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A Message From Our SAM

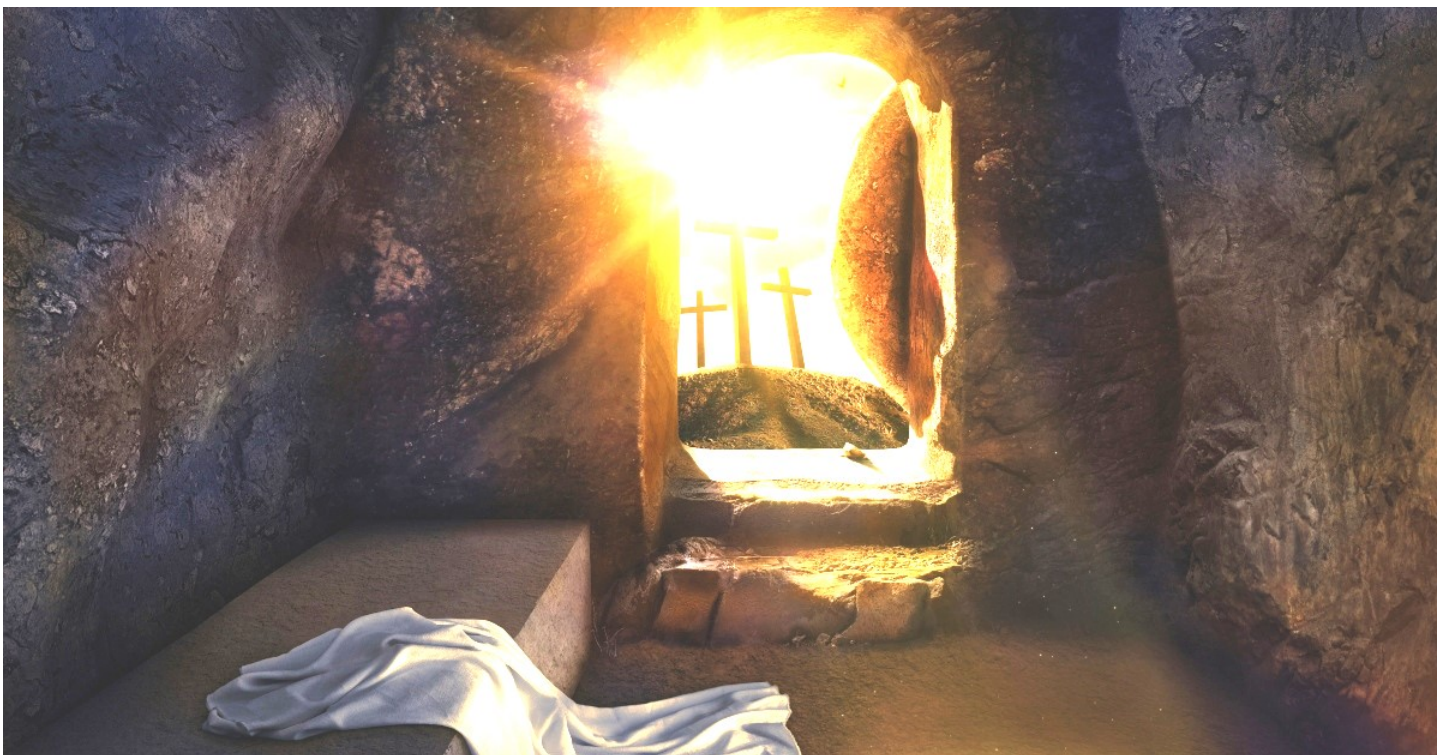
The Tomb is empty..... Now what?

This is at the center of our Christian proclamation. All four of our Gospels describe the discovery of the empty tomb (Matthew 28:1–6; Mark 16:1–7; Luke 24:1–12; John 20:1–12). With the news of Jesus’ tomb being empty I would think the Jewish religious leaders would have taken the short walk to Joseph’s tomb to verify the news going around. They had every motivation to produce Jesus’ corpse to end the rumors of this resurrection... but they could not. Christianity began to gain converts because they could not produce a body. The tomb was found empty! The man who was buried there had risen from the dead! Jesus would not only vacate His grave but appeared to numerous people individually (Luke 24:34) and in groups (Matthew 28:9; John 20:26–30; 21:1–14; Acts 1:3–6; 1 Corinthians 15:3–7). His resurrection from the dead would be the **sure proof** that **He was who He claimed to be** (Matthew 12:38–40; 16:1–4)—**the risen Son of God, our only hope of salvation! Alleluia!**

Now what? We get to live knowing of this hope! We get to live as Jesus wants us to.... Loving and caring for each other as he loved and cared for us individually on the cross – Cleansing us of our sins and giving us this new life we are living with him! As he told his disciples – Go and share the **GOOD**



-Clara



May Worship Schedule

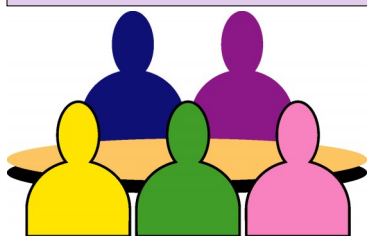
May 7 th Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
May 14 th Worship with Holy Communion (Baptism)	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
May 21 st Sunday Worship	Jim Gerth	Worship 10 am
May 28 th Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan, Lois, Don & Mike, Deb, Jo, Jeff, Bob, Daniel, Iver, Rita, Chardae, Lynda, Chase, McCoy, Ron, Gavin, Jerry, Bette, Janice, 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

March 7, 2023
Unapproved Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Yvette Maloney, Linda Jensen, Carolyn Steele, Haley Loew by ZOOM, Sandra Pavelka, and Clara Edin, SAM. Clara Edin lead devotion.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2/8 meeting, motion by Sandra, second by Linda, motion carried. 2/14 minutes by ZOOM; motion by Linda, second by Haley, motion carried.

MINISTRY TEAMS:
Reports reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Praise service for 5th Sunday of month. Will continue to have services at BLC.
- Maundy Thursday meal, Carolyn will ask if Circle will serve.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Easter Fair at Dell Grove April 2nd from noon to 2 pm. Will BLC participate.
- Piano recital will be held during community meal in May.
- Piano tuning scheduled for May 12th.
- Summer planning of VBS, outside worship, pavilion reservations—further discussion later.
- Future planning for continuation of church ideas.
- Weather policy reviewed and will be updated—will review next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Yvette will ask Heidi about CD's on Treasurer's report.
- Clara will update the cancelation policy.

Motion to adjourn by Sandra, second by Carolyn, adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting April 12 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully,
Sandra, Secretary

April 12, 2023
Unapproved Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Yvette Maloney, Carolyn Steele, Haley Loew by ZOOM, Clara Edin, SAM, Sandra Pavelka. Linda Jensen absent. Devotion led by Clara.

ACCEPT MINUTES OF MARCH COUNCIL MEETING: Motion by Carolyn, second by Haley, motion carried.

PASTORS REPORT:
Reviewed.

- MINISTRY TEAMS:**
- Property—Haley reported Denny Birkholm wants to spray for bugs at 700 dollars. Also asked about candles on altar.
 - Family Ministry—Sandra gave youth information to Missy Ecklund regarding retreat for youth.
 - Circle of Faith—gave out 40 gift cards for Easter from Main Street Grocery.
 - Music & Worship—no report.
 - Visioning—email from Bill Jansen regarding vision, what does Coun-

cil see for objective going forward? Yvette will communicate with Bill regarding having a meeting with all parish council members and Visioning Committee members with a facilitator.

Old Business:

- Piano tuning May 12th.
- Summer planning—VBS, outside worship, pavilion reservations. Continue the discussion at future meetings.
- New cancellation policy—reviewed and approved new draft. Motion by Haley, second by Sandra, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Clara will give cancellation policy to Heidi.
- Yvette to reply to Bill Jansen e-mail.

Motion to adjourn by Carolyn, second by Sandra, adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Next council meeting Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully,
Sandra, Secretary



Congregational Meeting
February 12, 2023

Yvette Maloney called the meeting to order. Quorum established with 34 in attendance. Opening prayer by Clara Edin, SAM.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA by Rod Erickson, second by Nadine Loew, motion carried.

APPROVE 2022 CONGREGATIONAL MINUTES:

- 2/27 annual meeting minutes—there was no quorum so unable to conduct any business at this meeting.

- 6/12 special called meeting—Motion to approve by Rod Erickson, second by Ovid Jensen, motion carried.
- 10/23 quarterly congregational meeting—motion to approve by Rod Erickson, second by Ovid Jensen, motion carried.

2022 TREASURER’S REPORT: Reviewed. Discussion regarding parsonage money to CD. Linda Jensen will look into with Northview Bank.

MINISTRY REPORTS: Linda Jensen made motion to accept as written, second by Rod Erickson, motion carried.

ELECTION OF SYNOD ASSEMBLY DELEGATES; April 28th-30th—Bill and Shawn Jansen volunteered to attend. Motion by Sandra Pavelka for Jansen’s to attend, second by Carolyn Steele, motion carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: 3 open council members this fall—Motion by Sandra Pavelka to nominate Bill Jansen and Jo Foss for 2023 nominating committee, second by Carolyn Steele, motion carried.

DISCUSSION:

- Chris’ Food Stand led by Tracy Zinter for the coming summer.

- Visioning Committee update given by Dwain Ecklund.
- Property Committee energy usage update by Denny Birkholm.
- Praise Sunday worship option on 5th Sunday of month to join Grace and Emmanuel Lutheran for services and potluck.
- Question why meetings are held in the sanctuary to keep quorum.

Motion to adjourn by Sandra Pavelka, second by Tracy Zinter, meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully,
-Sandra Pavelka,
Secretary

MAY Birthdays

- Sophia Ecklund—1st
- Josslyn Lusian—3rd
- Linda Schaumburg—8th
- Abram Edin 12th
- Mariah Balut—15th
- Jan Parker—21st
- Dale Jensen—26th
- Paul Maloney—27th
- Tim Tabor—27th
- Ovid Jensen—28th
- Stetson Bieder—30th
- Nate Ecklund—31st

MAY Anniversaries

Mark & Yvette Maloney
—May 28th

March Treasurer’s Report Summary:

Month: We are **10,408.11** behind in income vs. expenses for the month of March 2023; and **2,625.10** over our projected budget for the month of March 2023.

Year-End Totals: We are **9,988.42** behind in income vs. expenses for the year **2023**; and **4,280.84** over our projected budget for the year **2023**.



He is Risen!
Our sanctuary looked absolutely beautiful on Easter morning—thank you to everyone who donated flowers for the service!

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!

Visit: <http://www.blcaskov.com/online-giving/> to start!

ALSO AVAILABLE...

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?**

Members can setup recurring donations that promote consistent, regular giving (and ACH/EFT giving can be paused or stopped on request)

Contact the church office at 320-838-3191 to learn more!



CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY

There will be a cemetery clean-up day on Saturday, May 13th beginning at 10 am

“Many hands make light work!”

If you're able to stop by and lend a hand, please feel free!



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Baccalaureate

East Central Baccalaureate Service
Wednesday, May 31st at 7 pm
EC High School Auditorium