving those in need? You might have the gift of helping.

God has arranged the body of Christ so that every member needs the others (1 Cor. 12:24-25). To flourish, the body of Christ needs every gift the Spirit has given for its growth. In my church, one of the ways different talents build up the body is through the service of deacons and the volunteers they lead. We have deacons of weddings, hospitality, college ministry, sound, childcare, and more.

We ought to treat our talents as clues to spiritual gifts we may have. Whatever gifts we discover, we should remember that they were given to build up others.

Where do you fit? How can you use your time and talents to reengage yourself to build up Breckenridge Lutheran Church? Prayerfully consider what you can do and act. You will be richer for it!



From the Office—Lois Fenske

When I saw that Breckenridge Lutheran was observing Rally Wednesday and Honey Sunday in September, I couldn't help but think "how appropriate". Christian Education is teaching about God, the Bible and God's will for each person's life. The Bible is our handbook for life and within its pages we learn how to "bee" good Christians. In Matthew 5:1-12 we learn about the "Beatitudes". Proverbs 8:33 tells us to "Bee Wise". Ephesians 6:10 reminds us to "Bee Strong". We learn to "Bee Glad" in Psalm 32:11. Rest assured, we can "Bee Content" when reading Hebrews 13:5.

Bees hold a special significance in the Christian religion as they demonstrate the characteristics of Jesus—strength, perseverance, and wisdom. Bees, in general, uphold the idea of community. It's the nature of wild bees to serve others. Being part of a colony, bees help sustain each other by foraging nectar from flowers to feed the young and build honeycomb. Besides, bees also pollinate crops and plants to benefit humans and other animals. I think of Bees as a metaphor representing how we spend time, what we give back to our loved ones, and what we feed into our minds and hearts.



I could go on and on about Bees and the Bible, but I'll leave you with my hope for September—that Breckenridge Lutheran will see many young faces eager to learn God's word and that Honey Sunday is a success.

"My son, honey whets the appetite and so does wisdom! When you enjoy becoming wise, there is hope for you! A bright future lies ahead!" Proverbs 24:13-14

Youth Ministry

Our Wednesday School program is excited to announce a new themed program this year! We will be utilizing "Digging into the Heart of God." Our lessons will help your child grow a lifelong relationship with God through exploration of the Bible. They will also learn to reflect the heart of God in everyday life! Our program begins on Rally Wednesday, September 14th. We are working on a calendar to be distributed on the first night that will include dates of when the kids will sing during services as well as the Christmas program.

LYO Bringing back the FUN.

LYO is back, we started some activities last spring and hope to plan even more this year. Thanks to everyone who joined and we hope to see even more in the future. Activities, service to others and fundraising will keep us very busy. To recap:

Confirmation ended with a trip to King Pinz for hyper bowling and laser tag. Summer started with a bus trip to Valley Fair. It ended up being a full bus and a great day. Lots of rides, games and yummy food on a beautiful day in June. Service project in June included ditch cleaning on Hwy 210.

July 24-28, Kelsey Ceroll and Josie Johnson traveled with youth from Bethel Lutheran to Milwaukee, WI. While there, the youth participated in packing 1,200 lunches at the Salvation Army, sorting food at Feeding America, they visited with residents at a nursing home, and worked in a local community garden to clean it up. Thanks to the congregation over the last few years for all the support that made this trip possible.

In August, we had fun in the sun at the Breckenridge Pool Party. How did summer go so fast? Thank you to everyone who came to these events!

Mark your calendars for Sept 18th game night 6-8 pm. October 2st trip to a haunted farm. Nov. 19th Middle School Synod Gathering at Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria, MN. Watch your email for more information. Future fundraising will include getting some parents to help put up Christmas lights for Holiday Lane at Chahinkapa. Lastly, we are looking for another LYO board member willing to be the treasurer. Please prayerfully consider this if you are good with accounts. It would be a great way to help serve the youth of our church.

Lexi Hought | Joel Herder | Bri Allison | Deb Berndt





Memorials and Gifts

In memory of:	Given by:
Elevator	
David Kleven	Krystal Schaible
Jackie Jensen	Bryan & Cindie VanTassel, Mary Ann Conrad
Joan Vertin	Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Dennis & Rene Hasbargen, Jan Michels, Ken & Cleo Reitan, Kitty Hansen, Mary Ann Conrad
Mark Underberg	Stephen & Kay Klein
Robert Bellmore	Marjorie Ehlers
General	
Hallie Bjelland	Dennis & Rene Hasbargen
Joan Vertin	Alice Ellsworth, Clark & JoAn Dybdahl
LYO	
Joan Vertin	Richard & Ruby Babst
Quilting	
Jackie Jensen	David & Carol Wood
Joan Vertin	Dell Krueger, Mike & Diane Belseth
Radio Sponsorship	
Joan Vertin	Pam & Bill Braun/Cheryl Lee
TV and Radio	
Joan Vertin	Marvin & Joyce Aarons

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



If you would like to send well-wishes to Bruce Bontjes, his address is:

Bruce Bontjes
c/o Craig Hospital
Room 236
3425 S Clarkston St
Englewood, CO 80113



Mission Report

The August mission focus continues to be Churches United and a list of needs as well as a receptacle for donations is located in the hallway near the church office. As always, monetary donations may be made either on our church website or at the office.



In September, our church will partner with Dakota Boys/Girls Ranch and sponsor a Honey Sunday drive. During the month, 11 oz bottles of honey may be ordered for \$10 each and proceeds will be split between BLC and the Ranch. Order

blanks will be available at a display table near the church office. Once all orders are submitted to the Ranch, bottles will be mailed directly to customers within a few weeks. Did you know honey has been called “nature’s perfect food” because it never goes bad? What a honey of a deal!



Financial Summary (as of July 31, 2022)

June Financial Summary	
General Account Income in July 2022	\$24,874.84
General Account Expenditures in July	\$18,507.85
Cash Gain for the month	\$6,366.99

Weekly Giving—July 2022	
July 3	\$5,998
July 10	\$2,154
July 17	\$6,282
July 24	\$1,050
July 31	\$4,084
Total	\$19,568

Year to Date Income	Year to Date Expenses	Year to Date Net Loss	Monthly Budget	Weekly Budget
\$140,180.20	\$149,692.67	(\$9,512.47)	\$24,680	\$5,696

Upcoming Events

BLW Meeting
 Sept 22, 2 PM
 Speaker:
Sandra Block Hanson
 Family Footprints

HEADWATERS DAY
 September 10, 2022
 Breckenridge, MN

Pr. Richard Hartmann will be our guest speaker on September 25, 2022.

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www.FoodForThePoor.org/churchalliances

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.

Happy Labor Day

Northwest Minnesota Synodical Convention

Women of the ELCA

Registration due September 1, 2022
 Forms available on the bulletin board

September 16-17
 Bethlehem Lutheran
 102 W Junius Ave
 Fergus Falls, MN

SUGGESTED ITEM TO DONATE IN SEPTEMBER

FRUIT CUPS (4 OZ. EA)

Richland Wilkin

BACK PACK
 Food Program

Planning Council Minutes—August 9, 2022

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

Absent: Pastor Ale Tulu, Ashley Johnson, Evie Fox Connie Jensen

- A. President Jill called the meeting to order.
- B. Pastor Ale was home under the weather so Jill shared a message about whatever is inside of us is what will come out. What is inside each of our cups, gratitude, forgiveness, kindness? What do we want to have come out? Connie also shared a daily devotion from 2 Timothy 1: v 6-7.
- C. Consent Agenda:
 1. Minutes:
 - a. July Council Meeting minutes were handed out at the meeting.
 2. Financial Reports: Financial reports for July 2022 were handed out. They included a Profit and Loss Statement for the month as well as a year-to-date income statement and a Balance Sheet dated July 31, 2022, which were handed out to all members present. We had some discussion for suggestions of how we can make members of the Congregation more aware of deficits we have had in meeting our budget. Lois has been adding a statement of weekly giving and comparing it to the budget amount needed.
 - 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.
- D. Additions to the Agenda:
 1. Jill asked if we could add discussion of Fund-raising ideas to help pay for the cost of the elevator jack replacement if that project is passed or any other building projects that might need to be completed.
 - a. Motion: A motion was made by Connie to add Fund Raising as an additional item to the agenda under New Business.
 - b. Second: The motion was seconded by Joel.
 - c. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.
- E. New Business:
 1. Pastor's Report – There was no Pastor's report since Pastor was home sick.
 2. President's Report
 - i. Jill stated that we had had an informational meeting that was open to the entire Congregation on August 1, 2022. We addressed the current problems that we are having with the elevator jack leaking fluid and the need to have the jack replaced and the contaminated soil disposed of. She had also asked Shelly Conzemius to attend the meeting to discuss the costs of building on so that we could have the fellowship room on the main level. The forum was opened to questions and suggestions, and it was finally decided that because of the cost of construction we would have to start a Capital Campaign to raise the funds and the best thing to do right now would be to get the elevator up and running once again. It was decided that we would advertise a Congregational meeting to be held on August 28, 2022, after the Church service and we would vote on whether the elevator should be repaired to make it functional, or the funds spent to abandon it and remove the soil which the Council had been told needed to happen whether it was fixed or not. The meeting will be advertised for two weeks. Some research was going to be completed but it was felt that we needed a quorum of 30 members to vote. The vote will be done by secret ballot. It was also discussed that the decision of which bid to use for the work would be decided on by the Property Committee.
 - A. Motion: A motion was made by Connie to have the vote on August 28, 2022
 - B. Second: The motion was seconded by Orrin.
 - C. Action: Some discussion followed on why Schindler had a higher bid the first time they submitted a bid and we wondered why their bids were different. It was stated that Schindler planned to remove the contaminated soil and make sure it was disposed of properly. Seeing no further discussion, the motion passed.
 - ii. Constitution & Bylaws review and update. Jill stated that we will need to go back through the Annual Reports back to 2014 and looked for any votes that might have happened and make sure any changes are reflected in our permanent copy of these documents.

Planning Council Minutes—continued

- iii. Ethiopian Night –Pastor Ale and Sunny will serve some of their traditional foods. Upon checking with the Wahpeton Community Center there were not any dates that were available when Pastor Ale’s sister would be able to help and then they were concerned about the weather during the winter months. It was decided to table this fund raiser until the Spring.
 - iv. Fund-raising – Jill had been talking to Congregational members who felt that once there is a decision made about the elevator a committee should be formed who will contact people who have been significant donors in the past and determine their willingness to help with the financing. We also wondered about any Thrivent funds or any ADA grants that might be available. Orrin stated that he had investigated grants before and had not had much luck finding sources, but he would look again.
3. Building Committee – Evie had not been able to attend the meeting since Teresa had stated that she would no longer be the Council Rep. It was reported that Shelly Conzemius had stated that she would try to attend Property management meetings when possible. She felt there are other structural problems that she could be a resource to help figure out the resolutions.
 4. Mission Update – Connie reported that the August monthly mission is Churches United, people can drop the items asked off at the Church or they may give a financial donation. The July monthly mission had been the Valley Boys & Girls Ranch and that \$400.00 had been collected. Connie stated she is hoping to schedule a planning meeting with the kids soon. September will be the month that they are raising money for the Dakota Boys and Girls ranch with Honey Sunday where 30% of the profits are kept by the organization setting up the event. We also discussed the idea of maybe raising additional funds with a Cookie walk.
 5. Youth Education Update – Possible upcoming events.
 - a. Pool Party (8/10/22)
 - b. Summer Service 8/24/22
 - c. Headwaters Parade (9/10/22)
 - d. Rally Wednesday (9/14/22)
 6. Finance Update – Orrin suggested that we need to update our membership lists and that maybe we need to start having more visitations. We talked about what type of things would appeal to people with evangelism and mission outreaches. How do we get people back to Church? He also stated that we need to look at improving our Mission Statement.
 7. Worship Update – Kay Nelson has been approached to be the choir director, but she will need an accompanist. We also discussed the idea of having some prerecorded music that could be used if there was a Sunday, we need an accompanist, or if we could have some CD’s ready for use. Orrin stated that he would be interested in helping with hymn selection.
- F. Church Pulse
1. Lois stated that several people had expressed dissatisfaction with the Television Broadcast and said she felt that this is an issue that needs to be addressed. It was reported that Evie has been in touch with Janet Gagelin from Immanuel Lutheran and she was told the name of the person that they work with at Min-kota Communication and that a person from there was coming to investigate the problem.
 2. Janel Butts has been working with us to order supplies for the weekly suppers from Food Service. We are going to work on getting our own account set up so that the supplies can be delivered right to the Church.
- G. We said the Lord’s Prayer to close out the meeting.
- H. 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



September 2022

September 2022							October 2022						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 28	29	30	31	Sep 1 7:00am Men's Breakfast-Fryn' Pan	2 9:30am Coffee with Staff	3
4 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship	5	6 9:30am Coffee with Staff 10:30am Leach Home Service 5:30pm Staff Meeting	7 9:30am St. Francis Service 10:30am St. Catherine's Service 1:00pm Pioneer Cottages Service	8 7:00am Men's Breakfast-Fryn' Pan 9:00am Conference Meeting 2:00pm Abigail Circle 7:00pm Rebekah Circle	9 9:30am Coffee with Staff	10 Headwaters Day
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