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A Message From Our SAM



God Pause

A daily devotion brought to you by the alumni of Luther Seminary

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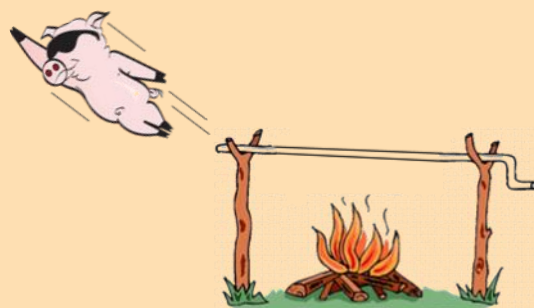
<https://www.luthersem.edu/Godpause>



-Clara Edin, SAM

This year's Labor Day Dinner has been cancelled

We hope everyone will enjoy the Holiday weekend at home with their families!



August Worship Schedule



August 1 st Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
August 8 th Communion at the rail <i>(individual cups available for those who prefer)</i>	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
August 15 th Sunday Worship	Rev. Cindy Gray	Worship 10 am
August 22 nd Communion at the rail <i>(individual cups available for those who prefer)</i>	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
August 29 th Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am

Click or use the text below to watch our on-line recorded Sunday Worship Services on the BLC YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/qXlcchWMIaCRgg>

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Millie Sorensen, Janet Jensen, Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Shirley Lund, Carole Maloney, Gene Krogh, Don & Lorraine Petersen, Buzz & Sally Mortensen, Naevia Roth, Greg MacDonald, Bobby Hansen, and their families.

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

2021 Church Council Members



Marilyn Krogh
President



Chuck Moon
Vice Pres.



Bill Jansen
Secretary



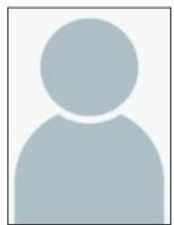
Denny Birkholm



Linda Jensen



Heidi Moon



Position Vacant



**July 14, 2021
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Jansen, Clara Edin, Marilyn Krogh, Denny Birkholm, Linda Jensen, Chuck and Heidi Moon.

ACCEPT MINUTES FROM JUNE 2021 MEETING: The minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Bill, second by Heidi to accept the minutes as written, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer's report was reviewed.

PASTOR'S REPORT FOR JUNE 2021: Clara reported she had a new member meeting, a baptism meeting and has two upcoming inurnments in August, and one upcoming funeral in September.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Denny reported a State inspector had been at the church to inspect the elevator. Recommendations made were to (1) put signage on the elevator maintenance door so that door could be easily identified, (2) A maintenance contract should be in place as this is now a requirement of the State to have inspections take place at 1 and 5 years, (3) There be another box for keys. Denny will work on making contacts

and obtaining prices for maintenance contracts.

- Family Ministry—Bill reported there is a bike ride planned, and information is being gathered for the National Youth Gathering in 2021.
- Music and Worship—Meeting in July has not been held so there was no report.
- Circle of Faith—Marilyn reported the Chris' Food Stand fundraiser will be held July 23 and 24. There are enough volunteers to staff the stand and provide baked goods.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Constitution Chapter 12: Terms for Council members (1 or 2 years)—This discussion continues. Issues remain on whether or not to change the number of members from 7 to 5, how long terms of service should be, how rotation of members' terms might work, and how Constitution language should read. This topic will continue to be discussed in future meetings.
- Clara's Schedule for August—All Sundays in August have been covered. Cindy Gray will be offering communion during the second week of the month, Clara will offer on the fourth Sunday. Marilyn contacted Cindy and her preference on how communion is served remains with the individual cups rather than at the rail.
- Open Council Secretary Position—Bill Jansen offered to resume taking

minutes at council meetings as he had been doing at the beginning of the year. Motion made by Heidi, second by Denny to accept Bill's offer, with the council's thanks, motion carried.

- Labor Day Dinner—Denny reported there will be no Labor Day Dinner this year due to lack of staffing. A notice of cancellation will be put in the *Parish Visitor*. Alternative options were discussed for raising money for the Property Fund as the Labor Dinner was their major source of income.
- Sunday Fellowship—Since the Action Teams have been disbanded during Covid, a sign-up sheet will now be placed on the kiosk so members may sign up to make coffee and host fellowship. The church will continue to purchase cookies to be served.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ecklund/Tacheny Wedding—The wedding party has asked the Council to approve their choice to have Pastor Hank French as the officiant for their wedding. Clara stated she has no problem allowing this since Pastor French is a former pastor of Bethlehem. The Council, therefore, had no objection.
- Meeting with Grace and Emmanuel—An email was received from Grace Lutheran Church in Sandstone. They are interested in meeting

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with BLC council regarding possible partnering with them in the future. Council was receptive to this request.

- Prayer Slips—Since there are no ushers at the present time, it was decided to put prayer slips out by the bulletins for members to write names of people they wish to be remembered

in prayer. These will then be picked up by the presiding minister to be read during service.

- Church Usage Application Forms—These were reviewed with some suggested changes to make them more specific and understandable.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bill will continue working on configuration of the council terms and rotation.
- Denny will work on a

letter to the congregation regarding the Labor Day Dinner and the loss of funding.

- Heidi will prepare sign-up sheet for coffee fellowship and put out prayer request slips.
- Marilyn will contact the Grace Lutheran Church council in answer to their request for a meeting.
- Linda and Clara will meet to go over changes in the church usage forms.

A motion was made by Heidi, second by Denny to adjourn the meeting, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at 6 pm.

*Submitted by,
-Marilyn Krogh
Acting Secretary*

AUGUST
Birthdays & Anniversaries

- Brenda Zinter—3rd
- Bruce Storrar—7th
- Hope Loew—6th
- Scott Peterson—6th
- Simon Ecklund—8th
- Sandra Pavelka—11th
- Lois Sahlen—18th
- Adalyn Fogt—19th
- Marion Clausen—21st
- Rosalie Nelson—21st

- Nick Ecklund—23rd
- Mark Maloney—23rd
- JoEllen Jensen—29th
- Kelly Leach—29th

Happy Anniversary!

- Tim & Joyce Tabor—14th
- Tim & Nadine Loew—16th
- Tony & Connie Ecklund—20th

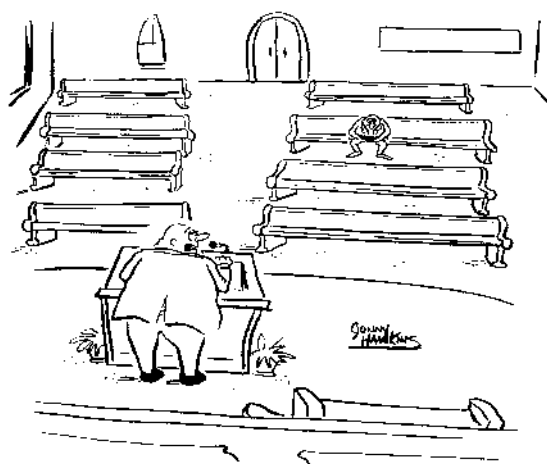


Coffee Servers Needed

Volunteers are needed to make and serve coffee and cookies (coffee and cookies are provided by the church) on Sunday morning following worship. If you would be willing to make a pot of coffee and serve, there's a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

Volunteers to read on Sunday mornings are needed!

If you'd be willing to read on Sunday morning, please let Linda Jensen know—thanks!



"And I pledge within one year to double attendance."

SYNOD YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS!



Registration materials for NE MN Synod youth ministry events will be posted online and mailed to congregations in early August. In the meantime, you are invited to save these dates as you make youth ministry plans for the coming year!

Middle School Gathering: November 19-20 OR 20-21, 2021

www.nemnsynod.org/MSG

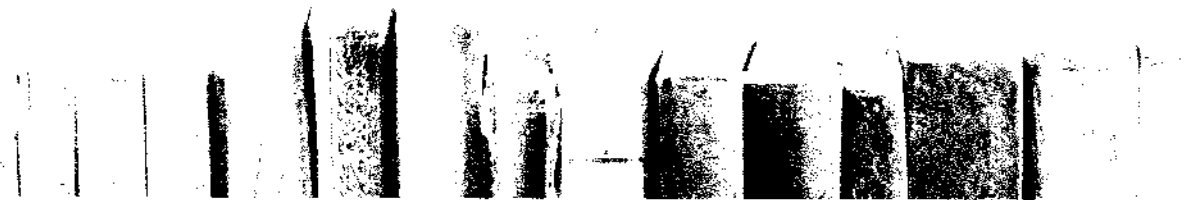
Cardia Deo: March 4-6, 2022

www.nemnsynod.org/CD

Synod Journey to the ELCA Youth Gathering: July 21-28, 2022

www.nemnsynod.org/SynodJourney

FAITH FORMATION RESOURCES



Mental Health Resources: Discussion Guides, Podcasts, Links

www.nemnsynod.org/MentalHealth

“Deeply Rooted” Curriculum: Who am I and Whose am I, in Times of Change?

www.nemnsynod.org/SJResources

**Camp SJ Curriculum: Four Sessions to Help Youth Process This Past Year -
*Identity, Loss & Grief, Resilience, Hope***

www.nemnsynod.org/CampSJ