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This month we take time to appreciate...

As we start the new year, most of us look back and, hopefully, are thankful for our many blessings. January's thank you column is being devoted to our senior congregation members who have been so active, supportive, and a BLC asset for so many years. Some of these seniors are no longer able to attend service or attend on a limited basis; however, they remain an important part of our church family, and they should know they are never forgotten.

For all you do and have done we say THANK YOU to the following:

John Thinesen

Bob Katon

Millie Sorensen

Jan Ecklund

Evelyn Birkholm

Joyce Schaumburg

Jim & Sonja Overholser

Geraldine Vathne

Al & Ardis Jensen

Faye Williams

Shari Bigay

LeRoy & Joyce Larsen

Don & Lorraine Peterson

Margie Dubois

Dorla Clark

Donna Norgaard

Rosalie Nelson

Glen & Sally Mortensen

Gene & Pat Krogh

Lois Sahlen

As we enter a new year, it is hoped that when you see these people you will let them know how thankful we are to have these precious seniors in our congregation. Give them a hug!



Our **January 2020**
Noisy Offering will be going
to **Lutheran Social**
Services

The deadline for all bulletin
announcements is **Wednesday at Noon**
The newsletter deadline is the **third**
Wednesday of the month



January
Worship
Schedule

Sunday Morning Worship

9:00 AM Faith Alive!

10:00 AM Worship Service

11:00 AM Coffee Fellowship

Holy Communion

January 5th & 19th



The **February**
Action Group
is **Group 6**



Led by **Darren & Jaime Fogt**

*Please help them fill in Sunday worship assistants
and coffee servers when they call!*

IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

The following
people will be
included in the

Prayers of the Church each week:

Millie Sorensen, Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen,
Dorla Clark, Donna Norgaard, Ann Olson,
Ardis Jensen, Jo Jessen, Tony Ecklund,
Shirley Lund and their families.

2019 Church Council Members



Chuck Moon



Bill Jansen



Marilyn Krogh



Jaime Fogt



JoEllyn Foss



Andy May



Cheryl Kohner



COUNCIL MEETING

**December 11, 2019
Unapproved Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chuck Moon, Jo Foss, Jaime Fogt, Marilyn Krogh, and Bill Jansen; also present was Treasurer Heidi Moon. Absent were Cheryl Kohner and Andy May.

Chuck called the meeting to order. Members checked in with each other. Heidi offered prayer.

NOVEMBER MINUTES:

The minutes were reviewed. Jo made a motion to accept minutes as written, Jaime second. Motion carried.

NOVEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT:

This was reviewed. Heidi reported the AED pads and alarm batteries have been replaced at cost of \$125.00, and asked if that amount could be taken from the non-designated memorials. A motion was made by Marilyn, second by Jo to take the money from the non-designated memorials account. Motion carried.

MINISTRY REPORTS:

- Property—Chuck met with Denny, Cybert PC and Matt Klocke regarding the security cameras. It was decided to purchase three cameras, and mount them inside the

church facing the doors. The cost will be roughly \$1,300. Gene Olesen has volunteered to cover this cost.

- Family Ministry—Jo reported a rehearsal was held for the Christmas program which will be on Sunday, December 15th. Members will also deliver cookies to the people on our prayer list. Faith Alive will not be held during the school's Christmas break.
- Music and Worship—Bill reported Sunday pulpit supply is scheduled through the beginning of March. Council discussed options for calling a part-time pastor.
- Circle of Faith—The Christmas trees in the fellowship area and basement have been decorated. The Christmas craft fair was held on December 7th raising \$2,003.70 before expenses. This money will go toward the basement flooring project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Church Security—See above under Property Committee report.
- Pastor—Time was taken to discuss options.
- Christmas Eve pulpit supply—Pastor Bill Reck is coming from St. Cloud.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Ash Wednesday—Soup suppers and pulpit supply were discussed.
- Christmas Eve poinsettias—will be arriving Monday, December 23rd.

- Date for annual meeting will be Sunday, February 9, 2020.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Chuck will contact Brenda Tibbets, Assistant to the Bishop about our call process.
- Outgoing council members are asked to return your church binders. Council thanks Jaime and Bill for their service.
- Ministry Team Liaisons please be sure their team's annual reports are turned in by Monday, December 30th.
- Jo will talk with Circle of Faith about soup suppers during Lent.

Bill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Jaime. Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Marilyn Krogh
Council secretary*

We have TWO openings for church council positions beginning in 2020. We need these council vacancies filled at our February 9th Annual Meeting. Please let a council member or the church office know if you'd be willing to serve on the council.



Circle of Faith Minutes of 12-02-2019

The Circle of Faith met to set up and decorate the Christmas tree in the coffee area. A brief meeting was held following this task was completed.

Meeting was called to order by President Tracy Zinter at 11:30 a.m. Motion by Carolyn Steele and seconded by Mary Johnson to allocate the proceeds from the Bethlehem craft sale to the Basement flooring. Motion carried.

Mary Johnson, Treasurer will get the change fund money for the craft sale.

A discussion was held on the type of flooring needed in the basement.

Motion by Jo Ellyn Foss and seconded by Carolyn Steele to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Smith





- Erica Ludwig—1st
- Elizabeth Sand—2nd
- Jamie Fogt—3rd
- Olivia Moon—3rd
- Michael Peterson—4th
- Corey Sahlen—6th
- LeRoy Larsen—8th
- Missi Gangl—10th
- DJ Zinter—13th
- Jake Klocke—14th
- Kevin Klocke—14th
- Shawn Jansen—22nd
- Jaxon Sahlen—22nd
- JoEllyn Foss—23rd
- Dennis Jensen—29th
- Betty Peterson—29th
- Tracy Zinter—29th
- Connie Ecklund—30th
- Kirsten Ecklund—30th
- Hayden Loew—31st



Roger & Cindy Jensen—January 23rd

NOTE:

The BLC Church Council meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM

If possible, changes to this schedule will be published on the church calendar, and on our website (www.blcaskov.com)

The BLC Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 9, 2020 immediately following worship

All annual reports were due in the church office on December 30th Each Ministry Team and Committee is required to submit an annual report to the congregation for inclusion in our Annual Report

If you have not submitted your annual report, please email or turn in to the church office right away—thank you!
(Reports should be typed or emailed to the office in MS Word or RTF format to blcaskov@frontier.com)

DID YOU KNOW BLC HAS 4 WAYS TO GIVE?



IN PERSON



BY MAIL



ON-LINE



AUTOMATIC

ON-LINE GIVING

- **WHAT IS ON-LINE GIVING?**
On-line giving is a way for our church to receive offerings via the internet through our website donation page.
- **WHY IS ON-LINE GIVING IMPORTANT?**
On-line giving allows you to give quickly, easily, and securely. We are able to collect donations from all across the country!
- **HOW DOES ON-LINE GIVING HELP?**
Nearly everyone has access to the internet in one way or another. With on-line giving, we can meet our givers where they are!

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ACH GIVING

- **WHAT IS ACH GIVING?**
ACH or EFT giving is a way for our church to receive offerings by automatic electronic transfers from your checking or savings account.
- **WHY IS ACH GIVING IMPORTANT?**
ACH or EFT giving fosters good stewardship. It also improves accuracy and enhances security for our givers!
- **HOW DOES ACH GIVING HELP?**
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