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A Message From Our SAM

I wanted to share a great story that I read on a friend's Facebook page. It is for all ages – get a fill up!

The whole world paused this morning. Do you know why? Because an 8 year old's tank was empty. The boys had already started their school day at their desks and I was preparing to leave for work when I noticed my littlest standing in the bathroom wiping his face. I paused at the door and asked if he was okay. He looked up with tears silently dripping and shook his head. When I questioned if something happened, again he shook his head. So I sat on the side of the tub and pulled him in my lap. I told him sometimes our heart tanks feel empty and need to be refilled. He cried into my chest and I held tight.

I asked if he could feel my love filling him up?
A nod, and tears stopped...
I waited a minute...
'Has it reached your toes yet?'
He shook his head no...
'Okay man. We will take as long as you need.
Work doesn't matter right now. School isn't important either. This right here, is the most important thing today, okay?
Filling you back to the top. Is that good?'
nods
One more minute...
'Is your heart full of mamas love now?'
'Yeah...'
looks in his eyes I see it shining in there, you're full to the top, and you're smiling!

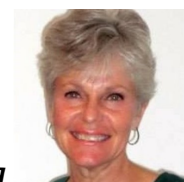
Y'all. You may not be 8- you may be 28, 38, 48 or whatever-but ALL of us run on empty just like he did.

His weekend was so busy and so full and his little soul was just dry!!!

We all have to pause, and take a moment to refill with the good things.

Scripture, prayer, sunshine, worship, song, laughter, friends, hugs. Refill your empty, or you'll find those emotions (tears, anger, snappy words) overflowing with no reason why.

Take a moment. Refill. It's the most important part of your day!



-Clara

June Worship Schedule

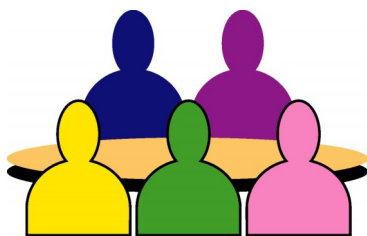
June 5 th	Rick Martens	Worship 10 am
<i>Sunday Worship (Pentecost "Birthday Party" after worship)</i>		
June 12 th	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
Worship with Holy Communion		
June 19 th	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
<i>Sunday Worship</i>		
June 26 th	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
Worship with Holy Communion		

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Don & Michael Petersen, Sally Mortensen, Naevia Roth, Meghan Carlson, Kerri Gortmaker, Tracy Jensen, Joni F., Bob Carman, Bob Katon, 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



COUNCIL MEETING

May 11, 2022

Unapproved Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bill Jansen, Sandra Pavelka, Denny Birkholm, Clara Edin, Yvette Maloney, Carolyn Steele.

DEVOTION/OPENING PRAYER:

Clara Edin led with a devotion.

ACCEPT MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 2022 MEETING:

Motion by Denny Birkholm, 2nd by Carolyn Steel, motion passed.

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT:

Discussion on running behind in income vs. expenses. Will review again next month.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Clara provided a summary for her contacts and service work from last month. Met with Pastor Cindy Gray about the 3 point parish, they are waiting on us before moving forward. Clara brought up doing a brunch for pulpit supply worship leaders as a thank you.

MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—There was trouble again with the elevator on Sunday 5/08. The door would not shut. It appears to have reset and is working. Denny contacted

Arrow Lift so the next time they service it they can look at it. Marilyn is shampooing the basement carpeting. The property committee met last week. Price on the round tables and chairs in the shed was set and are pending sale/pick-up. Items needing future attention: The walkout portion of the basement is settling/cracking, the roof has had some ice buildup and has caused some sheetrock damage in the sanctuary. Daryl Klocke will go over the issue with Denny. Further discussion on purchasing shelving to put in the nursery.

- Family Ministry—Discussion about VBS. Sandra to seek out names of people at Grace and Emmanuel who are starting to work on it to explore the option of working with them. Theirs will be July 11-15.
- Music and Worship—Continues to meet monthly to plan. Pulpit supply schedule below as of now:

- 5/15/22 Becky Gaede
- 5/22/22 Clara Edin
- 5/29/22 Jay Vargas
- 6/05/22 *None yet*
- 6/12/22 Clara Edin
- 6/19/22 Becky Gaede
- 6/26/22 Clara Edin
- 7/03/22 Eleanor Eskuri
- 7/10/22 Al Overland
- 7/17/22 Clara Edin
- 7/24/22 Becky Gaede
- 7/31/22 Clara Edin
- 8/07/22 *None yet*
- 8/14/22 Ron Becklund

- 8/21/22 *None yet*
- 8/28/22 Clara Edin
- Circle of Faith—Carolyn updated that they're meeting the third Thursday of the month at the Little Mermaid Café. They have a meeting this upcoming Saturday. Discussion about signs for the community meal. June 10th/11th are the dates for Chris' food stand.

MEETING HIGHLIGHT:
 ...hold a special meeting on June 12th following service to discuss continuing to explore the possibility of entering into a 3 point parish.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Investments—Further research to be done on moving some funds into CD's.
- Sunday Ushers—Bill Jansen will talk to the action group leaders to come up with a solution.
- Synod Assembly—Clara Edin, Bill Jansen and Yvette Maloney attended.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Invitation to meet with Grace/Emmanuel Lutherans. Bill Jansen moved to hold a special meeting on June 12th following service to discuss continuing to explore the possibility

of entering into a 3 point parish, Yvette Maloney 2nd, motion carried. Bill to draft a letter to send to congregants.

- Discontinue option of wafer/juice cups for communion—Carolyn Steele moved to discontinue, Denny Birkholm 2nd, motion carried.
- Signage Recommendations—Clara Edin will follow up with Heidi to ask her to post smoke free building signs on all three doors.
- Church representative for weddings—Bill moved that we increase the church representative fee for weddings to \$200, 2nd by Sandra Pavelka, motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bill Jansen to draft letter informing congregation of special meeting, and to work with the action groups on ushers.
- Sandra Pavelka to follow up on VBS.
- Clara to ask Heidi to post no smoking signs.
- Denny Birkholm to procure a wooden elevator sign.

Motion to adjourn by Denny Birkholm, 2nd by Sandra Pavelka, adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
 - Yvette Maloney
 Council Secretary*



Circle of Faith met May 14, 2022 at church. The members in attendance were: Tracy Zinter, Carolyn Steel, Jan Parker, Shawn Jansen, and Mary Johnson

Devotions: Shawn led us in devotions. Words from the hymn “Will You Come and Follow Me”.

Reports: Secretary minutes from April’s

meeting were reviewed. Additions to April’s meeting are as follows. Purchase of the 40 \$10 gift cards was made to be included in the Easter greetings given out by Circle. The gift cards for Easter were part of Circle’s Community outreach. Motion to approve the minutes made by Carolyn, 2nd by Jan, motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: Checking \$203.24, savings 2,529.48.

Old business: Carolyn will check on can openers on eBay. Chris’s food stand dates will be June 10th and June 11th. Shawn stated she

could coordinate setting up and serving. Quilters will be asked if they would be willing to help and earn part of the proceeds.

Tracy will speak with Denny Birkholm regarding repositioning the sign for Bethlehem Lutheran church and Community Meals along Hwy 23.

New Business: On Pentecost Sunday, June 5th, Circle will host coffee with a birthday treat after the service.

A motion was made by Mary for Circle to purchase 2 chafing dishes to be used in the kitchen, 2nd by Tracy, motion carried. Carolyn will check out

ideas for sandwich boards that church groups can use to highlight activities. Community meal will be May 25th. Menu will be enchiladas, cheese refried beans, rice and fruit. Nathan Frazer will provide music. Discussed ideas for incentives to attract more people.

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

Next meeting: June 4, 2022 at 10:00.

*Respectfully submitted,
-Mary Johnson
Secretary*

**There will be a special called congregational meeting immediately following the worship service on Sunday, June 12, 2022
Details will follow in a letter from the Council President**



**Class of 2022
East Central High School
Baccalaureate
Service
Wednesday, June 1
7:00 pm
East Central Auditorium**



- Judy Peterson—3rd
- Megan Jensen—5th
- Carol Birkholm—6th
- Naevia Roth—13th
- Sarah Disher—15th
- Sara Willie—21st
- Evelyn Tuomi—23rd
- Melissa Jorgensen—26th
- Matthew Rolston—27th
- Bill Steele—27th
- Eva Willie—28th

- Bill & Carolyn Steel—1st
- Doug & Wendy Ecklund—6th
- Gerry & Jennifer Klocke—22nd
- Rob & Donna Sahlen—22nd
- Bob & Mary Johnson—24th
- Brent & JoEllen Jensen—25th
- Denny & Shari Jensen—26th

