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## A Message From Our SAM

### Open My Life, Lord

This will be the theme for our 2022 Lenten Season. I look forward to traveling our Easter Journey together. We will start our journey on March 2<sup>nd</sup> coming together in the sanctuary for Ash Wednesday at 7 pm. We will then gather mid-week on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm until Holy Week for our worship in the church basement. Together we will dine on soup and share as we open our eyes, hands, ears, heart and life for the Lord.



-Clara

### March Worship Schedule

March 2 <sup>nd</sup> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 7 pm
March 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Eleanor Eskuri	Worship 10 am
March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> , & 30 <sup>th</sup> - Community Meal will be 4:30 to 6 pm on March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Soup Suppers and Lenten Worship	
<b>Church Basement</b>	Clara Edin, SAM	Begins 6:30 pm
March 13 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
March 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
February 27 <sup>th</sup> Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am

### IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

**Please include the following people in your daily prayers:**

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

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



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 9, 2021  
Unapproved Minutes**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**DEVOTION/OPENING**

**PRAYER:** Provided by Clara.

**ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2021 MEETING:**

Motion by Sandra, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny, motion passed.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

December 2021 and January 2022 were discussed. Expenses were noted to be higher in January for multiple reasons.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Clara provided a summary for her contacts and service work from last month. Bill and Clara met. Three congregational reboot zoom meetings attended. Open prayer will be held on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Lenten soup service will be held at 6:30 on Wednesdays. National Youth Gathering in MN cancelled. Clara brought up the idea of having a social media team. Another local congregation has seen an increase in attendance through people tuning in online since introducing an enhanced online presence. Brought up VBS planning, which will be

handled by the Family Ministry team. Suggested using the back covered area for a Farmer's Market in the summer. Clara's schedule for April will be the 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MINISTRY TEAMS:**

- Property (Denny)—are sporadic elevator problems and the elevator is not in use until repaired. It will be looked at on February 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Family Ministry (Sandy)—The youth gathering in Minneapolis has been cancelled. Discussed if there is any interest in summer camps. Information was shared about an upcoming Synod Creation Care training.
- Music and Worship (Bill)—Updated on confirmation changes and read letter sent to confirmation families from Pastor Cindy Gray. Team met and selected hymns.
- Circle of Faith (Carolyn)—There is a meeting this coming Saturday.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Action Groups—Reviewed and discussed action groups in detail. There will be some additional outreach to see if there are others who might be interested in helping before finalizing.
- Congregational Contact List—tabled for March meeting,
- SAM contract language revision—Bill moved to strike 7.5 days of prorated PTO from contract, Sandra 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

- Wheelchair space in sanctuary—Denny to follow-up on purchase of chairs to place where the pew will be removed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Pianists and piano tuning—discussion. Motion by Denny to contract with Jean Hendrickson one Sunday per month (the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month) for \$75 per Sunday, and to authorize the pianos be tuned, Carolyn 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed. Margaret Christensen will also be filling in on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays for a couple months.
- Kitchen—It was noted that we have had mice again recently. Signs will be posted reminding those using the kitchen to check the floors as well.
- Collection Plates—Discussion about putting away the offering after services. Bill moved for council members who wish to have the safe combination have it for the purpose of securing and storing the offering, Denny 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.
- Meeting time during lent—there is a conflict with March 9<sup>th</sup>. March council meeting will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> instead.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Action Group Calling.
- Bill to let Heidi know all council members have the safe combination.
- Denny to follow up on chairs.
- Bill to work with Heidi

- to set up piano tuning.
- Clara to contact Jean Hendrickson.
- Clara to let Heidi know additional items to put in the financial packet.

Motion to adjourn by Bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Denny, meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be March 8, 2022 at 6 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
- Yvette Maloney  
Council Secretary*



Chloe Champagne—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Mona Pemberton—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Diane Peterson—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Gerry Vathne—3<sup>rd</sup>  
Tony Ecklund—4<sup>th</sup>  
Ginger Leach—6<sup>th</sup>  
Dan Mortensen—7<sup>th</sup>  
Carolyn Steele—11<sup>th</sup>  
Tom Baker—12<sup>th</sup>  
Bob Johnson—13<sup>th</sup>  
Chase Moon—16<sup>th</sup>  
Randy Mortensen—18<sup>th</sup>  
Matt Pemberton—19<sup>th</sup>



Denny & Carol Birkholm—March 10<sup>th</sup>  
Tom & Lori Willie—March 27<sup>th</sup>

*If your birthday or anniversary doesn't appear in the newsletter, or if the date is incorrect, please let the office know*



Circle of Faith met February 12, 2022 at church. The members in attendance were Tracy Zinter, Cookie Nielsen, Shawn Jansen, Jo Foss, Carolyn Steele, Jan Parker, and Mary Johnson. Tracy called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Devotions given by Jo. Ephesians 2:19-22. We are children of God and therefore we are a family of sisters and brothers.

**Reports:** Secretary minutes from January's

meeting were reviewed. Motion made to approve the minutes by Jo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn, motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** \$1027.35 in checking and \$1931.53 in savings.

**Old business:** A motion was made by Jo to form a committee to look into thank you gifts for the sponsor's of the Christmas Dinner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary, motion carried. Tracy and Cookie will look into the thank you gifts.

A motion was made by Jo to have Carolyn and Cookie look for a new Christmas tree for the fellowship area, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary. motion carried. Mary will check online for a can opener for the kitchen.

Shawn shared the notice from Kettle River WELCA spring confer-

ence to be held at Bethlehem church April 2, 2022.

**Card mailing:** Jo in March, Cookie in April and Carolyn in May.

**New business:** Planning began for the Kettle River WELCA conference. Shawn will be the coordinator and have the program printed for the meeting. A motion was made by Jan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jo to buy the food needed for the dinner, passed. The planned meal is sandwiches, fruit and dessert. Carolyn will look into purchasing the food. A motion was made by Carolyn to have flowers on the tables and given as door prizes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jo, passed. COF will set up on Friday April 1, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Discussed the community meal menu for April 23,

2022. The menu will be baked potatoes with trimmings and brownies. All prepping will be done the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Easter baskets were discussed. Tabled until the next meeting.

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of March chosen to meet at the Mermaid at 11:30. Open to anyone who wants to enjoy a day out and meet with friends. COF hopes to make this an ongoing gathering every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Motion to adjourn made by Cookie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carolyn, motion carried. Meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting March 12, 2022 at 10:00.

*Submitted by  
-Mary Johnson,  
Secretary*

## In Loving Memory...



Glen "Buzz" Mortensen

April 29, 1930—February 4, 2022

A Celebration of Life will be held at Bethlehem on Saturday, April 23, 2022. Check the calendar for time when determined.



*Wednesdays,  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Soup Suppers begin at 6:30 pm  
(Community Meal March 23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Lenten worship will also  
be held downstairs in the  
basement dining area*



# 2022 Action Groups

## January & July

Leaders – **Denny & Carol Birkholm**  
Tim & Nadine Loew  
Joyce Larson  
John & Tracy Zinter  
Janice Parker

## February & August

Leaders - **Bill & Carolyn Steele**  
Ron & Jo Foss  
John & Judy Peterson  
Mona Pemberton  
Bev Oderkirk

## March & September

Leader - **Marilyn Krogh**  
Denny & Shari Jensen  
Scott & Diane Peterson  
Tom & Lori Willie  
Darren & Jaime Fogt  
Arla Budd

## April & October

Leader - **Ginger Leach**  
Cindy & Roger Jensen  
Evelyn Tuomi & Larry Jensen  
Sue Kozlowski  
Sandra Pavelka  
Ann Rote  
Cindy & Randy Mortensen

## May & November

Leader - **Cookie Nielsen**  
Judy Delaney  
Yvette & Mark Maloney  
Ovid & Linda Jensen  
Mary Johnson  
Daryl & Connie Klocke

## June & December

Leaders - **Dwain & Missy Ecklund**  
Tony & Connie Ecklund  
Doug & Wendy Ecklund  
Sandy Gutknecht  
Bill & Shawn Jansen  
Rob & Donna Sahlen

If you would be willing to serve on an Action Group to volunteer to serve coffee, usher, or read on a Sunday morning, please let the church office know—thank you!



## Lilies for Decorating our Church on Easter Sunday!

Use this form for ordering your lilies

*Please include your payment with your order—thank you!*



Donated By: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory or Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify so we know whether this is or isn't a memorial—unspecified orders will be "In Honor of"

*Make check payable to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for \$15.00*

*Please return to the church with your payment no later than Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>*