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# Parish Visitor

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## A Message From Our SAM

Most of us have been saddened by the death of a loved one.

It is now 8 years since my Dad died and my Mom 2 years. I am still saddened by them not being here with me – sharing the daily life stuff.

I don't get to turn to them for answers to questions that only they could answer, the conversations that only they could have with me. I can't learn from them in person, helping me through projects or fixing things up. It is gone. I still have the beautiful memories that I cherish. Yes, I still shed tears missing them. My grief has not shrunk.... but I have grown. This picture was shared with me and I wanted to share it with you. When I saw and read this graphic I had a clarity moment.

**I myself have grown.** The experience of grieving has made me more aware of others – and their grieving. I have grown in my faith. Jesus has promised us eternal life – I am going to have faith and cling to His promises. I thank Jesus for my growth – I pray you also have had growth in your sorrows – **Jesus is there – always – for you and for me.**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." (*John 11:25-26*)

I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time

on and forevermore.

*Psalm 121*



-Clara



# October Worship Schedule

October 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Worship	Deb H-Carlson	Worship 10 am
October 8 <sup>th</sup> Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin SAM	Worship 10 am
October 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Worship	Council Led	Worship 10 am
October 29 <sup>th</sup> REFORMATION—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, Justin, Randy, Rod, Kris, Jenna, Loretta, Roy, Jeanine, and their families.

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



### COUNCIL MEETING

September 13, 2023  
Unapproved Minutes

#### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Yvette Maloney, Haley Loew, Carolyn Steele, Linda Jensen, Clara Edin SAM, and Sandra Pavelka.

Yvette called the meeting to order. Clara gave devotion.

#### ACCEPT MINUTES OF AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING:

Minutes reviewed and approved. Motion to accept [no

name submitted in minutes], Carolyn second, motion carried.

**AUGUST TREASURER'S REPORT:** Reviewed by council.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Clara Edin SAM submitted her pastoral care for the past month.

#### MINISTRY TEAMS:

- Property—Haley reported sometime this month the rest of the LED lights will be placed.
- Family Ministry—Sandra reports information regarding the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans July 14-21, 2024. Registration needs to be in by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

- Circle of Faith—No report.
- Music & Worship—No report.
- Cooperative Ministry—Yvette will attend a meeting in Moose Lake called *Exploring Leadership* with other churches. More to follow.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Youth Worship—will begin September 24<sup>th</sup>. Yvette will lead on September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Ride request—Yvette reached out, but has had no response.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Upcoming Reconciling in Christ Synod meeting will be held at Grace Lutheran

Church on September 28, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

- Sandra will ask Heidi to add youth worship leaders to monthly calendar.
- Clara will research what other churches are using for youth worship.

Motion to adjourn by Sandra, second by Carolyn, motion carried. Clara Edin SAM closed meeting with prayer.

Next council meeting, Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully,  
-Sandra Pavelka  
Secretary



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### August Treasurer's Report Summary:

**Month:** We are **3,254.62** behind in income vs. expenses for the month of August 2023; and **2,079.92** under our projected budget for the month of August 2023. **Year-to-Date Totals:** We are **8,072.89** behind in income vs. expenses for the year 2023; and **1,374.84** under our projected budget for the year 2023.





Circle of Faith (COF) met September 9, 2023. The members in attendance were Tracy Zinter, Cookie Nielsen, Jo Foss, Jan Parker, Shawn Jansen, and Mary Johnson. Tracy called the meeting to order.

**Devotions:** Jo’s devotion, “Everything is against us” during troubling times in

our lives learning to trust God in all things.

**Reports:** Secretary minutes from August meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Jo, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s report:**  
 Checking \$450.03  
 Savings \$1,183.53  
 Dedicated account \$1,066.50

**Old business:** No old business

**Community meal:** The 5 year anniversary for community meal will be September 27, 2023

**Card mailing:** Tracy, September, October,

November. Mary, December

**New Business:** Motion made by Cookie to place an ad in the North Pine County News thanking the businesses and organizations that have supported community meal for the last 5 years, to cover the cost of the add from COF’s dedicated account, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mary, motion carried. Shawn will place the ad and also check with Lisa about placing the names of the businesses and organizations on the flyer for community meal.

Jo will check into printing certificates of recognition for the businesses and

organizations on the list. Shawn notified COF that the W/ELCA Kettle River fall conference will be held on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at Bethany Lutheran Church in Cromwell, MN.

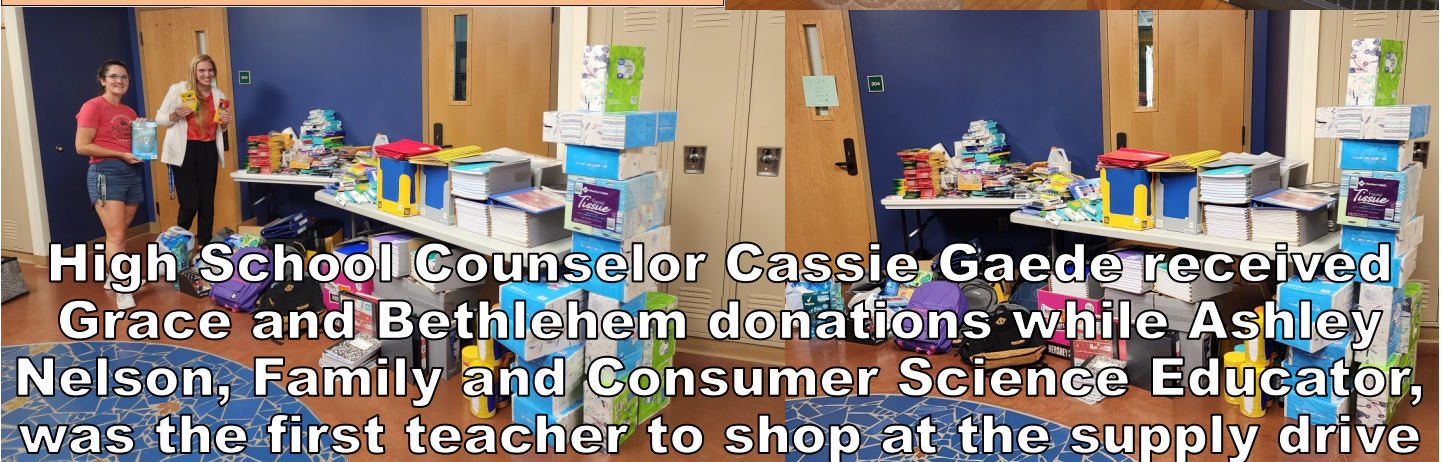
Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Cookie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shawn, motion carried. Ended meeting with The Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting October 14, 2023 10:00 am at church.

*Respectfully submitted,  
 -Mary Johnson,  
 Secretary*

**OCTOBER Birthdays & Anniversaries**

Chloe Maloney—1 <sup>st</sup>	Wendy Ecklund—21 <sup>st</sup>
Donna Sahlen—3 <sup>rd</sup>	Doug Ecklund—26 <sup>th</sup>
Herman Velsvaag—3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brendan Zinter—30 <sup>th</sup>
Heidi Moon—5 <sup>th</sup>	Brayden Willie—31 <sup>st</sup>
Sue Kozlowski—8 <sup>th</sup>	
Margie Dubois—9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Happy Anniversary!</b>
Molly Balut—13 <sup>th</sup>	Ovid & Linda Jensen—
Lynn Storrar—17 <sup>th</sup>	October 13 <sup>th</sup>







# Photo Ops!



Come to church with your children as you each worship Jesus! Children's Church during worship began September 24<sup>th</sup>

Beautiful fall decorations in our fellowship area!



Beautiful fall flowers by the altar!



Join us to hear the stories of Encounters with Christ in Northeastern Minnesota Synod.

October 14, 2023, from 8AM—4PM

Zion Lutheran Church,  
2901 S. HWY 169, Grand Rapids, MN

Cost: \$30 - Lunch included.

Quilt Auction, Marketplace, VLM Bake Sale, and Zion's Coffee Bistro open all day.

Register at [www.nemnsynod.org/walking-together-2023/](http://www.nemnsynod.org/walking-together-2023/)



## Working Together



### An Auction to End Hunger

Support the NEMN Synod in their efforts to alleviate hunger and win a beautiful quilt or handmade item in the process!

Quilts and Marketplace items are available in an on-line auction at [NEMNquilts23.givesmart.com](http://NEMNquilts23.givesmart.com) or a link from the synod webpage (NEMNSynod.org). The quilts will be displayed at the Walking Together event at Zion Lutheran in Grand Rapids on Oct 14



The website is open for bidding from **Oct. 10 at noon until Oct. 14 at 2 pm**. New items will be added until the Walking Together event, so check back often.

Questions: Call or text Amy Loken at 218-391-4260 or Bob Murray at 218-244-5074