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A Message From Our SAM



Sometimes the showers in life get us down. It seems that we get soaked with the heaviness of life. Gentle rain drops fall then turn into a down pour – sometimes it feels like hail stones. Those clouds can be so grey and threatening we just want to escape and close our eyes to the darkness all around us. That is definitely the world trying to weigh us down. With the promise of Easter we get a renewed season of life... a life that turns to sweet smelling flowers that are vibrant in color. They turn our lives upward to the heavens to reach... reach high to the Sonlight! We get to watch as God’s creation comes to life moving from flower to flower to share and lift up other parts of His creation as we to move from day to day in a new life in Christ – His resurrection! What a flower we can be for Christ. Grow tall in His Sonlight – be vibrant in His love – reach to others and share what you have to help all grow.... Grow tall in the Sonlight!



Blessings to you this Easter Season.



-Clara

April Worship Schedule

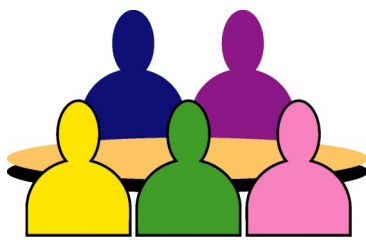
April 7 th <i>Sunday Worship</i>	Music & Worship Led	Worship 10 am
April 14 th <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Clara Edin SAM	Worship 10 am
April 21 st <i>Sunday Worship</i>	Al Overland	Worship 10 am
April 28 th <i>Worship with Holy Communion</i>	Clara Edin SAM	Worship 10 am

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan, Lois, Michael, Deb, Jo, Bob, Daniel, Iver, Chardae, Lynda, Chase, McCoy, Ron, Jerry, Roy, Kris, Loretta, Jeanine, Kathie, Jadon, Marty, Sue, and their families.

If you would like to add someone to the weekly prayer list, please email the church office at blcaskov@gmail.com or let Clara know.



COUNCIL MEETING

**February 13, 2024
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Clara Edin SAM, Carolyn Steele, Bill Jansen, Haley Erdman, Yvette Maloney, and Linda Jensen.

Yvette called the meeting to order. Clara led prayer.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING:

Motion by Bill Jansen to accept January meeting minutes as written, second by Carolyn Steele, motion carried.

JANUARY TREASURER’S REPORT: Review and discussion by council.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Clara submitted her pastoral care for the past month.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Haley Loew gave report from Dennis Birkholm. Heating system was down for a couple days in the gathering area, a zone valve was changed and a new pump was installed. The elevator was also down for a couple days. This has been repaired and is working. We had a bad outlet in the sanctuary that blew a breaker. Drilling Electric came and replaced both. Lastly, a rain gutter was repaired on the

south side of the church that had fallen down.

- Family Ministry—No report.
- Circle of Faith—Circle of Faith is handing out gift cards to help people of the community.
- Music & Worship—Still looking for piano players and would love volunteers for special music on Easter.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Annual Meeting—discussion on the annual meeting, 2 items were tabled during annual meeting: Appointing two nominating committee members, and Chris’ Food Stand fundraiser.
- Bingo—Ginger Leach and Jo Foss volunteered to lead this. We may

need license from City of Askov as well as the State.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lenten Services—still looking for people to sign up to help with soup suppers.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Carolyn Steele to contact City of Askov and Yvette Maloney to contact State about bingo license.

Motion to adjourn by Linda Jensen, second by Carolyn Steele, motion carried.

Next Council meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Haley Erdman
Council Secretary*



Circle of Faith (COF) met March 9, 2024 at The Little Mermaid. The members in attendance were Tracy Zinter, Jo Foss, Jan Parker and Mary Johnson. Tracy called the meeting to order.

Devotions: Jo, being thankful lifts our spirits.

Reports: Secretary minutes from February meeting were reviewed. Correction made regarding the \$250 given to W/ELCA. Motion to accept the minutes made by Jo, 2nd by Jan, motion carried.

Treasurer’s report:
Checking \$1,273.92
Savings \$1,181.68
Dedicated account \$1,066.50

Old business: Correction to February minutes. \$250 from Thrivent will be given to W/ELCA for towels for W/ELCA’s Ukraine project.

Motion made by Jo to make funds available for Shawn to order rolls/muffins for the W/ELCA spring meeting on April 13, 2024, 2nd by Jan, motion carried.

COF will check with Cookie regarding a list for Easter card and gift certificate deliveries that will include a copy of “Our Daily Bread”.

Community meal: will be March 28, 2024.

Card mailing: Jan Parker January, February and March; Jo Foss April, May and June; Mary Johnson July, August, and September.

New Businesses: Motion made by Jo for COF to give a gift card for \$200 to a church member for ongoing medical needs, 2nd by Mary, motion carried. Mary will pickup the gift card.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jo, 2nd by Jan, motion carried. Ended meeting with The Lord’s Prayer.

Next meeting at The Little Mermaid April 13, 2024 at 10:00 am.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Mary Johnson
Secretary*



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APRIL
Birthdays

- Ella Ruble—1st
- Yvette Maloney—4th
- Logan Disher—10th
- Clara Edin—10th
- Missy Ecklund 21st
- Faye Williams—22nd
- Fred Ecklund—27th

APRIL
Anniversaries

- Dave & Ann Rote—
April 10th
- Owen & Betty
Petersen— April 11th



Finance Report

February Treasurer’s Report Summary:

Month: We are **2,660.24** behind in income vs. expenses for the month of February 2024; and **360.89** under our projected budget for the month of February 2024. **Year-to-Date Totals:** We are **1,991.06** behind in income vs. expenses for the **year 2024**; and **3,102.67** under our projected budget for the **year 2024**.

BLC has 4 ways to give: In person, by mail, on-line giving (safe and secure way to give directly from our website www.blcaskov.com/online-giving), or ACH recurring donations (electronic fund/automatic transfer directly from your checking account). **See the bulletin board for more information!**



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Meeting called to order by Bill Jansen. 22 voting members present. Clara Edin SAM led opening prayer.

Motion to approve agenda by Heidi Moon, second by Shawn Jansen, motion carried.

Motion to approve February 12, 2023 annual meeting minutes by Carolyn Steele, second by Bill Jansen, motion carried.

Motion to approve November 12, 2023 quarterly congregational meeting minutes by Linda Jensen, second by Heidi Moon, motion carried.

2023 Treasurer’s Report—no discussion.

Ministry Reports:

- SAM Annual Report
- Circle of Faith
- Community Meal—Shawn gave oral report.
- Family Ministry
- Cemetery Board (financials submitted)

Sandra Pavelka made a motion to accept reports as written, Emma Jansen second, motion carried.

Election of Synod Assembly Delegates—Clara reported the assembly will be online this year via Zoom. Will be held on April 27, 2024. Bill and Carolyn Steele volunteer to be assembly delegates. Motion by Haley Erdman to elect Bill and Carolyn Steele as assembly delegates, second by Bill Jansen, motion carried.

2024 Nominating Committee (two needed to find members for 2025 council openings)—Tabled for a later date.

Remaining Parsonage Sale monies—Haley Erd-

man gave update from Property Committee on Denny Birkholm’s behalf. Discussion about moving money to property fund since many items require a large sum of money. Heidi Moon made a motion to move \$12,963 from parsonage sale fund to property fund, second by Ovid Jensen, motion carried.

Changes to Constitution—Discussion explaining the language and changing the annual and quarterly meeting language. Council is asking this to add more flexibility of when we are able to have the meetings. Motion made by Sandra Pavelka to change Constitutional language to state “*Annual meeting to be held during the first quarter of the year*” and “*Quarterly Congregational meeting to be held during the last quarter of the year*”, second by Bill Jansen, motion carried.

Chris’ Food Stand Fund-raiser—Tabled for a later date.

Bingo for Fundraising—Clara gave summary of what this would be. Jo Foss and Ginger Leach volunteer to be coordinators. Haley Erdman offered help if needed. Chuck Moon made motion to give council authorization to move forward with bingo planning, second by Sandra Pavelka, motion carried.

Sandra Pavelka made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Bill Jansen, meeting adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Haley Erdman
Council Secretary*

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year’s Lenten Soup Suppers a success!!



**March 12, 2024
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Yvette Maloney, Linda Jensen, Haley Erdman, and Clara Edin SAM present for meeting. Absent Bill Jansen, and Carolyn Steele.

Check-ins, devotion, and opening prayer.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING: Motion by Linda to accept minutes as written, second by Haley, motion carried.

FEBRUARY TREASURER’S REPORT: Report reviewed by council.

PASTOR’S REPORT: Clara gave a report of her pastoral care for the month.

- MINISTRY TEAMS:**
- Property (Haley)— Repaired rain gutter on south side of church and rehung it, costing approximately \$280.
 - Family Ministry

(Yvette)—No youth interested in youth gathering.

- Music and Worship (Bill)—No report.
- Circle of Faith (Carolyn) —No report.

- OLD BUSINESS:**
- Bingo—Yvette checked on State application for bingo. Application is free. Yvette to move forward with State application. Ginger Leach and Jo Foss volunteered to lead bingo at annual meeting.

- NEW BUSINESS:**
- Slot in door of Heidi’s office—Motion by

Linda to install mail slot in Heidi’s office door, second by Haley, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Carolyn to check with City about a bingo license.
- Haley to talk with Ginger and Jo about bingo.

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer. Next Council meeting Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Haley Erdman
Council Secretary*

Photo Ops!



Blessings abound with additional purchases made and delivered. Pictures don't do it justice! Close up is back end of car. Angle of car shows back end and back seat. The tiny cart at school was crammed. Another very successful partnership!

- Becky Gaede/Grace Lutheran

