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COMINGS AND GOINGS BY PASTOR REDFIELD

"My times are in your hands..." Psalm 31:15

I grew up listening to the Rolling Stones, 'Time is on your side, yes it is...'. A catchy phrase and melody but not exactly the Gospel truth. The truth is, time is a gift from God for us to use to God's glory. This month-and year-we get an extra day; Leap year. So, we leap for joy we get an extra day, to do anything we want. So God willing and if the creek doesn't rise what are we going to do with an extra day? Maybe write that long letter we've put off, or take a friend out for lunch, or maybe build a birdhouse or paint a picture, or maybe spend a day in the woods reflecting on God's beauty-maybe taking an extra, long nap we figure we owe ourselves. Well, there's a lot we can do in a day. Everyday. Not just the extra day. 'This is the day the Lord has made so let us rejoice and be glad in it'. Rejoice, be glad, love God and our neighbor as we love ourselves. Pretty good starting points of how to live out a day. And, remembering all of our days and times are in God's hands. Those are good hands in which to entrust our lives. The best hands ever. He's got the whole world in his hands, and he's got you and me brother, and you and me sister in his hands. God bless you as you live out each day in thankfulness to God for life, love, and opportunities to serve others in the Spirit of Christ!

Thanks for making time to share in The Gospel Ministry of CLC as we seek to grow in 'knowing Christ and making Christ known'!

Pastor Guy

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February Mission Envelope

This month's Mission and Social Concerns envelope donations will be dedicated to CLC's Touched Twice United event. This event will be held on Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Together, we will be providing a number of services to individuals in our community who have unmet needs. These services may include medical, dental, vision and hearing screenings, haircuts, groceries, clothing and a meal. An integral part of this outreach will be to share God's love with those who are receptive to His word. Although there is no direct cost to our Church, donations through the monthly envelope can be used to purchase food for the meal offered to those attending on the 21st.



WELCA Program Wednesday, February 1st at 1:30 p.m.

Marlys Renz will speak about her recent trip to Norway and Sweden. Slides will feature her visit and how she was able to trace her ancestral roots. The Robinson Sisters will sing a tune or two rounding out a pleasant, informative and entertaining afternoon. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please join our fellowship. Hannah Circle is hosting the program and lunch.

The above information was taken directly from Chetek Lutheran's W/ELCA Focus created by Victoria Kutchins.

The March meeting will be held on the 7th. A skit will be presented, "The Friendship Case" by WELCA women.

2012 marks the 25th Anniversary of W/ELCA. We will celebrate our Silver anniversary at the SWO Convention April 27-28th at the Plaza Inn and Suites in Eau Claire. Registration forms will be available at the upcoming W/ELCA meetings. If you haven't already attended one of these conventions, think about attending this one. The convention is inspirational and informative plus a chance to meet Lutheran women from all over Northwest Wisconsin.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Three-year-olds through 6th grade

7th through 12th grade meet at 9:30 in the Choir Room

9:30-10:30

Sunday School begins at the 9:30 worship service. Following Good News for Kids we move downstairs for Sunday School, songs, and prayer. We are using the SPARK curriculum.

February 5th

Jonah and the Big Fish

February 12th

Jesus' Baptism



The
LORD'S
Prayer

February 19th

The Disciples

February 26th

The Lord's Prayer

REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR BIBLE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Touched Twice United Event

As you may recall, Chetek Lutheran Church has chosen to offer a Touched Twice United (TTU) event in our community. Our event is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. TTU is a way to help meet the needs of individuals in our area who are in need of services or other forms of help. The event is a one half-day in length and can consist of whatever we believe will be most valued by those we will serve. These services can include medical, dental, vision or hearing screenings, haircuts, a meal, groceries, clothing, family photos, etc. The event also serves as a wonderful opportunity to plant or nourish seeds of faith both with those served and those serving.

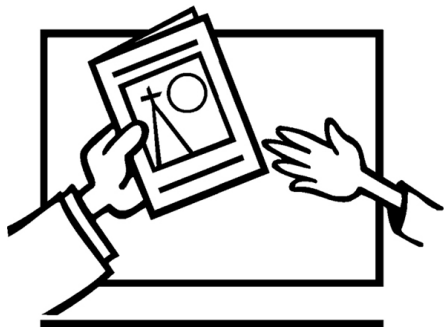
There is no direct cost to CLC to host the event as all services and goods will be donated by those in our church and our community. However, there is a need for many, many people to work together to plan and host the event. Also, our Mission & Social Concerns envelope donations for February will be used to help provide food for the event.

We each have been given special talents and skills by God. This is our chance to use those talents and skills to do God's work right here in our community! Please know there is an important role for you. There will be direct client-interactions and behind-the-scenes opportunities. There will be community outreach activities such as locating providers and advertising. There will be inside the church needs such as space allocation, meal preparation, caring for children and so much more.

Trust in God and please step forward to be a part of this exciting ministry! Just call Tina at the Church office (715-924-4881) if you are willing to help. If you have a specific talent or skill you wish to share (health-related, photography, hair, music, planning, sharing God's word, cooking, advertising, etc.), let us know. If you want to help but don't know in what way, just call and a member of the core team will help you to find a perfect fit.

And if you don't call us, please consider saying 'Yes!' if you are contacted by a member of the core team: Bob Anderson, Sandi Gunderson, Shirley Morley, Kevin Prill, Guy Redfield, Hannah Roth, Dale Schimmel, Ginny Schimmel, Lynn Trowbridge.

HEAD USHER



Do you like to talk to people? Do you have time to make a few calls each month?

We are looking for a new head usher.

Responsibilities include setting up an usher schedule, recruiting and training ushers. Rod Zachary has been the head usher for many years.

If you have any questions about the position, Rod is the expert. If you are interested in the position contact the church office 715-924-4881.

Thank you Rod.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			7 am Men's Breakfast 1 1:30 pm WELCA Program 4:30 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation 5:30 pm Young Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Worship 7:00 pm 7th & 8th Gr. Confirmation	2	3	4
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DATE	TIME	USHERS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	ORGANIST
*5	8:00 9:30	Boy Scouts Cub Scouts	Jordan Schaaf Brett Knowlton Emily Kutrieb Zachary Britten	Sara Yenter, Dondi Erickson, Connie Prorok, Lorrie Robarge, Nina Thompson	Rita Hong
12	8:00 9:30	Middle School Youth	Derek Buchman Mya Monnier Hunter Scheel Kaylee Garland	""	Julie Odil
*19	8:00 9:30	Middle School Youth	Tony Gordon Eric Anderson Trevor Buse Mallory Glaser	Sara Yenter, Dondi Erickson, Connie Prorok, Lorrie Robarge, Nina Thompson	Kristin Warner
22 & 29	6:30				Mary Kamrath
26	8:00 9:30	High School Youth	Kaden Groskreutz Alexis Carlson Mackenzie Curtis Kimberly Hajek	""	Julie Odil

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Month of DECEMBER 2011

GENERAL FUND	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$3,397.57
DEPOSITS:	28,779.24
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$25,308.48
ENDING BALANCE:	\$6,868.33

MEMORIAL & GIFTS	
BEGINNING BALANCE:	\$30,995.46
CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$2,608.56
DISBURSEMENTS:	\$1,215.52
ENDING BALANCE:	\$32,388.50
HCU LOAN BALANCE:	123501.74
INTEREST PAID 2011:	7517.52
HCU SAVINGS BALANCE	2526.21

Our Benevolence payments for DECEMBER 2011 totaled \$ 1088.10

Thrivent Choice Dollars received for DECEMBER 2011 was \$1120.00. Thank you so much for acknowledging CLC!

The Finance Committee completed the 2012 Ministry Spending Plan and it was approved by the Council after making one change. This Ministry Spending Plan will be presented to the congregation for approval at the annual meeting, Sunday January 29th 2012.

If you ever have any questions or concerns regarding the church finances, or if you have ideas on improvement, you are always welcome to attend the Council meeting or contact me directly. I am always willing to take your ideas or concerns to the Financial Meeting and the Council Meeting.

Sincerely, and in God's Grace, your bookkeeper,

Kelly Knowlton

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CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Minutes
January 17, 2012, 6:30 PM

Present: Bob Anderson, Robert Carlson, Ronda Dahlke , Sandi Gunderson, Don Johnson, Kelly Knowlton, Kevin Prill, Hannah Roth, Ginny Schimmel,

Absent: Pastor Guy Redfield, Shirley Morley, Lynn Trowbridge **Guests:** None

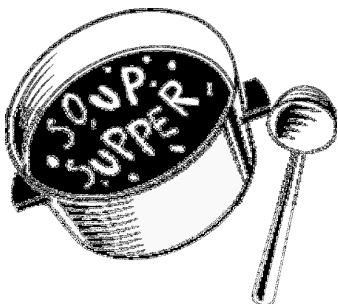
1. **Meeting called to Order:** President Kevin Prill at 6:30 p.m.
2. **Opening Devotions:** Kevin shared a devotion regarding discerning between our plans and those of God.
3. **Hearing of Visitors:** None
4. **Pastor's Report:** None
5. **Bookkeeper's Report:**
 - a. **December Claims:** MSC Ginny/Sandi to approve payment.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** MSC Bob/Rob to approve Treasurer's Report.
 - c. **Approval of Mission Envelope:** MSC Ginny/Ronda for monies to be used to support CLC's Twice Touched United community event.
6. **Announcements, Communications and Committee Reports**
 - a. **WELCA:** (Sandi) No new information.
 - b. **Committee Reports:** 1) **Finance:** Finance report was reviewed. **Property:** Don shared that Joe has purchased the last of available 300 watt bulbs. In the future, we will need to determine how to handle some of the church lighting needs. Don also reported that John Ours indicated he had donated one-third of the snowplowing and parking lot maintenance costs to CLC. There will be discussion on future cost sharing with the new owner of the funeral home. Don also reported the need to re-carpet one step leading to the sanctuary. **Action Item:** Don will obtain a bid for the one step and for the set of steps and present these bids to Council. Sandi shared that daylight can be seen through a large crack in the back door. **Action Item:** Don will check it and determine how to best fill it in this cold weather.
 - c. **Devotions & Snacks for February 21st Meeting:** Sandi, devotions and Bob, snack.
 - d. **Other:** None
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Youth Leader:** The Executive Committee recommended hiring Josh Redfield. MSC Bob/Sandi to hire Josh Redfield per the salary proposed in the Ministry Spending Plan. **Action Item:** Executive Committee will meet to finalize with Josh.

- b. **Sound System:** No update.
 - c. **Annual Meeting:** Council members asked to attend.
 - d. **Phone System:** Ginny reported on behalf of Lynn that there will be a separate phone number for the kitchen area.
 - e. **Other:** 1) **Luther Park Delegate** - Hannah Roth volunteered to attend.
8. **Touched Twice United** - Ginny shared that Kevin, Sandi, Donna, Pastor Guy, Dale and herself met on Sunday to discuss how to move forward with the Touched Twice United Clinic. They recommended holding the event on April 21st. Tina has put it on the church calendar and Ginny has contacted Barron County to ensure there are no similar conflicting events scheduled. Lynn has met with the board of Thrivent and they have expressed interest in supporting this project, both financially and directly! The next step will be for this same group plus Lynn and Hannah to meet on Sunday after the Annual Meeting to determine how to enlist support throughout the church and community. Ginny will write an article for the upcoming newsletter.
9. **New Business:**
- a. **Trust Committee Membership:** Kevin reported that the Trust Committee wants to establish a rotation schedule for the Committee. Currently, Mark Carlson and Tom Cochrane are scheduled to leave the Committee. MSC Sandi/Bob to advise the Trust Committee that both should be allowed for reappointed. **Action Item:** In 2012, the Council will address term lengths for the Trust Committee as part of the Constitutional update process requested by the Synod.
 - b. **Other:** Kevin and Ginny each expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Church Council.
 - c. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned.

The December minutes were approved via email responses on January 19, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Schimmel
Council Secretary



Lent Soup Supper Donations

The free will offering that is collected for our Lenten Soup Suppers will be given to the National Youth Gathering. Please give generously!

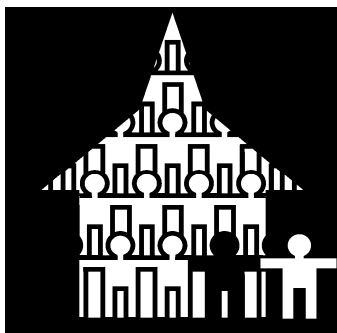
Soup suppers will start February 29th at 5:30 p.m. Please join us!

The Chetek Food Shelf

The Chetek Food Shelf board is planning a huge fundraising event in March. Please watch for more details!

Also keep our brothers and sisters in need in your prayers as they continue to try to make ends meet.

God Bless you!



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

New Member Orientation Offered Monthly

If you are new to Chetek Lutheran or have been attending for a while and are interested in membership, we would love to hear from you. The next one is scheduled for February 9th at 7:00 pm. It is important that we hear from you as the class will not meet if we do not know of any participants. RSVP by calling 924-4881 or emailing cheteklutheran@chibardun.net.

We look forward to getting acquainted, sharing fellowship and learning about all the opportunities Chetek Lutheran has for you or your family.

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